

# Golf Knolls News

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Mick Herod, Editor



## NEW EDITOR, NEW DESIGN

By Mick Herod

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said, "The only thing constant is change." Yes, the *Golf Knolls Digest* is changing, but first let me give credit where credit is due. For over forty-four years Francine Hill has worked tirelessly every month to bring you the latest news and information. As of the June edition of the *Digest* she has laid down her pen and turned over her duties to this *interim* Editor. We thank Francine and her late husband John for their diligence and hard work all these years. May their dedication, service and giving hearts be an example to us all.

My primary goal is to provide the same quality of information, but in a more user-friendly format. It is too early to tell if some of these changes will 'stick,' so consider this publication to be a *work in progress*. Your feedback is both needed and appreciated to allow this publication to evolve.

Some of the immediate changes include the new name, masthead, formatting and larger font size. Down the road, this publication *may* include paid advertisements as a means to subsidize a larger paper size, larger fonts and, even further down the road, color printing (as is done in the *Warm Spring Knolls News*). It will take some time to get to that point (if ever), but it's a worthy target.

"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves."

Helen Keller



## BITS AND PIECES

From the 6/10 HOA Board Meeting

A Pool Committee has been formed to determine new pool use rules. Some of the ideas being discussed include special hours for children, limiting the number of guests per resident and requiring resident to be present with guests. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Pam Byers.

The street pavers will be back to fill cracks along Via Zapata. A determination will be made regarding re-applying seal coating.

Vicki Davis has coordinated some welcome improvements to our common area landscaping, including new plants and drip irrigation. See her article inside.

The Board recently approved converting the padlocked gate on Calle de Amor to a motorized gate. This is now an *exclusive* entrance for *Emergency Vehicles only*. They can now access Golf Knolls directly from Hunter Road. See the Emergency Response Team article inside for more details.

A Committee is researching relocation of the Library. Contact Roger Marceau for updates.

## GKA UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Cart Parade/BBQ ----- Thursday, 7/4  
Next HOA Meeting ----- Monday, 7/8  
Tri-Unit meeting (by invitation) -- Friday, 7/12  
Safety and Service Fair ----- Saturday, 7/13  
Bingo ----- Thursday, 7/25  
Game Day ----- Wednesday, 7/24  
July Summer BBQs -- Saturdays, 7/13, 20, 27



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Note: knoll is singular, not plural

\*Current and past *Golf Knolls Digest/News* publications are available on this website

### GKA Alerts By Marti Gabriel

Want to be informed about breaking news in our neighborhoods? Join the ALERT System. Emails with the subject 'ALERT' will be sent to all who opt in. Call Marti at 951-553-1259 or send an email to her at: marilynngabriel@gmail.com



### INSPIRATION By Lyn Mari

Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.

Psalm 34:1-2 I will bless the LORD at all times...the humble will hear and be glad.

Psalm 34:5 They looked at Him and were radiant!



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Pat Pipher

After many years of superlative work as Editor of the *Digest*, Francine Hill has decided to retire. Her dedication and attention to detail are second to none. Thank you Francine for all your many years of service. You will be missed!

Mick Herod has stepped in as Editor on a TEMPORARY basis, so we are still looking for someone to take on this valuable work on a more permanent basis.

### NEW DIRECTOR:

Please welcome Alan Maretsky as the GKA Director of Streets, Safety and Signs. Part of his work experience included a position with the City of Murrieta as their Traffic and Safety Commissioner so he comes prepared for this position.

### POOL RULES:

Pool hours for use by children and underaged guests (under 18 years old) are being revised. You will, or may have already received, a flyer outlining the new rules. These new rules are effective immediately and will be enforced. It is important to remember that the entire facility, especially the pool and spas, are for use by seniors. GKA is the only senior association in the three "Knolls" and other local senior communities without restricted "kiddie" hours. Please see the new flyer.

### ESCROWS:

Homes are (slowly) selling. This year, we have opened 20 escrows with 3 cancellations and 13 closed. A BIG THANK YOU to Steve and Marlene Phelps for doing such a wonderful job on *Orientations* and to Linda Fuller for welcoming new residents in the *Golf Knolls News*.



Don't miss out! Join us Saturdays, 4:30-6pm (new hours) on the GKA patio for some tasty grub.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Jane Recht

Hello everyone. We had a nice turn out for our June GKA General Meeting. I am working on a couple projects and could really use some suggestions/help. I put a sample chair in the office foyer for all to try out and submit your feedback. However, we have only budgeted \$5,000 to replace the chairs and the lowest bid I have is for about \$6,200. So, unless we have a firm contract buyer for the 103 used chairs with a bid over \$1,200, we will not be able to afford chairs this year. Does anyone have any suggestions?

Secondly, at mid-month we only received 49% of the owner surveys back. If anyone needs another copy of the survey, please let me know. We need to get the surveys back from everyone to retain our senior HOA status. I will have to start calling Lot Owners who have not turned in their surveys. Please help us out and drop your survey either in the mail slot in the GKA mailbox (by the Banquet Room entrance) or in the mail slot in the GKA office door. You can even send it through the U.S. mail. Many thanks.

Requests and suggestions can be made by email to me at [jrecht062@gmail.com](mailto:jrecht062@gmail.com). You can also just drop a note in care of Jane Recht into the GKA Office mail slot.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Reggie Pendelton

I am happy to report that fines and violations have been at an all-time low. During my tenure, no new fines have had to be levied against any of the homeowners. I believe the enjoyment of our community is paramount. To that end, my approach is to speak personally and exhaust every possible avenue of communication, before any punitive fine actions are undertaken.

With half of 2024 over, let us continue to work together to make 2024 the best Golf Knolls Community year ever!





## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Frank Lippman

### Cash & Accounts Receivable for May 2024

#### Cash Operating Funds:

California B & T Checking	\$265,614
California B & T Money Market	\$230,823
Petty Cash	\$189
Total Operating Funds	\$496,626

#### Reserve Funds:

Wells Fargo Bank Checking	\$386,734
Total Reserve Funds	\$386,734

Total Operating & Reserve Funds \$883,360

Accounts Receivable	\$54,021
Delinquent	\$3,459
3 Accounts in Collection	\$22,277
Total Accounts	\$79,757

Year-to-Date Operations Income	\$208,352
Year-to-Date Operations Expenses	<u>-\$217,952*</u>
	<u>-\$9,600</u>

\*Includes one-time credit of \$74,369 to homeowners for Waste Management fees

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL REPORT

By Pat Pipher

The ACC teams are making regular rounds. Please pay attention and act on their requests. The value of our homes is affected by the overall aesthetics of the community and that, plus the wonderful facility, enhance our values to prospective Buyers. A few other pointers:

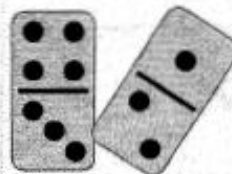
- You are responsible to keep the street area and gutters in front of your lot clean of debris and swept up.
- Fencing and shrubbery extending from the front of your home to the street needs to be no more than 3 feet high. Taller fences and shrubs affect visibility.
- PICK UP FALLEN FRUIT. It attracts all kinds of pests, especially rats.

*"To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable."*

Oscar Wilde

## GAME DAY

On Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm, come join us in the Banquet Room for the game of your choice. Play one you already know or learn a new one. There will be an assortment of games including hand and foot, dominoes, golf card game, Yahtzee, Scrabble and more. Coed. No cover charge, but please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and come ready to play! See you there! Questions, please contact Mary or Jerry Dyer @ (951) 491-1096.





## LANDSCAPING REPORT

By Vicki Davis

Welcome to Summer! All's been going very well with the facility's grounds. Hope you're able to enjoy and feel relaxed with the facility and all that it has to offer!

We did have a problem with the irrigation system. The controller needed repair, but we didn't recognize the problem until different spots in the grass were turning brown. Our landscaping company, Excel, repaired the sprinklers and drip system and now are all in good working condition! They also did a second weeding of Lot A, which looks great! They'll be doing another weeding for Lot A in the Fall.

The Brazilian Pepper Tree was trimmed in May and won't be trimmed for another two years. It's quite picturesque now that it's been trimmed.

We have my Committee to thank for the floral pots that look out over the pool; in addition, they went shopping and purchased two more Firestick plants and a Bird of Paradise. These were planted in the front, facing Camino Alba, to add more color. A huge thank you to Barbara, Gail and Donna. Your efforts are really appreciated!

Once again, Enjoy the Summer!!!

## STREETS/LIGHTING/SAFETY REPORT

By Pat Pipher

Minor repairs on Via Zapata will be done in late June or early July. I am still waiting on the schedule from the contractor.

## DIRECTOR AT LARGE REPORT

By Hilary Wylie

What does the Director-at-Large do? Good question! Just about everything...well, not really, but it sure feels like it.

So I wrote this little limerick for all of you to read about what I do:

*To plant a little seed,  
I'm here, there and everywhere  
When you have a need,  
My cell is always on  
And I always check my feed.*

## COMMUNITY CLUB REPORT

By Jeanne Nichols

BBQs are continuing through the summer. Grab a hamburger, hot dog or chicken burger and enjoy the weather, fellowship and great food. It's all happening most Saturdays from 4:30-6:00pm (new hours). Last month, a 50/50 winner walked away with a cool \$75 cash (unfortunately, she didn't offer to buy everyone ice cream).

Get your decorations and dude-up your golf cart for our annual Independence Day parade. Line up in the circle by 9am, parade with your neighbors, then come back to the Banquet Room between 11:30am-1:30pm for stadium hot dogs, chips and root beer floats. Cost is only \$3.00, at the door. (Note that there will be NO BBQ the following Saturday, 7/6.)

In August, make plans for a live concert by *Temecula Winds* on the pool patio. Stay tuned for more information.

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY REPORT

By Glenda Smith

So nice to see everyone at our June luncheon. Our guest speaker was Dawn Vaughn, who shared her many special horticulture gifts with us, just in time for Spring planting.

Many thanks to Chuck Donnelly for another delicious luncheon.

Our July speaker will be Kevin Alcott from the Old Town Temecula Theatre. Linda McCormick works hard to find us some great guest speakers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers. We simply couldn't put these luncheons on without all of you.

The WOMEN'S SOCIETY encourages volunteers. If you or someone you know would like more information, please attend our luncheon and ask Glenda Smith or Pam Byers, VP, how you can become involved.

Ladies, we look forward to seeing you on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am.

*"Good decisions come from experience.  
Experience comes from bad decisions."*

Mark Twain



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

By Mick Herod

### SAFETY AND INFORMATION FAIR:

Our planned Safety and Information Fair had to be rescheduled from last month to Saturday, July 13. Hours and location remain the same, 3:00pm to 4:30pm in the Banquet Room. Please see the flyer that was distributed, announcing the new date.

We're expecting a large number of vendors, who will be stationed at various tables in the Banquet Room. Move around at your own pace. There will be no formal presentations, but lots of detailed information regarding emergency preparation. Admission is FREE and there are FREE handouts available.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for some really great Grand Prizes. Tickets can be purchased for \$5, but YOU decide which items you want to win. Winners will NOT need to be present. We will have two 'live' drawings throughout the Fair and one final drawing before the Fair closes. Winners will also be announced at the BBQ (which opens a half-hour earlier at 4pm on this day only).

### CALLE DE AMOR AUTOMATIC GATES:

To help improve response time for Fire and EMT equipment, the ERT has received approval to motorize the padlocked gates at the end of the Calle de Amor cul-de-sac. This will now allow access to Golf Knolls directly from Hunter Road, vs. the many speed bumps that their equipment must currently navigate. These gates will NOT be open to residents or the public. They will only open upon arrival of emergency equipment using an Opticom strobe. This is the device on emergency equipment that turns traffic lights to green, in the direction that the equipment is traveling. We do not yet know which Fire Station(s) will use this new entrance, but the City of Murrieta is planning on constructing a new Fire Station (#6) along Clinton Keith Road near the intersection with Winchester Road (Murrieta Capital Improvement Project 21033).

The gate conversion is now complete and fully operational! Thanks to our Murrieta Council Member, Cindy Warren, and Supervisor Chuck Washington's office for making this happen.

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

By Linda Fuller

Hello everyone - Please join me and welcome our newest residents to the GOLF KNOLLS COMMUNITY:

RICHARD & MARTA LOEWEN, Lot# 246

PHONE: 650-630-2968; 650-346-5170

RICHARD & MARTA moved here from Montebello, CA. RICHARD was born in Sterling, CO and MARTA was born in El Paso, TX. RICHARD worked as a Medical Support Assistant before retiring and MARTA worked as a Substance Abuse Counselor before retiring. They have 3 children, 13 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

*"Be the light in someone's darkness"*

### NEW RESIDENTS' ORIENTATION

By Steve Phelps

Welcome to all new residents. Just a reminder, all new residents must attend a Golf Knolls Orientation within 30 days of the closing of your escrow. Orientations are given on Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the Meeting Room by the pool and last about 1.5 hours. Please call Steve Phelps at (760) 214-3553 to schedule your orientation. I look forward to meeting you.



BINGO!

By Marti Gabriel

Bingo is held every fourth Thursday in the GKA Banquet Room. Mark your calendar now! No one under the age of 18 is allowed during Bingo games. Doors open at 5:30pm to purchase Bingo cards. Doors close promptly at 6:30pm. No Bingo cards will be sold once the doors close. This is a fun night with great cash prizes (including two cash drawings). There is a ten-minute break with plenty of treats. Enjoy the evening and maybe come home with a little extra jingle in your pocket.



## **"MOST WANTED" LIST**

**By GKA Board of Directors**

This is a list you do NOT want to be on!

These are the most common violations or infractions of the CC&Rs, to which every owner has agreed:

- No speeding (20MPH or LESS)
- Ignoring the pool and spa rules
- Leaving your trash around the pool or patio
- Not rolling back waste cans before the evening of pick-up.

Every resident has an obligation to keep our Association grounds as clean and safe as possible. Thank you for continuing to be a good example to your fellow neighbors.

## **FACILITY REPORT**

**By Roger Marceau**

The Committees I'm involved in are very busy. We all want more and better things for our community. Some are ahead of schedule, which is great for planning.

Our Banquet Room kitchen stove was recently evaluated and brought back to full operation. If you need to use the stove, please check with me for instructions on proper operation.

Pool-area floors are being upgraded with new mats to reduce slippage, but it's always a good idea to use proper footwear. New coat hooks are being installed in the men's room.

Another bees nest in the rear of the building. (behind the patio) has been removed.

A urinal in the men's room for the Banquet Room has been replaced, due to age and/or damage.

Work is in progress on the ping-pong room and library relocation, as well as a new storage area for pool chemicals. New lighting is planned for the Billiard Room. The Game Room is also on the improvement list for the fall season.

Anyone wishing to join or assist in any of our great Committees, just let me know. The Pool Committee is a very active group with so many excellent ideas put forward. Come join one of our groups and weigh in with your opinion.

## **HELPING HANDS**

**By Peter Kofoed**

Thank you to our resident Volunteers who have given of their time and talents to help others! And most importantly, thank you to those residents who have requested our assistance! Since late April we have had over 15 requests for assistance, most of which have been completed.

I will be calling each volunteer. We need to do a better job of communicating when volunteers are available and when they are not. A brief text message to one of our directors would be helpful going forward.

With many requests for a "Helping Hand" with gardening, there is a need for more residents who would like to help with this particular request. If you are not on our list as a volunteer and want to be, please call Peter at 858-722-0823.

Here are a few pieces of information for the volunteers and for the residents who are requesting some assistance: Our volunteers give their labor for free. However, there are projects that require securing various supplies and material(s) to complete some projects. The resident will have the responsibility to pay for non-labor items. Also, it would make it easier for the volunteers to receive as much information as possible regarding the resident's request for assistance when they talk.

In a few cases so far, the resident's request required more experience or skills to do what was asked. In those situations it may be necessary for the volunteer to turn down a request, or partial request, from time to time. We want everyone to be safe! I have received some good feedback from both volunteers and residents. Please continue with your comments to me and other directors. Our contact number is: 619-485-0855. Thanks!

### **Before you speak...**

#### **THINK**

- T Is it True?
- H Is it Helpful?
- I Is it Inspiring?
- N Is it Necessary?
- K Is it Kind?



## BEWARE OF PHONE SCAMS

Most of us have Caller ID on our phones, showing the name of the person or organization that is calling. *Spoofing* is when a scammer uses a legitimate-looking Caller ID, to make it appear they're calling from a real source. They may be calling from a random financial institution (where you may or may not have an account), the IRS or perhaps Social Security.

They may tell you that your account has been compromised, and attempt to get you to divulge private information (such as account numbers, logins or passwords). They often convey a sense of urgency. **DON'T TAKE THE BAIT!** You should simply hang up. If you're not comfortable doing so, you can also tell the caller that you are in the middle of something, and ask for their phone number so that you can call them back. Chances are very likely they won't give you their number,

and you'll never hear from them again.

Other scam artists may pretend to be *Tech Support* from Microsoft or Apple. They will tell you that your computer is infected with a virus and ask you to give them access to your computer so that they can remove the virus. Unless YOU initiated the call to a legitimate *Tech Support* person, **NEVER** give a stranger access to your computer. If it didn't have a virus before, it most certainly will be infected before the "Tech Support" person is finished.

You will often have to pay a ransom to get back your data. Any money that you've paid to scammers will likely never be seen again.

Some scammers will tell you have won a prize, but you must pay a "processing fee" to redeem it.

Others may pretend to be from UPS, Fedex or Amazon, saying they can't deliver your package without payment of a fee. **DON'T BITE!**



The Sun City Travel Club hosts day and multi-day trips. For more information or to sign up, contact Nyla (951-757-6760) or Debbie (858-442-1677) between 9am-7pm. Trips depart from and return to Sun City.

Friday, Jul. 5	San Diego County Fair	\$83
Monday, Jul. 15	Harbor Cruise and Old Town San Diego	\$95
Tuesday, Jul. 23	Viejas Casino (Alpine)	\$25
Thursday, Aug. 8-13	Best of Chicago (6 days/5 nights)	\$2975dbl, \$3655sngl
Tuesday, Aug. 13	Sunset Luau—Catamaran Resort on Mission Bay	\$145
Tuesday, Aug. 20	Agua Caliente Casino—Rancho Mirage	\$55
Wednesday, Sept. 18	<i>Big Bear Queen</i> Lake Cruise	\$116
Thursday, Oct. 10	Hamilton (Broadway Musical) at Hollywood Pantages	\$135
Monday, Oct. 14-22	Costa Rica (9 days/8 nights)	\$2899d, \$3399s
Monday, Nov. 11-15	Ensenada & Catalina Island Cruise	Prices vary
Sunday, Dec. 8-12	Smoky Mountain & Pigeon Forge (5 days/4 nights)	\$2799d, \$3479s