



The Cove

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EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Events Committee began its 2023 Calendar with **BINGO!** on February 21. A total of 73 BINGO players attended and enjoyed not only the several games played but also the entertainment provided by the emcee, Bob Yancey, and the cage spinner, Tom Virbickis.

Tom Makowski and the staff of The Eagle Bar and Grill provided a delicious buffet dinner before the games began. We received many compliments on both the selections offered and the quality of the food.



Congratulations to the winners of the BINGO games and the 50/50 raffle.



B I N G O

14	24	44	53	68
7	28	31	54	73
2	26	★	51	67
3	22	39	57	75
9	20	37	50	71



In March we tried something a little different. We hosted **Cummings Cove's Got Talent**. A number of residents participated in the talent show, sharing a wide range of talent from singing to playing instruments, to telling jokes. Then we opened up the stage to all attendees to sing karaoke. Once again, a fun evening for all. Thanks to The Eagle Bar and Grill for the appetizers and bar service.



Looking forward, we are excited to host **Memorial Day** celebrations with a variety of events being planned. We will include a salute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to our nation. There will be music, food, and fun...something for everyone to enjoy. Watch upcoming community email blasts and Facebook posts as we reveal the details. Mark your calendars now so you can join your neighbors and start off the summer season.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

Our mild winter has allowed us to enjoy many Pickleball games. With many new players joining the community, the warm and sunny days have seen some busy courts. As we look forward to spring, many events are planned. Kudos to Sandro Francioni who won gold at the NC Senior Games, State Finals late last year. Sandro and his partner first qualified by winning gold at the county level. This was followed by the state finals in Cary, NC where players from around the state participated based on age and skill level.



The courts and equipment always need attention. A maintenance day is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st. Windscreens will get repaired, ground wires fixed, nets cleaned, and chairs and umbrellas moved. These are a few of the tasks, but with the usual large number of volunteers, those tasks should be completed quickly. Also look for some new chairs and umbrellas this year. To cover the various needs of the Pickleball community, we will again solicit an annual voluntary fee of \$10 per member. In addition, the committee is looking for donations of used towels, to aid in the drying of the courts. We are always looking for unwanted used paddles that would be used by new players or visiting families. Also, when ordering items from pickleballcentral.com, please try to remember to use the code CRCummings to get a discount.

The always successful annual Introduction to Pickleball is scheduled for Saturday April 8th. The times for this event and any rain dates will be communicated soon. This overview is an excellent way to learn about the game and get a paddle in your hand. Just show up wearing some rubber soled shoes and comfortable clothing. All the equipment, balls and paddles will be provided.

Skills and Drills for beginners will start in April soon after the Introduction to Pickleball. Intermediate and Advanced Skills and Drills dates and times will be announced later. The beginner level sign up number is unlimited, but Intermediate is limited to 12 and Advanced maximum will be 8.

Interclub play is being pursued with other local clubs. Those round robin events are always fun. There is also a social event tentatively planned for May 17th, from 5-7pm at Triple Fairways Pavilion. The rain date is Thursday, May 18th. A three-day weekend tournament is planned this year for June 2-4. Women's doubles are on Friday, Mixed Doubles on Saturday, and Men's doubles on Sunday. Proceeds from this event will help support "The Victory Garden."

Sign Up Genius will continue as the tool for scheduling community play. Times will be adjusted as temperatures change. If you have any questions about the pickleball play schedule, or how to get involved in this great game, contact Nancy Rader at bnrader@hotmail.com. For pickleball news, hints, and tips, log on to the Cummings Cove Pickleball Facebook page.

GOLF NEWS

Congratulations are in Order!! Tom Loney has made the first Hole-in-One of the 2023 season on March 4th on Hole #8 - Congrats Tom!

Save The Date - April 17th!! Opening Member 18-hole Scramble & Dinner

Our opening 18-hole Member Scramble & Dinner will be on **Monday, April 17th**. These scrambles are a great way to meet other golfers. Many thanks to Mindy and Wayne Schult for running our first event.



NINE & DINE **Introducing Nine & Dine:** Our first Nine & Dine event is Monday, May 1st, with a shotgun start at 4 p.m. You can sign up as a single, or with a group of your friends. There is no game, just no pressure golf followed by dinner. We are offering 1-2 Nine & Dine events throughout the season each month alternating between Mondays and Tuesdays. Watch your email for sign-up deadline information.

Men's Interclub: Tom Benson will be running Men's Interclub again this year. The first Interclub match will be April 26th at Cherokee Valley followed by another away match on May 22nd at Etowah.

Blue Ridge Women's Golf Association: Sally Gauntlett will Captain our Blue Ridge Ladies this year. The first event will be June 19th at Etowah Valley.

