



# The Fountain

## Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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### President's Column Cape Haze Development Questionnaire

This past year has seen a significant amount of maintenance in Cape Haze, including rebuilding of the CHPOA dock on Don Pedro Island and the complete replacement of all water supply lines in the Clubhouse. We've also used Common Area Maintenance funds to redo the landscaping at all three entrances, including replanting and the installation of concrete edging around all planting areas.

CHPOA's reserve funds were sufficient to cover some of these projects and the dock replacement was handled by securing a 15-year loan from Englewood bank. However, in dealing with these necessary repairs, the question naturally arose: "what else could we be doing for the Community?"

To answer that question, Marty Rosen convened a Development Committee to brainstorm various ideas for future proactive projects within Cape Haze. He and his committee have created an explanatory letter that will soon be arriving in the mailboxes of all members (unless you were in attendance at the April general meeting, in which case you already have a copy). The intent is to poll the membership to learn what improvements, if any would be broadly supported.

To their credit, Marty and his team did not limit their thinking and they worked "outside the box" in putting together their list of possible projects. They range from small (improvements to the beach property) to huge (replacement of the Clubhouse). Maybe we'd like to pursue all these suggestions, maybe we'd like to pursue none of them, or maybe we'd like just one or two. Or maybe we'd like to pursue something altogether different from what the Development Committee has suggested. There's a place on the questionnaire for you to suggest your own ideas.

It's important to recognize that this is only a questionnaire. It is not a ballot. Your response to the questionnaire will not authorize any projects. It will simply point us in the right direction. If one or more projects enjoy universal support, the committee will generate detailed cost estimates and project plans to which we'll all have input.

Only after we have those detailed plans and estimates will the project be put before the membership for approval. And only after approval by a majority of the membership in a formal vote will any funds be committed.

It's all in your hands. The Development Committee needs to hear your thoughts, so please respond to your questionnaire. Ask yourself what new amenities you'd like to see in Cape Haze, if any, or how you'd like the Community to look in 5 or 10 years. And if your answer is "I don't support any projects", please say so on your returned questionnaire. Don't indicate your lack of support by failing to respond – we can't hear your voice if you don't speak. Thank you for your input.

Homer Hoe  
CHPOA President

# Cape Haze Women's Club

The boat rendezvous at Cabbage Key on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Although only two boats went, there were 38 attendees! Sandy and Peter Johnson were glad to ferry the majority of those wanting to attend. A hearty thanks to you both!

All this year's activities have been well attended and well received. I have said repeatedly that the Women's Club is hoping to host events that will appeal to more and more residents.

We still have a couple of Clubhouse meetings, but we're on the go, too! We're out welcoming our newest residents, getting in shape through aerobics and yoga sessions, goin' fishing and golfing, and forming interest groups as well as planning for some "happening" parties.

I'd like to call your attention to three of next year's events - two new and one revamped.

## **First - the new:**

On October 28 we're planning a golf scramble followed by a dinner. You'll see a flyer in this *Fountain* with details.

Please note that the dinner is open to non-golfers as well as golfers. Take a moment to fill out the return portion and send it off NOW. It may save the hassle of wondering how to sign up later.

On Tuesday, November 9, we'll have an organizational meeting of the Book Review interest group.

Meet at the Clubhouse at 10 a.m. prepared to discuss "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom.

We'll decide how we want to set up future meetings and select books at this time. All interested readers are welcome!

## **Our revamped event is:**

"An Evening of Elegance" (previously our Holiday Dinner Dance). On December 8, we'll meet at the private-gated Boca Grande Club for a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner of prime rib or salmon (some good things don't change) and ending with three hours of dancing to the great band *Quiet Fire*.

Tickets are \$70 per person, and we know that by the end of the evening you'll feel elegant, as promised.

Another change for this event is that we are doing away with door prizes and asking instead that you bring an unwrapped child's gift. We'll make sure they get to *Toys for Tots* or some other charitable organization in time for the holidays.

It is still possible for those women who have not done so to join the Women's Club for next season. The dues are \$15 and can be given/sent to Martie Stackowiak.

To belong to the Women's Club, a woman must also be a CHPOA member. We have received a couple of checks from women whose households have not yet sent in their CHPOA membership dues. We want to straighten this out before the fall when our booklets are printed.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer. Those summering in Cape Haze might think about organizing one or two roadside clean-ups if things look a bit shabby.

I hope everyone looks forward to attending our first fall event, the golf/dinner get-together. We'll see you there!

Penny Rieley  
President

# Up-Coming Events

October 11	CHPOA Board Meeting 9:00 AM—Clubhouse
October 18	Reservation Deadline for Golf Outing Hilary Dahms—k2ykw@comcast.net
October 28	Golf Outing 2:00 PM—Myakka Pines Golf Course
November 8	CHPOA Board Meeting 9:00 AM—Clubhouse
November 13	CHPOA Special Membership Meeting 10:00 AM—Clubhouse Coffee at 9:30 AM
November 13	Welcome Back Party 6:00 PM—Clubhouse
December 8	“An Evening of Elegance” Dinner Dance 6:00 PM—Boca Grande Club



## Clubhouse Library Seeking Donations

Ellie Wolthoff, who has been coordinating and maintaining the library for the past several years, is soliciting donations. The library is in need of paperback or hardback books that are less than 10 years old.

