

# ECHOES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CHAMPION HILLS

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## SPRING AT CHAMPION HILLS: A SEASON OF GROWTH AND EXCITEMENT

Spring is a time for growth, renewal, and fresh beginnings—and that couldn't be more fitting for Champion Hills Club right now. I'm happy to announce that holes 1 through 17 are officially open, just in time to enjoy the season's beautiful weather. We are on track to have all 18 holes open next month, which aligns with our Summer Opening Day.

In addition to our golf course progress, we are making great strides on the pickleball courts. As you may have noticed last month, we began reconfiguring the parking lots, and this month, we will start grading them. We know many of you are eager to hit the courts, and we are excited to see this project come to life.

Lastly, I am pleased to report that our patio expansion is right on schedule. By the end of the month, the expanded patio will be ready for you to unwind and soak in the stunning sunsets that Champion Hills is known for.

As we move into this exciting season, we're grateful for your continued support and enthusiasm. We cannot wait to share the upcoming season with you, and we look forward to seeing you enjoy these beautiful new spaces at Champion Hills.

Wishing you all a season filled with sunshine, success, and plenty of time on the course!



### 2025 EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

MONDAY, JUNE 23: TENNIS TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 27: GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 27: COCKTAILS, DINNER, SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

The Champion Hills Employee Scholarship Program raises funds to assist our employees in advancing their careers through higher education and professional training related to their employment at Champion Hills. This access to education helps our Club & POA employees achieve better long-term careers and also helps recruit and retain high caliber of staff.

Most of the funds are used for college scholarships of up to \$5,000 for deserving full-time & seasonal employees. The children of high-performing, longer-term employees are also eligible to apply for scholarships. In addition, existing employees can request grants for professional certification programs that relate directly to their careers at Champion Hills.

The great success of this program is possible solely due to the generous support of the Champion Hills members & residents. If you have any questions or need help signing up, please reach out to Mary Catherine at [marycatherine@championhills.com](mailto:marycatherine@championhills.com)

**NOTE: YOUR CASH DONATIONS AND THE MAJORITY OF ALL PARTICIPATION FEES ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.  
ALL RESIDENTS & MEMBERS OF CHAMPION HILLS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL EVENTS!**



## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: BYRON SHINN (CLUB)

I have been in Public Accounting over 45 years and had started my own firm with 30 accountants in the Bradenton/Sarasota area of Florida in 1993 and later merged into a national firm called Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC (CRI Advisors, LLC). I grew up with parents and grandparents that developed land and owned real estate, and have developed a niche in this area along with agribusiness and Oil & Gas family multi-generational wealth. It is this involvement with great people that have developed strong acumen in the business

world that we have a steady strong business. I really enjoy helping with businesses improve operations and reduce federal & state income taxes. I personally have been involved with a 100 year old Donald Ross Country Club (Bradenton Country Club where I was President in 2000, and another very private exclusive Club in Florida in a professional capacity as the audit firm.

I have served on the Florida Board of Accountancy for 14 years on probable cause panel. Served on the AICPA Ethics Committee and now serve as the chairman of the AICPA Tax Practiced and Procedure Committee. I have been a CPA in Florida since 1981.

I have a wonderful wife of 46 years, Jody Shinn. Our first date while attending the University of South Florida was a round of golf at the Bradenton Country Club. I learned to play golf when I was 5 yrs old, and I am left handed. Jody & I have two sons, Garrett and Stuart. We also have 5 grandchildren who love to come to Champion Hills. I was born and raised in Manatee County, Florida. I am an avid saltwater fisherman and have lived on the water my entire life. During college, I was on the USF Water Ski Team. Jody is a practicing Real Estate agent and really has fun helping our family find and set up our home in Champion Hills. Jody loves to play golf too.

Jody & I visited Champion Hills many years ago in the early 1990s with our two boys and looked at buying a place here then, but we just were not ready. In 2018, we had purchased a lot and joined The Cliffs at Walnut Cove, but we got an offer to purchase from our neighbor that was just too good to pass up. Later in 2020, we found a great neighborhood with a wonderful home for us to call our family retreat. Best of all is sharing with our great neighbors a friendship that will last a lifetime.

My goal while serving the Champion Hills Club Board is to help enhance our community to the best it can become through listening to the membership and sharing sound business principles.





