

Truro Trails

December 2003



Happy Holidays

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DECEMBER MEETINGS

All are welcome!!

TCC, Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:30pm

ACC, Tuesday, December 9th at 8:00pm

THA BOARD, Thursday, December 11th at 6:30pm

** Meetings are held at the clubhouse unless otherwise stated.*

THA General Membership Meeting November 5, 2003

By Julia Ruskin, THA Secretary

A quorum being met (36 proxies, 27 families present), President Dave Watts called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. **Watts introduced the Board of Directors:**

Dave Watts – President
Thom Goertel – Vice-President
Julia Ruskin – Secretary
Bob Grey – Director
Patty Vinall – Director (not present)

1. **Minutes** of the General Membership Meeting of May 15, 2003, as published in the June 2003 Truro Trails, were approved.

2. **Nominating Committee** - Watts represented the Nominating Committee and proposed that Patty Vinall serve as Director for another term. No nominations were received from the floor, and Patty Vinall was unanimously elected.

3. **Clubhouse Renovation** - Bruce Zivic, of Zivic and Associates, presented various options for the renovation of the clubhouse. Each renovation option included redesigning the entrance to the clubhouse to make it compliant with the American Disabilities Act. Truro residents will be asked to decide on minimal or major renovations in a special vote to take place in early 2004. Many homeowners present were concerned that Zivic's proposals did not include the renovation of the downstairs bathrooms/changing rooms, which are in sore need of a facelift. A homeowner suggested that we set up two weekends when homeowners can come to the clubhouse, examine all the plans at their leisure, and be able to ask questions and discuss relevant issues. This way homeowners will be better prepared to vote on the issue at the proposed special meeting in January or February.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Chuck Roper reported that as of 10/29/03, our cash surplus is \$26,000. Outstanding expenses include the repaving of the pool deck and the clean up of storm damage. Total assets equal roughly \$426,000.

5. Committee Reports

Pool Committee: Marion Yanick reported that the pool contract for next year has been awarded to Crystal Aquatics. Don Johnson, who has been overseeing the replacement of the pool deck and lifeguard chairs, reported that the contractor had to take out more deck than anticipated because of unexpected problems with the conduits. The work should be done soon, at a total cost of \$21,000. On behalf of the Board, Watts thanked Johnson for his untiring work in spearheading this effort.

Swim and Dive Teams: Marion Yanick reported that the Truro Winter Swim program at the JCC is going strong, with a record turnout of 40-plus children enrolled.

Tennis: The tennis court repair is proceeding as scheduled.

Parklands: Hurricane Isabel inflicted about \$10,000 worth of damage on our parklands. Hamp Oberle has proposed to spend \$5,000 - \$6,000 to bring a chipper into the woods to clean up the fallen trees this winter. Watts is disinclined to use insurance and recommends that we use reserve funds to finance this operation. The Board commended Hamp for taking on the clearing of the paths on his own immediately after Isabel blew through.

Landscaping: Catherine Bergstrom reported that many of the pear trees around the clubhouse were damaged by the storm and will have to come down. There are some old crabapple trees that need to be removed as well. The committee is seeking estimates for this work.

6. Approval of THA and TCC Budgets

Members unanimously approved both budgets. The THA assessment will be \$170, and the TCC assessment will be \$315.

7. Adoption of the Proposed Amendments to the THA Bylaws as Printed in the Truro Trails

All revisions were approved. A member suggested that the standard proxy form should be accessible on the website.

8. Old Business

Clubhouse Reservations Chairman vacancy: Watts explained that if no one is willing to volunteer for this position, then the community is left with two options:

- 1) No clubhouse rentals until we find a new chairperson, or
- 2) Ask for a \$50 surcharge per rental to pay the chairperson.

There will be a volunteer awards/recognition buffet in February 2004.

9. New Business

Stop sign at Ann Fitz Hugh and Starr Jordan: After discussion, a motion was passed to ask VDOT to erect stop signs on Ann Fitz Hugh at Starr Jordan, as a deterrent to speeding. Watts will contact the property owners at that intersection to make sure that they support this proposal.

Revised ACC guidelines: The ACC Committee is working on revisions to the guidelines in the areas of satellite dishes, solar panels, and notice of non-compliance upon sale of homes. The revised guidelines will be presented to the Board.

