

Let's Go...

News & Views from the Trace

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TRACERS CELEBRATE END OF SUMMER AT CTGP'S SCULPTURE GARDEN PARTY...

Imagine a perfect end-of-summer evening – cool, clear, moonlit sky, sparkling lights in the trees, yellow mum-lined garden path, sculptures tucked in the garden, reggae rhythms from Mickey Mills' steel drums filling the air, smells of Mazatlan's Mexican cuisine tickling our senses, and the sight of margaritas being served in stemmed glasses....

That was our guests' introduction to CTGP's Sculpture Garden Party in Village at the Trace. Here's a sample of the evening....

Check out lots of other pictures that were taken during the party at: www.carolinatrace.com/sculpture_party



Lots of good conversations behind Lyle Estill's Skeleton Gates. They frame the entrance to the sculpture garden.



For 2 ½ hours Mickey Mills played his drums for our guests. What talent! No wonder Jimmie Buffet asks him to "open" for him.

Although we served many margaritas, if you came late, you probably were out of luck.



The Art and the Artist: From L to R. – Carolina Cardinal by Wayne Godfrey; Sliding Mayfly by Tuesday Fletcher; Untitled by Jim Gaither (he also created Condos & the Bell); Amicus Arborus by Kevin Eichner; and Snail's Pace by Jacob Garcia & Tana Boerger.

THE POINTE: IT STILL IS HAPPENING

If you have traveled the cart path from 18 Creek to the Club House in the last three months, you know The Pointe is a busy place. You have watched the water go in; the sewer go in; the electricity go in; and the beginning construction of three homes.

Of all the challenges to date, the cart path is the most difficult. "The fact that, so far, golfers' carts have been flowing freely at all times is nothing short of a miracle," Tana Boerger explains. "Ah, but the biggest challenge is about to begin," Boerger continues. "Because the current path dissects lot number 5, which belongs to Jack and Donna Waite from California, the path must be moved." You probably have seen the new path – complete with beautiful stone retaining walls – built by CTGP's Jacob Garcia and Luis Eduardo.



CTGP's Jacob Garcia is hard at work building the beautiful new retaining walls through The Pointe.

The next step is to terminate the old path and tie into the new path – and you thought that making a birdie was tough.... Watch as The Pointe works closely with the Club to pull off an amazing feat: At the same time, (1) renovate the paths at Creek's seventeen and eighteen holes; (2) finish The Pointe road; and (3) switch the old cart path to the new path – all so that disruption to our golfers will be kept to a minimum.

It is true – nothing is easy – but here's to our golfers, their golf carts, and all those who are working hard to improve the paths.



Happy Thanksgiving from the staff of Carolina Gated Properties, LLC!!

CTGP HOSTS LAKE 13 HOLE AT CLUB'S COUPLES MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT

For two days, October 15 & 16, couples playing in the Country Club's Couples Member Guest tournament stopped at CTGP's tent for food, drink, and a respite before they prepared to play the Lake 13 hole.

We are sworn to secrecy about just how many Bloody Marys were consumed and just how many bags of Halloween treats were tucked into pockets; however, probably it is alright to observe that the Bloody Marys became even more popular the closer the players came to the end of their shot-gun play....



What a beautiful day we had for golfing, comradie, and having fun!! Check out the full color versions of these & many other pictures of the event at:
carolinatrace.com/golf_tourney

CTGP's food and drink awaits the golfers' arrival.



Muriel Farrissey (right) and her guest clearly are enjoying the day.



CTGP staff member, Carol Martell, (far right) shares some fun with Jan and Mike McDonald (center) and their guests.



Diane Thorndike (right) and guest are all smiles.



Diane's husband, Dean, (right) and his guest look forward to a birdie opportunity on this hole.

IS IT TRUE?

Rumor: CTGP is going to 3 golf shows with the Country Club in January and February.

TRUTH: True. Our mutual goal is to implement every reasonable strategy to increase our Club membership. So, the Club and CTGP will be in a golf show in the D.C. area in January; in the Philadelphia area in mid-February; and in New Jersey in late February. We will not be able to evaluate the success of these shows for about six months but stay tuned, we'll give you a report on the success of this strategy as soon as we can.

Rumor: If Tracers go to Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant (1143 N. Horner Blvd.) – they catered our Sculpture Garden Party – and tell the owner, Octavio Soto, you are from Carolina Trace, you will get one of his special margaritas for \$2.50.

TRUTH: True. Just tell Octavia you are from Carolina Trace, and enjoy a great margarita at a great price.

Rumor: There are no activities at the Country Club in which non-members can participate.

TRUTH: False. The Club sponsors a number of activities that are open to non-members. Women's Club, Newcomers Gourmet Club, Line and Square Dancing, and Bowling are just a few. Also, read Jim Horne's (the Club's General Manager) column in each issue of this newsletter. He always writes about the community-wide activities the Club sponsors. The Club can give you additional specifics.

Rumor: CTGP is going to replace its out-dated Sales Center sign on Traceway with a colorful neon sign.

TRUTH: False. While CTGP will be replacing the Sales Center sign within the next few months it WILL NOT be a neon sign; so, those of you who heard the rumor, you can now relax.

With the Holiday Season just around the corner, please join us at

CTGP's Christmas Open House.

Invitation on back of this newsletter.

Also, be sure bring your children to the Club's Meet Santa Party on Dec. 12th.



THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT TRACE

By Jim Horne, Club General Manager

Holidays! Holidays! Carolina Trace Country Club is once again delighted to participate in our Carolina Trace community by providing our Trace children something special for the holidays.

Children can enjoy our Meet Santa Party at Carolina Trace Country Club on Sunday, December 12th from 3 – 4:30 pm. There will be cookies, hot chocolate, lemonade, games, Christmas music, and a gift for each child especially made by Santa. Reservations are necessary so that a gift will be available for each child. Please call the Club, 499.5121, by noon December 6th with your child's name and age (up to 12).

This is a gala time for our Trace children, so please take advantage of another Trace activity sponsored by Carolina Trace Country Club.

IN AN EMERGENCY, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

One of our new residents asked us to tell them what they should do in case of an emergency – medical or fire. So, we thought we should share the procedure with all of Trace:

Medical:

- First, Call 911. An ambulance will be dispatched from Central Carolina Hospital to Trace. Response time to the gate is approximately 10 minutes.
- Second, call the Gate (499.2339). Alert them that an ambulance is arriving. Give the gate your address and telephone number.
- Usually the POA emergency representative or a security guard escorts the ambulance to the residence. In many Trace homes built before the 90's, there is the ability to put the outside light on "blinking status" to identify the correct residence. If you cannot do so, you might want to add that feature to your home.
- A paramedic with a defibrillator travels in the ambulance.
- If the patient cannot be cared for at Central Carolina Hospital, he/she is transported by land or air to the appropriate facility determined by the exigency of time.

Fire:

- First, call 911. Carolina Trace's Fire District will be alerted along with other appropriate districts.

- Second, call the Gate (499.2339). Give the gate your address and telephone number. While our fire fighters have access to Trace from Highway 87, fire fighters from other districts come through the gate. Usually, the POA emergency representative or a security guard escorts the ambulance to the residence.

We hope we never have to apply this information, but at least, with this information, *"we are prepared."*

CAROLINA TRACE/SANFORD'S HOME DÉCOR GURU: GWEN BOWERS

In home décor and home life style, move over Martha Stewart – interior designer Gwen Bowers is right here in Sanford. Although many Tracers know Bowers because of her sophisticated retail store, Antique Chic, she also launched her interior design business at the same time. Her design consultation became so demanding that today Bowers focuses on her design clients – many Tracers are on that list.



Interior designer, Gwen Bowers, assists many Tracers in adding extra touches to their homes.

During a recent visit to Carolina Trace Gated Properties' office, we chatted with Bowers:

Bowers: I define my responsibility as helping my clients infuse their own personalities into their homes. Sometimes that means bringing a bit of whimsy into an otherwise serious décor; sometimes that means using color to express a couple's liveliness. Each client is different and part of the joy is finding out what is going to work for them.

For example, if you just want to give your living room a "botox treatment" instead of a "face lift," we can create a new look by just rearranging furniture and regrouping pictures. Often my clients get the greatest pleasure out of just re-painting a foyer or changing the lighting in a room. Pleasing my clients – that gives me great pleasure.

CTGP: You have helped some of our clients make changes in their décor in order to maximize the selling price and minimize the selling time of their homes.

Bowers: Yes, when you decide to put your home on the market, all of a sudden that smashing red dining room and those patterned kitchen walls aren't attractive to potential buyers – the house looks great, but potential buyers can't see their furniture in your home. Often there are "tricks of the trade" that can help transform your home into one that is instantly appealing to a buyer.

CTGP is pleased to have Bowers as a resource for our customers. You can reach her by calling 775.1047. Please visit her new studio at Shops of Steele Street in downtown Sanford.

WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...

Primary Care Physician to Locate in South Park. Thanks Central Carolina Hospital for locating a primary care physician next door to Carolina Trace, providing us even more access to quality health care. The hospital recruited Dr. Steven Michael, DO, a specialist in internal medicine and a member the hospital's medical staff for three years, to locate his office in South Park (4546 Highway 87 South). Dr. Michael expects to open his office within the next two months.

Mickey Mills' CDs are Available. Many Tracers who swayed to Mickey Mills' steel drum at the Sculpture Garden Party music asked how they can get one of his CDs. So, here are the details: 3 CDs are available – "Panophobia" (his latest) \$14.99, "Anointed Steel", \$14.99, and "Respect Yourself", \$10.00. Send a check along with your order to: Mickey Mills, P.O. Box 742, Carrboro, N.C. 27510. You can reach Mickey at 919.824.6951.

CAROLINA TRACE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Conrad McCracken

The largest continuing capital expenses within Carolina Trace are the constant upkeep and resurfacing that are needed on approximately 60 miles of roads. Some POAs establish reserve funds that are accumulated over a period of years, while others opt for special assessments when the work must be done. CTA has elected to resurface the worst sections of Traceway one section at a time. The cost to maintain our roads will continue to escalate as some locations will require removal of old pavement (scabbling) prior to resurfacing. We need to begin a Trace-wide program to assess and prioritize the work needed on our roads.

A good paving job on secondary POA roads can last 15 years; 10 years on primary roads and 5-7 years on Traceway. This approach requires tree root removal and road bed repair where cracks exist. An economy paving project requires more frequent repair. It is time for Carolina Trace to consider having all roadway paving either coordinated through CTA or performed by CTA. Please provide your opinions to your POA Boards.



Open House!!

**ALL TRACERS PLEASE COME TO CAROLINA TRACE
GATED PROPERTIES' CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

Where: 3 Lakeview Drive

When: Monday, December 13, 2004 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

~ Saucy Santa

~ Music: Our talented **Christmas Carolers** (Back by popular demand) & **The Tracettes**, our own barbershop quartet

~ Food & Drinks

~ Laughter & Much Fun



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