

- 3. One porch enclosure
- 4. Two single family dwellings

A sub committee was formed to establish standards for repairing and building bulkheads.

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When I brought my Mother down to Pine Knoll Shores in 1972 to have a look at the house we were building, we drove around town to see what we could see. We came upon the Country Club and thought it might be nice to stop in and have a little bit of lunch there. Now that was chuckle, folks; lunch indeed. The Country Club was a box-like structure where one signed up to play the nine holes of golf then offered. That building has since been moved to become the tennis pro shop.

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Today, although one still can't just drop in for lunch at the Club, the very fact that it's alive and well is something of a miracle. Bogue Banks Country Club has been through plenty of times of hanging by a thread, and has come out ahead at last. As usual in Pine Knoll Shores, volunteers have played an immensely important part in this history. The Pro shop, in the beginning, was managed by a volunteer club president, and the greens and fairways have constantly been cared for by hard working golfers on their non-golfing days. For example, if a tree died and needed to be taken down, a few guys would get on the phone and round up some cronies to get chopping. They'd borrow a truck and carry the wood off, not only to their own fireplaces, but to others who might not have access to freshly cut logs. Even today there's a work crew that gathers once a week to help keep the course in shape. The most recent project involved pulling underbrush away from a cluster of azaleas that were once the entrance fee for a tournament and had begun to be hidden by fast growing, unsightly growth.

There were people, too, who took great pains to make the entrance and the surrounding areas of the clubhouse appealing, and many a time the ladies of the club actually did the housekeeping at both buildings, since, as everyone knows, nobody does windows anymore. More to the point, hardly anybody works for nothing, and that's what all these faithful creatures got paid.

In the dark times of early 1977, when the bank was lurking in the wings, ready to fore-close, members decided that if each one purchased an Equity certificate and one \$1000 bond, and if lots of new members were found, maybe the club could squeak through. Finally, with large financial support from several loyal members, Bogue Banks Country Club was saved from being turned into another private home development. And the volunteer work continued full strength. Somehow, people realized that this club would always be the only one of the island, and that eventually the island would be much more populated, especially in summer, and that property values would be enhanced because of the very existence of the club. So they worked, and in between, they played, too, and work was sometimes like play because they were so happy and proud of what they were accomplishing.

A couple years ago a crew was organized to paint the tennis house. A director rounded up about 16 people, all female, who came with brushes and rollers and ladders one morning, and, before noon, the job was done. Those women literally surrounded that place, waving their brushes, babbling happily at each other until every inch of the siding was covered smoothly.

The benches on the courts, the chairs and tables on the deck, have been made by loyal tennis players, just as the landscaping continues to be done by volunteers, and the house has been furnished with things given by members.

Coy Brown, the present Pro, came to BBCC in 1977, and Ann Hinkle, Secretary, a bit later. The following years were still full of financial problems but members were undaunted and kept recruiting new members and never stopped efforts to keep the golf course and tennis courts in good shape. There were fund raising projects like auctions, flea markets, and spaghetti dinners, and things got better; there were more non-member golfers as well as tennis players, and the membership grew. That meant more improvements could be made, and they were: air conditioning upgrading for the clubhouse, greens, expenditures, re-