Special thanks to Elaine Ferris, who is stepping down as Record Keeper. Elaine has done a tremendous job keeping us organized! She will be replaced by Rachel Bartek.

Thanks also to Sue Lamote for providing refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.



Names of Outstanding Truro Volunteers needed for Annual Awards

By Thom Goertel and Dave Watts, THA Vice President/President

Since our neighborhood's beginnings three decades ago, the quality of life in Truro has been continuously improved through the time, energy and commitment of our volunteers. If you live, or have lived in Truro, you have enjoyed the fruits of their hard work.

Realizing the efforts of our volunteers, one year ago we on the Board of Directors resurrected from the past, a program for recognizing our valued volunteers. Through this program our goal is to spotlight and thank these people in our community for their outstanding contributions to life in our community.

This year we are opening up the nominations to the whole community- in addition to the committee heads. We ask that you submit the names of your nominees to Dave Watts by January 15th. You can do this by dropping Dave an e-mail at davewatts@cox.net or stop by the clubhouse and place your list in the mailbox.

Last year, we also inaugurated the "Truro Lifetime Community Service Award." The Award is a plaque in the case of the Club House entrance hall. This year we continue the tradition. On the plaque, names of extraordinary contributors to our community are added each year. We started by recognizing Chuck and Jane Roper for their years of work in the community; The Board is looking to you, our community residents, for names of other distinguished volunteers to honor. We seek to recognize those special folks who made significant contributions of their time and talents to the community in decades past - the 1970's, the 1980's and the 1990's, remembering and honoring these friends and neighbors, people who have helped make Truro one great place to live. Please submit your lifetime nominations along with your list of outstanding 2003 volunteers.

We will be recognizing these individuals, and all of our vital volunteers, at a Club House event in February, keep watching the Trails and the website for details.



Truro Homes Association Board of Directors Meeting November 6, 2003

By Thom Goertel, THA Vice President sitting in for Julia Ruskin

Call to order 6:40pm. Members present: Dave Watts, Thom Goertel, and Patty Vinall. Elaine Ferris (current Record Keeper), Rachel Bartek (next Record Keeper), and Alison Wright.

1. Open forum for comments, questions, and communications from THA and TCC members. Alison Wright introduced the firm Mow Cow to the board as a resource for leaf vacuuming in the community. Board declined to provide Mow Cow mailing list for residents. Board also did not endorse placement of their advertisements in the community but will regard in a manner similar to election and realtor signs. Board will re-address this issue in the August 2004 meeting.
2. The minutes of the last meeting as published in the Truro Trails were approved.
3. Appointments were made for new posts on the Board. The results are that Dave Watts will continue to serve as President, Thom Goertel as Vice President, Julia Ruskin as Secretary, Patty Vinall as Director, and Bob Grey as Director.
4. Committee liaisons were reviewed and will remain unchanged.
5. Financial Report: A decision was made not to renew a T-Bill that is coming up for renewal. This was done in order to insure that our cash on hand would be sufficient to cover any unanticipated expenses in the next 60 days.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A new contract for pool management services was signed with Crystal Aquatics after competing bids were reviewed and evaluated.
2. The pool decking repair project is anticipated to be completed 15 November 2003, weather permitting.

The total cost for this project will be approximately \$22,000.00

3. The community will vote on options for the ADA driven renovation of the Club House during special meeting in February 2004.
4. In an effort to answer on-going issues with the Tennis Program, the Board will meet quarterly with Tennis Committee and Contractor. The first meeting will be in February 2004.
5. The Board is awaiting proposals from three contractors for the renovation of the playground adjacent to the pool.
6. The Board is continuing the volunteer recognition program. The deadline for nominations is 15 January 2004. An awards event will take place in February 2004.
7. The Board is pleased to introduce Rachel Bartek as the new Records Keeper for the community.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board is hoping that a resident of Wakefield Chapel or Ann Fitz Hugh Drive will step forward as the Chairperson of the Traffic Committee to deal with the traffic related concerns on those two streets.
2. Helene Longden has volunteered as the new Clubhouse Reservations chair. The Board welcomes Helene.
3. The Board approved a change in the procedures for pool rentals. In the future, all pool rentals will include a \$250.00 deposit to cover potential lifeguard expenses.



Committee News



Halloween in December?

By Marleen Richlak, Social Chairman

I know it's strange to be reading about a Halloween party in December but we would be remiss if we did not take a moment to thank all of the great adults and kids who helped make Truro's annual Halloween party a success. There are truly too many people to mention by name, but we want them to know their contributions were very much appreciated. We do want to thank in particular all the young people who came out and helped run the party. We couldn't do it without them. There are two neighborhood girls that deserve special mention, however. Allison Leake and Alexa Smith-Francis took it upon themselves to recruit, organize and schedule the volunteers and then call and remind them as well. It was a huge job, and they did it well and cheerfully, and they made our jobs A LOT easier. We also had entertainment for the first time: our very own resident juggler, Kyle Schnoebelen. Thank you so much for volunteering, Kyle! To my fellow organizers – Shelly Gebler, Mindy Cunningham, Courtney Brown, Susan Coulter, Leslie Schiesl, Diana Miller, and Anne McKenzie - thanks again. You guys were great.

Perhaps the thing we should feel most proud of as a community is that it has become a Truro tradition to donate both food and all profits from the party to Fairfax F.I.S.H. (For Immediate Sympathetic Help). This year we were able to make a very generous donation as well as deliver a vanload of food. Congratulations, Truro.



Special thanks (again!) to Debbie Dogrul and Carol Greco for their generous donations for the Halloween Party.

Website Security

By Noel Leavitt, Web Site Administrator

Although one of the main purposes of the Truro website is to provide the public with information about our community (prospective home buyers, former residents, etc.), the primary use for residents includes access to sensitive information, such as posted resident contact information, clubhouse rental information and resident discussions in the Message Board. In order to balance these needs, we have posted “sanitized” versions of the Truro Trails in the public area of the site. These sanitized versions were edited to remove resident phone numbers and website login info (which is found in the printed version). However, one exception was classified ads, where the phone numbers were left intact. This was based on the desire reach a wider audience and that no specific identifying information is provided – usually just a first name.

It has come to our attention that this information could come up in a Google (or other) search, and that this may be too broad of an audience to reach. In an effort to increase security, the Truro Trails will now be posted in the Members Only section. This section, which requires a user ID and password to access, is protected from being displayed by search engines – according to our web hosting service. I tested this searching for very specific items residing in our secure area and successfully received no results, thus confirming this level of security. Since security in the Members Only area appears sufficient, the complete Truro Trails, identical to the printed edition (but in full color!), will be posted in the Members Only area from now on. This also lessens the burden on volunteers who otherwise have to generate two versions of the Trails each month. (Please note that this change may or may not be in effect by the time this is printed.)

Please note that we make every effort to provide adequate website security, but cannot guarantee that no unauthorized information will be released. Please click on the “Terms of Use” link on the bottom of every page for more information regarding our website security policy.

Thanks for using the site!



ACC News

By Pat Halpin, ACC Committee Chairman

The Architectural Control Committee met September 11th in the Clubhouse. Present were Don Lummis, Mary Johnson and Pat Halpin.

The Committee reviewed a rear yard fence on Hepplewhite Court, the relocation and replacement of several windows on a house on Mary Lee Lane, the removal of a dangerous tree on Turkey Creek Court and the removal of several or dying trees at the Truro Community Center.

After a walk through the woods with the leaves down it becomes apparent that not all of our rear yards are private. If you're storing wheelbarrows or trashcans or piles of debris under tarps, please consider what they look like from the paths. You may wish to move things around. This isn't really an ACC matter but it does effect how the neighborhood is perceived.

What is an ACC matter is the replacement of windows. There is an article addressing the pros and cons of various window replacement systems in the fall 2003/Winter 2004 edition of the Washington Consumer Checkbook. It is available online for members and at the Library for the rest of us. This is certainly an issue for a neighborhood constructed in the third quarter of the last century.

The Committee will meet next on December 9th at 8:00pm at the clubhouse. All are welcome.



Green ideas for the Holidays

By Zoraida Verkaik and Leah Dela Cruz, Recycling Committee

Here are some wonderful, simple ideas (from www.care2.com) for green gift-wrapping and greeting cards. You'll help to save some trees!!!

Green wrapping

- Decorate used paper shopping bags (both brown grocery bags and white department store bags) with a) a poem hand written in bright colors; b) stenciled holiday decorations (cut a potato in half, and carve a stencil in the flat part of each half. Dip the stencil in paint.); c) hand paintings for a unique and personal touch; or d) crayons.

- Select pictures and stories from newspapers, magazines, and old calendar pictures to make creative wrapping that thoughtfully suits your gift and/or its recipient.
- Wrap a travel related present with an out-of-date road map.
- Wrap a present in old sheet music.
- Use flowers or reusable hair ribbons instead of plastic bows.
- If you are going to purchase wrapping paper, avoid conventional wrapping paper with metallic colors. Such paper is often produced in an environmentally unfriendly manner. Instead, buy recycled wrapping paper.

Green Greeting Cards

- Send E-Cards.
- Send 100% recycled paper or tree-free cards.
- Glue pictures from old cards onto recycled paper to create new cards.
- Reuse a card front as a postcard - just write your message on the blank back.
- Glue pretty paper on the inside of old cards to cover previous writing--and send them again.

Green gift ideas

Here are some simple gift ideas that help to sustain the Earth.

- Offer baby-sitting time
- Offer free lessons in a sport in which you excel
- Give tickets to concerts, movies, and sporting events.
- Give an experience (a day kayaking)
- Provide a gift certificate for a lesson (tennis, swimming, drums, for example)
- Provide a gift certificate for a dinner/lunch/breakfast
- Give a plant or a tree

Make 100% Recycled Paper

1. Cut junk mail into small shreds, soak it in warm water for about 2 hours, and blend it in a blender.
2. Add small quantities of flowers, grass, and leaves for fun, color, and texture.
3. Spread it out on a flat, fine-holed, wire-mesh screen—use a rolling pin to flatten it.
4. Smear a tablespoon of cornstarch over the paper to increase its strength.
5. When it dries, you can use this paper as stationary, to decorate used boxes, or even to make holiday cards. (For an even prettier look, glue dried flowers on top of the paper.)

Recycle your cards to help children

St. Jude's Ranch for Children (www.stjudesranch.org) is a nonprofit, nonsectarian child-care facility for abused, neglected and troubled children and teens. The card-recycling program allows the children to earn pocket money and cash for trips. The program accepts any type of card.

Send them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder City, NV 89005-1618. (To save postage, send only the front portion of the card.)



TCC Meeting Minutes, 11/4/03

By Tom Allen and Judy Molseed, TCC Committee Chairman and Member

The meeting was called to order by Tom Allen at 7:30pm. Those present were Marion Yanick, Pool Committee Chair; Mary Johnson, Architectural Control; Judy Molseed, Landscape Committee, and Tom Allen, TCC Committee Chair. Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Marion reported that replacement of some sections of the pool deck is in progress. Because electrical conduit is buried beneath some areas, the work will need to be somewhat more extensive than originally planned.

There was no report on progress toward resurfacing the tennis courts. Progress on both this project and the pool deck are weather dependent. Neither can be done in very cold or very wet conditions.

David Davies is researching procurement and installation of an eight-foot basketball hoop for use by younger children. Committee suggestions that it be located on one side of the existing basketball court in an area where the fence is double sided will be passed on to Dave. It was also suggested that it be equipped with a breakaway rim similar to the existing backboards.

New Business:

Tom passed on a suggestion from one community member that we make better use of our community center and foster community spirit by encouraging use of the facility for activities such as book club, knitting, quilting or other group activities. Mary reminded us that these activities have to be limited to those that are open to all community members and do not require a paid instructor. All of these activities could be coordinated under the umbrella of a "Truro League" organization. It was noted that the room is large and intended to serve multiple purposes. Because of this, current furnishings are limited to folding tables and chairs, which are not comfortable for prolonged use. This may be one of the reasons that this type of activity has not caught on in the past. In the ensuing discussion, the group recommended the group initiating this discussion follow up with a letter to the Board to obtain their endorsement of the activity as well as advertise specifics in the Trails. This will be passed on to the prospective organizers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30pm. As usual, community members are welcome to attend.



This-N-That

Tennis is Alive and Well at Truro

By Ken Anderson

Truro tennis players are in the news again. Ken Anderson, Rex Wade and John Brennen are members of a USTA super seniors tennis team that won the Mid-Atlantic states sectional playoffs on Sunday, October 26th. Their team did not lose a set in the playoffs.

Next they are going to the national playoffs in Scottsdale, Arizona, representing the Mid-Atlantic

region (VA, MD, DC and WV) the latter part of November.

On Friday, October 24th, Ken and Rex worked out at Rob's RJ Tennis clinic at the Truro courts and both are of the opinion that this was of great help to them in the playoffs.

Tennis is alive and well at Truro!



CubScout Pack 1864

Truro Contributes More than a Ton of Food to F.I.S.H.

By Janice Yohai

Thank you Truro! Cub Scout Pack 1864 collected more than a ton of food to contribute to the local food bank for distribution to the needy in our area. What a huge success. Over 68 scouts participated in collecting over 364 bags of non-perishable canned food in November from hundreds of homes in the area. Thanks to all for their generosity.

In December, our traditional holiday community service project will be making bologna sandwiches for Martha's Table. The sandwich-making process is a real study in efficiency, and will take place at Wakefield Elementary School following the strict guidelines of Martha's Table. This is an annual service project that Cub Scout Pack 1864 truly enjoys. The boys marvel at the hundreds of sandwiches that will be consumed by the needy in the greater DC area in just a few days.

The ever-growing boys of the pack will also have their shovels ready should snow accumulate significantly this winter. We plan to continue our assistance to the Truro community by shoveling the sidewalks near the community center.



"Pay as you Go" A Wakefield Fundraiser

By Pam McKeta, Truro Resident

Looking for a way to help our local elementary school? There is a program called "pay as you go" fundraising for Wakefield Forest Elementary School. It takes about 10 minutes to "link" your current grocery or credit cards to the school. When you do so, a percentage of your purchases will be donated to WFES. It's pretty painless!

Here are the exact URLs to save everyone time. Below each one is WFES's school code. You'll also need the numbers from your grocery or credit cards.

WFES children thank you for your support!

Harris Teeter

https://www.harristeeter.com/community/vic_link_info.php
4758

Giant

https://www.giantfood.com/bonuscard_aplus_pin.cfm
01902

Target

https://target.com/target_group/schools/search_school.js.html
103716

Safeway

<https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>
6582257

Schoolpop.com

<https://secure.schoolpop.com/cgi/register.cgi?action=REG1>
0108905



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FOR SALE

- ❖ Cyber Acoustics CA-5150 5.1 computer speaker system. Retail \$99. Yours \$75. New/sealed. Call Bill Ulman 703-323-6496.
- ❖ HP 5550 Color Inkjet Photo Printer - barely used. Retail for \$150, delivered and installed to you for \$85. Call Bill Ulman 703-323-6496.
- ❖ REMODELING SALE: Upright piano in great condition: \$700, electric stove: \$100, teak DR set: \$500, and almost new blinds for the three back windows of Clearview model: \$200. Call 425-3612 for details.
- ❖ BRAND NEW Canon i250 Ink Jet Printer in unopened box (with all documentation, software and ink cartridges.) Came bundled with other items, but I don't need it. \$40 Call 703-426-0891.
- ❖ LOTS FOR SALE: 4-piece European rosewood wall system; \$5,000 new, asking \$1,000. Antique display cabinet w/glass doors; \$150. Antique drawer chest, beautifully refinished; \$250. "BirdSpa" - the perfect gift for the garden; \$30 each. LeapPad educational electronic learning center, plus 4 interactive books; over \$100 value, asking \$45. For details and photos, call Judy at 703-503-7981.

BABYSITTERS

- ❖ Need to run errands? Go shopping for the Holidays? My name is Marina Lavallo and I am in the 7th grade at Frost MS. I can babysit children 5 years or older during the day, early evening hours and weekends. Call me at home at 703-323-4770.
- ❖ Experienced babysitter, certified in CPR and babysitting by INOVA. Honor roll middle schooler. Very responsible. If you're interested please call **Jackie White** at 703-426-2721.



Happy Holidays to everyone!!!

Celebrate safely, responsibly
and
make every moment count.