OWNER: STEPHANIE ENGLISH

**BREED & AGE:**

Toy Sheltie; 8 years old

**FAVORITE TOYS:**

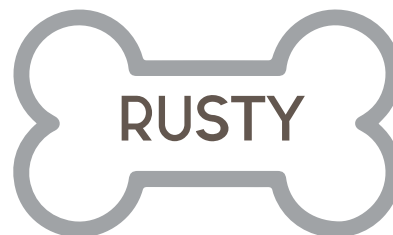
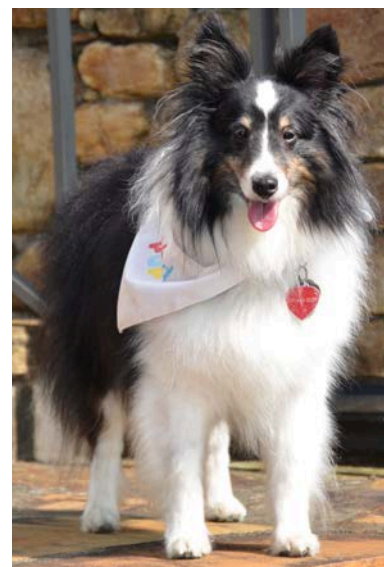
Frisbee or rope toy

**FAVORITE THINGS TO DO:**

Chase his frisbee or rope toy

**COMMENTS ABOUT BENTLEY:**

Pets are a constant companion. You are never alone. Bentley always knows when I need a break from my routine. He'll bring me a toy, drop it right in front of me, and stare up at me with his beautiful dark eyes. You just can't say no to that!



OWNERS: BRENT & LYNN CLEVER

**BREED & AGE:**

Miniature Poodle; 6 years old

**FAVORITE TOYS:**

Squeaky toys. He loves to chase them as well!

**COMMENTS ABOUT RUSTY:**

Rusty is a very social, happy & loving guy! He never misses an opportunity to greet others. He can be found in Brent's lap when he needs a rest.

After our Standard Poodle, Dani passed last year, Rusty decided to take over her job as a Therapy Dog. In six weeks, he had his certification! We visit Carolina Village Care Center and Pardee Hospital & Cancer Center.



WE LOVE FUR BABIES! WE INVITE YOU TO FEATURE YOUR PET IN AN UPCOMING ECHOES! EMAIL [JOSIE@CHAMPIONHILLS.COM](mailto:JOSIE@CHAMPIONHILLS.COM).



# HOW FAR DID YOU GO?

We asked for you to share your vacation photos and the response was fantastic! Everyone that submitted their photos traveled a combined 25,071 miles!

## MILES FROM CHAMPION HILLS:

1. Bob & Kathryn McCartha | Southeast Asia Tour (Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia & Singapore); Farthest distance to Singapore- 9,866 miles
2. Doris Tomlin | Cape Town, South Africa - 8,065 miles
3. Jerry & Odette Coluccelli | Lisbon, Portugal - 3,941 miles
4. David & Bertie Woods | Puerto Vallarta, Mexico - 2,130 miles
5. Georgia Mattern | Bartlett, New Hampshire - 1,069 miles

## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

### Farthest Distance

Bob & Kathryn McCartha  
Singapore | 9,866 miles

### Most Unique

Jerry & Odette Coluccelli  
Lisbon, Portugal | 3,941 miles  
They traveled from Lisbon, Portugal  
to Barbados on the Royal Clipper!

Congratulations to each of our winners! We will reach out to our winners with details about their gift very soon. We cannot wait to see where you travel next!



## KARAOKE NIGHT

APRIL 1 | KARAOKE AT 6 PM

\$1 WINGS | \$3 DRAFTS | FAZIO PUB MENU

## HENDERSONVILLE HIGH ORCHESTRA

APRIL 11 | 5 PM - 6 PM

Complimentary "String Fling" concert  
in the Mountain View Room.

Don't forget to make your dinner reservations after!

## LADIES' LUNCHEON | APRIL 18\*

LUNCH 11:30 AM | PRESENTATION 12:30 PM

Bring your best "buds" for lunch & a presentation from The Shady Ladies of  
Raymond's Garden Center.

## DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT!

"WHEN HARRY MET SALLY"

APRIL 22

8 PM SHOWTIME ON EVENT LAWN

Watch this timeless film in the comfort of a golf cart  
or sit on the patio! Make dinner reservations in the  
Fazio Pub prior to showtime.

FREE ADMISSION & POPCORN

thirsty **THURSDAY**

**HOPS** and  
**HOUNDS**

APRIL 24 | EVENT LAWN

BEER TASTING | BAR BITES | DOG-GONE FUN!



## TRIVIA NIGHT

APRIL 2\* | 5:30 PM - 9 PM

Want to show off your knowledge?  
Reserve your team a table with Shelly!

