

April 2021

# ECHOES



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Thank you to our Membership for your responsible nature and showing respect for your fellow members by keeping everyone safe. We did send out an email on March 24th with new Club Operational updates with Governor Cooper's most recent Executive order #204. We had a great response from our anonymous Vaccine Survey and as reported, 98% of you who responded let us know that you were either fully vaccinated or plan to be when you can get your appointments set up, which is wonderful news for our Community. It has been so nice to see our Members as they are dining and socializing with us again.



Our Tours and Membership Growth continue to increase, as you will see from the report on the next page. We realize that many of you have not had a chance to meet one another, but please know that we have plans for Member Mingle Events this summer so all of our newer Members will have a chance to get to meet others in the community. With the popularity of our outdoor dining space, we have also ordered additional tables, chairs, new cushions, heaters and tiltable umbrellas to continue to enhance our outdoor dining space.

We are thrilled to see so many rounds of golf and just to put it into perspective, in January & February 2020 we played 589 rounds of golf, in January & February of 2021, we played 1058 rounds of Golf! That is an increase of almost 80% YOY. Along with all of that play, Alan and his team continue to traverse around the course to complete all of the winter projects so we are ready for the summer season. You will see the new yardage medallions have been anchored in, the individual yardage markers have arrived and will be installed, our stairs are being replaced with sturdy, stone stairs, topdressing of fairways, tree trimming for shade issues and other projects continue.

We will aerify the greens beginning Monday, April 5th and shortly after we will start to re-sod select Green surrounds, with the Rhizomatous Tall Fescue (RTF), which was tested on Hole #13 in 2020. This will provide a consistent surface around our greens complexes. The greens surrounds project will start in April for 4-5 weeks, then we will stop that project for the summer season and begin it again in October.

# MARKETING UPDATE

Check out these great articles featuring your favorite mountain golf course!



**Listings in our Community are published in the Wall Street Journal's Luxury Real Estate Section, Manson Global**



**Swing into Spring : New Membership Options & Luxury Real Estate on South Carolina Golf.com**

Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date. Share what you love about Champion Hills by tagging us in your next post!

Facebook | Champion Hills Community

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But that's not all, articles have also been published about Champion Hills in:

Cyber Links Golf  
The Golf Wire  
Golf Coast Magazine  
The Patch  
American Golfer

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

2021 is off to a record start!

We have closed 5 golf memberships, transitioned one Social to an Annual Explorer, 1 new Social Member and 2 new National Member. Plus, we closed our first homebuilder and a corporate bundle!

Tours continue to break records. For Q1 we completed 22, 19 and 21 tours in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively. In 2021 we completed 64 tours! We are certainly on pace to break our 2020 record of 176 tours in a year.

# SPRING CLEANING FOR YOUR ROOF

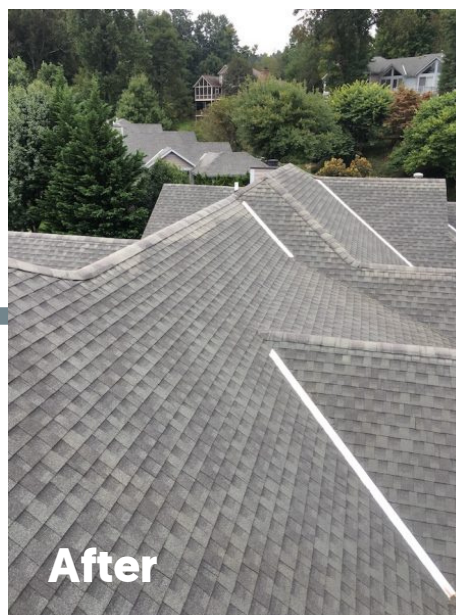
Longer days and warmer nights of Spring and Summer provide ideal conditions for breeding mold, algae and moss on our mountain community roofs. Most roofs are susceptible to fungal growth, especially those composed of asphalt shingles, which is the most common type in our community. Algae and mold retain moisture that can create gaps and holes over time leading to roof leaks. They can also leave unsightly black streaks and encourage buildup of a variety of other microbes that cause premature damage and wear. If this moisture goes untreated it can penetrate into structural portions of the roof, forming mold and mildew below the surface.