All books should be clean and in good repair. Just leave donations on the table in the library.

We're very fortunate to have a nice collection of books, games, and puzzles conveniently available at no cost. CHPOA members are invited to borrow books and other items any time and all on the honor system.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ellie for her dedication to providing this benefit to our Community.

*Thanks, Ellie,  
from all of us.*



## Cape Hazers Place Second in International Sailing Regatta

Cape Haze sailors Jack (Don) Hagan and Homer Hoe skippered the *Leslie Ann II* to second place in the True Cruising Class of the international sailing race *Regatta Sol al Sol*. Additional crewmembers were previous Cape Hazer Chris Hinds, Sandy Stewart of Ocala and Ted Parsons of Bradenton.

This was the first time the crew had sailed together much less participated in this prestigious and demanding regatta. Jack laughingly said the 48'5" Island Packet Sailboat was on its "shake down cruise." Congratulations to you all, we're very proud to know you.

The first *Regatta Del Sol al Sol* was held in 1969 and it has been conducted each year since. The 36<sup>th</sup> regatta began in St. Petersburg, Florida and finished four days later in Isla Mujeres, Mexico (north of Cancun). The race is handicapped on the Performance Handicap Rating Formula for a distance of 500 nautical miles and is a navigators' race in that the course crosses three major current complexes.

This year's race was quite successful with 24 boats participating. The first two hours there was no wind and the *Leslie Ann II* had to drop anchor to avoid drifting back to the starting line. However, the remainder of the race saw 25-knot winds, big seas and clear sailing all the way to Mexico.

Co-sponsored by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and the Club De Yates de Isla Mujeres, this charitable event raises money to help the people of Mexico. Last year provided a fire truck and ambulance and this year additional emergency equipment as well as school supplies will be donated.

Jack and Leslie Hagan, both physicians, retired last August and now spend their time between Ocala and Cape Haze. The Hagans have three children and they are very proud of each of them. Their son, Jack, and his wife, Helen, are both Navy M.D.'s stationed in North Carolina. Their daughter Catherine, also a Navy M.D., is stationed in Panama City and daughter Mary Simson is in advertising and marketing in Ocala.

Both Jack and Leslie enjoy golf and breed and raise thoroughbred horses. Leslie also has a photography business specializing in nature subjects.

Homer and Julie Hoe moved to Cape Haze in the fall of 2000 and spend their summer months in the mountains of Colorado. Homer is probably best known as President of CHPOA (and we thank him for his countless hours of work on our behalf). Before retiring, Julie had her own medical consulting business, which allowed her to travel extensively throughout the U.S. Homer was a computer professional working in information technology from the birth of the industry to his retirement in 1999.

Both Julie and Homer are active stock traders and golfers. Julie is a very accomplished pianist and also enjoys aerobics and walking. Julie says "Homer is into extreme sports" and sites helicopter skiing and avid mountaineering as examples.

These are all very active and accomplished individuals and we're proud to call them neighbors. We congratulate you on your successes and wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors



The Crew (left to right) Sandy Stewart, Ted Parsons, Jack Hagan, Chris Hinds, Homer Hoe

*Photograph courtesy of Leslie Hagan*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**1st ANNUAL  
CAPE HAZE GOLF OUTING**

**18 holes of fun golf followed by a casual dinner**

**Thursday, October 28, 2004  
2:00 P.M.**

**Myakka Pines Golf Club  
2550 River Road S.  
Englewood, FL**



**Open to all CHOPA members and their guests**

**Golf: \$22 per person, including cart fee  
Dinner: \$20 per person  
Cash bar**

**Get the season off to a great start with old friends and new.  
Come play on October 28<sup>th</sup>! Non-playing spouses and friends are  
welcome to join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m.**

**To help us plan, please fill out the form below and return it to:  
Hilary Dahms, 385 Capstan Drive, Cape Haze, FL 33946  
or e-mail her at [k2ykw@comcast.net](mailto:k2ykw@comcast.net).**

**Our reservations deadline is Monday, October 18, 2004.  
See you on the first tee!**

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**COUNT US IN!  
Cape Haze Golf Outing**

**Name (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of golfers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending the dinner:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Cape Haze Bowling League

From mid-October until the end of March residents of Cape Haze and Windward get together to enjoy an afternoon of bowling.

We are always looking for new bowlers and some subs. The competition is only as fierce as you want it to be - if you haven't bowled in decades you're as welcome as someone who practices several times a week!

Team assignments are put together during the summer, so now is a good time to sign up. For more information or to be added to the list of bowlers, call Mary Young at 697-2672 or Jackie MacLellan at 697-6834.



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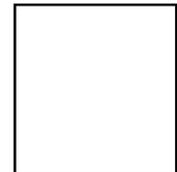
Submissions should be Microsoft Word files attached to e-mail and forwarded to NancyBue@aol.com.

Hard copy submissions will also be considered.

**November Deadline is  
November 2, 2004**

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