Carolina Ladies: Tami Valentine will continue as the Team Captain for Carolina Ladies this year. The first event is May 23rd at Black Mountain.

League leaders

9-hole ladies: Nancy Ciolek (nancyciolek@icloud.com) & Carol Cox (ccox68@gmail.com)

18-hole ladies: Cheryl Kent (cheryl.kent1953@gmail.com)

9-hole men: Doug Thomson (dougthomson99@msn.com)

18-hole men: Mike Herrick (mike.herrick@gmail.com) and Kevin Harrison (Harrison.kevinh@gmail.com)

League Times-effective April 3rd:

Monday: Men's 18 hole League at 10:00 a.m.
Ladies 9 hole League starts on #1 & #9 at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Ladies 18 hole League at 9:00 a.m.
Men's 9 hole League at 9:30 a.m. following the ladies league

Wednesday: Men's 18 hole League 9:00 a.m.
Ladies 9 hole League 9:00 a.m. off the back 9

Thursday: Ladies 18 hole League at 9:00 a.m.
Men's 9 hole League 9:00 a.m. off the back 9

FITNESS CENTER NEWS

Wow! Let me begin by saying I have been pleasantly surprised by the dedication to the fitness classes this winter! Our classes have remained full even during the coldest weeks this season. We have burned many calories, strengthened our muscles, improved our flexibility and balance, and had a lot of fun! However, I am always happy to see the weather start to turn warmer and the days get longer in early spring. We continue to offer 7 fitness classes per week. We were fortunate enough to receive some new equipment which has helped to add more variety to the classes. In addition, we rolled out a new sign up process which I think is going fairly smoothly. Of course, technology can always be a little challenging in the beginning, but it will allow me to offer more options, so I think it will be a good thing! Be on the lookout for an extra combo class in the next few weeks to celebrate spring! For questions about the fitness classes, just email me at candypricewellness@gmail.com or 828-606-4279. Also, check out my wellness blog, www.harvestinghealthandhappiness.com and sign up for my monthly newsletter. I release blog articles weekly related to fitness, nutrition, yoga, and even gardening! All the things that make me and many others HAPPY! See you in the fitness center! Candy

Class Schedule:

Tuesday's	10am Total Body Strength	11am Pilates	
Wednesday's	10am Yoga Flow	11am Chair Yoga	
Thursday's	9:15am Functional Fitness	10am Total Body Strength	11am Pilates

TENNIS NEWS

Come out to play tennis with the group or practice to improve your game with the ball machine on the hard court. Scheduled weekly tennis will be played on the hard court in the afternoons as the weather permits. As the weather gets warmer we will move from afternoons to morning for play.

To stay up to date on days and times for organized tennis events contact Craig Swenson at cjswenson123@gmail.com.

For tennis lessons contact Roy Riley at 828-551-1227

SPORTS FACILITIES OPENINGS

Tennis: The spring reconditioning of our clay tennis courts will take place in April. The Whalen Company of Asheville will perform this yearly maintenance and expects it to be completed mid-April to early May depending on the weather. Stay tuned for updates.

Pool: The swimming pool facilities will open on May 15th. Look for more news about pool facilities and water aerobics classes in the May newsletter.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR APRIL

Euchre: The Howenstine's 937-470-7796
April 17, Dinner at 5; Game at 6 pm

Hand & Foot: The Sobkoviaks, 595-9579
April 10

Mexican Train: Caryl Mobley, 891-9709
April 24, Dinner at 5; Game at 6 pm

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
April 3



ABOG Meeting: April 11

CCCA Meeting: April 18

DRB Meeting: April 26

FROM THE CUMMINGS COVE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Cummings Cove is a planned mountain community made up of the golf course, roads, common use areas and structures, and home sites integrated with the natural landscape and with each other to create a harmonious environment for residents. The Cummings Cove Design Review Board (DRB) is established in accordance with the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, and comprises resident volunteers charged with helping to protect the design objectives for the community. The Cummings Cove Design Guidelines, which are available on the Owners' website, form the primary basis for DRB decisions relating to any changes residents wish to make to the exterior appearance or footprint of their home, addition or removal of landscape features such as trees, and maintenance of the appearance of all properties.

Residents of Cummings Cove desiring to perform or contract for exterior work, other than routine maintenance, on their home or lot should first contact the DRB and receive approval to proceed. This is a very important step as residents may have to remediate any unapproved work found to be in violation of the Design Guidelines. If you are planning any exterior work on your property and you're unsure whether or not DRB approval is needed, contact us and we'll work with you. Please be assured that our intent is not to dictate to you what you may and may not do with your property. We simply want to ensure the attractive, natural appearance of the community is preserved.

