

The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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President's Column A Few Updates

Rezoning Effort

Response to the rezoning effort has been overwhelmingly positive to date. Residents who have been silent on many other previous questions have come forward to support this one.

We have not, however, presented our case to the county's zoning staff yet because receipt of the authorization forms has slowed. We want to present a unified broad-based appeal to the zoning staff and our attorney advises us that we should have authorization forms from at least 80% of the community before taking that step.

The rezoning committee has been making personal contacts to all those who have yet to return their forms, and without exception, all those contacted have been supportive of the effort. Their reasons for delay are the same: just too busy to get around to it.

I urge each of you who have yet to return your forms to do so immediately. If you need easy access to a notary public, two of our neighbors can perform that service for you. Please call Pat Bricault at 828-0154 or Jeanne Corbin at 697-2274 to arrange a mutually-agreeable time. If you need another copy of your personalized form, either Pat or I (at 697-9172) can provide one for you.

We need the support of each of you. Don't think that your participation doesn't matter – it does. Each new authorization form we receive simply makes our case stronger. Save us all a little extra time and effort, and please complete your authorization form today. Thank you.

Administrative Outsourcing

This past week, all property owners should have received an introductory letter from CMI-Progressive, the management company to whom we have outsourced the task of monitoring restriction compliance.

While their letter was addressed to the "members of the Cape Haze Property Owners Association", it should instead have been addressed to "Cape Haze property owners". Their letter, and the restrictions behind it, apply to all property owners, regardless of their CHPOA membership status.

Clubhouse Water

As you may know, the clubhouse water system suffered a catastrophic failure in early January, resulting in a leak under the slab and formation of a small lake behind the building. This problem closed the clubhouse kitchen and restrooms for a few weeks and I apologize to those who were inconvenienced by this problem.

Rather than try to isolate and repair the failure, and then be left with one brand new segment in otherwise 50-year-old rusted, galvanized pipes, we opted to replace all service lines from the water meter on in. This work was completed in late January and the clubhouse water never looked better.

A special "thank you" to Jim Bartoletta, who volunteered to oversee the project. Great work, Jim!

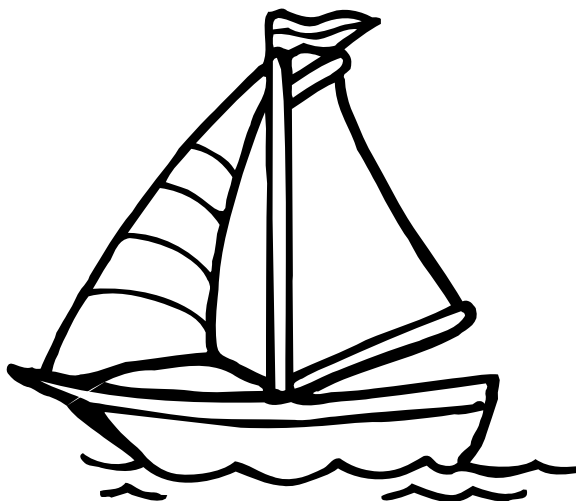
Homer Hoe
CHPOA President

Cape Haze Dock-Use Stickers

The Cape Haze Dock on Don Pedro Island has been completed and is now available for use.

Stickers permitting boats to tie up to the new Dock will be mailed to all paid CHPOA members later this month. Stickers will be available to those who pay their dues later as well.

We want to thank the CHPOA Board for working with government agencies to obtain all the necessary permits and for securing funding to allow us to restore this superb amenity. We also want to thank Terry Lynch for his generous donation of the identification stickers.



Recognizing a Stroke

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify and unfortunately a lack of awareness could spell disaster. The victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize a stroke and quickly secure medical attention.

Now doctors say any bystander can recognize a stroke asking three simple questions:

- * ask the individual to smile
- * ask him to raise both arms
- * ask the person to speak a simple sentence

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn these three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting in February 2004. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment for the stroke victim which could prevent brain damage.

This could be a lifesaver. We all need to be aware and able to help if needed.

PASS IT ON.....

Trivia Answers (from Page 6)

1. Polar Bear. 2. Strawberry. 3. Donald didn't wear pants. 4. Spring Fling on March 20. 5. They're 25% water. 6. The House of the Rising Sun. 7. John F. Kennedy.

Hank Irvine Wins National Platform Tennis Championship

Cape Haze resident Hank Irvine just won his eighth National Platform Tennis Championship! Hank has a long and prestigious history in the tennis world.

He lived in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and represented his southern Africa country in the Davis Cup in 1968 and 1969 and at Wimbledon in 1970, 1971, and 1972. While playing mixed doubles on the tour, Hank made it to the Wimbledon Semi-Finals in 1970 and the Quarterfinals in 1972. This accomplishment qualified him for membership in the *The Last 8 Club* at Wimbledon.

When Hank came to the United States, he began playing Platform Tennis. Platform Tennis, a racket sport, is a combination of tennis and squash. It's played outside on a court similar to a tennis court, but $\frac{1}{4}$ the size. Players use wooden rackets and a sponge rubber ball. (See picture) Hank became a Tennis Pro for Platform Tennis, Squash, and Tennis in New Jersey.

He won his first four National Platform Tennis Championships in the Open Division and, in 1998, Hank was invited to become a member of the Platform Tennis Hall of Fame. He won four more championships in the age groups 50's, 55's, and 60's divisions in 2001, 2002, 2003, and last week in 2004.

Hank traveled to Baltimore, MD to win his most recent event, the age 60 division. Next week he will travel to Scarsdale, NY to compete in the age 55 division. We all wish him the very best of luck.

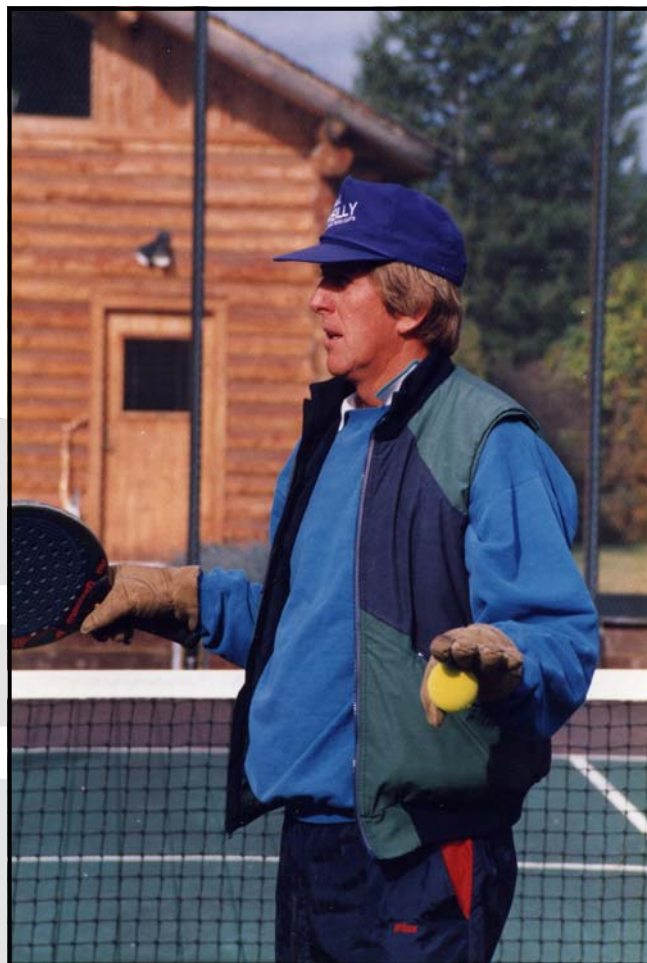
Hank is the resident tennis pro at local Palm Island Resort and during the summers he's the head pro at the Nantucket Yacht Club.

We're very proud of Hank and his accomplishments and wish him the very best of luck in his future endeavors.

Karen Irvine, Hank's wife, teaches aerobics at our Clubhouse on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 to 9:30 am. She says it's open to all levels and is non-competitive.

Karen also manages the pro shop on Nantucket Island during the summers and runs a business which manufactures and sells designer mirrors and frames made of shells.

This is a very accomplished and interesting couple and we're very lucky to have them as part of our Community.



Hank teaching Platform Tennis

Cape Haze Women's Club

Report

By all reports, if you missed the Wine Tasting, you missed a great party! As I spent February in Seattle helping out my daughter and family following the birth of our newest grandbaby, I've had to rely on stories of those who attended. All I heard was praise from the knowledge of the vintner, to the selection of wines, to the lovely musical ambiance created by Gil Bricault and Sandy and Pete Johnson's house guest, to the "grape-y" décor created by Nancy Snyder. Thanks to all who made this fun event such a success.

On March 6, 16 women and my hubby Shell participated in the Great American Clean-Up. We cleared Placida Road of three months of accumulated trash, and had a good time doing it. Charlotte County even provided tee shirts and a little goody bag. Thanks to all who turned out.

We have two upcoming events in March. At our meeting on March 15, we'll be nominating a slate of officers for next year, taking suggestions for next year's activities, and discussing a new committee or two. Our program features a speaker on preparedness for various emergencies. We welcome new members and this is the time to pay our \$15 dues so bring your checkbook and a friend/neighbor who hasn't joined.

On March 20 we'll hold our annual Spring Fling complete with roast beef from the Lock and Key restaurant, a band for dancing and potluck side dishes. Don't miss the fun!

In April we'll have our Women's Club Officers Installation Potluck Luncheon and, at the end of the month, a boat rendezvous. We're still open to suggestions about where to go, so give Sandy Johnson a call with a suggestion or a boat ride.

As the social arm of CHPOA, our Women's Club strives to provide a variety of activities that appeal to everyone in our Community. Since we're about to plan for next year, if you have some ideas you'd like to share, I'd love to hear of them. Try our events; you might just have a ball!

Up-Coming Events

Emergency Preparedness – Monday, March 15, 9:00am coffee, 9:30 meeting, 10:00 presentation, at the Clubhouse.

We'll nominate officers, discuss new committees, pay next year's dues (\$15) and submit ideas for next year's programs (come prepared!).

New members are always welcome. Our speaker will give us tips on how we can better prepare for a variety of emergencies (some we may not have thought of?).

An Island Spring Fling – Saturday, March 20, 6:00pm at the Clubhouse.

Break out your casual clothes- Hawaiian shirt, hula skirt, and sarong if you're so inclined. We'll have music to dance to, singers to serenade us, tiki lights to see by and that delicious roast beef the Lock and Key cooks so well.

Bring a side dish or dessert and your own drinks. Call Penny Rieley 697-9811 or Hilary Dahms 828-0447 for reservations. The cost is \$16 a person.

Installation of Officers/Potluck

Luncheon – Monday, April 12, 11:30am at the Clubhouse.

Bring a dish to share; we'll add a glass or two of wine. Give Penny or Hilary a call just so we can plan the seating and wine. This will be your last chance to pay your dues and be included in next year's Women's Club booklet.

Boat Rendezvous – Wednesday, April 28, 10:00am.

Look for a flyer giving you the details. How adventurous do you want to be? Can you take a few extra passengers on your boat? Give Sandy Johnson a call 697-8081.

Penny Rieley, President
697-9811

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| March 15 | Women's Club Meeting
Emergency Preparedness
9:30 AM—Clubhouse |
| March 16 | Reservations for Spring Fling Due
Penny Rieley— 697-9811 or
Hilary Dahms—828-0447 |
| March 20 | Spring Fling
6:00 PM—Clubhouse |
| April 12 | CHPOA Board Meeting
9:00 AM—Clubhouse |
| April 12 | Women's Club Potluck Luncheon
11:30 AM—Clubhouse |
| April 17 | CHPOA Special Membership Meeting
10:00 AM—Clubhouse
Coffee at 9:30 AM |
| April 28 | Boat Rendezvous
10:00 AM—TBA |
| May 3 | <i>The Fountain</i> Submission Deadline |

A Trivia Quiz

1. What is the only mammal with hair on the soles of its feet?
2. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
3. Why were Donald Duck comics nearly banned in Finland?
4. What will be the highlight of this social season in Cape Haze?
5. Why do fresh apples float?
6. What's been the ruin of many a poor boy in New Orleans?
7. Who was the first Navy veteran to become President of the U.S.?

(Answers on Page 2)

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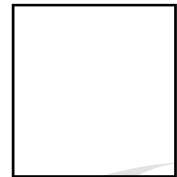
Submissions should be Microsoft Word files attached to e-mail and forwarded to NancyBue@aol.com.

Hard copy submissions will also be considered.

**May Deadline is
May 3, 2004**

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