Having your roof inspected and cleaned every couple of years is a recommended prevention measure for premature wear. In addition to improving the aesthetics and longevity of your roof, you'll be contributing to the overall appearance of Champion Hills. Below are some companies that have done work in the community and may be available to help you keep your roof maintained.

ProClean – Norm Williams  
828.243.2841

Chapman Roofing  
828.883.9582 / 828.243.8293

Tim Howard  
828.687.0714 / 828.778.9700





# EARTH DAY | APRIL 22

For over 50 years, this tradition established in 1970, has been dedicated to bringing the environment to the forefront. Each year, Earth Day Network works to bring together communities around the world in a huge campaign to tackle modern-day environmental problems in effort to continue the Earth Day tradition.

But what can we do in our own community to help protect and preserve our world?

- Tour the waste water treatment plant to learn about their sustainable efforts. Tour starts at 9 am [please visit [chmember.com](http://chmember.com) to register]
- Learn about and sample some organic wine offerings at Thirsty Thursday
- Register for Shade Gardening 101 on April 22, 2 - 4 PM to learn about healthy plants for your garden
- Our Food & Beverage team also uses fully compostable to-go containers including: cups, straws and boxes

## SUSTAINABLE BRANDS



Holly Springs  
Farm



For more information about Earth Day visit [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

# NEXT TRIVIA NIGHT | APRIL 7

## "BLESS YOUR HEART" SOUTHERN TRIVIA



Cocktails: 5:30 | Dinner: 6 | Game: 7

### TRIVIA WINNERS

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March Winners | Brain Trust

BT & Sallie Alexander, Richard & Carol Kemp , Jorge & Susan Cano

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## SHADE GARDENING 101

### APRIL 22

Join Brenda & Kay, The Shady Ladies of Raymond's Garden Center, for an in-depth seminar about the best plants for shade and the most deer-resistant cultivars for your garden.

They will bring in samples of these beauties for you to view, some of which will be raffled off at the end of the seminar. Learn how to spruce up your shade garden and have a good time doing it!

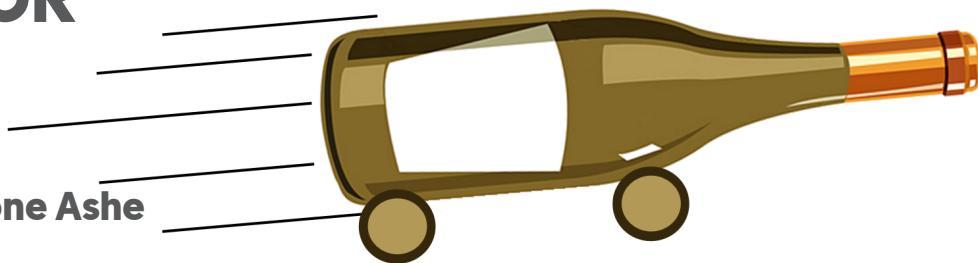
Visit [chmember.com](http://chmember.com) to reserve your spot in the shade today!



# VINEYARD TOUR

## APRIL 29

**with Regal Ride featuring Stone Ashe  
& Marked Tree Vineyards**



At the crest of the Blue Ridge, Henderson County, was designated an American Viticultural Area in 2019 because the soil, mountain water, and climate are ideal for growing amazing grapes.

Join us on a tour of the area's vineyards where you can enjoy an exquisite variety of wines and breath-taking mountain views.

To reserve your spot visit [chmember.com](http://chmember.com) | Limited to 11 Registrants

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## CAMP CHAMP | JULY 30 - AUGUST 1

### Schedule of Events

#### Friday, July 30

10 AM

Golf Lessons  
[Ages 8 and Older]

11:30 AM

Pizza with Chef Blake

4 PM

Arts & Crafts

#### Saturday, July 31

9 AM

Winged Yoga  
[Wings Available for Purchase]

10:30 AM

Tennis Clinic  
[Ages 8 and Older]

#### Sunday, August 1

10 AM

Pool Party  
Includes Sweet Treats



To register you junior member  
please visit [chmember.com](http://chmember.com)

# MEET EXECUTIVE SOUS CHEF RON

Executive Sous Chef, Ron Henry, is one of those rare people who knew his vocation at an early age. He will be the first to tell you his mother inspired him to cook. As a young boy growing up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ron would watch his mother prepare great meals for his father's friends and business associates.



Ron spent half of his high school days at a local technical college studying culinary arts. Fueled by his passion, Ron attended Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, served his apprenticeship at Walt Disney World's River Boat Empress Lilly Restaurant and completed his Culinary Arts Associates Degree at the Johnson & Wales campus Charleston, South Carolina in 1991.

Chef Ron's first country club position was Executive Sous Chef at Capital City Country Club in Atlanta, Georgia where he gained early recognition winning a Gold Medal at the Southeastern Food Show in Atlanta competing against chefs from throughout the United States. Ron's entire 30+ year career has been in country clubs as an Executive Chef with stints at Dublin Country Club in Georgia, Hattiesburg Country Club in Mississippi and with Battle Creek Country Club in Michigan.

When asked what he enjoys cooking for himself at home, Ron's answer is preparing seafood because he appreciates fresh product and the versatility of flavor combinations in working with seafood. Like any good Chef, Ron must be able to communicate well to a broad range of people from the dishwasher or cook, to the purveyor/salesperson or club member and guest. Ron enjoys meeting new people, loves watching and talking about all sports. As a teacher and communicator, Ron is most proud of sparking an interest in at least five former employees who moved on to attend formal training in culinary schools.



# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## White Chicken Chili | yield: 1 Gallon

### Ingredients:

- 1 Onion - Diced
- 1 Red Bell Pepper - Diced
- 1 Yellow Bell Pepper - Diced
- 1 Green Bell Pepper - Diced
- 3 Ribs Celery - Diced
- 3 Minced Garlic Cloves
- 1/2 Cup Chopped Jalapeños
- 2 lbs Cooked Chicken - Diced
- 2 14oz. Cans of White Beans - Drained
- 1/2 Cup Chili Powder
- 2 Tablespoons Cumin
- 1 Quart Heavy Cream
- 2 Quart Chicken Stock



### Instructions:

In a large pot, sweat all of the vegetables together in 2 TBS oil over medium heat until soft.

Add the chili powder, cumin, heavy cream, chicken stock and cooked chicken to the vegetables. Sauté for 10 mins while stirring frequently.

Reduce heat to low and leave to simmer for at least 45 minutes, so that all the flavors combine. If the soup seems too loose you can thicken the mixture with a slurry of cornstarch. (Equal parts cornstarch & cold water. About 2-4 TBS depending on preference.)

Top with your favorite shredded cheese, cilantro, avocado and enjoy!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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Greens Aerification | Monday, April 5 & Tuesday, April 6

Ladies' Opening Day | May 11

Men's Opening Day | May 12

Couple's Opening Day | May 16

Champions Guest Day | May 21

9 & Dine | May 23

Memorial Day Mixed ABCD | May 31

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## Save the Date

# CHAMPION HILLS

## Member-Guest Invitational

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**LADIES'**  
MEMBER-GUEST

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**JULY 21 -23**

**MEN'S**  
MEMBER-GUEST

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**OCTOBER 13 - 16**

For more information on upcoming tournaments or to register please call the Golf Shop at 828.693.3600



# TIP FROM THE PRO: RELAX THE HANDS

by Scooter Buhrman

To increase club head speed, most players need to decrease the pressure and tension in their hands and arms. A light grip and relaxed arms will help to relax your body at address and give you the flexibility to make a full turn and a free arm swing at top speed. Tension, on the other hand, restricts your shoulder turn and decreases your arm and hand speed. How light is light? Light means enough to feel the club head as it travels around the arch.

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## NEW EQUIPMENT IN THE GOLF SHOP

Stop by the golf shop to check out the latest equipment from Callaway, TaylorMade, and XXIO! We have demos for you to try out and many clubs available in stock for purchase. The Professional Staff will be more than happy to help you pick the club that is right for you!



## GREENS AERIFICATION

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In order to get the course ready for prime golf months, we will begin aeration on the greens April 5. The course will be closed so that our crews can complete the work with little interruption. Thank you for understanding and being patient at this time.



## SPRING CLEAN YOUR FITNESS ROUTINE!

Spring is in the air, the sun's shining, and those thick sweaters in the closet are about to go into storage. It's the perfect time to reignite your fitness motivation. Kick off spring with a healthy start by getting the right gear, revamping your routine, and doing some "spring cleaning" in your pantry. Here are a few tips to get your started.

### **Spring Training Fitness Tip: Book a Physical**

Believe it or not, only about 20 percent of Americans get an annual check-up. Be one of them! While you might look and feel just fine (or really hate needles), it's important to keep tabs on things like blood pressure, cholesterol, and vitamin deficiencies before designing your workout program.

### **Spring Training Fitness Tip: Team Up**

You're more likely to stick with your plan if you've got a partner in crime. Choose someone who has similar goals who's schedule fits with your own. Your best bet: Get together at the same time four days a week, whether it's on the tennis court, in the group fitness room for a class, or on the golf course use the buddy system!

### **Spring Training Fitness Tip: Buy New Walking/Running Shoes**

Chances are, you're due for a new pair. Your shoes might look like they have life left but most workout shoes last somewhere between 300 and 400 miles—take note if you use them to walk around or do other parts of your gym routine or wear them outside the gym (GASP), that wear and tear counts, too.

### **Spring Training Fitness Tip: Clean Out Your Pantry**

Still have that tin of popcorn from the holidays or a box of chocolates from Valentine's Day? Get rid of them. And while you're at it, throw away other foods low in nutritional value, like chips, pretzels, sugary cereals, white bread and, yes, even those 100 calorie snack packs (a cookie still a cookie, even if you squash it flat and drop five in a bag).



**Spring Training Fitness Tip: Update Your Workout Wardrobe**

Still sweating it out in cotton T-shirts? Cotton holds onto bacteria so no matter how much you wash it, sweat and hours of past workouts will come back to haunt you and those around you. Throw them away, all the other gym goers will THANK YOU! While you're at it, update any lycra items as well, the stretch in this fabric we love tends to wear out after 6 months of washing.

**Spring Training Fitness Tip: Stay Hydrated**

Avoid muscle cramping and fatigue by drinking about two liters of water a day, and 17 ounces about two hours before exercising. Another general rule of thumb: The more you sweat, the more fluids you need to replace, so drink up after a vigorous workout.

**Spring Training Fitness Tip: Step Off the Scale**

Muscle weighs more than fat, so although you may look more toned, there's a chance you might not be shedding pounds at the rate you'd expect. To get an accurate measure of your progress, use measuring tape once every two weeks to see where you're trimming inches from your waist, hips, and other target areas.

**Get moving and stay healthy!**

## INTERCLUB TENNIS

Join your Champion Hills tennis friends this summer for some friendly competitive play against other clubs in our area.

Starting in May, ladies interclub pick up matches will be organized once a month. If you are interested in joining please contact Jane Miller at [janemillernc@gmail.com](mailto:janemillernc@gmail.com)

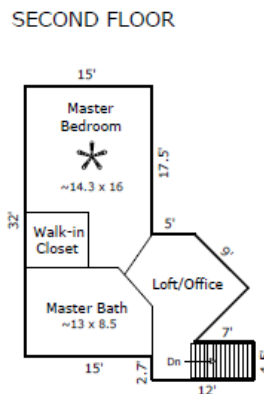
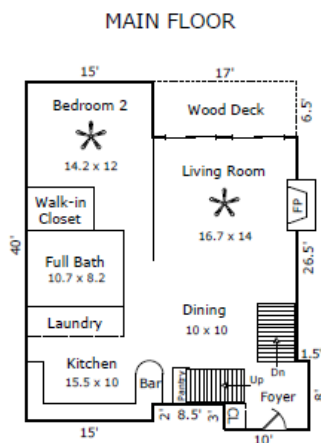


# LISTING OF THE MONTH

1015 INDIAN CAVE ROAD | \$395,000 | 1,811 SQ FEET



A wonderful retreat from all the chaos of today! Located on the 6th fairway of Tom Fazio's Mountain Masterpiece, you can enjoy beautiful golf course views, and gorgeous sunsets from your private deck.



## Features and Upgrades:

- Solid Hardwood Oak Floors
- New Gas Log Set
- Gas Grill Platform
- Gas Line Connection to Grill [Grill not transferable]
- UV Film Applied to Filter the Light on all Upper Windows & Skylight without Blocking the View
- New Light Fixtures & Fans
- New High-Capacity Hot Water Heater
- Gas Heat with Temperature Averaging Thermostat & Central Air
- New Marble & Hand Glazed Tiles on the Bathroom Floors
- New Shower Heads
- High Profile Toilets
- New Dishwasher
- Security System with Camera & Combination Lock on Front Door
- New Interior Paint
- Chandelier in Foyer (Does Not Convey)

[Click Here to View Full Listing](#)



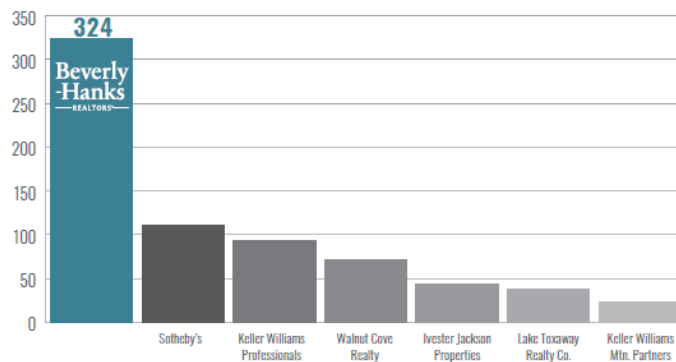
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In 2020, Beverly-Hanks agents completed 324 luxury real estate transactions over \$750,000 in Western North Carolina. Our nearest competitor represented a total of 111 transactions.

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## 2020 YEAR END TOTAL UNIT SALES

TOTAL LUXURY TRANSACTIONS



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Thirsty Thursday	2 Good Friday  Prime Rib Night	3
4 Easter  Easter Brunch	5 Greens Aerification  Clubhouse Closed	6 Greens Aerification  Pasta Night	7  Trivia Night	8 Masters Tournament  Thirsty Thursday	9 Masters Tournament  Prime Rib Night	10 Masters Tournament
11 Masters Tournament  Brunch	12  Clubhouse Closed	13  Burger & Ribs Night	14  Ladies' Night Out	15  Thirsty Thursday	16  Prime Rib Night	17
18  Brunch	19  Clubhouse Closed	20  Pasta Night	21  Italian Wine Dinner	22 Earth Day  Thirsty Thursday	23  Prime Rib Night	24 Grill on the Turn Cornhole Tournament
25 9 & Dine  Brunch	26 Book Club  Clubhouse Closed	27  Burger & Ribs Night	28	29 Vineyard Tour  Thirsty Thursday	30  Prime Rib Night	