

ECHOES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CHAMPION HILLS

AUGUST 2025

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A Message From the GM



Dear Champion Hills:

It's SUMMERTIME at Champion Hills! It is time for us to enjoy the best summer traditions that bring us together and make our club and community a cherished sanctuary for relaxation and camaraderie. From sitting by the pool on a sunny day to playing golf, tennis or pickleball, enjoying a cool drink on the patio, there are so many special times and events to celebrate summer in the mountains. This summer, I would like to encourage everyone to embrace some of the traditions that make us so unique.

THE GOLF GROUPS

Whether you're a long-standing member or new to Champion Hills Club, I encourage every golf member to come out and play in one of our golf groups. By the end of the round, you will have learned some local knowledge about our Tom Fazio Mountain Masterpiece and made some new friends.

EVENTS

This year has been full tilt at "Camp Champ" across every department with Member-Guest, Club Championship, Summer Soirée, Dueling Pianos, Thirsty Thursdays, Employee Scholarship Events, Wine Dinners, and racquet events to name just a few. With each event we work hard to build camaraderie and elevate the member experience. If you're new to the club, don't worry as there is still much more to come! You can learn more about upcoming events in this month's Echoes and the weekly Happenings. We look forward to seeing you there.

OUTDOOR DINING

There's no better ending to a summer evening than dining outside on our beautiful, newly renovated patio with the Blue Ridge Mountains as the backdrop. Savor delectable dishes prepared by our Executive Chef, Sean Thomas, and Chef De Cuisine, Anthony Garnett, focusing on seasonal ingredients for our dining menus and a diverse selection of weekly specials.

Your enthusiasm and participation are what make our club and community truly exceptional. We are grateful to have you as part of our family and look forward to making this a summer to remember.

See you around the Club!

Alan Deck, CCM, PGA
General Manager



RECORD-BREAKING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIPS!

Dear Champion Hills:

We are proud to share the results of this year's Curt Maker Champion Hills Employee Scholarship events - and thanks to you, they were nothing short of extraordinary.

Together, we raised over \$183,000, and after event expenses, we are thrilled to announce that \$165,000 will go directly toward supporting the educational dreams of our incredible Champion Hills staff. This marks a record-setting year for our program exceeding the prior record by over \$40,000!

Your generosity makes a real and lasting difference. Because of your support, more of our hardworking team members will be able to pursue higher education and take meaningful steps toward their personal and professional goals.

On behalf of all of us - and especially our scholarship recipients - thank you for believing in the power of education and in the people who make this club and community so special.

With Gratitude,

2025 Scholarship Committee

Curt Marker, George Clover, Mary Kwolek, Theresa Soffronoff, Todd Roadman,
Alan Deck, Heather Myers



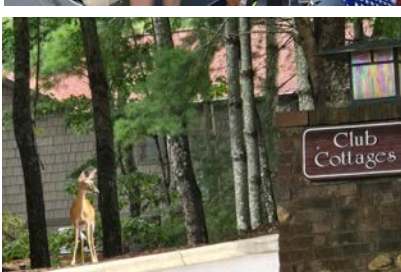
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RECIPIENTS

Bryce Barnwell | Appalachian State | Golf Staff
 Zach Brinkley | PGA Program | Golf Staff
 Arlin Carachure | UNC Charlotte | Food & Beverage
 Derek Cartwright | NC State | POA Grounds
 Lillie Carver | Anderson University | Food & Beverage
 Carson Cathey | Mississippi State | Golf Staff
 James Clevenger | Montreat | Golf Staff
 Campbell Dickleman | Auburn | Golf Staff
 Rhylie Druskis | Wingate | Golf Staff
 Tyler Druskis | UNC Charlotte | Golf Staff
 Parker Garrett | East Carolina | Food & Beverage
 Morgan Johnson | East Tennessee State | Food & Beverage
 Audrey Jones | Warren Wilson | Golf Staff & Dependent
 Morgan Mashburn | South College | Food & Beverage
 Marianne Maxon | Clemson | Golf Staff
 Arely Perez | UNC Charlotte | Food & Beverage
 Gracie Rice | AB Tech | Food & Beverage
 Benjamin Talley | NC State | Food & Beverage
 Tyler Weaver | PGA Program | Golf Staff

THE FACES OF CHAMPIONS!





KICKS FOR KIDS



Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Champion Hills Club members, we were able to meet the needs of EVERY child in our community who needed back to school shoes!

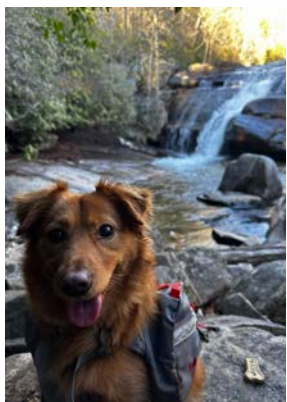
We purchased athletic shoes for 175 children this back-to-school season! 94 member households participated, including 49 who purchased shoes & 45 who donated money for shoe shopping.

Thank you to everyone who made this annual drive such a huge success!



PET PROFILES: MEET THE KWOLEK'S KIDS

OWNERS: JIM & MARY KWOLEK



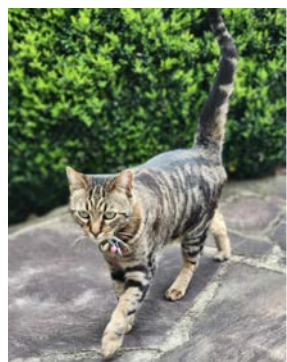
WILLOW

AGE & BREED:

She's 4.5 years old and is mixed breed

COMMENTS ABOUT WILLOW:

She is a very timid, mama's girl. She prefers to always have something in her mouth. That is her safety blanket. She is trained to drop the toy at the door before going out (though we still find many socks and toys in the yard). Once, she came in the house with a live gecko in her mouth. I hurriedly called her to the front door to drop it. She promptly dropped the gecko as she's been trained, and the gecko ran around until she caught it again. She loves hiking and taking walks.



SATURN

AGE & BREED:

She's 9 years old

COMMENTS ABOUT SATURN:

She is an inside-outside cat. She loves searching the area for voles, mice, geckos, and birds, so she can show off her hunting skills. She's very friendly, but she's sneaky. She will roll over on her back inviting a belly rub. But, this is a trick and she will bite if her belly is touched. Saturn knows all our neighbors, and she's quite talkative.



MISS SCARLETT

AGE & BREED:

She's about 20 years old; African Grey Timneh Parrot

COMMENTS ABOUT MISS SCARLETT:

She has an extensive vocabulary, but likely to talk on her own terms. If I call Willow, she will whistle for her. When Willow comes and sits down, she says "Good Girl". When I pour a beverage, she makes a "glug glug" noise. When we enter the kitchen to make coffee, she says "Good Morning". She's jealous of company and makes annoying noise to attract attention.

The girls are a lot of fun to have around, and they have Jim & I well-trained to cater to their every need.

Want to show off your pet(s) in Echoes? We invite you to feature your pet(s) in an upcoming edition. Email josie@championhills.com for details!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

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TRIVIA NIGHT* | 5:30 PM

Can you defeat July's winners - the "Bird Brains"? Reserve your team's table with Shelly!

If you don't have a team and are interested in playing trivia, Shelly is happy to help.



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LADIES & LLAMAS

9 AM | CHECK-IN AT CLUB 9:15 AM SHARP | DEPARTURE

Enjoy a morning trek through the beautiful orchards of Ellaberry Llama Farm. These loveable creatures have quite the personalities, so prepare for a memorable experience!

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CANINE SEPARATION ANXIETY SEMINAR | 2 PM - 3 PM

Certified Professional Dog Trainer, Jenna Powell will "walk" you through techniques to help your fur baby. "Sit" & "stay" for this informative seminar!

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TOUR TALK, WINE NIGHT & JOY RIDE | 4 PM - 7:30 PM

An evening of travel talk, wine & a trip to the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway. Learn about all the fabulous adventures you can take with Globe Treks in 2026.

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THIRSTY THURSDAY BOSS OF THE TOSS TOURNAMENT | 4 PM - 6 PM

Bring your A-Game with an afternoon of precision throws, friendly competition & enjoyable refreshments.

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HENDERSON CO. RESCUE SQUAD TOUR | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

We will meet at the Henderson County Rescue Squad Headquarters.

This is a rare opportunity to see how our rescue squad operates at a time of crisis such as Hurricane Helene. Hear stories of their rescues during and after Helene and gain an appreciation of the fact that we live in a special area where heroes are at the ready when we are in need. This should be a wonderful tour that is open to all club & POA members.

If you plan to attend, please sign up with Mary Catherine at marycatherine@championhills.com. This is a complimentary tour, however, donations are helpful and appreciated!

Rescue Squad Headquarters: 2529 Asheville Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28791

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MUSHROOM BOURGUIGNON WITH CHEF CAROLINE | 2 PM

Mushroom Bourguignon is an innovative twist on the French classic Boeuf Bourguignon. Chef Caroline will show you how to build depth using simple techniques & illuminate the beautiful flavor & versatility of the mushroom.

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BOOK CLUB | 10:30 AM

August's Book: A Fine Balance
By Rohinton Mistry

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MEN'S NIGHT OUT* | 5:30 PM

We invite the gentlemen of Champion Hills Club to an evening of great food & conversation!

AUGUST EVENTS

VISIT CHMEMBER.COM FOR FULL DETAILS AND TO REGISTER.

*PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL OF THESE EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO OUR 24-HOUR CANCELLATION POLICY.

AUGUST DINING EVENTS | 5 PM - 8 PM

BURGER NIGHT | AUGUST 5

SEAFOOD SPECTACULAR | AUGUST 9

CHINESE BUFFET | AUGUST 12

PRIME RIB SPECIAL | AUGUST 23

PUB NIGHT & MUSIC BINGO | AUGUST 26

FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SHELLY



RODNEY STRONG

Wine Around

AUGUST 13

6 PM (FIRST SEATING)

TIMELESS TUESDAY: CHAMPION HILLS SUPPER CLUB



AUGUST 19 | 5:30 PM



Enjoy the spirit of Supper Club - a timeless tradition of fine flavors, laughter, and connection.
Don't wait to reserve your seat at the table!

- SAVE THE DATE -

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION | SEPTEMBER 1

MIXOLOGY CLASS WITH JOYCE | SEPTEMBER 5

LADIES' NIGHT OUT | SEPTEMBER 10

GRANDAD'S APPLES TOUR | SEPTEMBER 12

FAZIO TOURNAMENT | SEPTEMBER 19

ROSH HASHANAH | SEPTEMBER 23

PLANTS & PATHOGENS DISEASE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR | SEPTEMBER 24

AUTUMN AFFAIR | SEPTEMBER 27

Swing for Pink

GOLF TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON  OCTOBER 21TENNIS EVENT  OCTOBER 22PICKLEBALL EVENT  OCTOBER 23

All proceeds benefit Pardee Care Center Programs & Services

AUGUST'S VINTNER OF THE MONTH:

Caymus Vineyards and the Wagner Family

The Wagners have roots in Napa Valley dating back to the 1850s, with a long family history of grape growing & winemaking. In 1972, Chuck Wagner started Caymus Vineyards with his late parents, Lorna & Charlie Wagner Sr. They established Caymus Cabernet as one of the region's most celebrated wines. Today, Chuck continues to produce two world-renowned Cabernet Sauvignons: Caymus Napa Valley and Caymus Special Selection.

Chuck is head of winemaking for Bonanza, a California Cabernet Sauvignon that celebrates the endless discovery of vineyard land throughout the state. He also produces Caymus-Suisun Grand Durif, a Petite Sirah from neighboring Suisun Valley. A "hidden gem" wine region only a short drive from Napa, Suisun has exceptional growing conditions for a range of varietals.

BONANZA **CABERNET SAUVIGNON** GLASS 12 | BOTTLE 42

TASTING NOTES

- Aromas and flavors of chocolate shavings, blackberries, dark cherry, coffee notes & sweet oak.
- Echoes of chocolate & coconut on the finish.

EMMOLO **SAUVIGNON BLANC** GLASS 11 | BOTTLE 38

TASTING NOTES

- Fresh & clean aromas with white peach, wet stone, clementine & other citrus notes.
- Flavors of bright lemon blossom & echoes of peach.

THE CH FOOD & BEVERAGE TEAM'S JOURNEY TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Cheers to Cole & Charles on completing their Level 1 Sommelier certification!



Carson & Cole recently attended the CMAA Carolinas Chapter Summer Conference!



THE CHAMPION HILLS CLUB PICKLEBALL COURTS ARE OPEN 9 AM – 6 PM DAILY!

Pickleball is here! With the excitement surrounding this new Club offering, I want to take a minute to share some friendly reminders and helpful tips to maximize your play on the pickleball courts!

- Court shoes or athletic shoes with minimal tread are required on the court.
 - Open toed shoes or flip flops are not permitted
 - Golf shoes are not permitted
- Don't overdo it. You may be tempted to play pickleball every day, but your body needs rest.
- Stretching on your rest days can also promote recovery and improve flexibility.
- Warm up and cool down.
- For the first 6 months, guests will be permitted after 2 PM and must be accompanied by a member. As stated in the Champion Hills Club Rules and Regulations, this amenity is also included in the limit of 6 collective visits per year unless otherwise approved by Club management.
- Guests are NOT permitted to participate in clinics or lessons.
- Reserve a court time at CHmember.com under Racquets & Wellness.
- Register for a clinic at CHmember.com under Racquets & Wellness.
- Open play does not require a reservation.

IS PICKLEBALL GOOD EXERCISE?

The short answer is YES!

If you've "hit a dink shot into the kitchen," you know the joy of pickleball. This booming sport is fast paced, simple to learn and serves up lots of health benefits.

WHAT IS PICKLEBALL?

Pickleball is similar to tennis but has its own court, paddle, ball and rules. Most people find it more forgiving than tennis and easier to play.

THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF PICKLEBALL!

Pickleball appeals to people of all ages and experience levels. It's a great sport for beginners who want to get more exercise.

• IMPROVES HEART HEALTH

Current physical activity guidelines for adults recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per week. Moderate intensity means you're at about 50% of your maximum effort.

Pickleball can help you meet these guidelines. One study of adults over the age of 50 found that more than 70% of their playing time was in the moderate to vigorous heart rate zone.

• ENHANCES MUSCLE AND BONE STRENGTH

Sports like pickleball stress your muscles and bones. Your body responds by making them stronger.

INCREASES BALANCE AND COORDINATION

Balance is a key measure of being physically fit. Good balance reduces your risk of falls, a serious health threat to older adults. Exercise is one of the best ways to improve your balance.





PICKLEBALL CLINIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY

9 AM | Pickleball 101: Learn the Game, 1.5 hours

1 PM | Advanced Drill, 1 hour

TUESDAY

9 AM | Men's Intermediate, 1 hour

10:30 AM | Pickleball 101: Learn the Game, 1.5 hours

WEDNESDAY

1 PM | Serving Clinic, 1 hour

THURSDAY

1 PM | Intermediate Drill, 1 hour

PICKLEBALL CLINICS & LESSON FEES

1 HOUR CLINIC | \$15

1.5 HOURS CLINIC | \$20

PRIVATE 60-MINUTE LESSON | \$60

SEMI-PRIVATE (2) 60-MINUTE LESSON | \$40 EACH

SEMI-PRIVATE (3) 60-MINUTE LESSON | \$30 EACH

SEMI-PRIVATE (4) 60-MINUTE LESSON | \$25 EACH

FEES FOR CLINICS AND LESSONS WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING PICKLEBALL OR ENHANCING YOUR PICKLEBALL GAME?

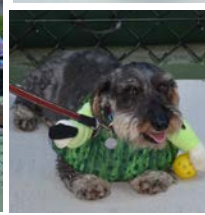
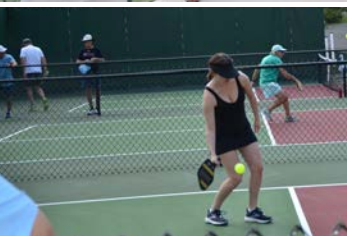
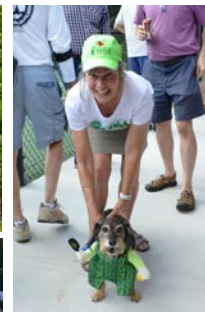
BOOK A PRIVATE OR SEMI-PRIVATE LESSON WITH KATIE,
CONTACT HER AT 262-492-9783.

GUESTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRIVATE OR SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS.



PICKLEBALL RIBBON CUTTING

Stay tuned for Pickleball Celebration details!



WELLNESS WISDOM

A MESSAGE FROM ERICK FOWLER, PGA

CHAMPION HILLS HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

CLINIC SCHEDULE

CH Golf Clinics continue to run weekly! Come join in on an interactive, friendly group setting where you just might meet your new favorite people to play golf with!

MAKE MORE PARS W/CAROLE | THURSDAY 3:15 PM

August 7, August 14, August 21, September 11, September 18 & October 2

Topics: Putting, chipping & pitching alternating weeks

ON-COURSE WITH CAROLE | FRIDAY 3:15 PM

August 8, August 15, August 22, August 29, September 12 & October 24

Topics Include: Situational Lies, Fairway Bunkers, Course Management & Scoring Strategies

GET INTO GOLF: BASIC FUNDAMENTALS | WEDNESDAY 3:15 PM

GET INTO GOLF: ON-COURSE APPLICATION | WEDNESDAY 4:15 PM

August 6 & August 13

Basic introductory clinics for BEGINNING men & women golfers that covers grip, set-up, basic swing mechanics, courtesy, etiquette and simple rules.

Two key sessions: Basic Fundamentals & On-Course Application

The Basic Fundamentals session introduces the core elements of the golf swing, while the On-Course Application session focuses on putting those skills into practice to help you enjoy the game even more!

If you have any questions regarding any of the upcoming events, please contact the golf professional staff or visit ForeTees.

AUGUST DEMO DAYS



AUGUST 7 | 11 AM - 3 PM



AUGUST 14 | 11 AM - 3 PM



AUGUST 21 | 11 AM - 3 PM



AUGUST 28 | 11 AM - 3:30 PM

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRO SHOP!

NINE & dine
with a twist

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

3 PM SHOTGUN FOLLOWED BY COCKTAILS & BUFFET

UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

AUGUST EVENTS

July 31 - August 3 | Men's Member-Member

August 5 | Ladies' ABCD

August 6 | Men's ABCD

August 16 | Meadow Ridge Neighborhood Golf

August 17 | Husband & Wife Championship

August 19 | Solheim Cup

August 28 | 9 & Dine

August 30 | Falls/Chattooga Neighborhood Golf

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 1 | Labor Day Scramble

September 2-4 | Aerification

September 9 | Ladies' Golf ABCD Event with Luncheon & Meeting

September 10 | Men's Golf ABCD Event with Luncheon

September 13 | Hagen / Hickory Neighborhood Golf

September 14 | Couples Golf

September 19 | Fazio Golf Tournament

September 23, 25 & 26 | Ladies' Member-Member

September 30 | Ladies' Summer Closing Day

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 1 | Men's Summer Closing Day

October 3 | Men's Green Tee Cup

October 5 | Couples' Summer Closing Day

October 8 - 11 | Men's Member-Guest

October 21 | Swing For Pink Golf Event

JULY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

4 CLUBS ON THE 4TH MIXER WINNERS



Congratulations to the team of:

Paul Hummer | Susan Thomas

Bill & Barbara Lessig

CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN WINNERS:

Hole # 2: Odette Coluccelli & Gloria Wasserman

Hole #17: Glenn Strow



MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



MEN'S CHAMPION:

Mark Brown

MEN'S SR. CHAMPION:

Bill Lessig

MEN'S NET CHAMPION:

Dan Carpenter

LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



LADIES' CHAMPION:

Karen Gilbert

LADIES' 9-HOLE CHAMPION:

Valerie Fitzgerald

LADIES' NET CHAMPION:

Lisa Cadiz



CHAMPION HILLS

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WELCOME LAUREN RIPPY TO CHAMPION HILLS!

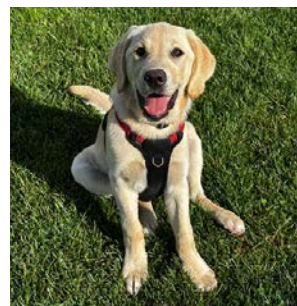
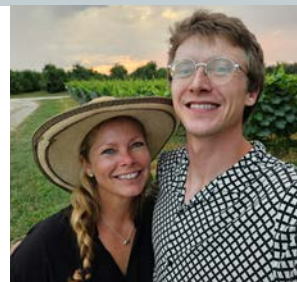


Lauren Rippy brings a thoughtful, service-first approach to her role as the on-site broker at Champion Hills. A former collegiate lacrosse coach, Lauren moved to Hendersonville eight years ago to be closer to family—and quickly rooted herself in the community she now proudly serves.

With a strong background in relocation and luxury home sales, Lauren thrives on helping clients navigate transitions with confidence, clarity, and care. Whether guiding new arrivals to

the mountains or representing sellers ready for their next chapter, she's known for her local expertise, tireless advocacy, and deep commitment to doing the right thing—always.

Outside of real estate, Lauren serves as President of the Board for Blue Ridge Humane Society and volunteers her time with both the AdventHealth Foundation and the City of Hendersonville's Planning and Zoning Board. She & her partner, Charles Buchanan, share their home with two pups, Keo & Leila, and spend their free time exploring local trails or unwinding with a good glass of wine.



REAL ESTATE NEWS

CHIMNEY CROSSING THIRSTY THURSDAY

AUGUST 7 | 4 PM - 6 PM

Enjoy a tour of the beautifully appointed model home. Transportation will be provided to and from the Clubhouse parking lot.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres & refreshments will also be provided at the model home.

HOSTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM OF:

PINE SHADOW DEVELOPERS - KURT BAGWELL (FULL EQUITY MEMBER)

AMARX CONSTRUCTION OF ASHEVILLE & SCOTT BARFIELD REALTY

LEARN MORE ABOUT CHIMNEY CROSSING TODAY!

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

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OR EMAIL CHAMPIONHILLS.TEAM@ALLENTE.COM

August

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Men's
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Men's
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Men's
Mem-Mem
Dinner Dance

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Clubhouse
Closed

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Burger Night

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Trivia

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Thirsty Thursday
Chimney
Crossing Event

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Ladies' & Llamas

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Seafood
Spectacular

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Clubhouse
Closed

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Chinese Buffet

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Rodney Strong
Wine Around

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Canine Separation
Anxiety Seminar

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Thirsty Thursday

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Husband & Wife
Championship

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Clubhouse
Closed

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Solheim Cup
Timeless Tuesday
Supper Club

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Globe Treks
Tour Talk

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Boss of the Toss
Tournament

Third Thursday

22

Henderson Co.
Rescue Squad
Tour
Mushroom
Bourguignon
Demo

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Prime Rib Night

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Book Club
Clubhouse
Closed

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Pub Night
&
Music Bingo

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Men's Night Out

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9 & Dine
Thirsty Thursday

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Sierra Nevada
Tour

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