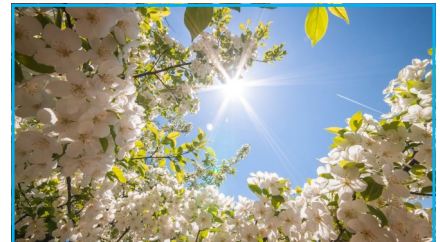
The Cummings Cove DRB may be contacted by emailing: designreviewboard@cummingscove.com



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LOOSE THREADS DONATES TO VICTORY GARDEN

In 2022 Loose Threads chose Cummings Cove Victory Garden as the recipient of their sales from The Festival of Lights. Through the efforts of Loose Threads, and the support of Cove residents, a grand total of \$2,176 was presented to The Victory Garden. This monetary gift will help support their on-going efforts in providing 'farm to table' produce to food pantries in the immediate area.

Front row (l-r): Bill (Blue) Haymond, Joani Robson, Jill Robbins
 Second Row (l-r): Barbara Campbell, Kathie Yancey, Caryl Mobley
 Third Row (l-r): Jodi Foster, Lori Johnson, Carol Cox, Sue Trout
 Fourth Row (l-r): Judy Stover, Cindy Salter, Jan Walmsley
 Not Pictured: Karen Carter, Carol Hindman, Janet Shaver



VICTORY GARDEN LIFE

February was much like May, March was...? While the weather can seem crazy, it hopefully balances out in the long run. No matter, the month of April is upon us and the garden beds have been weeded, fertilized and tilled. The paths have been weeded as well. There's much to do in a short period of time.

This is where YOU come in! More than ever, our Cove neighbors are needed and invited to join other volunteers in the sowing of seeds, planting of vegetables, and just having fun together. Last year over 6,400 lbs. of veggies were harvested and given to food pantries in Henderson and Transylvania Counties. That takes a lot of volunteers!

The main workdays are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. There's always someone available to provide guidance and answer questions. If you're interested in joining the team, please contact Rod Hansen, Joani Robson, Barbie Fricker, Blue Haymond or talk with your neighbors who already gather and play in the garden.

Please feel free to come by the garden and see how much you are needed!

Remember the Annual PLANT SALE on April 29!! There will be a fine selection of perennials, annuals, herbs & other garden items.



On Memorial Day weekend all the Cove Veterans will be honored and thanked for their service. There will be a program by the Victory Garden and the Fitness Center. Be sure to come and express your thanks!



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Cummings Cove Real Estate News

The past 6 months have seen dramatic changes in the real estate marketplace. However, Cummings Cove remains uniquely its own both in a local and national sense, continuing to have much less available inventory than it has interested buyers.

Nationally the supply of for sale homes rose at a record annual pace for the sixth month in a row, up 67.8% year over year in February, signaling the housing market's continued rebalancing, according to the Realtor.com Monthly Housing Trends Report. Despite the significant national increase in inventory over last year's record lows, home prices are still growing, albeit at a slower pace of 7.8% over last February. The substantial increases in home prices have not escaped Cummings Cove. For sellers that is a big plus, but if you are not selling the new tax assessments have been a bit shocking.

Even with low inventory the Cummings Cove market does not particularly favor buyers or sellers under the current conditions. Both sides will likely have to make reasonable efforts to make a deal happen. As mortgage rates continue to fluctuate and home buying costs increase, it's essential for sellers to market price their homes appropriately to attract willing buyers in what has become a cautious market. Cummings Cove buyers are historically not so influenced by interest rates. However, buyers are now facing market uncertainties on several fronts at a time when prices are still historically high. Buyers are clearly becoming much more vigilant to avoid overpaying. Overpriced homes in the now less frenzied post-Covid market are taking much longer to sell and can even end up not selling or selling for less than if they were properly market priced in the first place. An overpriced home in Cummings Cove can certainly sit on the market longer than it should adding aggravation and risk.

Make your selling experience as easy, effective, and profitable as possible.

Cummings Cove is the only place the "Home Team" does business. If you are not yet represented by a listing firm and are thinking about selling, you have access to this subdivision's most proven and experienced marketing team. In its lifespan, Cummings Cove Realty has done 100's of millions in sales volume with 100's of closings. In the last 24 months alone the "Home Team" has done over \$50 Million in sales and over 70 Closings.

- ** Our services include Pro-Photos & 3-D Virtual Tours, Appraiser Measuring and Floor Plans.
- ** Open On-site 7 days a week meeting 300+ visitors per year! We may already have your buyer!
- ** Prominent large scale local and national advertising platforms.
- ** No Lock Boxes - All showings receive "Home Teams" personalized escorted access.
- ** Shoe coverings are provided for each showing and we are there to make sure they are worn!



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