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A Buffalo Birthday Party?

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Truro's '92 Summer Season Moves into High Gear

Just ten minutes before the 11 a.m. pool opening on May 23, there were few signs of life at Truro's pool. But ten minutes later, when the lifeguard's whistle sounded for the first time, all that changed. With whoops and hollers, the kids leaped in, and Truro's 1992 pool season was underway.

The official opening of the pool went off smoothly, with members filtering in all afternoon to enjoy the water (which was "c-c-c-cold!" some kids reported) and the sunshine (which was gorgeous). By mid-afternoon, the Truro Community Center grounds were alive with swimmers and sunbathers enjoying the area's first 90-degree day of the year.

As an added attraction, the Social Committee marked this year's pool opening by providing soft drinks, snacks, and beer. In addition, the swim team held a very successful bake sale to benefit the team. Both events were held from 2-6 p.m.

Activities at the TCC are off to a good start, reports Janice Armstrong, THA president and TCC Committee chairman. Swim team and dive team practices are underway, as are spring tennis lessons. The swim team's first practice meet is June 13, its first regular dual meet June 20. The dive team's first meet is June 23. Junior tennis matches begin the next day, June 24.

On weekends and holidays for the rest of the summer, the pool will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Janice announced. On weekdays until June 17, pool hours will be 1-3 p.m. for adults only, and 3-9 p.m. for all. From June 17 on, weekday hours will be the same as weekends and holidays--11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Socially, the highlight of Truro's summer season is expected to be the annual Cajun Shrimp Boil,

scheduled for Saturday evening, July 18, at the TCC. Complete information on this popular event will be in next month's issue of Truro Trails.

FROM THE BOARD**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
MAY 4, 1992

By Alannah Coshow

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association met at 8 p.m. on May 4, 1992, at the Truro Community Center. Present were board members Janice Armstrong (presiding), Art Wells, Mike McKinley and Alannah Coshow (secretary). Also attending was Pat Halpin of the Architectural Control Committee.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider a request by a homeowner to build a 64' long privacy fence of 4" wide, 6' high boards to replace an existing fence of 6' high boards.

The board was unanimous in its opinion that the two properties involved need a 6' high structure between them for privacy, but was not in agreement that it should be accomplished with a fence. After a lengthy discussion, the board referred to the homeowners an option of a series of two or three stag-

THE COVER

Yes, buffaloes have birthdays, too. And some have birthday parties to celebrate--or for their human friends to celebrate, anyway. One such party, for a two-year-old buffalo (okay, so it's a bison), was held in northern California recently. For the story of that event, see page 7.

gered privacy screens 6' high and 16' long. The board requested that the ACC show the parties involved the statement from Bob Molseed as well as two privacy screens built on properties with homes situated in the same manner as these two.

The board voted unanimously that the TCC furniture is for use at the TCC and may not be borrowed by homeowners.

Alannah Coshow reported that the Cubs of Cub Scout Pack 1684 spent an entire day painting and clearing brush for the community on April 25. The board unanimously approved reimbursement for the paint and the yearly \$200 contribution to the scouts.

Mike McKinley reported finding and cleaning up a collection of beer cans and smashed bottles in the parkland.

Also considered, but not voted on at this meeting, was a request from a homeowner for the installation of a hot tub/jacuzzi at the TCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 14, 1992

By Alannah Coshow

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Asssocation met at 8 p.m. on May 14, 1992, at the Truro Community Center. Present were

board members Janice Armstrong (presiding), Art Wells, Mike McKinley, Keith Thomas and Alannah Coshow (secretary). Also attending were Marj Bridgman, NEAT; Ralph Kennedy, Architectural Control Committee; Jim Tew, treasurer; and Greg Spann, Cornerstone, Inc.

Greg Spann's business produces community directories at no charge to the communities. He covers his costs with advertisers. Wakefield Chapel has committed to his service and Mr. Spann would like to get two more communities in this area committed to make it cost effective. Truro did a new directory in 1991. The board decided it was not necessary immediately, but told him that the board would consider it and get back to him.

Jim Tew, treasurer, stated that there is a CD coming due and that he had done some research on what to do with the money. The board decided to roll it over and not to take any risks with the money.

After discussion, a motion was made by Alannah Coshow to deny permission to homeowners seeking to "grandfather" a 6' fence. The board asked Janice Armstrong to write them a letter denying a 6' fence but giving them permission to build a series of two or three privacy screens each up to 16' in length and 6' in height, staggered to create the desired effect. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 18, 1992

By Alannah Coshow

The regular spring general membership meeting of the Truro Homes Association was held on May 18, 1992, at the Truro Community Center. Present were Board of Directors members Janice Armstrong (presiding), Art Wells, Mike McKinley,

**CORRECTION TO THE BOARD MINUTES
OF APRIL 9, 1992**

The board appointed the following THA volunteers to the Architectural Control Committee:

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| Pat Halpin | Joe Beausoleil |
| Paz Alvir | Brooke Mahlstedt |
| Donna Scott | Raychel Andrus |
| Will Davila | Jane Arabian |

Keith Thomas, and Alannah Coshow (secretary), plus Jim Tew (treasurer). An additional 28 members were present, together with 18 proxies, constituting a quorum of 46.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Attorney David Mercer spoke to the members about the Property Owners' Association Act. This was a very educational session, with time given to answering specific questions from members. Some interesting points were:

- Members should voluntarily comply with covenants and the Board of Directors must try to negotiate compliance.

- Equal and even, not selective, enforcement is important.

- If rules change in a community it could affect existing structures --a situation called "non-conforming use."

- At the time of sale there cannot be a binding contract until a disclosure package is provided by the board.

- Lax enforcement in the past doesn't set a precedent for the future.

Questions arose over the board's position concerning the proposed expansion of the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. Janice Armstrong clearly stated that the board will continue to gather information on the JCCNV proposal but will not take a position without a public hearing.

Committee chairmen gave reports.

Concerns were expressed about speeding traffic on Wakefield Drive, speeding traffic into the

TCC, and drinking activities in the parkland. Members of the board will research possible solutions to these problems.

It was also suggested that homeowners on unlighted courts leave outside lights on at night so that it is not so dark in those areas.

Don Johnson will take over Alannah Coshow's responsibilities on the board beginning immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

By Ralph Kennedy

The Architectural Control Committee met at 8 p.m. on May 19 at the Truro Community Center. Seven members attended: Ralph Kennedy (chairman), Jane Arabian, Raychel Andrus, Joe Beausoleil, Will Davila, Pat Halpin and Donna Scott.

The "sign committee" chairman, Jim Bergstrom, presented a brief on the status of the Truro sign and discussed recommended colors. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved by the ACC that the sign's colors be the same as the colors of the TCC. Our understanding is that Jim's committee will present a similar recommendation to the THA's Board of Directors.

The ACC considered a request for a new deck at a home on Elizabeth Lane. This request will be held in abeyance until further information is available.

Requests for restraining were considered for two homes, one on Ossian Hall Lane and one on Necostin Way. Both were approved.

A request for a replacement deck and front entryway on Burbank Road was considered and approved. In addition, a request for the addition

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of steel fabric mesh on an existing fence at a residence on Ordinary Way was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. The next ACC meeting will be on June 9 at 8 p.m. at the TCC.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Bob and Valerie Sutter

New Area Captain

The new area captain for Okehampton is Peggy Barton, of 8708 Pappas Way. We thank Peggy for volunteering so readily to take on this responsibility. And the community thanks Penny Hathaway, the previous area captain, for her service during the past few years.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

JUNIOR TENNIS

By Judith Rheinstrom (425-3314)

Here's this summer's schedule of matches for our junior tennis teams:

Girls

- June 24..Truro at Fairfax Station
- July 1...Truro at Lincolnia Park
- July 8...Lake Braddock at Truro
- July 15..Truro at Fairfax Station
- July 22..Lincolnia Park at Truro
- July 29..Lake Braddock at Truro
- Aug. 5...Bye

Boys

- June 24..Fairfax Station at Truro
- July 1...Lake Braddock at Truro
- July 8...Truro at Lincolnia Park
- July 15..Ravensworth Farm at Truro
- July 22..Bye
- July 29..Truro at Ravensworth Farm
- Aug. 5...Truro at Burke Center

As Robert and Janine point out in their article this month, the junior tennis program is designed to be encouraging to all team members of all playing abilities. The primary criterion is the desire to play tennis.

TruPro's Corner



By Robert Carvajal, Jr.
and Janine Baylis

SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

The summer tennis program is about to kick into high gear. Before it does, we'd like to share with you our philosophy on the program.

Specifically, we see the junior program as an opportunity to foster both athletic and personal growth through the use of encouragement. This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of both the forehand and backhand, serves and volleys, in a format that is fun and incorporates the use of games. Sportsmanship will be reinforced daily and throughout the summer. It is our sincerest desire that the children and adults enjoy the great sport of tennis both in victory and in defeat.

There is plenty of room on the team for any boy or girl who wants to play tennis. We're also trying to get the adult program going, so please feel free to give us a call and we'll see how we can help you. We're here for you--to help you enjoy the sport.

Please call any time and ask for Robert at 978-9467 or Janine at 425-6825. Thank you.

SWIM TEAM

By Jane Akl (280-9730)
and Jane Roper (764-9593)

It's never too late to register for the swim team. Forms are in the pool office. You can call either of us or just ask the pool managers or lifeguards.

Oops--missed the suit sizing! It's not too late for that, either. You can pick up a form from one of

us at the pool office and mail the information to Aardvark Swim and Sport. The suit is made by Speedo, the model is "Laser" and the color is sapphire.

Reminder: Until school is over, swim team practice is Monday-Friday:

13 and over....3:15-4:15 p.m.

9 to 12.....4:15-5:15 p.m.

8 and under....5:15-6:00 p.m.

After school is out, the practice is Monday-Friday:

13 and over....8:00-9:00 a.m.

9 to 12.....9:00-10:00 a.m.

8 and under...9:45-10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, June 14, we will meet at the clubhouse for a pot-luck dinner and general orientation. Details will be forthcoming, but please note the date. Everybody plan to come on Saturday, June 13, to our practice meet set to begin at 9 a.m. Our first Saturday home meet will be June 27; we invite the community to come out, buy breakfast and cheer for the Swordfish.

A special note to our community members: Home meets require that the pool be closed to the public for a few hours. Please note these dates and approximate times so you aren't taken by surprise after you have made your way to the front gate:

June 13...12:30 p.m. opening

June 22....5:00 p.m. closing

June 27...12:30 p.m. opening

June 29....5:00 p.m. closing

July 8.....4:00 p.m. closing

July 18...12:30 p.m. opening

July 25....6:00 p.m. closing

Wanted: Any 15-18-year-old girls out there? We need you to join the swim team. No experience necessary --only a desire to have fun!

Many thanks for all your cooperation. We invite each and every community member to come to any of our meets and support the team.

Thanks, too, for your great support of the bake sale last month. We appreciate both your participation and your purchases.

CLASSIFIED

FREE UP YOUR WEEKENDS!--Have fun while the work is being done. Nanny available to clean your house on Saturdays. Call 978-4619 after 5 p.m.

ODD JOBS--Two boys 13 and 14 looking for odd jobs. Babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting, lawn mowing, yard cleaning. We are responsible, energetic, strong and eager to earn vacation bucks. Call 425-3324 (ask for Chance or Canaan Henderson, or leave message and #).

CHILD CARE available for summer. Teacher willing to give up nanny for summer months. References available. Call 978-4619 after 5 p.m.

SUMMER JOB AVAILABLE--Mature, responsible person needed to take 2 girls, ages 8 and 5, to the pool, library, gymnastics, etc., this summer. Days and hours negotiable. Must have car. Please call Mrs. Johns at 978-7146 after 6 p.m. or weekends.

CATERING--Planning a special event? Running out of time? Patience? Ideas? P&P Catering will cater your party professionally, creatively, and within your budget. Dinners or cocktail parties, bridal and baby showers, special dinners. Call Patricia Sigler or Penny McCoun at 998-0583.

BABYSITTING--College student available for summer babysitting, Monday-Thursday mornings. Please contact Mary at 978-2622.

FOR RENT--Wintergreen condo, 2-BR, 2-bath. Fantastic view; prices below resort; golf package available. For details call Brennan (978-2622) or Vernon (978-8903).

ELECTRICIAN--Licensed in Virginia. Can handle all of your electrical needs, including indoor and outdoor lighting. Call Drew Martin at 978-2916.

LETTERS

A Personal Reflection

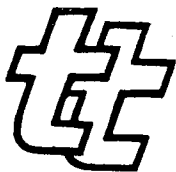
On April 25 Bonnie and I had the pleasant opportunity and privelege of attending the wedding ceremony of a lovely young woman who grew up in Truro, her parents being original (1972) homeowners. Following the ceremony, the reception was held at the Truro Community Center.

The large party room, its floor gleaming from its annual resurfacing and decorated appropriately, provided a lovely ambience for the occasion. The surrounding grounds, recently mowed and trimmed, added natural beauty to the overall setting. Of further note, the reception was catered by a company owned and operated by two dynamic women who have strong Truro identification and ties.

In a word, this was a glorious example of what a strong, vibrant, working-together community is all about.

Simply great!

--Art Wells



this and that . .

Friends of absentee Truro homeowner Chuck Horner will be pleased to hear of his nomination for promotion to the grade of general in the U.S. Air Force. Chuck and wife Mary Jo are the owners of the home at 4403 Ossian Hall Way. Chuck's new assignment is four-fold: Commander-in-Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command; Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Space Command; Commander, Air Force Space Command; and Department of Defense Manager for Space Transportation System Contingency Support Operations. He will do all this at Peterson Air

Force Base, Colorado. Prior to his promotion and reassignment, Chuck commanded the U.S. air forces in Operation Desert Storm.

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Diane Perrine, of 8628 Appleton Court, made the front page of the Fairfax Journal back in March, in case you missed seeing it. She created a news splash by passing up an opportunity for her company to bid on a Fairfax County contract for goods she considered unnecessary.

Diane, who is a co-owner (with next-door neighbor Maggie Burton) of Admar Designs, declined to bid on a county contract for Cross ball-point pens and imitation leather folders inscribed with the county seal to be given to county employees to mark milestones in their careers. "They [county supervisors] should stop this ridiculous spending and cut the waste," Diane is quoted as saying. The story was on page 1 of the March 31 Journal.

JCCNV HOLDING FLEA MARKET JUNE 14

The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia is sponsoring a flea market at its location at Guinea Road and Little River Turnpike on Sunday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature sports equipment, games, appliances, art, knickknacks, dishes, furniture and jewelry. Anyone interested in renting a table at the flea market (\$20 for members, \$25 for non-members) can arrange to do so by calling the JCCNV (323-0880).

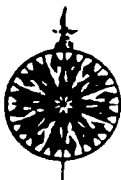
JUST WONDERING

■ How come kids call things "awesome" but cringe when you do?

■ Why do you suppose Washington radio station WTOP is banning the name "Redskins" from the air--except in paid ads?

■ Who decided to call it San "Loeey" Obispo?

TRAVELERS' NOTEBOOK



COCHISE, THE PARTY BUFFALO

By David Jones

Few people will get to attend a birthday party for a buffalo in their lifetimes. It's even more unlikely that they'll ever see a buffalo invited to a wedding. Yet in our case we got to experience both last month.

The occasion for the party was the second birthday of Cochise, a buffalo acquired by its owner, Lynn Couch, when it was just eight days old. The place was Sierra Stables, a small, eight-acre ranch at Foresthill, California, on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, north-east of Sacramento.

Cochise's birthday party had all the trappings of a "people" birthday party. His corral was decorated with colorful balloons, which Cochise delighted in popping with his horns. There were birthday gifts from his friends and admirers--such as fresh apples and a small carton of tasty grain. There was a blue bow and a big party hat for Cochise (although nobody ever quite managed to get him to wear either). And of course there was a lavishly decorated birthday cake--the first piece of which went to Cochise, who spurned it in favor of the grain.

After the ceremonies, the celebration continued with a festive barbecue and some good country music provided by a local combo.

So unique was Cochise's birthday party that a Sacramento television station, KXTV, broadcast two early evening weather reports that day live from the ranch. At the beginning of the first broadcast, in a gesture of supreme contempt for all this falderal, Cochise proceeded to lift his tail and dump--on live TV. This cracked up the anchormen back

at the studio--and no doubt the TV audience. But the weatherman, Harry Stockman, managed to maintain his aplomb and avoid stepping in any fresh buffalo chips, or being gored by Cochise.

Two days after his birthday party, Cochise was a guest of honor at a wedding there at Sierra Stables. The owner's cousin was being married, and Cochise was on hand to add his good wishes to those of the other family members and friends. Somehow, though, he didn't appear to enjoy the wedding nearly as much as he had his own birthday party earlier. Perhaps it was because he wasn't the center of attraction this time. He seemed bored with the whole affair.

How did we happen to be there at that little ranch in the high Sierras on the occasion of Cochise's second birthday party, and the wedding afterwards?

Well, you see, the bride was our daughter.

FROM THE EDITOR

Just as I was getting a little paranoid about the typographical errors that have been cropping up in recent issues, I picked up a copy of the May 18 Time magazine and read about a "Candadian" vacation cottage. Now I feel a whole lot better.

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