

PLEASE REMEMBER:

All residents must have a **valid I.D. card** to use the facilities, including the pool, fitness room, in-line skating rink, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts. **Children under 12 must have parental supervision while at the Recreation Center or they will be asked to leave.** If you need to have an I.D. made please stop by the Recreation Center Monday—Friday 9am-8pm.
 *Children 12 and older must be accompanied by an adult to have their I.D. made.

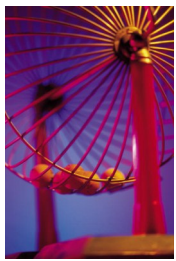
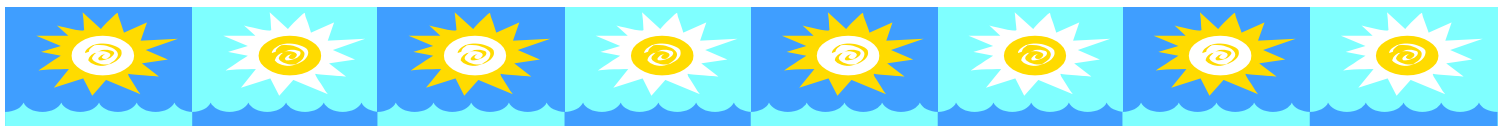


Stoneybrook Welcomes a New Team Member!!

Stoneybrook welcomes Dan Lawson, our new full time maintenance person. Dan comes to us with experience in carpentry, electrical, plumbing and minor repairs and maintenance functions.

His abilities are an asset to the Association!

He can be reached at (941)685-2557 for **Association Property Damages Emergencies Only!**



Bingo Night! February 20th
First number called at 6:30 pm SHARP!
Come early to get a good seat! The cost is \$10/game pack. Remember no one under 18 years of age.

**Annual Heritage Harbour Community
 Garage Sale February 4, 2012**

8 am– 1 pm

Stoneybrook Rec Center

200 Golden Harbour Trail
 Bradenton, FL 34212
 Phone: (941)750-9688
 Fax: (941)750-9363
 Hours of Operation
 Monday—Friday 9am-8pm
 Saturday—Sunday: 9am-6pm

Stoneybrook Clubhouse
 Phone: (941)749-1842

Stoneybrook Golf
 Phone: (941)746-2696

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**Advisory Council Meeting-Tuesday,
 February 21st at 6 pm-Rec Center**

**CDD Meeting-Thursday, March 1st
 at 3 pm-River Strand**

Stoneybrook Clubs & Groups

POTLUCK JANUARY 13TH REVIEW

Friday the 13th was definitely not an unlucky day for 80 Potluck diners. We welcomed families from Long Island, NY and Germany that joined us for the first time. The White Elephant offerings ranged from artificial flowers, baseballs, calendars, jewelry mannequin, English Tea, cell phone slipper charger, wine cooler/warmer; place mats, golf book, golf balls, seashells, and the unique "Chocovin" wine. Sally Shal-lot, the reknown doll, made her second White Elephant appearance. Will she be back next year????

Join us for the next Potluck dinner on February 10th. Sign up at the Rec Center. Ask at the desk if you would like to be on a Potluck Committee

February's Potluck...Mark your calendar! February 10, 2012 at 6:00 pm

February is the month of LOVE! Come everyone, let's celebrate our love & friendship for each other! Since our February theme is **LOVE**, please wear **RED and/or WHITE** and bring an entrée, vegetable, salad or dessert that you **LOVE** that serves at least 10 people. As usual, we will have non-alcoholic drinks available, but if you wish, you can bring your own wine or any other beverage of your choice. Please come with your spouse, partner, a family member or dear friend. We expect to have a loving time together as we share a delicious meal and fun conversation. There is a sign up sheet in the Rec Center to let us know how many are coming and what you expect to bring to share with others. Thank you from Lee & Sherri Miller, Jack & Marion King, Bob & Jean Ott and Larry & Carol Eichert.

GOLF AT STONEYBROOK

- Men's Weekday:** 18 holes every Wednesday begin at 9am. Please contact the Pro-Shop to sign-up (941)746-2696
- Men's 9 Holes Golf League**
Please contact John Andri (407) 937-8743 or stoneybrookgolf@aol.com
- Women's Weekday:** 9 holes (lites) on Tuesdays in p.m.
Please contact Betsy Charter, (941)744-5768,
- Ladies' 18-hole:** 18 holes on every Tuesday AM with lunch following golf. Please contact Carole Bakalar, (941) 580-3947 or cbak06@tampabay.rr.com
- Couples Golf** 9 hole scramble Second Sunday of every month @ 3pm for with dinner afterwards.
Contact hhcouplesgolf@tampabay.rr.com

Stoneybrook Men's Golf Association

Team Stableford (January)

A Flight:

Eric Otterbein, Joe Roback, Dr. Jose Goldberg, Cha Kim 135; Jon Rhodes, Bill Deskus, Ed Fagan, Sean Xuheng 130; Doug Nooney, Keith Schauman, Mark Flaim, Bob Johnson 127

Ind. low gross: Kim 80; Ind. low net: Roback 88-20-68
B Flight

Lou Brodersen, Steve Conopka, Ed Murphy, Ken Wood 129; Kenny Wilson, Chuck Barber, John Moehrle 126
Ind. low gross: Murphy 92; Ind. low net: Molis 97-26-71

Next match: Sunday, Feb. 19 (8:30 AM tee time)

For more information, contact Lou Brodersen, loubrodersen2@gmail.com, or 746-4693; Bill Landon, hopenlandon@yahoo.com, or 748-5337, and head pro Todd Pyle, 746-469

Earth Day 2012



Plans are in the works for the April 21 Earth Day celebration in Heritage Harbour. We are trying to arrange for a speaker on native plants and hope to actually get our hands in the dirt planting some of those same plants.

If you're interested in learning more or being a part of the planning and organizing of the event please join us at our next meeting at the Rec Center at 1:00 on February 6th. If you have questions, you can contact Patti Sue Peotter-Bettes at 896-5293 or pspb@hotmail.com. Please join us so we can make this our best Earth Day, yet.

A resident sponsored website is available with community information, events and a copy of this e-newsletter at:

www.HeritageHarbourCommunity.com

Reminder: Newsletter submissions are due by the 15th of each month. Do not hesitate!

Please e-mail your article or idea to:
STONEYBROOKRECCENTER@GMAIL.CO

THE "UGLY DUCKLING" WETLANDS

BY Larry Eichert



Not all wetlands are created equal. In the management of many small wetland areas in close proximity the use of different practices or staggered management cycles is important so that the different areas are not all treated the same way at the same time. This increases the diversity of the larger landscapes and also attracts wildlife. The best wetland management practices are those that enhance the natural processes of the wetland system involved. One way to accomplish this is to maintain conditions as close to the natural hydrology of the wetland as possible. It was the poor maintenance of water flow over several years that created the problems that exist within our wetland communities. The problem has been corrected and proper flow is being reestablished.

Water-level control is achieved by dikes (impoundment), weirs (solid structures in marsh outflows that maintain a minimum water level) control gates, and pumps. In general, the results of management activity depends on how well the water-level control is maintained. Control depends on local rain fall and on the sophistication of the control structures. For example, weirs (the system used in our community) provides the poorest control, all they do is maintain a minimum water level. Pumps provide positive control of drainage or flooding depth at the desired time and can better achieve management objectives. (however the cost of this type of system is much higher)



Mitigated areas will be under the most stress and will require constant monitoring by eco-consultants until native plant species can reestablish themselves. By the spring of 2012 it will be evident as to which areas will need to be replanted with native plants to assist in the development of a balanced system that is self-sustaining. But this is not the end. It is just the beginning. (**Mitigation** is a government wetland protection policy that is designed to make up for the destruction of a wetland area. Mitigation occurs when a wetland is altered and developed for roads, buildings, neighborhoods and business. Through the mitigation process, a similar wetland area nearby is created, preserved, enhanced, or restored to make up for the wetlands that were drained or filled in for human activity.)

An important consideration of wetland design is whether plant material is going to be allowed to develop naturally from some initial seedling and planting or whether continuous horticultural selection for desired plants will be imposed. To develop a wetland that will ultimately be low maintenance, natural succession processes need to be allowed to proceed. This may mean some initial period of invasion by undesirable species, but if proper hydrologic conditions are in place, these invasions will be temporary. The best strategy is to introduce, by seeding and planting, as many choices, of the proper plants, as possible to allow natural processes to sort out the species the communities can support in a timely fashion. Wetlands restored by this approach are called "self design wetlands". To help this selection process some selective weeding will be necessary in the beginning, but ultimately the system needs to survive with its own succession patterns. A somewhat different approach, called "designer wetlands" occur when specified plant species are introduced and the success or failure of these plants are used as indicators of success or failure of the wetland. This type of system requires considerably more maintenance and is more expensive in the long run.



Now that the winter arrived, the dry season started, and our first cold spell came, certain wetland areas appear to look worse than they did before herbicide spraying and selective cutting took place. This is particularly true of two wetland types. They are the mixed hardwood and fresh water marsh. They currently look unsightly. Two examples of this

would be at the junction of Stone Harbour Loop and Stone Harbour Loop (a mixed hardwood area) and south on the east side of Stone Harbour Loop just passed Beacon Manor Trail. (a **dry** fresh water marsh). On the other hand the cypress hammock wetland area on Haven Harbour Way east of Camden Harbour Drive looks picturesque. Next growing season will bring about a metamorphosis to these "**ugly duckling**" areas and eventually they will become the beautiful swans that previously existed before man disturbed their environment.



Understanding wetlands enough to be able to create and restore them requires substantial training in plants, soils, wild life, hydrology, water quality and engineering. **ECo** Consultants Inc. was hired to accomplish this task. We must allow them to be responsible for the development of the five year restoration plan currently underway in our community.

February 2012 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Walking Class 9 am Mah Jongg 1 pm	1 H2O Aerobics 9 am Pilates 9am ★ Line Dancing 6:30 pm-\$6	2 Walking Class 9 am Fun 2 B Fit 11:15 am	3 H2O Aerobics 9 am Canasta 12:30 pm Cardio Walking 9 am	4
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General Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm

Phone: (941)708-3837

Grille Room Hours:

Monday-Saturday, 11:30 am-5 pm

Lunch Menu: 11:30 am-3 pm

Light Menu: 3 pm-4:30 pm

Sunday Lunch & Breakfast: 11:30 am-2 pm

Light Menu: 2 pm-4:30 pm

Advanced reservations required.

Call Alex at: (941)708-3837 or e-mail to:

ADMIN@RiverStrandGolf.com

Dress code at the Club is Golf Course/Country Club Casual. Please, no blue jeans or t-shirts.

Property Management Info

After Hours Emergency # (941)658-2557

Heritage Harbour Management (941)750-9688

Stoneybrook

Action Assoc Management (941)373-0008

Fairway Greens I

Allure Property Management (941)373-6713

Fairway Greens III

Casey Management (941)922-3391

Fairway Greens II & IV

C & S Management (941)758-9454

Coach Homes

Heritage Harbour Management (941)747-7261

Stone Harbour I

Stone Harbour II

Stone Harbour III

Security

Alert Security (941)549-9637

Envera Live Operator 24/7 (941)556-0732

Manatee Sheriff's Dept. (941)747-3011

Stoneybrook Clubhouse (941)749-1842

Stoneybrook Golf (941)746-2696

February



Events

Stoneybrook Golf Club

Feb 2nd – Karaoke

Feb 5th – Super Bowl Party

Feb 13th – Trivia Night

Feb 14th – Sweetheart Dinner Special

Feb 19th – Patio Party/Live Music

Golf Coupon

\$5 Off

Regular Priced AM Round of Golf

Monday – Thursday

For Event Details & Tee Times:

GolfStoneybrook.com | 941-749-1842