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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK



As summer transitions to fall and we anticipate the stunning autumn foliage at Champion Hills, there is much to celebrate. The Labor Day golf tournament and cookout have reached maximum capacity once again this year and, in a few weeks, hundreds of members will gather to commemorate the establishment of our exceptional club and community thirty-five years ago. During our 35th Anniversary Celebration, we will pay tribute to our Founding Members, and Tom Fazio will share his memories on how it all began. Despite humble beginnings, Champion Hills Club has now earned the title of the best year-round private golf club experience in western North Carolina.

August was a very busy month for tours, which always allows me to see Champion Hills through a fresh lens. As I spoke to potential members and homeowners, I noticed that they consistently emphasized the importance of visiting the site and experiencing it firsthand. The breathtaking views of the mountains, the incredible course, the striking sunsets, and the timeless grandeur of our mountain clubhouse leave a lasting impression. But most importantly, the warm and welcoming hospitality of the membership makes Champion Hills feel like home for each visitor from the very first visit.

For me, the true beauty of Champion Hills is seeing visitors walk away with the same sparkle in their eye that I have for this special place. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful club and beautiful community. I hope that you also experience the same gratitude that I do each time I drive into Champion Hills.

I wish you a wonderful rest of the summer and a fantastic Champion Hills experience!

See you around at The Club!

Alan Deck, CCM, PGA
General Manager/COO

AUGUST TRIVIA WINNERS

Congratulations "Misfits"!

Mike & Joanne Corbett

Shep & Kay Platt

Brian & Valerie Fitzgerald





**LABOR DAY
COOKOUT CELEBRATION**
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 | 5 PM - 7 PM
Join us for a cookout at the Clubhouse!

KARAOKE NIGHT | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
COCKTAILS 5 PM | KARAOKE 6 PM
DINNER BUFFET 6 PM - 8 PM

Chisolm Leonard will be with us to host karaoke night!
Song selections can be made during cocktail hour.



LADIES' LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM
Join the ladies as they celebrate our the 35th anniversary of Champion Hills! Sue Fazio will be our special guest. She will share stories and history reflecting on her time at the Club.

CHAMPION HILLS 35TH ANNIVERSARY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
5:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Champion Hills is turning 35! Come celebrate with fellow members and dance the night away. Mr. & Mrs. Fazio will be in attendance for this special evening.



MEN'S NIGHT OUT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
COCKTAILS 5:30 PM | DINNER 6:30 PM
We invite the gentleman of Champion Hills to an evening of great food and conversation!

YOM KIPPUR | BREAK THE FAST
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
6 PM - 8 PM

All Members are welcome to join us as the Club will be offering a Break the Fast Meal in observance of the holiest day of the year in the Judaism calendar.



RANDY MCFALLS

SECURITY OFFICER



Randy has been here for 14 years! If you've ever run into him while he is patrolling, you know he loves Champion Hills. Randy is an exceptional officer. He wants to get to know you and make sure while you are here, you truly feel safe in the community. He retired from Steelcase after 27 years, he then worked with Henderson County Public Schools for 17 years. Randy isn't afraid to work hard, that is why the security team calls him "a machine". When Randy is not working he watches a lot of football and basketball - he will definitely test your knowledge of sports! He also enjoys spending time with his granddaughter, fishing and working in his flower garden.

COMING TO NETFLIX!

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT



Exciting news from our vertical member Jennifer E. Smith! Jennifer is the bestselling author of nine books for young adults and is the daughter of long-time Champion Hills members and residents Jim and Kathy Smith. Her young adult novel entitled "The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight" is premiering September 15 on Netflix, the second of her books to be adapted for film.

Pop some popcorn and enjoy the show. We look forward to seeing what she creates next!

The following is a short summary of the book:
Hadley and Oliver begin to fall for each other on their flight from New York to London. The probability of ever finding each other again seems impossible, but love - and London - may have a way of defying the odds.



CLASSIC GIMLET

By Joyce Ellis

Q: What are the only animals that do not produce their own Vitamin C?

A: Humans, guinea pigs, and fruit bats!

Who knew, right? On the brighter side, this inability to produce Vitamin C led to one of the world's greatest classic cocktails: The Gimlet.

In the late 1880's scurvy (a lethal disease caused by lack of Vitamin C) was rampant on British warships. The best preventative medicine at the time was the juice from citrus fruits. The only problem was that fruit often went bad while out at sea. Rose's Lime Cordial (the precursor to modern-day Rose's Lime Juice) had just been developed as the world's first fruit concentrate and was the citrus juice of choice on warships. However, the lime juice was a bit tough to swallow. Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Gimlette understood the easiest way to make anything more drinkable: just add liquor! So to help out his shipmates, he added gin to Rose's Lim Cordial. Who would have ever thought one of the most timeless cocktails was born in the most unassuming of places.

Modern-day Gimlets have taken some liberties with the original recipe. The popularity of vodka in the late 20th century led to the Vodka Gimlet. And the craft cocktail craze tends to tone down the roses in favor of fresh lime juice and simple syrup. Just remember if you are ordering a true old-school Gimlet, the Rose's will drown out any subtle aromatics. Maybe save the designer gin for your Martinis!



INGREDIENTS

- 2 oz. Bombay Sapphire Gin
- 1/2 oz. Freshly Squeezed Lime Juice
- 1/2 oz. Simple Syrup

INSTRUCTIONS

Add the gin, lime juice and simple syrup to a cocktail shaker filled with ice and shake vigorously until well-chilled. Strain into a cocktail glass and garnish with a fresh lime wedge.

FALL IS IN THE AIR!

When and Where to See Peak Fall Color:

Last Week in September: Spotty color begins at 6,000+ feet in the highest mountains Rough Ridge and Graveyard Field on the Blue Ridge Parkway

First Week in October: Color transforms above 5,000 feet
Mount Mitchell, Grandfather Mountain, Waterrock Knob, Black Balsam

Second Week in October: Best colors pick up steam at 4,000 - 5,000 feet elevation
Mount Pisgah, Devil's Courthouse, Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Third Week in October: The ultimate week for most color at 3,000 - 4,000 feet
Large portions of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Pisgah National Forest, Looking Glass Rock, Cradle of Forestry

Fourth Week in October: Best color shows at 2,000 - 3,000 feet elevation
The city of Asheville, Biltmore, Sylva, Dupont State Forest, NC Arboretum

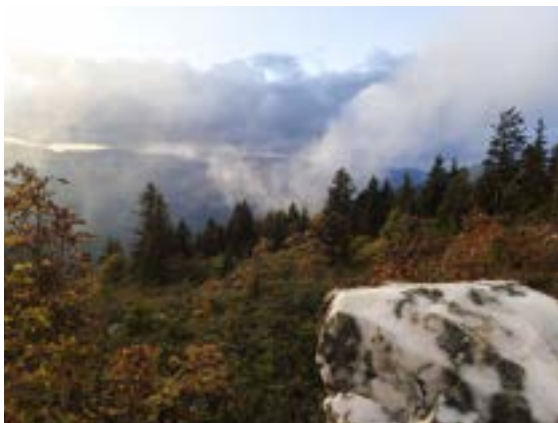
First Week in November: See lush fall colors at 1,000 - 2,000 feet elevation
Hickory Nut Gorge at Chimney Rock, Lake Lure, Lake James and South Mountains State Parks east of Asheville

Blue Ridge Parkway | Rough Ridge on the Tanawha Trail | 1.2 Miles

Hike through fragile, rare mountain flora and over craggy, angular rock outcrops on the Tanawha Trail at Rough Ridge, exploring Grandfather Mountain's middle elevations. This Rough Ridge hike catches gorgeous views of the surrounding landscape, swathed in vibrant leaf color, in early autumn.



Shining Rock Mountain | via Black Balsam Knob | 10 Miles



Hike mile after rolling mile through autumn's beauty on the Art Loeb Trail, one of Western NC's most scenic trails. The trail climbs from the Blue Ridge Parkway, summiting the view-packed balds at Black Balsam Knob and Tennent Mountain, clad in golden fall grasses. Then summit the brilliant, white, quartz-crustured summit of Shining Rock Mountain, grabbing exceptional views of the autumn-hued surrounding balds.

Blue Ridge Parkway

Graveyard Fields Trail | 3.3 Miles

Chase waterfalls at Graveyard Fields in the fall for a chance to catch views of these ultra-popular falls framed in stunning fall leaf color. Autumn's hues descend early in the Graveyard Fields valley - so add this hike to the early-fall bucket list.

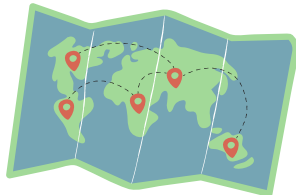


Nantahala National Forest

The Pinnacle in Sylva | 6.5 Miles

An extension of the view-studded Plott Balsam Range, this craggy stub of towering rock near Sylva, NC offers exceptional views from its summit. Hike Pinnacle Park to The Pinnacle, and soak in some sublime autumn views from its knobby summit.

Ready to hit the trail, but wondering what to pack?



- Navigation: GPS, Compass, Trail Maps
- A First Aid Kit
- Snacks & Water
- Extra Layers
- Sunscreen
- Tick & Mosquito Repellent
- Handlamp (If you're out after dark)
- All in a lightweight backpack

No matter what you pack to take, pack it all back in. Please leave no trace and help preserve the beauty of the outdoors. Wherever you go enjoy the beautiful fall colors in Western NC!

TIP FROM THE PRO

by Assistant Pro, Seth Robertson

PUTTING EXPECTATIONS

During my time here, I have seen a pattern of members pulling up to the driving range 20-30 minutes before their tee time. They hit golf balls for most of the time and then try to sneak in a few putts before they go to the first tee. They then head out to play with the expectation of taking two or less putts on every hole.

Reality versus expectations: Below are the 2022 putting stats from the PGA Tour

1 Putt Percentages

- Inside 5 Feet: 96.83% best player was 98.61%
- 5 - 10 Feet: 56.29% best player was 68.59%
- 10 - 15 Feet: 30.13% best player was 42.86%
- 15 - 20 Feet: 18.53% best player was 28.81%

The bigger picture: The percentages displayed are from the best players in the world! Maybe it's time you curb your expectations and reconsider how you warm-up/practice. Spend more time on 3-5 footers before heading out to play. If you averaged just 70% from 3-5 feet, I bet your scores would improve drastically over time. When outside of 10-15 feet, make sure you focus on your speed. It can be tough to read and aim putts on mountain greens. However, with good speed, you can misread a putt by 3 feet and still be inside the circle of high make percentage.

Challenge: Keep track of your one putt percentage when inside of 5 feet your next round.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Labor Day Scramble | Monday, September 4
- Greens Aerification | September 5 - 7
- Ladies' Member-Member | September 26, 28, 29
- Men's Day Shootout | Wednesday, September 27
- Ladies' Closing Day | Tuesday, October 3
- Men's Closing Day | Wednesday, October 4
- Men's Green Tee Cup | Friday, October 6
- Couples' Closing Day | Sunday, October 8
- Men's Member-Guest | October 11 - 14

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

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

HUSBAND & WIFE CHAMPIONS



Overall Winners:
Mary & Jim Kwolek

MEN'S MEMBER-MEMBER



Overall Winners:
Ralph Grant & Jerry Smith

LADIES' NINE-HOLE CLUB CHAMPIONS



Net Champion:
Denise Anderson
Gross Champion:
Susan Cano

LABOR DAY GOLF SHOP SALE!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Take an extra 20% off all in-stock apparel.

\$25 OFF all in-stock shoes, bags and clubs.

This is a great time to use your golf shop credit!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 10 AM - 4 PM

The team at Next Round will be at the course to evaluate clubs and give you credit for the golf shop! For more information and to sign up, visit <https://nextround.com/event/championhills>





CHAMPION HILLS

Real Estate

201 DIDRIKSON WAY

NEW LISTING PRICE! | \$1,350,000



Gorgeous home located on the 5th fairway of Tom Fazio's Mountain Masterpiece with views of the green and pond. You'll be greeted by soaring ceilings, partially open floorplan, wall of windows, large dining area, and handsome stone fireplace. The gorgeous renovated kitchen is light and bright with all you need to please the chef, plus breakfast nook with gorgeous views.

There are 2 bedrooms on this level, the spacious main plus guest suite now used as an office. Last but hardly least the wonderful sunroom where you will want to spend most of your time, windows on 3 sides to the golf course view. Downstairs has a huge family room with space for pool/game table, place to watch movies, and wet bar. Outside is equally fabulous with covered sitting area, fire pit, extensive water feature and bolder work, surrounded by beautiful landscaping.



4 BDRM



4 BATH



4,187 SQFT



PROPERTY FEATURES:

- 1.15 Acres on the 5th Fairway
- 4,187 Square Feet on Two Levels
- Den/Second Bedroom on Main Level
- Golf Course Pond
- Spacious Family Room with Fireplace & Wet Bar
- Great Outdoor Area for Entertaining
- Sunroom Overlooking Water Feature

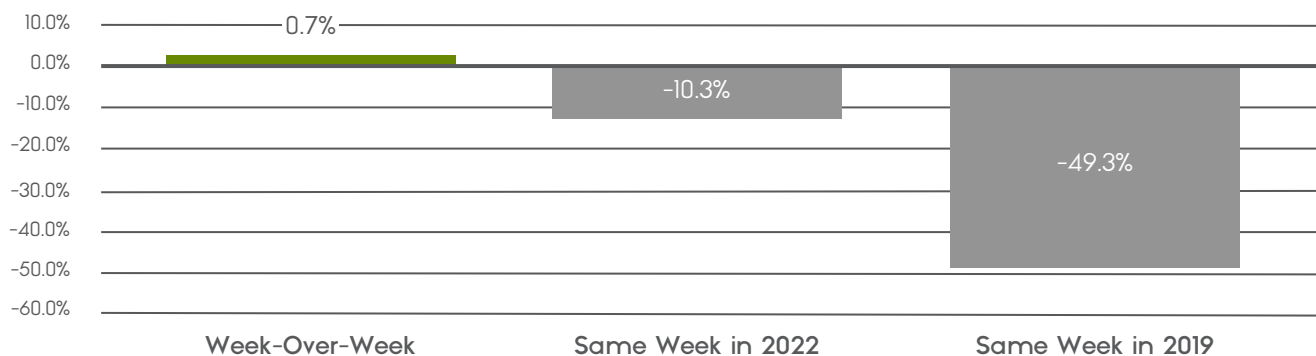
THERE'S ONLY HALF THE INVENTORY OF A NORMAL HOUSING MARKET TODAY

Wondering if it still makes sense to sell your house right now? The short answer is yes. Especially if you consider how few homes there are for sale today.

You may have heard inventory is low right now, but you may not fully realize just how low or why that's a perk when you go to sell your house. This graph from Calculated Risk can help put that into perspective:

INVENTORY IS STILL HISTORICALLY LOW

As of August 7, 2023



As the graph shows, while the housing inventory did grow slightly week-over-week (shown in the blue bar), overall supply is still low (shown in the red bars). Compared to the same week last year, supply is down roughly 10% - and it was already considered low at the time. But, if you look further back, you'll see inventory is down even more significantly.

To gauge just how far off from normal today's inventory is, let's compare right now to 2019 (the last normal year in the market). When you compare the same week this year with the matching week in 2019, supply is about 50% lower. That means there are half the homes for sale now than there'd usually be.

The key takeaway? We're still nowhere near what's considered a balanced market. There's plenty of demand for your house because there just aren't enough homes to go around. As Lawrence Yun, Chief Economist at the National Association of Realtors (NAR), explains: "There are simply not enough homes for sale. The market can easily absorb a doubling of inventory."

So, if you want to list your house, know that there's only about half the inventory there'd usually be in a more normal year. That means your house will be in the spotlight if you sell now and you may see multiple offers and a fast home sale.



September

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Labor Day
Cookout

5
Greens
Aerification
Clubhouse
Closed

6
Greens
Aerification
Karaoke Night

7
Greens
Aerification
Thirsty
Thursday

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11
Clubhouse
Closed

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Callaway
Demo Day
Thirsty
Thursday

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Clubhouse
Closed
Book Club

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20
Ladies'
Luncheon

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XXIO
Demo Day
Third
Thursday

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Friends of
Fazio

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35th
Anniversary
Celebration

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Clubhouse
Closed
Yom Kippur
Break the Fast

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Ladies'
Member-Member

27
Men's
Night Out

28
Ladies'
Member-Member
Thirsty
Thursday

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Ladies'
Member-Member

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