



The Village at Stone Ridge

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2007 ELECTION

It is not too soon to consider running for a position on the VSR Board of Trustees!

On 26 September 2007, as part of our Annual Meeting, elections will be held to fill three positions on the Board: two positions are for the regular 3-year terms, one position is for the unexpired 1-year term created by Judy Culver's resignation and filled by appointment of Carlene Craib until the elections.

Leading up to the elections, an Announcement Letter will be sent to all Unit Owners on 25 July, inviting nominations to Richard Diaz (978.692.0648), who has kindly consented to chair the Elections Committee again. The deadline for nominations and acceptance of candidacy is 20 August 2007, with the short biographies due on or before 22 August. A Candidates' night is

scheduled for the Village Meeting on 6 September 2007.

Ballots will be mailed to every unit owner of record on or before 31 August 2007, and will list the candidates for the three positions. The ballots will request voting for one candidate for the 1-year term and two candidates for the 3-year terms and can be cast (1 ballot/unit) with the Elections Committee chair on or before the 26 September 2007 Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration and let us continue the tradition of the strong volunteerism which has been the hallmark of the Village at Stone Ridge.

– George Heiter, Board of Trustees

GOLFERS SHINE, SUN DOESN'T

by Dean Hubbard

Cold and damp weather did not deter twelve hearty VSR men golfers (including me) from enjoying a round at the Overlook Golf Course in Hollis, New Hampshire. The date was Thursday 17 May, and the occasion was the 1st VSR Golf Tournament.

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Ken Hyle, Skip Giles and Larry Anzivino at first Tee

PHOTOS: DEAN HUBBARD

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEW PLANTINGS IN VILLAGE

by Eli Demetri and Barbara West

New perennials and shrubs have been planted around our Village. Please follow the watering instructions given here.



All new perennials or shrubs will be watered in at the time of planting.

After initial watering, they should be given a heavy saturation twice per week, or more if weather is excessively hot and dry.

As needed, apply a light stream of water around the base of the shrub for 20 minutes or until area is saturated. Using heavy streams of water may erode the area.

The goal is to allow the water to soak down far enough to reach the root ball.

Thank you for your assistance in caring for our plantings.

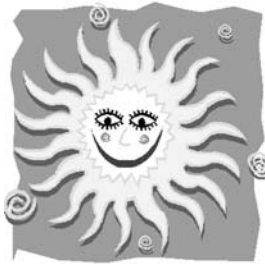
SHARING/CARING

If you know of any VSR resident who is seriously ill, in the hospital, or recently deceased, please inform Joan Roy (978 692-6513) or Roni Hubbard (978 392-0949). Joan is Chairman of the Sharing/Caring Subcommittee and in charge of sending cards and/or flowers or fruit (whichever is appropriate) to that person or to his/her family.



Welcome

We wish to welcome our new neighbors to the Village of Stone Ridge:



Frank and Margaret "Peggy" Bashore

11 Gatecrest

Claire Peirent

22 Stone Ridge

Michael and Wendy Wolfberg

4 Rockwell

CAUTION – TURTLE CROSSING

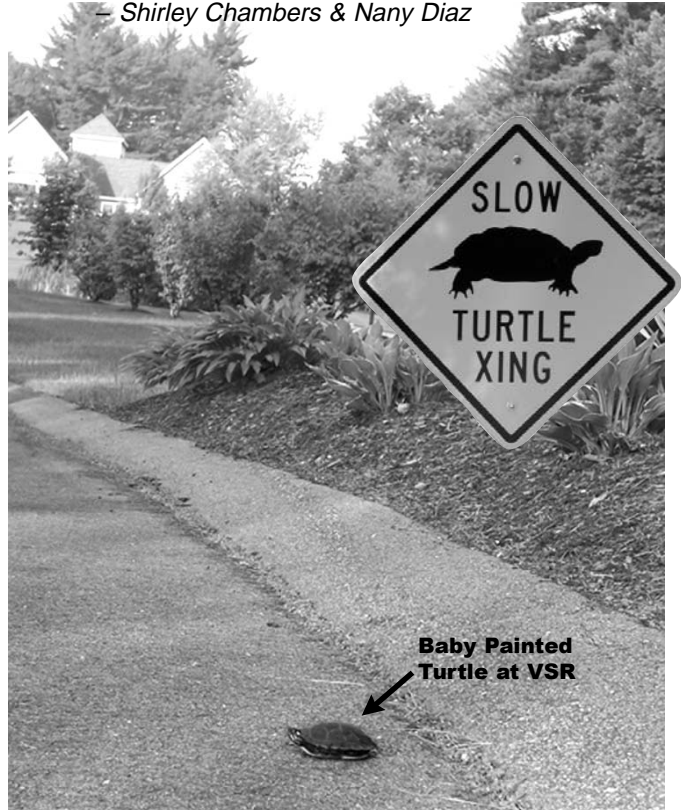


PHOTOS: NANY DIAZ

Some of you are probably aware by now that we have turtles from our quarry pond that cross the road near the bridge. They are all sizes and of course by nature don't move very fast. Please be cautious as you drive past the bridge area and make sure there are none in the road. Today one got crushed and we are quite sad about it. Perhaps we need a sign at the crossing point.

Why does a turtle cross the road? Why of course to get to the other side – to mate or lay eggs. June and July in New England is their mating season. The adult female turtle crosses roads in search of nest sites frequently in yards and sandy fields near her pond. According to a herpetologist, all turtles always lay eggs on land. They have few predators other than people and their cars, so let's all slow down as we enter and exit our village and save our VSR turtle population. Remind your visitors to do the same please.

– Shirley Chambers & Nany Diaz



Baby Painted Turtle at VSR

VSR

Book Club
NEWS

by Dianne Marston

On June 21 ten villagers enjoyed a lively conversation about the book *We Are All Welcome Here*. You are invited to join us for our next discussions:

Thursday, August 2
1:00 pm
Refreshments
1:30 pm Discussion

The book: *The Covenant* by Naomi Ragen
 “A scrupulously fair-minded and riveting tale of current Israel. A deft mix of past and present, the story's as much political thriller as conventional tale about the ties of family and friendship.” Kirkus Reviews

Thursday, September 13, same times
 The book: *In An Instant* by Lee and Bob Woodruff

MOVIE NIGHT



Save the Dates!

July 19
August 16

JULY 19
GOOD NIGHT & GOOD LUCK.



David Strathairn, Patricia Clarkson, George Clooney, and Jeff Daniels star in this electrifying movie. Take a trip down "memory lane" with Edward R. Morrow and his clash with Senator Joseph McCarthy.

AUGUST 16
DREAMGIRLS

Show-stopping performances by a star-studded cast! Dreamgirls soars with the amazing story of three female singers who learn that anything is possible when you hold onto your dreams.



– Dorothy Moran

KARAOKE
NO. 3

He's ba-a-ack

The Karaoke King Skip Giles, and he has rightly earned this title.

Put Friday, September 14th on your calendar now.

Come and be prepared to sing your heart out.

As he did for the first two karaoke parties, Skip will provide all the necessary music and will emcee the event.

Ray and Ann Marie Barnes will provide the sound system as usual.

Look for song sheets on the bulletin board, so you can practice the one(s) you want to sing.

If you're shy and think you can't sing, have a glass of wine and try.

Don't miss No. 3.

SAVE THOSE METAL TABS

Please rip off those metal tabs that come on soft drink cans and save them for Dot Hall (978-692-4363). She donates them to the Shriner's Hospital. One pound gets one hour of free dialysis for a child. Deposit them in the receptacle in the Clubhouse marked TABS FOR SHRINERS. It will be in the library on a shelf by the fireplace.



AREA DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

Reviewed by Mike and Wendy Wolfberg, our new neighbors on 4 Rockwell

FISH BONES *in the Village* New since last November, Fish Bones at 34 Central Street in Chelmsford Center is THE restaurant to try for seafood. They have a bright, stylish decor and serve wonderful salads, delicious fresh seafood dinners broiled, baked, grilled, or fried, and excellent lunch specials until 4 pm.

They have a wide range of bottled beverages, including beer and wine with a nice selection of wines by the glass. There are a few "alternative dishes" for those preferring chicken or meat and yummy homemade desserts to top off a meal. If you've been looking for the lobster roll worth the price, look no further. Delicious, healthy meals at an excellent price. And take some fresh fish home. Their fish market is open 7 days a week 10 to 6 pm. Parking is behind the building. For more details and a menu, please visit their website. We love it and can't wait to go back. Bring a sweater; it can be cool. Phone (978) 250-0101.

Their other restaurant and fish market with a very similar menu is the Atlantic Sea Grill and Fish Market on 2A in Acton, although I love the decor at Fish Bones better - more fun, more comfortable, but smaller. You can visit both restaurants on line at www.atlanticseagrill.com.

Udupi Bhavan Indian food with all the many spices is a delicious, healthy, and always very interesting cuisine. Few do it better than Udupi Bhavan in Lowell at 1717 Middlesex Street. Phone (978) 654-6653. They provide superb south Indian food. If you want to stretch your food experiences a little or already love Indian food, you're in luck. In general, the level of spicy hotness is low. Not sure what to try? Start with one of the two sampling or Thali dinners, or a dosai, which is a rice and lentil crepe. Udupi cuisine comprises dishes made primarily from grains, beans, vegetables, and fruits.

In addition to great food, this modest informal little family place is full of local Indians in gorgeous colorful dress. There were some of us non-Indians there too. It's so popular on the weekends there is often a wait. To avoid waiting, try it on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening or for lunch. You can also try their restaurant in Shrewsbury.

Finding it on Middlesex Street is tricky. It's just east of the Middlesex Plaza on the left past Pho Mi Mi. Before the Jiffy Lube, turn left and drive back into the parking area. The restaurant is on the left as you drive back. It is not visible from the road. Next door to Udupi Bhavan is an Indian market if you want to try your hand.

For a very detailed review and specific menu recommendations, visit the restaurant link off Mike's webpage www.wolfberg.net

GATES VS. GM For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX) Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated: "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: "If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason, you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart. In which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This car has performed an illegal operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. You have to press the "start" button to turn the engine off!

STOKE UP THEM STOGIES



by Dean Hubbard

A beautiful but unusually cool evening was the setting for 24 VSR members enjoying a great steak, ale, and cigar at our 2007 Cigar Night on Wednesday 6 June. The event was organized by Ron Caterino, Dom DeFronzo, and Ken Hyle and catered by our own Italian chef Domenic.

The evening began with shrimp cocktail, salad, beer, ale, and great conversation. The steaks were done to order with sides of baked potato, salad, rolls and butter. The potatoes could be complimented with low fat butter or cottage cheese. It is still unclear whether the choice of cottage cheese rather than sour cream was an intentional substitution out of concern for our health or perhaps a buying error.

All attendees received both a \$5 scratch ticket and a very good cigar. Both the exceedingly handsome Jack Gilmartin and the exceedingly wise Bob Morton were winners of \$5 – not a ringing endorsement of the Massachusetts lottery system and one of the many conversation topics. My suggestion is that if you want lottery tickets, don't ask Ken Hyle to buy them for you.

The event provided several donations to the VSR Clubhouse. A set of 24 quality steak knives and a cooler full of beer for use at the July 4th celebration. It seems that many of the attendees preferred to bring their own premium beverages rather than drink the wide selection of beer and ale available. Also left at the clubhouse for future VSR functions were lots of cans of soda and a multitude of plastic cups and napkins

Congratulations go to Rick Culver who had just purchased an 1100 cc Honda Shadow Saber motorcycle. It is similar to the Harley Davidson Fat Boy; don't know for sure, but I believe a number of attendees approached Rick for rides.

Many of the attendees including myself were not cigar smokers and chose to take their cigar back for the cigar smokers in their family. The end of the evening was signaled by sunset, promises of all types, good byes of all types, and sweet smelling smoke.



Can we put a profit on this



Did I say you could take my picture?



It was 300 yards and straight



No smell from the WWTF



Paul wins the eating contest



Skip prefers to smoke cookies



This is so good I will leave my hat on



Herb & Jack



Ed and Dean

PHOTOS: DEAN HUBBARD

Golfers Shine Sun Doesn't (Continued)

When I awoke at 7:30 AM the temperature was 43 degrees and there was a mist in the air. The tournament had been arranged by Mike Gallant and included prizes for closest to the pin on all four par 3 holes. I figured that with enough layers of clothing, I would enjoy a good walk in the woods with a great bunch of guys. Little did I know how much of the Overlook woods I would be exploring. By tee time the mist had dissipated but the temperature was about the same.

All players gathered at the clubhouse at 8:30. Larry Anzivino arrived in a short sleeve golf shirt and Tom Barry arrived in shorts. Larry soon decided this was not appropriate attire; however, Tom wore the shorts the entire day. Skip Giles was last to arrive looking a little bleary-eyed. Based on some investigative reporting I have learned that the foursome of Skip, Pauline, Larry, and Linda had been out late the night before practicing their Karaoke. To avoid commercial plugs, the Karaoke venue will remain anonymous.

Foursomes were determined by random draw. The first foursome consisted of our leader Mike, Ken Hyle, Skip Giles, and Jack Gilmartin. The second foursome consisted of Ron Caterino, Tom Barry, Gene Hudon, and Larry Anzivino. I was fortunate to play in the last foursome that included the three players that were in my estimation the most exciting – Frank Tino, Peter Abate, and Dom DeFronzo.

Frank Tino was exciting for his consistent good play and for being one of the four prize winners. Frank's round of 82 was the best of the tourney. Peter Abate had recently taken up golf and played like a pro. He was longest off the tee on the 2nd hole and was closest to the pin on the 8th hole. On the 8th, Peter used a driver to put his tee shot within 92 inches of the pin. He then proceeded to drain the putt for his first ever birdie. Congratulations Peter!!!

Unfortunately Peter's sensational play did not continue on the next hole. His tee shot went into the woods and although he found his ball, he was so pumped from the previous hole that when he tossed the ball out to take an unplayable lie penalty stroke, the ball went over the cart path and into the water. In all my days of golf, I have never seen this occur.

Peter also showed his driver prowess on hole 9. Here he drilled a line drive that landed in the water and skipped out to travel another 100 yards down the fairway. This is the longest shot I have ever seen that skipped out of the water.

Dom DeFronzo claimed that his golf game suffered as a result of the cold weather. He said something about "Mediterranean blood." Fortunately the cold weather did not affect Dom's exciting banter and golf rules.

The two other closest to the pin prize winners were Gene Hudon and Frank Tino. The 177- yard hole 5 defeated all twelve golfers in that none managed a tee shot onto the green. Therefore, the fourth prize was drawn from the hat. The prize went to Ken Hyle. Ken's comment was that it was the golf gods' way of providing justice for all the golf balls he had lost.

Based on my unofficial assessment the 2nd and 3rd place finishers were Mike Gallant and Jack Gilmartin, respectively. The grand finale of the tournament was Mike Gallant's announcement that he mistakenly left the closest-to-the-pin prizes on his garage floor. All the golfers encouraged Mike to continue VSR golf tournaments both in spring and fall of each year. I am sure that next time we will check that the prizes are onboard before we leave for the course. Perhaps at our next outing we can add color and spice to our tournament with some women players.



First Tee Line up

PHOTOS: DEAN HUBBARD



Gene Hudon



Jack Gilmartin

'07 MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT

by Shirley Chambers

Not all VSR cookouts are created equal. The Memorial Day one on May 28th was different because Chef Dom was missing. However, we had two substitute barbecuers – Dean Hubbard on hot dogs and Peter Abate on hamburgers. Let's have a drum roll for this pair!

Our villagers brought their usual delectable appetizers and excellent side dishes – casseroles, salads, pastas, and Oh! those desserts. The chocolate cheesecake disappeared in minutes. As is customary in fair weather, some of us sat at tables outside while others preferred to be inside. And Granny Nany moved about freely as usual taking our pictures and enchanting us with her wonderfully contagious laugh.

What a treat, we got to meet a couple of our new neighbors – Wendy and Mike Wolfberg (4 Rockwell) and Peggy and Frank Bashore (11 Gatecrest). Hope we see you at our parties often.

We were all very comfortable on this flawless weather day. Good food, good weather, and good friends and neighbors. Who could ask for more? Roni did it again – the perfect hostess seeing to it that everything was in place and ran smoothly, and she made a point of not hurrying anyone out of the clubhouse on this delicious day.



PHOTOS: NANY DIAZ



Social Happenings



By Roni Hubbard

Planning our social events for the balance of '07 has kept us very busy.

After the July 1st cookout at which we celebrate the Fourth, we will have on September 14th the ever-so-popular karaoke party emceed by our very renowned Skip Giles. On October 22nd we will have a costume Halloween party, and then in November we are planning to have either a brunch or a harvest feast. The second Saturday in December, the 8th, will be our Holiday party, and of course December 31st will be our New Year's Eve party for which we plan to repeat last year's Hawaiian theme. Watch the bulletin board for more information on these events.

We are continuing to organize the kitchen. One locking closet will hold all our extra cleaning supplies and things like baggies and tin foil. All the other items including dishes and glasses will be available to all renters who wish to use them.

Anyone interested in joining the Social Committee is more than welcome to come to our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (excluding July). Please feel free to join us; we have lots of fun brainstorming and just working together.

A TRUE RED SOX FAN

For those of you who care about such things: A True Red Sox Fan...

A stalwart Red Sox fan liked to amuse himself by scaring every Yankees fan he saw strutting down a Boston street in an obnoxious NY pinstripe shirt.

He would swerve his van as if to hit them, then swerve back just missing them. One day, while driving along in Boston, he saw a priest walking along the street. He thought he would do a good deed, so he pulled over and asked the priest, "Where are you going, Father?" "I'm going to give Mass at St. Francis church, about two miles down the road," replied the priest. "Climb in, Father. I'll give you a lift!" The priest climbed into the passenger seat, and they continued down the road. Suddenly, the driver saw a Yankees fan walking down the road, and he instinctively swerved as if to hit him. But, as usual, he swerved back onto the road just in time. Even though he was certain that he had missed the guy, he still heard a loud thud. Not knowing where the noise came from, he glanced in his mirrors but still didn't see anything. He then remembered the priest, and he turned to the priest and said, "Sorry, Father, I almost hit that Yankees fan." "That's OK," replied the priest, "I got him with the door."

—Sent by Richard Diaz



NO HOME SHOULD BE WITHOUT THAT LITTLE BROWN BOTTLE

Of 3% peroxide, that is. Peroxide was invented during WWI in the 20's and it was used to save and help cleanse the needs of our troops and hospitals.

That inexpensive little old bottle of peroxide has a lot of wonderful healthy uses. For example, as a mouthwash it will help brighten your teeth. Let your toothbrushes soak in a cup of peroxide to keep them germ free. Clean your counters and table tops with peroxide to kill germs and leave a fresh smell. After rinsing off your wooden cutting board, pour peroxide on it to kill salmonella and bacteria.

A 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water sprayed on your feet every night (and let dry) will get rid of fungus. Infections or cuts can be healed by soaking them in peroxide for five to ten minutes several times a day. If you have a terrible toothache and cannot get to dentist right away, a capful held in your mouth for ten minutes will lessen the pain.

AND VILLAGERS TAKE NOTE: Fill a spray bottle with a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water and keep in every bathroom to disinfect without harming your septic system like bleach or most other disinfectants will.

You can add a cup of peroxide instead of bleach to a load of whites in your laundry to whiten them. If there is blood on clothing, pour it directly on the soiled spot. Let it sit for a minute, then rub it and rinse with cold water. Cleaning mirrors with peroxide will leave no smearing. And the list goes on and on.



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