**MARCH WINNERS**

**LES QUIZERABLES**



Dirk & Carol Novosad | Jerry Coluccelli  
Jackie Linn | Bonnie Van Clevon | Angie Edgell

## Easter Brunch Buffet

APRIL 20 \*

11:30 AM - 2 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT | 12 PM

Hop to it!  
Contact Shelly to make your reservation!



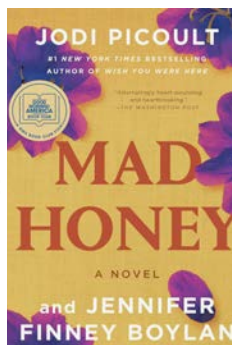
## CHAMPION HILLS BOOK CLUB

APRIL 28 | 10:30 AM

For more information, contact:

Barb Morrison | 309.269.0010

Barbara Zucker | 845.598.0933



## MEN'S NIGHT OUT

APRIL 30 | 5:30 PM \*



Visit [chmember.com](http://chmember.com) for more details and to register.  
\*Please note that all of these events are subject to our 24 hour cancellation policy.

# APRIL DINING EVENTS

## PUB & KARAOKE NIGHT

APRIL 1 | 5 PM - 8 PM

## MASTER'S DINNER

APRIL 8 | 5 PM - 8 PM

## PASTA NIGHT

APRIL 15 | 5 PM - 8 PM

## PRIME RIB NIGHT

APRIL 19 | 5 PM - 8 PM

## BURGER NIGHT

APRIL 29 | 5 PM - 8 PM

FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SHELLY AT 828.233.0973 OR SHELLYM@CHAMPIONHILLS.COM

## FAMILIA TORRES SPANISH WINE TASTING

FAMILIA

APRIL 17 | 4 PM - 6 PM

# TORRES



Enjoy a special Third Thursday wine tasting with Katy (Tryon Distributing) featuring a selection of Familia Torres from Spain. ¡Salud!



## APRIL'S WINE OF THE MONTH

### WILLAKENZIE ESTATE WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land.

### WILLAKENZIE ESTATE 2021 PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OR GLASS 15 | BOTTLE 54

#### TASTING NOTES

This wine offers notes of black cherry, black raspberry, rosewater, and rooibos tea along with hints of baking spice. Those flavors carry onto a supple and balanced palate with refined tannins & great length.

### WILLAKENZIE ESTATE 2022 CHARDONNAY WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OR GLASS 14 | BOTTLE 50

#### TASTING NOTES

This wine offers notes of lemongrass, citrus blossom, jasmine, and hints of sourdough bread. Those flavors carry onto a lively and well-balanced palate that offers wonderful transparency, purity & length.





# SERVING UP SOME FUN!



## THE TENNIS COURTS WILL OPEN THIS MONTH!

The Whalen Tennis Company will resurface the courts with 3 tons of new HarTru clay. New vinyl lines will be spiked into the surface and the nets will be installed. A new water bottle filling station has arrived and will be installed just outside the court entrance gates!

## NICOLE BUMGARNER IS BACK!

We welcome back our Tennis Pro, Nicole Bumgarner this season. Nicole grew up in Brevard, NC and played competitive junior tennis. She played college tennis and was an All-American her freshman year. She received a BS in Health Education from App State, and upon graduation, she returned to Brevard to teach at Brevard High School. Nicole left the classroom to focus on motherhood. She returned to the courts part-time as an Assistant Pro when her children were small.



Nicole's love for the game kept her on the courts, and she has instructed at Hendersonville Country Club, Brevard Racquet Club & Etowah Country Club. She has also coached the men's & women's tennis teams at Brevard College and was the Head Pro & Tennis Director at High Hampton Inn in Cashiers NC. She thrives on helping people succeed on the tennis court and is excited to return for her 5th season of Champion Hills tennis!

## COURT RESERVATION OPEN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE AT 7 AM

As a courtesy to those that have reservations after you, please brush and line your courts after you play.

### TO RESERVE A COURT:

- Log on to [chmember.com](http://chmember.com)
- Click Racquets & Wellness
- Click Book A Court
- Click your preferred time
- Choose duration from the drop-down menu. Max for singles is 60 minutes & max for doubles is 90 minutes.
- Add additional members to your reservation
- Click the button "Create Reservation"

You will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive an email, your reservation was not successful.



Summer USTA Women's Tri-Level (2.5, 3.0, 3.5) team is now forming. The season begins June 1, but it's never too early to plan and practice. This team is focused on fun as we support each other on improving our game. If you are interested in competing, please contact team captain Michal Baird.





## TENNIS CLINICS

5 weekly tennis clinics will be offered. Nicole will offer lessons by appointment. Starting in May, you will be able to register for a tennis clinic by logging on to [chmember.com](http://chmember.com). Click "BOOK A CLASS OR CLINIC" to register for one of the weekly clinics, space is limited.

Contact Nicole directly at 828-507-6062 to schedule a private or semi-private lesson.

Each clinic is labeled with a skill level to help you choose the right clinic for your skill set:

**LEVEL 1** clinics are suitable for those new to the sport or getting back into the game.

**LEVEL 2** clinics are suitable for those that are ranked 2.5-3.0 or intermediate players.

**LEVEL 3** clinics are suitable for those that are ranked 3.5 or higher or advanced players.

### MONDAY

8 AM - 9 AM | Advanced Clinic, [LEVEL 3](#), Limited to 8

9 AM - 10 AM | Intermediate Clinic [LEVELS 2 & 3](#), Limited to 8

10 AM - 11 AM | Tennis 101 [LEVEL 1](#), Limited to 8

5 PM - 6:30 PM | Drill & Play [LEVEL 3](#), A 30-minute drill followed by an hour of round robin match play, suitable for advanced players, fast-paced & competitive. Limited to 12

### WEDNESDAY

5 PM - 6:30 PM | Tennis & Tonic [ALL LEVELS](#), A round robin followed by a "potluck", social tennis! Limited to 12

## INTERCLUB TENNIS

Join your Champion Hills tennis friends this season for some friendly competitive play against other clubs in our area. Beginning in April, ladies' social interclub matches will be organized the second Wednesday of each month. The match location will rotate venues between Kenmure, Hendersonville Country Club (TBD), and Champion Hills. Players are also invited to stay for lunch at the hosting club. If you are interested in participating, please contact Christina Phan.



## INTRODUCING KATIE NOWICKI, PICKLEBALL PRO!

Welcome Katie Nowicki, Pickleball Pro, to the Champion Hills Wellness Center team!

Katie is a mother to three grown children, a passionate teacher and coach. Whether it was on the volleyball court, or in the kindergarten classroom, she has always enjoyed watching her students learn and grow!

She & her husband moved to Asheville, NC from the Midwest nine years ago and thus began her pickleball journey! Her love and skill for the sport was immediate.

Countless hours on the court playing, taking lessons and teaching has her competing at a 4.5 level today.

She currently instructs at a Wellness Center in Pisgah Forest, Fletcher Parks and Rec as well as private lessons. She is excited to work with all the Champion Hills pickleball enthusiasts!

Pickleball clinic and lesson schedules are in the works now, look for summer pickleball programming in the May issue of Echoes!

# A MESSAGE FROM ERICK FOWLER, PGA CHAMPION HILLS HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

## APRIL HOURS OF OPERATION\*

### GOLF SHOP

8:30 AM - 5 PM

### GOLF COURSE

9 AM - Dusk

### DRIVING RANGE

8:30 AM - 1 PM (Monday)

8:30 AM - 6 PM (Tuesday-Sunday)

### SHORT RANGE

12 PM - 6 PM (Monday)

8:30 AM - 6 PM (Tuesday-Sunday)

\*Subject to change based on inclement weather

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL 7 - 9 | GREENS AERIFICATION

#### DRIVING RANGE AERIFICATION HOURS

Monday | Closed

Tuesday & Wednesday | 9 AM - 5 PM

#### SHORT GAME AERIFICATION HOURS

Monday | Closed

Tuesday & Wednesday | 9 AM - 5 PM

#### PRO SHOP AERIFICATION HOURS

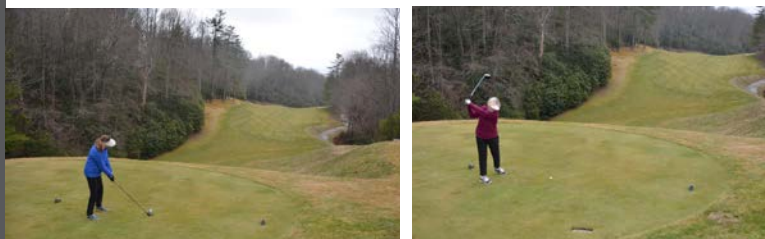
Monday & Tuesday | Closed

Wednesday | 9 AM - 4 PM

### APRIL 12 | MASTERS PICK-A-PRO CHALLENGE

For more information, please contact the Pro Shop

## HOLE #10 REOPENING TEE OFF!



## APRIL CHAMPIONS SALE

APRIL 9 - 13

Celebrate the "best week in golf" with discounts up to 20% off on selected Pro Shop merchandise!

The April Champions Sale discounts apply to in-store stock only. This discount cannot be combined with other discounts.

## APRIL BEGINNER CLINIC SCHEDULE

Come join an interactive, friendly group setting where you can learn the basics of the golf swing to make the game more enjoyable!

Clinics will be held by a member of the Champion Hills Professional Staff and will last approximately 30-45 minutes. The cost will be \$20 per person. All Clinics will start at 3:15 PM.

April 10 | Basics of the Golf Swing

April 17 | Putting

April 24 | Chipping

\*To register, please visit Foretees!

## LUCKY 7 SCRAMBLE



### 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE

Milan & Beth Turk  
LeRoy & Mary Sue House

### 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE

Joe & Cindi Cooper  
Ken & Debra West



### 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

Todd & Pam Roadman  
Todd & Julie Headley



## UPCOMING DEMO DAYS



APRIL 3

11 AM - 3:30 PM



APRIL 24

11 AM - 3:30 PM

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRO SHOP!





# CHAMPION HILLS

*Real Estate*

REAL ESTATE NEWS

## MORE BUYERS ARE MAKING MOVES – IS IT TIME TO SELL?

More people are taking steps to buy a home. And, if you've been waiting for the right time to move, this may be the sign you've been looking for.

For the past few years, a lot of would-be homebuyers hit pause on their plans. With rising mortgage rates and affordability challenges, buying just didn't seem doable. But now, more of them are getting back out there. That's because they're getting used to the fact that this may be the new normal for the market – especially as forecasts show mortgage rates may be starting to stabilize. According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR):

"Home buyers seem to be getting over the shock of mortgage rates in the mid- to upper-6% range."

And that's good for you and your plans to sell. While there isn't going to be a big rush of buyers flooding the market all at once, this does mean motivated buyers are re-starting their searches. And here's the data to prove it.

## 3 SIGNS BUYERS ARE READY TO MAKE THEIR MOVE

1. Mortgage Applications Are on the Rise: According to the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), mortgage applications are up 37% since the start of the year. That's a big jump and a clear sign more buyers are more active lately. Don't miss out on that. Serious buyers who are getting their finances in order are great potential buyers for your house.

### More Homebuyers Are Coming Back into the Market

Indicators of Demand and Buyer Activity

Source	Recent Change
MBA Mortgage Purchase Applications	↑ 37% from the Start of the Year
Redfin Homebuyer Demand Index	↑ 3% from Late January
ShowingTime Touring Activity	↑ 13% from the Start of the Year

Source: MBA, Redfin, ShowingTime

2. Buyer Demand Is Picking Up: The Homebuyer Demand Index from Redfin shows demand is up 3% since late January. While that's not a huge spike, momentum is building.

3. More Home Showings: ShowingTime data says home showings are up 13% since the beginning of the year. This added foot traffic is exactly what you want to see if you're about to sell your house. It signals more serious interest in buying. More buyers out there looking means more potential eyes on your house. And more eyes could translate to more offers. Chances are, this activity is only going to pick up from here. We're headed into the busiest season of the year for housing. Spring is when more people choose to buy or sell than any other time of year. So, now is a great time to list and get in on the action.

## BOTTOM LINE

As buyers re-enter the market, you have the chance to do the same thing. And the increase in buyer activity is definitely something you'll want to take advantage of. To make sure your house gets in front of these motivated buyers, let's connect.

If the right buyer walked through your door tomorrow, would you be ready to sell?

PLEASE CONTACT OUR TEAM TO ASSIST WITH YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS!

CALL AMBER SAXON AT (828) 699-0171 OR EMAIL [CHAMPIONHILLS.TEAM@ALLENTATE.COM](mailto:CHAMPIONHILLS.TEAM@ALLENTATE.COM)

# April

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		<b>1</b> Pub & Karaoke Night	<b>2</b> Trivia	<b>3</b> Callaway Demo Day Thirsty Thursday	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Greens Aerification Clubhouse Closed	<b>8</b> Greens Aerification Masters Dinner	<b>9</b> Greens Aerification	<b>10</b> Thirsty Thursday	<b>11</b> Hendersonville High Orchestra	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>15</b> Pasta Night	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Third Thursday & Spanish Wine Tasting	<b>18</b> Ladies' Luncheon	<b>19</b> Prime Rib Night
<b>20</b> Easter Brunch	<b>21</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>22</b> Movie Night	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Cleveland Demo Day Thirsty Thursday Hops & Hounds	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9 & Dine	<b>28</b> Clubhouse Closed Book Club	<b>29</b> Burger Night	<b>30</b> Men's Night Out			

NOTES: