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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CHAMPION HILLS



#### COMMUNITY RECOVERING FROM HURRICANE HELENE

Our community demonstrated incredible resilience in the face of Hurricane Helene. While we faced downed trees, power outages, and lost water for days, the spirit of neighborliness has shone brightly, making it easier to endure the challenges together. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured, and this unity has transformed our struggles into a testament of strength and solidarity.

A big thank you needs to go out to our GM, Alan Deck and his staff. They did an incredible job getting our roads opened and cleared of the numerous fallen trees. Also, when internet access was an issue, they were able to get StarLink service installed at the Clubhouse so we could connect to the outside world.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of Champion Hills too! Many of our employees faced significant losses in the storm, and you rallied together, contributing over \$100,000 to help them rebuild their lives. This incredible response exemplifies why Champion Hills is such a

remarkable place we proudly call home.

We are grateful to share that power, water, and internet services have been fully restored. Now, we unite our efforts in clean-up and repair. Under the leadership of Craig Galloway, the POA Maintenance staff is diligently collecting storm debris from our roads and removing downed trees from our roadways.



As we go forward, please feel free to share your questions or concerns with our staff or the POA Board. In the meantime, be safe and look out for one another.

has been evaluating all the culverts in Champion Hills and has identified those that need

The POA Board of Directors

repairs due to the storm.

John McGuire, Dave Doudna, Bruce Nelson, Jim Gibbs, Pete Hallock

#### NOVEMBER - AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO GIVE THANKS

It has been nearly 6 weeks since Helene visited our region. It will take months, if not years, for the physical and emotional impact to subside. Because November is traditionally a time for reflecting on blessings and giving thanks, allow me to share my thoughts:

SAFETY: I am thankful that none of our Club members or staff were injured in the storm and that in short order everyone was counted as safe. We all know how fortunate this makes us in comparison to the experiences of our region.

MANAGEMENT & STAFF: Our Management and Staff have given us a lot to be thankful for. First and foremost, they left their own homes and families to take care of us. They cleared the roads, they opened the Clubhouse and served meals, they patiently answered questions and shared passwords. They pitched in for one another and restored a sense of normalcy. I saw everyone who came in contact with them come away with a smile. Our staff rose to the occasion and made us all proud.

COMMUNITY: When the creature comforts of power, water and internet were taken away for a few days, Champion Hills Club opened the doors of our Clubhouse to the entire community. I am thankful that we had this central resource and were able to share it. The community dinner hosted on October 5 was a real celebration!

GOLF COURSE: I am thankful that although damaged, our golf course is intact and will come back once again as a remarkable example of mountain golf. Thanks to our amazing Grounds staff, we have already returned to play and golf is a welcome distraction.

RESILIENCE: Optimism and positive attitudes prevail at Champion Hills Club. I am thankful for the resilience I see as everyone has jumped to help one another and plan what comes next.

GENEROSITY: No request for assistance has gone unanswered at Champion Hills, and I am thankful for the spirit of generosity found here. From access to a hot shower, to freezer space, to running a load of clothes, to the more significant donations of financial support to replace things lost, all needs have been met with a generous response.

Please continue to keep yourself safe and avoid the areas still being cleared, cleaned-up or under repair. I'll see you around the Club and have a great Thanksgiving!

Milan Turk
Champion Hills Club Board President

P.S. Last month, I reminded you that we would be sending out the annual Membership Satisfaction Survey, and I encouraged everyone to respond. You delivered. We received 397 responses equal to hearing from 61% of our Club members. The survey provides key information that Management and the Board will use in to set priorities for the future. We will be sending out a summary of the highlights, but the initial read indicates that recent action plans have improved members' experiences!

# BE AN ANGEL - TAKE AN ANGEL LOOK FOR ANGELS ON NOVEMBER 5!

The Champion Hills Angel Tree will be on display in the Clubhouse lobby and filled with CH Angels (children of Champion Hills Club & POA employees.) Once these are taken, Salvation Army Angels will be placed on the tree.

INSTRUCTIONS ARE STAPLED TO THE BACK OF EACH TAG.
PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS.
ALL GIFTS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

If you would like to sponsor a child but are unable to do the shopping, we have enthusiastic volunteers happy to help.



Monetary contributions welcome!
Please make checks payable to:
Pam Roadman
207 Bent Pine Trace
Hendersonville. NC 28739

Not only is this money used to fill the wishes of additional Salvation Army Angels, but we have helped with special needs kids' wishes for special reading & learning materials, toys for autistic kids, etc.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL US AT:

JEAN 513-646-9490 JEAN.CALKIN@YAHOO.COM | PAM 781-540-4705 PMROADMAN@YAHOO.COM



#### MEET THE CANDIDATES

#### NOVEMBER 7 | 4 PM - 6 PM

Join us for a special Thirsty Thursday event.
Enjoy bar bites & drink specials at the
Fazio Pub and mingle with the Club & POA Board
Candidates able to attend the event.

#### CLUB BOARD -



MARY SUE HOUSE



BYRON SHINN



STEVE LANDIS



VOTING OPENS ON NOVEMBER 1. CAST YOUR BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 29!



- POA BOARD



BRUCE NELSON



BILL ZOLLINGER



#### CHAMPION HILLS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 4 - 22 (Early donations welcome!)

This holiday season, support families within Henderson County by donating non-perishable food to benefit local non-profit, IAM (Interfaith Assistance Ministry).

Donation bins will be placed in the Clubhouse Administrative office & Wellness Center.

#### ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY IAM

(Food packages must be sealed. Please check expiration dates. ALL expired items will be disposed.)

- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Canned Yams
- Canned Fruit
- Gravy (Mix or Jar)
- Mushroom Soup

- Fried Onions
- Oatmeal
- Canned Pumpkin
- Cake Mixes
- Icing
- Boxed Pie Crust
- Evaporated Milk

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#### THANK YOU FOR MAKING HOWL-O-WEEN A HOWLING GOOD TIME!

































MOST CREATIVE (TIE)









**COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS** 

**SCARIEST** 

**RAFFLE WINNER** 







Beau Doudna



Henry & Leo Flora



Sandy Cadiz



Jodi & Zoey Sundeen



A special thank you to Sarah (Blue Ridge Humane Society) & Wag! A Unique Pet Boutique for supporting this wonderful event!

## **SPOOKTACULAR GOLF & COSTUME CONTEST**



**IST PLACE** Dave & Laudette Doudna Geoff & Kay Jollay



2ND PLACE Richard & Marion Washer Peter & Pat Howitt



Med & Lisa Cadiz Stu & Margie Holcombe



SCARY SCORE Hyler Stanavage & Linda Dzagan Joe & Cindi Cooper



**GHOULISH** Stu & Margie Holcombe



**FOOLISH** Pam Roadman Mary Sue House Beth Turk Jean Calkin



**BEST OVERALL** Geoff & Kay Jollay



#### **CARTER & MONICA HOPKINS**

#### Where are you from?

After a lifetime in Miami, we moved to Flat Rock in 2016. We joined CH in April of 2023 and are year round members.

#### Are you in CH full-time or seasonally?

We enjoy meeting the membership and take part in the social and dining events.

#### What do you like to do at Champion Hills?

Carter retired after 30 yrs in commercial real estate. Monica is a professional photographer and owned Monica Hopkins Photography where she specialized in high end portraiture and weddings.

#### What is one fun/interesting fact about yourself?

Monica is still actively taking photos for personal pleasure. Carter's hobbies include cooking, making chef knives, and building watches.



#### PHIL & ROWENA CROXFORD

#### Where are you from?

We moved from Fort Myers Florida in April 2024.

#### Are you in CH full-time or seasonally?

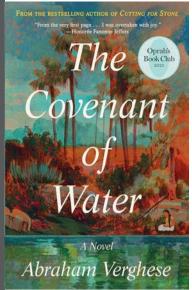
We will be in CH full time, although we will be spending time with our grandsons & their parents in Pittsburgh and Ashburn, VA.

#### What do you like to do at Champion Hills?

We enjoy tennis, fitness classes, golf, walking the neighborhood with Daisy our Labradoodle and meeting people. Not to forget eating at the club and Thirsty Thursdays!

#### What is one fun/interesting fact about yourself?

We moved to the US from England 31 years ago—for a two year assignment!



# CHAMPION HILLS BOOK CLUB NOVEMBER 25

# THE COVENANT OF WATER BY ABRAHAM VERGHESE

This novel tells the story of an Indian family living in southwest India. It spans 3 generations, from 1900 to the 1970's. It is a stunning story of love, faith, and medicine, as a family seeks the answers to a strange secret. Oprah Winfrey said "One of the best books I've read in my entire life. It's epic. It's transportive... it was unputdownable."

For more information please contact:

Barb Morrison | 309.269.0010 Barbara Zucker | 845.598.0933



## PET PROFILES



Al & Robin Rex



Carl is turned 9 last month! He is a Schnoodle - part Schnauzer & part Poodle.



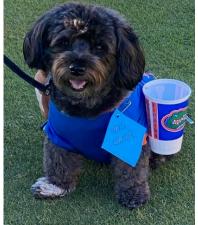
#### **FAVORITE TOY**

Carl isn't a big toy player-- He mainly loves people especially kids.



Carl loves riding in the Golf Cart or going anywhere in the car.... He also loves to Socialize on walks, saying hi to the security patrol, going to stores or the Clubhouse. He will hop in anyone's golf cart that slows down to say hello to him. He would be perfectly suited to be a greeter at Walmart.















NOVEMBER 6 | 5:30 PM - 9 PM

Want to show off your knowledge? Reserve your team a table today! Email Shelly at <a href="mailto:shellym@championhills.com">shellym@championhills.com</a>

# SEPTEMBER WINNERS STILL DELIBERATING



Chuck & Elizabeth Jewett, Rick Kacik
Gerritt & Eizabeth Kerkstra

#### YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

# Midnight at the Masquerade

(A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER)

Get ready for a glamorous evening of mystery, intrigue & murder! Join us for cocktails at 5:30 PM to catch gossip worth dying for...

NOVEMBER 9 | 5:30 PM



#### **HEAL TO LEAD:**

STORIES TO TURN YOUR WOUNDS INTO WISDOM

BOOK LAUNCH WITH THEA SOMMER

NOVEMBER 12



ARRIVAL - 11:30 AM | READING - 11:45 AM LUNCHEON - 12:15 PM



# Ladies' Luncheon

HOLIDAY BLOCK PRINT GREETING CARDS

Design cards & learn to carve a simple holiday themed stamp from scratch.

No experience necessary!

NOVEMBER 15 | 11 AM - 2 PM





National
Apple Ciden Day
NOVEMBER 19

9 AM - 11 AM



STOP BY THE CLUBHOUSE FOR COMPLIMENTARY APPLE CIDER & DONUTS!



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

# FOR DINING RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SHELLY AT (828) 233-0973 OR EMAIL SHELLYM@CHAMPIONHILLS.COM!



#### NOVEMBER 5 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Join us for Pasta Night! Enjoy "All You Can Eat" breadsticks, assorted pastas, sauces, toppings, and Italian desserts!

#### NOVEMBER 12 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Join us for \$1 wings, \$3 drafts, and your favorite comfort foods from our Fazio Pub menu!



# BURGER NIGHT

#### NOVEMBER 19 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Join us for Burger Night-- You can't go wrong with made-to-order burgers, fries, and homemade milkshakes!



Join us for the popular Prime Rib Night!





#### NOVEMBER 26 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Join us for some delicious comfort food that will put a smile on your face!



SOUTH AUSTRALIA



#### THE BOXER ~ SHIRAZ

This alluring & unashamedly bold Shiraz has hints of spiced plums, blackberry jam & cherry all at the fore and finishes with coffee cream, licorice & vanilla. Full bodied with vibrant berry fruit characteristics, yet elegant with restrained tannins, resulting in a soft mouthfeel. Consistently impressive and seriously good, this wine is not short of character.





NOVEMBER SPECIAL PRICING:
12 GLASS | 48 BOTTLE



FOR YOUR PERSONALIZED RESERVATION,
CONTACT SHELLY AT (828) 233-0973 OR EMAIL SHELLYM@CHAMPIONHILLS.COM

# Champion Hills Holiday Events

LADIES' LUNCHEON
HOLIDAY BLOCK PRINT GREETING CARDS
NOVEMBER 15 | 11 AM - 2 PM

CHAMPION HILLS HOLIDAY PARTY | DECEMBER 6
COCKTAILS - 5:30 PM & DINNER - 6:30PM

LADIES' TEA & WRAPPING PARTY DECEMBER 17 | 2 PM - 4 PM

THIRD THURSDAY UGLY SWEATER PARTY
DECEMBER 19 | 4 PM - 6 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION | DECEMBER 31 EARLY SEATING - 5 PM & LATE SEATING - 7 PM

To make your holiday reservations, please contact Shelly at (828) 233—0973 or visit CHMember.com!



## HOLIDAY PARTIES

AT CHAMPION HILLS
DECEMBER DATES: 4, 5, 11 & 12

Book your holiday party at Champion Hills!

WOW your guests with a delicious assortment of seasonal menu favorites!

Contact Shelly at (828) 233-0973 or email shellym@championhills.com to arrange your date & time for a memorable holiday event!



December is almost here. Boy, this is my favorite time of the year!

Laughter & merriment galore— I can't wait to see what adventures we have in store!



#### MORAVIAN COOKIES

**CHEF SEAN THOMAS** 

There is nothing more fundamentally North Carolinian along this season than the Moravian cookie. Outside of the fact that it was made the state cookie in 2023, it is also very much a staple of many a North Carolina home during the holiday season. I still have very fond memories of my grandmother making these, and the warm aromatic smell of molasses & ginger lofting throughout the house during the holidays.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling

1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar

1 cup cold shortening, plus more for greasing

1/2 teaspoon distilled white vinegar.

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1 cup light or mild molasses (not blackstrap)

#### <u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>

- 1) Place 4 cups all-purpose flour, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, and kosher salt in a large bowl & whisk to combine. Add light brown sugar & stir to combine.
- 2) Add 1 cup cold shortening & work it into the dry ingredients with your fingertips until combined. Place vinegar and baking soda in a small bowl & stir to combine.
- 3) Add the vinegar mixture and molasses & beat with an electric hand mixer on medium speed (or in a stand mixer with the paddle attachment) until thoroughly combined and the dough forms large clumps.
- 4) Divide the dough into 4 portions & form each portion into a disk. Wrap each disk lightly in plastic wrap & refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour or up to overnight.
- 5) Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven & heat the oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a baking sheet with shortening or line with parchment paper.
- 6) Unwrap 1 disk & place on a lightly floured work surface (keep the remaining disks refrigerated). Roll out very, very thin (between 1/8 and 1/16th inch thick). Cut into shapes with cookie cutters & transfer the cookies with a flat spatula onto the baking sheet. They can be very close together, as they don't spread much.
- 7) Bake until the cookies turn an even brown color (not browned around the edges), 10 to 11 minutes. Let the cookies cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes, then transfer to a wire rack & let cool completely. Roll out & cut the second portion of dough while the first sheet is baking & place on a second baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining portions of dough.



#### THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A PERSONAL TRAINER

Working out can be intimidating. It's normal to have goals and be unsure how to achieve them. A personal trainer can help you overcome your obstacles and take you to new heights on your fitness journey.

If you are seasoned gym pro, it is easy to get into a workout rut. A personal trainer can help you "level up"!

#### **EDUCATION**

Being educated while exercising is essential in maximizing effectiveness and reducing risk of injury.

#### MOTIVATION

Exercising can be a hassle, and at times, it may feel like there aren't enough hours in the day. Sometimes, all we need is a little more support and an appointment on the calendar.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Accountability goes hand-in-hand with motivation. Throw the "I'll go tomorrow; I'm too tired" excuses out the door because a personal trainer will ensure that won't happen.





#### PERSONALIZED PLAN

A common misconception is that personal trainers are high energy, in your face, and work you to exhaustion with heavy lifting, which is far from the truth. Be sure to tell your trainer what you're looking for. Together, you can develop a plan tailored to you, and then your personal trainer can set realistic goals based on your abilities and make adjustments where necessary, like if an old injury makes a certain exercise difficult. This will help you remain effective while keeping your body healthy.

#### CHALLENGING

It's easy to get bored with your fitness routine. Maybe you've plateaued or aren't seeing the results you want. A personal trainer will challenge you and take you to the next level.

#### **VARIETY**

Your trainer will develop a routine for you with plenty of variety. This may include machines, free weights, bodyweight exercises/TRX, and cardio. No two workout days will be the same, making each day fun and new.



**BOOK YOUR** PERSONAL TRAINING **APPOINTMENT** WITH **ELIJAH OR TJ** TODAY!



**ELIJAH ASKEW** 828-450-2414 828-606-8887



**TJ VORE** 

#### GROUP FITNESS CLASS CARDS

Purchase Group Fitness Class cards from Mackenzie and use them for any weekly class.

Register for classes on chmember.com! Under Racquets & Wellness, select Book a Class

Class cards are non-refundable & do not expire.

#### 2024 MEN'S MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT



### MEN'S MEMBER-MEMBER **CHAMPIONS**

Kevin Smith & Tom Smith

#### HOGAN FLIGHT WINNERS

Kevin Smith & Tom Smith

#### PALMER FLIGHT WINNERS Jerry Smith & Ralph Grant

JONES FLIGHT WINNERS Mike Fenn & Steve Anderson **NELSON FLIGHT WINNERS** 

Bruce Rau & Herb Miller

#### SARAZEN FLIGHT WINNERS

Don Morrison & Craig Fox

#### LUCKY DOG TEAM

Richard Washer & Joe Simonoko Dung Phan & Rocco Cassone

#### SNEAD FLIGHT WINNERS

#### LADIES' MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT

#### **OVERALL 18-HOLE CHAMPIONS**



Lynn Clever & Tracy Ennis



**OVERALL 9-HOLE CHAMPIONS** 

Julie Headley & Debra West

#### STACY LEWIS FLIGHT WINNERS

Tracy Ennis & Lynn Clever

#### JULIE INKSTER FLIGHT WINNERS Ellin Blumenthal & Karen Zwecker

#### ANNIKA SORENSTAM FLIGHT WINNERS

Vicki Carpenter & Jan O'Hara

#### HAGEN & OLD HICKORY **SCRAMBLE**



**OVERALL WINNERS** Bob Nazarian, Lynn Clever Valerie Fitzgerald, Glenn Strow



#### **HOLE-IN-ONE!**



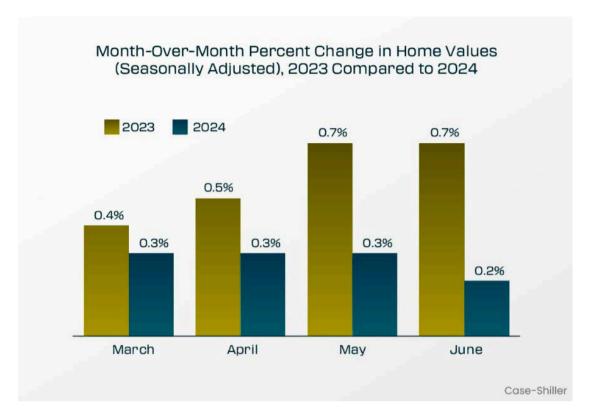
**JOSE BRAVO** Hole #2 | 108 yards | 8 Iron September 2, 2024



# CHAMPION HILLS

# Real Estate

#### HOME PRICE APPRECIATION IS MODERATING



Are you wondering what's happening with home prices? This visual should help. Data shows home price appreciation is moderating nationally. That means prices are still rising, just not as fast. And if you compare the numbers for last year to 2024, you can see it.

But that's just the national picture. If you want to know what prices are doing in our area, please reach out to either Amber or myself and we would be happy to provide you with an updated real estate review!

A real estate review is more than just a routine check-up—it's vital for ensuring that your property investments continue to serve your best interests. By staying updated on property values, performance, and market trends, you can make informed decisions that enhance your financial well-being and help you achieve your real estate goals. Scheduling this review annually can provide peace of mind and strategic advantages in the dynamic world of real estate.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 1	SATURDAY 2
3	Clubhouse Closed	<b>5</b> Pasta Night	<b>6</b> Trivia	<b>7</b> Thirsty Thursday Meet The Candidates	8	9 Murder Mystery Dinner
10	Clubhouse Closed	Heal To Lead Book Launch Pub Night	13	14 Thirsty Thursday	Ladies' Luncheon	16
17	Clubhouse Closed	National Apple Cider Day Burger Night	Men's Night Out	<b>21</b> Third Thursday	22	<b>23</b> Prime Rib Night
24	Clubhouse Closed Book Club	<b>26</b> Homestyle Night	27	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Buffet	29	30

**NOTES**: