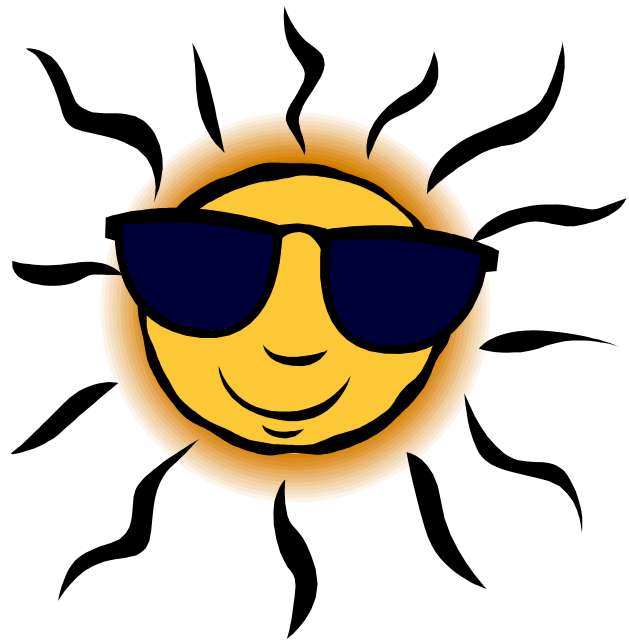


# Truro Trails

*June 2001*



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# TRURO HOMES ASSOCIATION

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## JUNE MEETINGS

- 6/5:    TCC Committee, 7:30pm
- 6/12:   ACC, 8:00pm
- 6/14:   THA Board, 7:30pm

\* All are held at the clubhouse

# THA Board of Directors General Membership Meeting, May 22, 2001



*By Sue Lamote, Secretary*

Ken Lucas, President of the Truro Homes Association, called the general membership meeting to order at 7:43pm. The Secretary declared that a quorum was established with members present and those represented by proxy statements. Ken introduced the Board members, Alan Fisher, Vice President; Chuck Roper, Treasurer; Bob Garrett, Director; and Sue Lamote, Secretary. The minutes of the November 30, 2000, general membership meeting as published in the Truro Trails were approved.

### Cub Scout Pack 1864

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Dave Hamerick, leader of Cub Scout Pack 1864, was first on the agenda. He told the membership that Truro has sponsored the scouts for the past 15 years. This has been a rebuilding year for the pack which now numbers 55 boys, 11 of whom live in Truro. He noted the community service projects the boys have worked on during the past year, including painting the bridges in the parkland, collecting food for the food bank and making 800 sandwiches for Martha's Table. Dave presented Ken with a framed charter to be hung in the clubhouse.

### Committee Reports

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**Pool Committee:** Marion Yanick, the new chairman of the Pool Committee, said the pool has passed inspections and is ready to open on Memorial Day weekend. She introduced Butch Collins, president of Crystal Aquatics. Butch said he has been in the business of pool management for the past 25 years. He said our pool facilities were in very good shape and he hopes the community notices some pleasant changes there this summer. He said safety comes first and his employees will enforce the rules.

**Swim Team:** Patty Vinall and Meg Smith, the team representatives, said about 70 children signed up to be on the swim team this year and they expect another 20 more to do the same during the next few weeks. The team has hired four new coaches: Annie Brarer will serve as head coach, and she will be assisted by Brett Roper, Kim Garrett, and Alice Keaney. The team will begin to hold practices after school on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Patty also noted that for the first time in several years, the swim, dive and tennis teams will have consecutive morning practices beginning when school lets out for the summer. This means if your child joins all three teams, they can go from the swim practice, to dive practice and then to tennis, without large chunks of time between practices.

**Dive Team:** Jane Roper, the team representative, said 27 children have become members of this year's dive team. Rob Carvajal will continue his tenure as head coach with Doug Roper and Chris Rauer assisting.

She said they were starting a new program, Introduction to Diving, aimed at enticing youngster to get started on the boards.

**Tennis Committee:** Ken presented this report and noted that the committee needs a new chairman. Lynn Hardy has moved from the neighborhood and joined another club. He said the junior tennis lessons were going well. He also mentioned that court #1 has a new net and the company that began to resurface the courts last year has finished the job. Because of the company's delay in doing the job, they resurfaced the basketball court at no charge.

**Truro Community Center Committee:** Tom Allen, the committee chairman, said the TCC will meet on the first Tuesday of every month. He said our community can grow through better communication and that the committee's main purpose is to pull together information in a focused way and pass it along to the Board of Directors. He noted the committee will not be able to resolve all issues, but he said it will look at the issues from various points of view.

**Social Committee:** Marleen Richlak, new chairman of the committee, introduced herself to the membership. She and her family moved to Virginia from Indiana. She promised an adult party at the pool this summer and wants to know what other sorts of activities the community would support. She also asked for people to step forward to help with planning and producing these parties and activities.

**Parkland Committee:** Hamp Oberle, chairman of the committee, said the group has spent its time this years focusing on the parkland infrastructure. Through Jeff

DeTroye's leadership, two playgrounds have been refurbished and they plan to fix another one in the coming year. The committee currently has seven members and asks that more people join.

A question arose about who is responsible for paying to remove a dying tree from the parkland. Hamp said the committee has a \$2000 budget to remove these trees. It can cost \$800-\$1200 to remove a large tree. When the price reaches \$500, he asks the homeowner to split the cost with the committee.

**Web Site Committee:** Chairman Ferris Kaplan said the Truro Web Site, [www.TRUROHOMES.org](http://www.TRUROHOMES.org), is now one year old. He urged the membership to use the site and the committee will mount a campaign to promote the site this summer. He asked committee chairs to help keep information on the site current by providing updated information regularly to Noel Leavitt. A message board, where the membership can discuss issues of interest, is up and running at the site.

**Truro Phone Directory:** Elaine Ferris said the updated phone directory would be completed in the next few weeks.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Michelle Lucas, a member of the committee, said activity on this committee has slowed down a bit since the birth of Heather Davie's son last winter. Heather, the committee's energetic chairman, has literally had her arms full with the newest member of her family. Michelle noted the quick response VDOT made to having graffiti removed from a section of the sidewalks on Elizabeth Lane last month. Bill Ulman, who told Ken that VDOT performs this removal service, saved THA about \$600 with this bit of advice.

**Landscape Committee:** Judy Molseed said some decorative grasses will be planted during the next two weeks by the tennis pavilion.

**Traffic Committee:** Bob Garrett reported that not much new has happened on the committee, but he warned that police will be asked to increase patrols in Truro and issue tickets to speeders and stop sign runners.

**Architectural Control Committee:** Pat Halpin, chairman, said it has been quiet on the ACC recently. He noted that of the six people on the committee, five have served for more than ten years. The committee can use some new volunteers. In a reversal of what usually takes place, Pat put a question to the membership. Other than geographical, he asked what the difference was between Truro I and Truro II homes? People noted that Truro II homes have no doorbell, no ceramic tile in the bath, and are generally smaller.

**Truro Trails:** Michelle Lucas said she has completed her first year as editor of the Trails. One of her goals for the publication is to provide a positive uplift for the community. She welcomes your thoughts, constructive criticism and any new ideas. A member asked if anyone had requested to receive the Trails on line. This would save printing and mailing costs. Michelle said she has not received any such requests.

**TCC Reservations:** Donna Jean Garrett, who has served as the reservations chairman for the past seven years, said it is time for someone else to take over the job. Anyone interested in taking over should contact Ken Lucas.

### **Old Business**

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**Pool Umbrellas:** Helene Longden said five sleeves to anchor the umbrellas in the ground have been installed. One is in the deck of the baby pool and the other four are in the grassy areas. Three umbrellas have been purchased. The extra two sleeves, allows for the umbrellas to be moved to different areas of the pool.

**Access Ramp:** A serious, heated and emotional discussion took place concerning the access ramp to the pool. Commercial Concrete removed the old ramp and installed a new one on May 16, 2001. In an area on both sides of the gate covering three slabs of concrete, the ramp does not meet the required pitch of 1 to 12. The ramp also does not have a landing, and the handrails have yet to be installed. The Board of Directors said they wanted the ramp to meet ADA requirements and that the contract with Commercial Concrete says this. Members heatedly questioned whether that was true. A consensus eventually emerged that the Board should try to get the ramp into compliance with codes in thirty days. Pat Halpin, Jim Smith, Dave Watts and Art Wells volunteered to help see this through. The Board and the four community volunteers agreed to meet at Chuck Roper's house on May 23rd at 8:00pm to develop a plan to accomplish this.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28pm.



## **THA Board of Directors Meeting May 10, 2001**

*By Sue Lamote, Secretary*

The regular meeting of the Truro Homes Association's Board of Directors was held on May 10, 2001, at the clubhouse. Alan Fisher, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. In attendance were Chuck Roper, Treasurer; Bob Garrett, Director; and Sue Lamote, Secretary. Hamp Oberle, Chairman of the Parklands Committee, also attended the meeting. The Board approved the minutes of the April 12, 2001, meeting as published in the Truro Trails.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Chuck Roper presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that we are at revenue peak at this time of year. At the time of the meeting, all but seven THA and 43 TCC fees had been paid. As of May 9, 2001, total funds amounted to \$505,557, with \$444,562 in T-bills and other interest bearing accounts and \$61,000 in checking accounts. He advised that we renew a Treasury bill that is coming due in June for six months. The Board approved this measure.

### **CONTRACTS**


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**Concrete Ramp:** Chuck contracted the contractor. Work should be completed before the pool opens.


**Market Umbrellas:** Bob Garrett said holes for the sleeves for the market umbrellas have been dug and installation should be completed before the pool opens.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**


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 **Web Site Committee:** Bob Garrett reported that the committee has created a community calendar of events for the site. Members of the community are invited to post notice of events of interest to the community here. Bob said he and Donna Jean, the reservations chairman, will post TCC events here.

 **Traffic Committee:** Bob said the committee will become more active. Committee Chairman Thom Goertel's business commitments had prevented him from putting much time into the committee in recent months.


 **Parkland Committee:** Alan reported that the boy scouts and cub scouts did a fine job of painting the bridges in April. Hamp Oberle noted that the Tappan Zee Bridge has gotten a new nameplate to replace the old one. The Board approved a motion to invite the scouts to a pool party on a mutually acceptable date this summer. The 2001 budget earmarked about \$700 to replace the 13 trash cans located in the parkland. Hamp told the Board that he has found that this amount is inadequate to remove and replace the permanently affixed 30-year-old cans there now. He believes the price will amount to approximately \$4,500. Chuck noted that trash cans are not part of the repair and maintenance data base because the cost per can is under \$1,000. The Board asked Hamp to make this a part of his budget for 2002 and to seek several potential vendors for eventual competitive bidding if approved.


● **Neighborhood Watch:** Chuck said the State (VDOT) responded quickly and did a good job of removing graffiti from the sidewalk on Elizabeth Lane near the pool. Chuck will write a note thanking them.

 **Social Committee:** Sue Lamote reported that Marleen Richlak, a new TCC member, has agreed to become the Social Committee Chairman. Marleen recently moved to Virginia from Indiana and is enthusiastic about the job. She said Marleen welcomes help and advice from the community, particularly for the annual adult pool party to be held in July.

**Swim Team:** Sue noted that Team Rep. Patty Vinall has found a head coach for the Swordfish. Annie Brarer, who has worked for Lou Sharp, will coach the team. Patty is still considering applicants for the

assistant coaching jobs. The team held registration and fittings for new team swim suits at the clubhouse in early May.

 **Reservations Chairman:** Bob reminded the Board that Donna Jean will leave this post in June. She had served the community in this capacity since 1994, but it's time for someone new to take over.

 **TCC Committee:** Bob said Tom Allen, Chairman of the TCC committee, will make a presentation at the May General Membership Meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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**Community Telephone Directory:** Bob Garrett will check with Elaine Ferris on the status of the updated phone directory.

**Book of Resolutions:** Chuck has looked through last year's minutes for items to be included in the Book of Resolutions. He will circulate to Board members for their review, a list of those motions he believes are appropriate to be included.

**TCC Manual Updates:** Updates to the TCC manual have gone to Elaine.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Basketball Court:** Alan brought up two items of new business concerning the basketball court. He has noticed that people using the courts often leave trash there. His motion to put another trash can near the center line of the court did not pass. The second item concerned foul language used by some basketball players. The Board passed his motion to purchase and placement of three signs on the court to warn players not to use obscenities. Alan will come up with the wording for the signs.

**Citizenship Project:** Chuck noted that two high school seniors will do some minor repairs to the fence around the pool as part of their Citizenship Projects. The boys will replace warped boards, drive in loose nails, etc.

**Association Attorney:** THA legal consultants are Segan, Mason and Mason, PC in Annandale. The Board made this change because of a billing disagreement with the association's previous law firm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.



# Committee News

## Summer's Here, It's Dive Time!

*By Jane and Chuck Roper*

We had a tremendous sign up at the clubhouse in early May with 27 divers registered. For those of you who didn't make it for the sign up here's what you need to do:

Complete the form located on the Dive bulletin board located in the downstairs pool entry and drop it at the address on the form with your check. **This must be done by June 29<sup>th</sup>** (just prior to the second "A" meet) or you will not be on the team unless there are some very unusual circumstances causing acceptance of late registration.

### Practice times are:

<b>Pool opening - June 19</b>	<b>3:45 – 5:00pm</b>
<b>June 20 forward</b>	<b>10:30 – 11:30 am (intro)</b>
	<b>2:00 – 5:00pm</b>

The morning introductory session is something new we are trying this year. It was added to accommodate and attract those team members who find it difficult to attend evening practices. Due to our coaching time constraints the morning session will have one coach and the teaching will be to get team members used to the very basics of diving. The afternoon sessions will have the basics and advanced diving instruction for the full range of dive team participants. The team fee is the same if you want to do both.

We need to have volunteers actively participate in the non-diving aspects of running the program. These activities involve judging, table work, concessions – all things we've appealed to you before about. A list of the times, dates, and locations for the various clinics are on the Dive bulletin board. **Simply put, we will not have a program without volunteer participation.**

We look forward to seeing you on the pool deck and sharing the satisfaction of seeing the divers improving skills as the season progresses.



## From the Dive Coach...

*By Rob Carvajal*



Greetings to divers, parents, and those who are considering participating on the dive team this year. I am looking forward to another great summer at Truro for the dive team. I have sensed that there is a growing excitement by a multitude of divers coming into this season. Granted, there are a lot of expectations for a fifth consecutive Division I title, but that is not the reason for my enthusiasm. I have been coaching here for many years and have seen many of you grow up. So my enthusiasm is about coaching you once again. It's about encouraging you and it's about working hard to inspire and challenge you to be better than you ever thought possible. It's about continuing to stand by your side as you grow into adolescence and adulthood.

I know there are kids out there who would like to join this team but believe that you have to be "good" divers in order to do so. When I joined my first summer dive team I had no idea how to dive. I couldn't even do a flip. I had to learn from the very beginning. The only way the dive team can continue to experience its phenomenal success is if we continue to get new divers each year and we keep all of the older divers until they graduate. Is it possible to do? Absolutely. There is room for anyone and everyone who has any desire to be on this team. So please come out and be a part of the best and most dynamic dive program in all of NVSL.

I am looking forward to serving the Truro community the best way I know how.



## Dollar\$ and \$en\$e

By Elaine Ferris, Record Keeper



### Truro Homes Association News

All but a few of the 377 THA homeowners are current with their 2001 assessments, and we're working on collecting those few to achieve a perfect record this year. Many thanks to the rest of you for honoring your financial commitment to the community!

### Truro Community Center News

At the Trails press time there were 12 TCC members who owe their 2001 TCC User fee of \$357.50, which now includes the 10% late fee. That's twice as many as last year - now come on, people! Each member in arrears will lose the membership (worth \$650.00) if the fee goes unpaid. These families will not be allowed use of the facilities until their fees are current...nor will their children be allowed to sign up for the swim, dive, or tennis teams. Please make all of our lives simpler and pay up!

At least 30 of the 38 TCC members who requested in writing that their memberships get leased out will be receiving their refund checks shortly. When the weather improves and it occurs to families that they need a pool for the summer, the others will very likely be leased out as well.

Some of you may have noticed that I invited you all to a THA General Membership meeting in the yellow proxy card, but IN THE YEAR 2000! Next time I will find a second proofreader around the house or neighborhood!

### Print Directory

I have the database in good shape now. You have all had the opportunity to send in the form in the Trails (printed 3 months in a row) to update your information. If you'd like to change any of the entries, e-mail me at wheelF@aol.com, call at 703-425-0670, fax the information to 703-978-0859, drop it in the mail slot at the Truro Community Center, or mail it to 4146 Elizabeth Lane, Annandale, VA 22003.

[www.trurohomes.org](http://www.trurohomes.org)

How's that for multiple channels of communication? I will do my best to include information received by the end of this month. As soon as my final round of collections is finished, I will turn the print directory over to volunteers so that they can turn out a much more up-to-date version than we have currently.

### Online Directory

I fell behind updating the Online Directory during billing season and will be turning to that this month, too. Keep your eyes on the web site for changes and updates: [www.trurohomes.org](http://www.trurohomes.org), - password: community.

Thank you for your patience. I'm doing that on a purely volunteer basis, but first had to focus on getting Truro's financial house in order.



## Welcome New THA and TCC Members

By Cathy Bostak, Publicity Chairman

### New Members of Both THA and TCC:

#### **Michael and Noella Mawby**

4140 Elizabeth Lane, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-978-5293, Children: Miles – 1988, Lily – 1992,  
Dylan - 1994

#### **James and Carolina Morgan**

8613 Ordinary Way, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-425-8318, Children: Madeline – 1998  
James - Senior Manager  
Carolina - Senior Policy Analyst

#### **Michael and Cheryl Urban**

4110 Yerkes Place, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-978-7829

### THA members, who now are TCC Members, too:

#### **Wendy Lippincott**

4320 Wakefield Drive, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-764-7856, Children: Chris – 1980, Thomas - 1995  
Wendy - Engineer, U.S. Government



## **Bruce and Mary Summers**

8834 Burbank Road, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-503-8834, Children: Bryce – 1993, Katherine - 1996  
Bruce - American Red Cross  
Mary - Federal Aviation Administration

### **New TCC-only Members:**

## **Yoon Pyo and Young Ok Hong**

4013 Old Hickory Road, Fairfax, VA 22032  
703-426-5217, Children: Yun Ji – 1981, Hannah - 1988  
Yoon Pyo - Interior Design (Drapery)  
Young Ok - Interior Design

## **Joseph and Laurie Mattioli**

4220 Sherando Lane, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-323-9053

## **Philip and Linda Miller**

4304 Gifford Pinchot Drive, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-764-8071, Children: Owen – 1985, Jake – 1987,  
Ben – 1990, Jane - 1991

Philip - Engineer  
Linda - Attorney

## **Steven and Mary Jane Solomon**

4220 Willow Woods Drive, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-426-0204, Children: Rachel – 1989, Anna - 1992

## **ACC News**

*By Pat Halpin, Chairman*



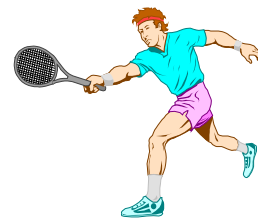
The Architectural Control Committee met at the clubhouse Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at 8pm. Present were Mary Johnson and Pat Halpin. Joe Beausoliel subsequently joined the Committee in considering the one request for a change submitted.

The request considered by the ACC was to replace an existing blacktop driveway with an exposed aggregate one similar to others approved in the neighborhood. The change, requested by a homeowner on Elizabeth Lane, was approved.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2001 at 8:00pm at the Clubhouse.



## **Tennis is in Full Swing!**



*By Lynn Hardy, Chairman*

It's great to see all these Truro tennis players out again! The crack repair work was finally completed, along with a new net for Court 1. The Court 3 net post will be repaired ASAP. Thanks to all those who keep the courts clean and free of litter.

Junior Clinics provided by RJ Tennis are in full swing on Wednesday afternoons. There's some great talent out there! Don't forget to sign up for summer tennis - clinics offered in the mornings and afternoons this year for the first time! The Junior tennis teams play every Wednesday morning starting the last week of June. All Truro Juniors are welcome! Parent volunteers needed for driving and coordinating the party at the end of the season. Please contact Lynn Hardy at 703-323-1571 if you're interested.

Adult Clinics continue on Friday mornings 9:30 - 11:00am. We hope to restart the weekend Adult Clinic, so please call Lynn Hardy at 703-323-1571 if you're interested.

This summer, reserve Friday evenings for a weekly Tennis Social starting at **6pm on June 15<sup>th</sup>**! Bring your racquet and a snack to share! Tennis balls will be provided. See you there!

The Truro Tennis Community bids farewell to **John King** as he and his family relocate. John, captain of the Men's Tennis Team for the past 10+ years, will be missed. Thanks, John, for your service to the community.

Thanks to Catherine Bergstrom for her commitment to the Ladies' Tennis Team at Truro. For many years, Catherine has cheerfully recruited ladies for the team and inspired many with her love for the game. We hope to have enough participants to restart a ladies' team for next summer.

See you on the courts!



# TCC Committee News



By Tom Allen, Chairman

TCC Chairman, Tom Allen, called the meeting to order by at 7:35pm. In addition to Tom, attendees included Marion Yanick, Pool Committee Chair; Mary Johnson, Architectural Control Committee; Judy Molseed and Catherine Bergstrom, Landscape Committee; Patty Vinall, Swim Team Representative; and Jane Roper, Dive Committee.

The minutes of the April meeting were discussed with regard to the reporting of the walkway repair and the TCC Manual suggestions. In the case of the walkway repair, Mary asked for more specifics on the approach and rationale for the Board's action (this is discussed in more detail under old business). In addition, Mary pointed out that the wording under the proposed change to the tennis rules was not what she provided. Tom agreed and indicated that he'd included some of the other items mentioned at the last TCC to provide a basis for discussion at this meeting. With these caveats, the minutes were accepted.

## Old Business

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### *Pool Construction Items*

**Concrete Ramp:** Mary provided wording from the Fairfax County Community Association Manual, which she believes requires the community to ensure the concrete ramp from the parking lot to the pool is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Manual states "...swimming pools, ... and walkways must be made accessible wherever it is practical to do so. ... associations may be required, (or may freely choose), to make modifications to provide for disabled persons." The work that will result from the current contract will not comply with a number of ADA standards to include the gate and handrails. The discussion that followed focused on whether the proposed work was a repair versus an upgrade and the specifics of the law as it applied to existing structures and associations versus new construction and public facilities. Since this is a legal issue, the TCC consensus was to recommend to the Board that they ensure they have competent legal advice in hand before completing the project.

**Near term repairs:** The TCC noted that Chuck Roper had made the fence repairs necessary to allow pool to open on time. Our thanks on behalf of the community to Chuck for his efforts

**Long-term plan:** Tom has not yet provided draft letters to the Board for their use in formally notifying the contractors of the plan to let a contract this summer for work to begin on replacing the fence when the pool closes in September. He will try to complete this action in the next two weeks. Mary asked about the type of fence and suggested the smaller mesh proposed might be more expensive than a larger mesh and potentially not required by code. A smaller mesh is currently being looked at because it is harder to scale and may be more in line with current community pool requirements. Any final decision by the board will need to conform with building code, as well as balance cost, safety, security and esthetics.

**Shade:** Marion reported that the flags used to mark the proposed locations for the umbrella sleeves had been removed by the lawn care contractor. The plan is for Helene Longdon of the Ad Hoc Shade Committee to reset the flags the day before NV Pools arrives to install the umbrellas. Marion was asked to ensure that Crystal Aquatics provides maintenance for the umbrellas with specific wording to address these tasks included in next year's contract.

**Gazebo Landscaping:** Judy reported that John Snitzer had implemented a basic landscaping plan with decorative grasses using funds appropriated last September by the Board. The project is complete and the eye-appealing results will be obvious as the summer unfolds. In addition, Judy indicated that the Board had approved her request for funds to replace the broken barrel flower containers and the new containers and flowers would be in place in the next month.

## New Business

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### *THA Handbook Items*

**Pool use by non-toilet trained children:** In order to allow younger families to enjoy the pool and yet still protect it from contamination, Mary proposed a change to the current THA Handbook language to better conform to Fairfax County standards. After discussion, the TCC asked Marion to check with both the County and Crystal Aquatics to identify specific wording that meets county

standards and can be enforced by the contractor. If this wording differs from those in the current handbook, the TCC recommends the Handbook be amended and the policy posted at the pool entry so that users are aware of the policy. What makes this confusing is that some advertised “diaper swimmers” are not actually diapers and may conform to county and health standards, while other commercially advertised “baby swim wear” is not designed to contain body waste and would not be permissible in the pool.

**Tennis rules:** Two items were addressed under this topic: non-TCC members playing on Truro tennis teams and non-TCC members taking lessons on the Truro courts. The discussion indicated that the team issue has been an ongoing one, addressed by the Tennis Committee and the Board over the past several months. In the absence of agreement on new wording, the Board retained the current wording, which allows non-TCC player participation. The discussion at the meetings and in the Truro Trails suggests that the intent of this rule, which has been in force for several years, is to supplement teams with non-community players when there aren’t enough active players in Truro to form a viable team. This allows Truro to field a team and its members to compete at the league level. Unfortunately, not all leagues allow mixed communities to play. Last year, Truro’s team was allowed to play but was required to forfeit Northern Virginia Tennis League matches since it did not conform to that league’s single community rule. Future teams will need to compete in a different league if they include non-community members.

For the current season, Truro has no teams and the Tennis Committee Chair has submitted her resignation due to relocation. With regard to the teaching program, the current handbook allows friends and acquaintances from outside the community to join community members in lessons on a one-for-one basis. Katherine reported that our teaching pro felt 98% of the children taking lessons were from the community and various reports have put the number at 90%, although no records have been maintained on this. The TCC felt this issue should be addressed again by the general membership at the November meeting and recommends it be raised explicitly in August to help inform the community about all aspects of both of these issues. The policy allows individuals to use our tennis facilities on a limited basis in conjunction with league play and lessons without paying for TCC membership. While this is an issue for some, it does make possible league play for those Truro residents who are so inclined as well as enables us to

provide affordable lessons for members of our community so that more can take advantage of the courts.

**TCC meeting times:** The Committee agreed that the TCC does seem to be meeting its objective of providing a forum for discussing items of concern to the community as well as helping the committees to better coordinate their efforts. It might also provide a way for committee chairs to shape budget requests and balance community needs in preparation for Board action. Toward this end, the TCC felt that reviewing and commenting on proposed committee budgets in the August and September timeframe would be a useful way to identify issues for Board and Community action in November. As a result, the TCC agreed to continue to meet in open session on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Community Center. Formal agenda items should be passed to Tom one week prior; items raised during the meeting will also be addressed, time permitting.

**Community Center Security/Safety lighting:** Time expired before this item could be addressed. It will be discussed at the June TCC meeting.

**Other:** The Tennis Committee chair has moved to a new community and will be unable to maintain her TCC membership. Anyone interested in taking on this committee should contact Tom or any Board member. The community is facing important tennis issues and would greatly benefit from the efforts of an energetic chair to help the community make the most of one of our significant assets.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.



### COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**TENNIS:** Energetic, positive individual to chair the Truro Tennis Committee! Contribute to the great tennis program here at Truro. Call Lynn Hardy at 703-323-1571 or Ken Lucas at 703-503-7952.

**CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS:** Donna Jean Garrett, who has served as the reservations chairman for the past seven years, is ready for someone else to take over the job. Anyone interested in taking over should contact Ken Lucas, THA President at 703-503-7952

# WEB SITE HIGHLIGHTS

By Noel Leavitt, Web Site Administrator








## JUNE'S FEATURE: How To Post Your Own Photos on the Truro Web Site!

One new feature of the Truro Message Board is the capability to add photos or images to your messages (see figure below). You can also use a photo or graphic within your "signature", which is displayed with each of your posts.

In order to use this feature, the photos or images MUST be located somewhere on the Internet. The Truro Message Board itself does not store photos, but does display photos stored elsewhere. If you have web space of your own, you can display photos stored there. If you have no personal web space, we can store photos or images for you within the TruroHomes.org site. Just contact [administrator@trurohomes.org](mailto:administrator@trurohomes.org) and we will make arrangements to obtain and store your photos/graphics as appropriate for use within the message board.


To display photos within your messages, click the "Image" button below the area where you compose the text of your message (under "Instant UBB Code"). A dialog box will come up asking for the web address of the image. If your photos or images are stored within the Truro web site, the Administrator will provide you with the appropriate address(es).

**Topic: How to: Posting Photos**

posted April 26, 2001 08:50 AM      “ ”

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## Message Board Posting With Photo

**\* \* \* Photos from the General Membership Meeting are posted on-line \* \* \***  
**in the Truro Message Board...go take a look!**





## Letter to the Editor

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### *Truro's New Illegal Ramp!*

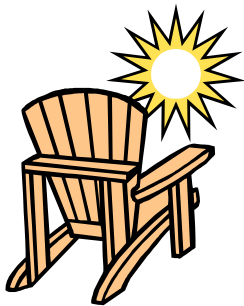
The Board has been shortsighted in contracting to modify the ramp access to the pool by ignoring current County code requirements for access, and has been irresponsible by failing to conform to the ADA requirements. The Truro pool is a public facility and falls under the ADA guidelines. (p. 202, Fairfax County Community Associations Manual. Each Board member has a copy of this document.)

For specific violations and references please check the Truro message board in the Members Only (password = community) at [www.trurohomes.org](http://www.trurohomes.org).

Last August a homeowner requested an ADA compliant ramp. Because the Board did not act in a timely manner, the ramp contract contains an incentive (at extra cost to us) for timely completion. Their inaction also caused postponement of the fence and gate installation until fall. We have a new ramp that does not conform to the ADA requirements and will violate the County code. The ramp will have to be redone for the fence and gate installation in the fall.

What does it take to do things right? An engineering firm should have been hired, a drawing prepared, and bids solicited. There is nothing in the TRAILS to indicate that any of this was done. The Board's actions have placed the Association at risk. THA homeowners may get to pay for any lawsuits (special assessments?) and THA homeowners get to pay for an illegal ramp.

*Mary Johnson*



## Response from the Board

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The letter above is printed in the interest of providing association members the chance to access the open forum. However, there are some inaccuracies in Mary's letter that need to be clarified. They are that the contract with concrete company contained language that the ramp was to be ADA compliant. As was pointed out at the May General Membership Meeting, the Board could have elaborated on all the requirements for compliance. However the same manual Mary quotes (p. 203) also stipulates that "qualified contractors must comply with ADA requirements and should know which ones apply to association pools and other facilities, and what products and designs meet ADA criteria". Based on references and license, the Board thought they were dealing with a qualified contractor. As to the Board offering an incentive at an extra cost to all of us, that simply is not true. At one point in our contract development there was some discussion about including a penalty clause for not completing on time which was to act as an incentive to the contractor. The final contract had no penalty clause.

The Board is also not pleased with the timeliness of completing the ramp and fence projects. We initially had available to us the services of a very qualified individual to assist in these type of projects. However, he withdrew from providing any assistance after a short time. That, coupled with the seasonal nature of work around pools, fence contractors lack of responsiveness to proposal requests, and need expressed at the general meeting in Nov 2000 to coordinate the projects of shade, fence, landscape, and ramp all contributed to the delay.





## CUB SCOUT PACK 1864

*By Jeff DeTroye*

At the THA general membership meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Pack leadership presented the Pack's Charter to the THA Board, along with some heartfelt words of thanks for the support the Pack has received from the THA. A Pack cannot exist without a chartered organization to sponsor it. Organizations like the THA support Packs like ours to provide the Scouting program to boys in their communities, in accordance with the rules of the BSA and the desires of the organization. The THA has been the chartered organization for Pack 1864 for over 25 years!

The last Pack meeting of the school year will be held at the Truro Community Center on Monday, June 4 at 7 PM. This should be an exciting evening, with our Tigers, Wolves, and Bears graduating into the next level. We have some very special activities planned for each group of boys. Then, to cap the evening off, there will be a very special ceremony for our Second Year Webelos who are moving on into Boy Scouts!

For anyone interested in joining the Pack, we will be holding a "Join Scouting Night" at Wakefield Forest Elementary on June 11, from 7:00pm until about 8:30pm. Several of the Pack's leaders will be manning a table in side near the entrance to the school, with displays and other materials that explain the Cub Scout program. If you have a son that is interested in joining the Pack, please come by and see

us. We'll get you signed up, and we'll have a list of the Pack's summertime activities that your son can attend. Graduating Kindergarten boys are eligible to join our Pack as Tiger Cubs in June and join in the summertime fun, so if you are interested in your son joining our program contact one of the Pack leaders listed in this copy of the Trails.



## THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

*June 2-3, 2001*

Take a Trip Around the World with "The World at Your Feet" Encore Theatrical Arts Project's original musical theatre production. The World at Your Feet, an original Broadway-style musical, will be presented on Saturday, June 2, 2001 at 3:00pm and 8:00pm and Sunday, June 3 at 3:00pm at the Ernst Cultural Center on the Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College. "The World at Your Feet" is a magical, musical extravaganza that transports the audience to South Africa, Paris, London, Germany and Brazil with extraordinary dancing, singing and visually stunning sets and costumes. "The World at Your Feet" is entertaining for all audiences, aged 3-103. Tickets are \$15 may be purchased at the box office. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.



## ADULT SUMMER SOCIAL SATURDAY, JULY 21<sup>st</sup>

### "A Night in Venice"

The adult social has always been a huge hit every summer. Come down for a night of zesty Italian cuisine and loads of fun. Make new friends, go for a night swim or dance the night away. It'll be a night to remember so mark your calendars with this **NEW DATE...July 21<sup>st</sup>!**

**LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE JULY ISSUE OF THE TRURO TRAILS.  
FLYERS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE SOON AT THE POOL SO YOU CAN SIGN UP EARLY!**



# CLASSIFIED

## ***FOR SALE:***

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- ❖ **1996 Ford Taurus GL** 58,000 miles automatic, cruise control, ABS, power windows/doors \$7800. Call 703-764-1539.
- ❖ **1992 Saturn SL2** 59,000 miles 5 speed, A/C, cruise control, great condition \$4800 Call 703-764-1539
- ❖ **3 Italian Breuer designed chairs.** Chrome with canework, black finished seat and back . Recently purchased. \$25.00 each. Please call 703-978-4049.
- ❖ **Crate & Barrel maple butcher block kitchen cart** with fold down sides. never used for cutting. Like new. 36" high, 20" wide (43" with sides up), and 21" deep. \$125.00. Please call 703-978-4049.

## ***FOR RENT:***

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- ❖ **FANTASTIC TRURO I** , 4 bedroom, 3 bath rambler with two car garage sited on a gorgeous lot. \$2200 per month beginning July 1, 2001 through July 31, 2002. For inquiries, email Richard Sperry at [sperry@ref.or.jp](mailto:sperry@ref.or.jp).

## ***WANTED:***

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- ❖ **PORTUGUESE SPEAKER WANTED** - Truro resident/English teacher would like to speak Portuguese with a (Brazilian) Portuguese speaker in exchange for English lessons/conversation. 703-978-7296.
- ❖ **AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE**--For two Truro kids, 11 and 6, during the 2001/02 school year, M-F, while parents work. Approximately 15-20 hours/week. Start date 4 September, but is negotiable, as are work hours. Ideal for high school or college student. Will consider two persons interested in sharing the responsibility. Great pay! Call Jane/Rick Taylor, 703-978-4737.

## ***AT YOUR SERVICE:***

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- ❖ **BABYSITTING:** Conscientious and responsible Fairfax County certified 12 year old, can babysit for your children. Will sit weekends and after school. Call Jake at 703-425-5289.
- ❖ **EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER AVAILABLE:** My name is Deborah Matzko and I am available this summer Monday through Friday from about 7:00am to about 5:00pm on a regular basis. I would also be available for evenings or Saturdays occasionally. I am 18 years old and I will be graduating from the Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy on June 2, 2001. I have babysat children from the ages of one month old to about eleven years old, and I have been babysitting since the summer of 1996. I will be available starting June 11, 2001 until August 24, 2001. I will not be available June 30 to July 6 and July 30 to August 2. Call 703-425-2767.
- ❖ **HOUSE CLEANING:** By Giovanna, a Truro resident. Reasonable rates / references available. Please call 703-425-7014.
- ❖ **SPRING CLEANUP, MULCHING, ROTOTILLING AND MOWING:** By the Lawn Guy. Reasonable rates, references available. Licensed / insured / reliable. Standard services include mowing, trimming, edging. Other services available upon request. Call today at 703-425-7014.