



PRIDE IN CEDARCROFT

Spring 2014

Smoke Signals

Your Cedarcroft Community Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This will be my third year as President and I am proud and honored to have been elected by my fellow Board Members for this position, as well as the over-whelming support from the community when re-elected to the Board two years ago. I am excited for this year and know that we have a great group on the Board serving the Cedarcroft Club and the community.

All of these positions are on a volunteer basis and the Board Members donate their time and skills to benefit all in the community. The Board has been elected by, and represents the Membership regarding Club matters and thus seeks your input on issues and welcome feedback.

Please feel free to drop an email to any Board Member with your input/suggestions for review and consideration. As with all organizations we will have differing opinions on specific issues and will never have 100% consensus on all issues.

We have made tremendous strides significantly improving the Club curb appeal, image, physical facilities and marina in recent years and we are looking forward to continuing that progress. As we end the first



quarter of 2014, we have completed the kitchen/bathroom remodel, a new roof over the kitchen, held a massive cleanup day with beach reconfiguration and added 50 tons of sand to the beach. The Landscaping Committee kicks off in May

and starts on a multi-phase improvement project. I would love to hear your input so please drop me an email to President@CedarcroftClub.org.

If you have a recommendation let me know, if you like the path we are on, it would be great to hear that as well.

Mike Nolan, President

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

I am happy to have been appointed as an officer and I am having a lot of fun serving on the Activities Committee planning new and exciting activities for our community. I look forward to working with a terrific, energetic team in managing the affairs of Cedarcroft Club.

Liz Chiarella, Vice President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our annual Treasurer's Audit report was just finished by the Audit Committee, headed by Bob Byrnes. The committee reviews the Club bookkeeping and banking reports for the previous year. We are glad to report that all is in order, with only a few recommendations, which I will put in place for 2014.

As has been the case for many years now, the Cedarcroft Club is in sound financial shape. Our primary income streams from marina slip rentals, membership dues and clubhouse rentals, which cover our fixed expenses, such as taxes, insurance and utilities. In addition, we have been able to self-fund the many Clubhouse improvements you have seen over the past few years, with the help of your gracious donations.

We are in the second year of using the Wild Apricot Club Management System software, which helps us coordinate our Membership list, email lists, event scheduling and more. One feature we are looking at is the ability to renew your membership online and pay by credit card. Please email me at Treasurer@CedarcroftClub.org and let me know if this is a feature you would consider using, or any questions you might have for the Treasurer.

Mike Petriello, Treasurer

2013 – YEAR IN REVIEW

On a number of fronts, 2013 was a year of huge progress. We completed the window project that was started in the fall of 2012 and now all windows have been replaced, as well as renovation of the porch space and our million-dollar view of the Metedeconk River.

We replaced our Heating/AC system with a new high efficiency system and increased the size of the AC unit resulting in better cooling and lower utility costs.

In March we had our grand reopening party and it was a huge success with live music. We rebuilt the east dock and also installed a grade level walkway as well as replacing 5 pilings in the marina. The north and south gable ends were sided thanks to Steve Woods.



We had a number of successful activities with live music on the beach, bonfires, our 2nd Annual Golf Outing (Tony Dentino, Chair) great annual Holiday Party/ Spaghetti Dinner (Mike Nolan, Chair) and other events such as Spring Fling (Marsha Goforth\Ruta Slepetyts.], Co-Chairs) and Murder Mystery (Liz Chiarella, Chair).

We are on the right path as an organization as we had record membership, record marina income, record income from rentals and new faces around the Club and events. In fact, our rental income doubled year over year due to our investment in facilities and tireless efforts on the booking side from Barbara Petriello (Rental Coordinator) and Rory McCormick (Clubhouse Director). This is only a small sample of what we accomplished in 2013 and kudos to all that helped in any way.

2014 PROGRESS AND PLANS

This year is off to great start. The Board approved a project in the fall of 2013 to upgrade the kitchen and bathrooms in a project chaired by Chris DeLuise.



The project included sheetrock for the kitchen ceiling, south and east walls, new flooring in kitchen\hall\bathrooms, new paint along with trim and other issues.

We ended up tackling more than originally anticipated as we discovered the insulation in the walls and ceiling was terrible, to say the least, as well as entire sections with NO insulation. Thus we installed over 600 sq. ft. of insulation. We ended up replacing some sheetrock in the men's room and also sheet rocking over the hall

ceiling as well as replacing all base board trim and new trim around windows.

We installed new toilets in both bathrooms (thanks to Bobby Beyar). We had tile donated for a back splash in the kitchen and Mike Nolan's Dad, Ed, installed this as well as all the new trim. The entire kitchen is now properly insulated as well as the exterior wall and ceiling above the hall and restrooms. We know that this will reduce our utility bills. In addition, we had a new hot water heater installed by Noah Skyta and his father, Paul. Needless to say hundreds of hours of work compressed into three weeks to prepare for our first 2014 rental. Thanks to all that helped.

A grand re-opening celebration was held on March 7th as part of a First Friday Event with a Mardi gras theme.

Some other goals for 2014 are to work on a long- term landscape plan for the property now that we have the inside in top shape. We will also replace the two remaining doors on the Club and address issues with the roof. We hope to be in a position to start the next phase of bulkhead replacement at the end of the year, if possible; so more progress is the theme for 2014.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are coming in now and we are on our way to our goal of over 100 Members this year. Phill Ridgway has resigned as Director as the family will be moving back to the UK for family reasons. Jeff Stryker was appointed to replace Phill effective May 10th and we look forward to his contribution. We expect Jeff to start beating the drum and put us over the Century Mark. If you have not sent in your membership form and dues, please do so ASAP so we don't have to come and knock on your door☺. We have included a Membership form as part of this newsletter

Jeff Stryker – Membership Director

BEACH AND WATERWAYS

At the marina, pilings and catwalks were reset due to ice damage. A holly tree on the beach fell and damaged the fence and concrete wall. A new piece of fencing has been installed. We have reconfigured the beach and moved the bar to the east side of property and also added 50 tons of sand to the beach.



Greg Mallet, Beach and Waterway Director

HARBOR MASTER – TONY DENTINO

The Cedarcroft Directors welcome you back to a new and enjoyable boating season at Cedarcroft Marina. If you have any questions or concerns, you can call me at 732-814-3294.

Slip rental rates will remain the same for 2014 and we are pleased to say that we are 100% filled and we have a waiting list for next year already.

Remember:

- As always, it is a reminder to boat owners that we are our own security, and to please have your gate keys with you and lock the entrance gate at all times.
- If you see any water leaks, let us know immediately.
- Have a safe and enjoyable boating season.

ACTIVITIES

NEW THIS YEAR: CLAM BAKE ON THE BEACH AND FAMILY BLUECLAWS NIGHT!

CLAM BAKE An authentic New England clambake is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th, Rain or Shine. A delicious, catered event offering an array of lobsters, clams, corn on the cob and salads. There will be an option of filet mignon for the landlubbers as well. The tickets are \$50 per person. To buy your tickets, contact Liz Chiarella at 732-899-0139 or VicePresident@CedarcroftClub.org before July 5th.

BLUECLAWS BASEBALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY EVENT Bring family and friends to FirstEnergy Park/BlueClaws Stadium for a party on the private party deck along the third base line. The game ticket and an all you can eat buffet has private seating both under cover and outside. The event is planned for August 15th. It's a 7:00 pm game, so our buffet will begin at 7:00 pm running through 8:30 pm. There will be a special post-game fireworks show. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance at \$34.95 per adult and \$19.95 per child (ages 5-12, 4 and under is free). Contact Bridget at blee1221@verizon.net to reserve your seat. July 18th is the cut off for reservations.



YOGA Another NEW Cedarcroft activity is weekly yoga. Our new resident, Crystal Froberg, certified yoga instructor, has been offering classes on Tuesdays, at 7PM. Bring your mat, and a friend, to join the progressive yoga lessons for a donation of \$10 per person per class. Crystal will be offering all levels from beginner through advanced. If you would like any additional information please contact Activities@CedarcroftClub.org.

3rd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Our Golf Outing is growing every year and we hope to have 72 golfers this year with a shotgun start. The event will be held at Woodlake Country Club with awards and dinner to follow at our Club. The date will be August 7th, so please mark your calendar accordingly and pull your foursome together. We will be looking for hole sponsors, donations and golfers. Tony Dentino will be running this event again this year, so please contact him with any questions.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR:

June 6	First Friday
July 3	First Thursday & Fireworks viewing on the beach
July 19	Clam Bake on the beach
August 1	First Friday
August 07	3 rd Annual Golf Tournament
August 15	BlueClaws Baseball Game
September 5	First Friday
October 3	Oktoberfest First Friday
October 25	Cedarcroft Club Fall Event
November 7	First Friday
December 6	Annual Spaghetti Dinner

June White, Activities Director



ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTIES

Over the past year, we have been working on all projects related to the Clubhouse and grounds. Chris was the project lead on the kitchen and bathroom remodel. The new upgrades included a new ceiling, walls, and floors, which will last years. Insulation was added to the walls and ceiling as most of them were empty. These improvements help to make the Clubhouse more energy efficient while saving money. As the temperature gets warmer and the days get longer, the grounds and marina will be a major focus of our work plan.

Maintenance is always a top priority, but there are always improvements that are needed along the way. We hope to make 2014 a better year than last by helping to improve the Club for the good of all membership. We both look forward to working with the Board of Directors and members on all future improvement projects related the Club.

Noah Skyta/Chris DeLuise Environment & Property Directors

EDITOR'S NOTE

CLUBHOUSE & RENTALS

Over the winter we had a major renovation of the kitchen and bathroom areas. We installed new walls, flooring, trim, tile backsplash, window trim and more so thanks to Chris DeLuise for leading this project and ALL that pitched in to help. If you have not seen the Club in a few years please stop by. You WILL BE amazed at the changes and will want to join ASAP!!

Rentals - As noted above our rentals are going great and in high demand and 2014 dates are filling up quickly. Barbara Petriello is handling bookings and she is doing a great job. You can reach her at (Rentals@CedarcroftClub.org). The Club is a great place to host a party for about 65 guests. If you have a need to host a birthday party, graduation, communion, bridal shower, engagement party, rehearsal dinner and more, Cedarcroft is the place. Spread the word and please help us market this terrific community gem. All income will help improve the facilities even more.

Rental Rates:

Weekend (Fri-Sun) or Holiday

Member rates:

9 am – 3 pm	\$200
5 pm – 12 pm	\$225
All day	\$275

Extra for side yard \$ 25

Non-member rates:

9 am – 3 pm	\$350
5 pm – 12 pm	\$400
All day	\$500

Extra for side yard \$ 50

Weekday (Monday – Thursday)

Any 6 hours

Member rate: \$100

Non-member rate: \$150

Rory McCormick, Clubhouse Director

CEDARCROFT CLOTHING

Please check our website to purchase logo sweatshirts, fleece jackets, turtlenecks, caps, shirts, boat totes, boat flags and koozies. Please contact Activities@CedarcroftClub.org for additional information.

If you would like to be notified about any Cedarcroft events, please send me your email address at PublicRelations@CedarcroftClub.org. Please know that ALL community members are invited to all events.

KEEP UP WITH CEDARCROFT CLUB

You can keep up with us on Facebook by logging onto www.Facebook.com/CedarcroftClub or on our website at www.CedarcroftClub.org.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY OWNED BUSINESS'S

Do you have a business and are an active member of Cedarcroft Club? If so, we could put your advertisement here and let the rest of Cedarcroft know about it so that we can support our club members and neighbors.

➤ Graphic Design:

Jeanne A. Zoppel, 2675 Leiscz's Bridge Road, Leesport, PA 19533 610-926-1198, 610-223-5533 cell. Zop1@aol.com

➤ Landscape/Tree Services:

Longo Tree Experts - Complete year-round tree care, trimming, pruning, dead wooding, removals and stump grinding since 1970. Call Jim @ 732-919-2001

Glenn Geoffroy Landscaping – Specializing in interlocking pavers & retaining walls. Call Glenn @ 732-840-7620

➤ Home Improvements:

Complete home improvements, carpentry, sun decks, bulk head repairs. Free Estimates. Call Greg Mallet at 732-714-0530

Need a handy man, have odd jobs? Call John at 732-899-0139



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