

Help Put the Bite on Mosquitoes

The United States Environmental Protection Agency's website outlines methods used by government agencies at all levels to control mosquitoes and reduce exposure to diseases they may carry. But the EPA stresses the fact that the first line of defense in the anti-mosquito campaigns begins at home.

Here are some suggestions on what individuals can do to help win the battle: **1. Remove their habitat (where they live and breed)**

- Eliminate standing water in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys, or any other container where mosquitoes can breed.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week to destroy potential mosquito habitats.
- Drain or fill temporary pools of water

with dirt.

• Keep swimming pool water treated and circulating.

2. Prevent your exposure to mosquitoes

• Use EPA-registered mosquito repellents when necessary and follow label directions and precautions closely.

• Use head nets, long sleeves and long pants if you venture into areas with high mosquito populations, such as salt marshes.

• If there is a mosquito-borne disease warning in effect, stay inside during the evening when mosquitoes are active.

• Make sure your window and door screens are "bug tight".

• Replace your outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights which tend to attract fewer mosquitoes than ordinary lights. The yellow lights are NOT repellents, however.

Golf – An Experience To Share and Savor

By Bill White

The power of the pen has been demonstrated once again, this time by Ron Marion, Jr., son of PK Ser Ron Manion, Sr. of Oakleaf Drive.

Ron, Jr., who lives in Eagleville, Pennsylvania, thought it would be a good Father's Day idea to enter an essay contest that offered free entry into the annual National Father & Son Team Classic, a 54-hole tournament that drew several thousand golfers to Myrtle Beach July 20 through 22. The contest required participants to describe (in 150 words or less) what impact golf can have on the father/son relationship.

So Ron, Jr. picked up his pen, or perhaps used an electronic equivalent, and wrote a brief, succinct contribution that won for his father and himself not only free entry into the Myrtle Beach Classic but a host of other golf related goodies. Here's what Ron, Jr. had to say in eloquent brevity:

"Jack and Jackie. Earl and Tiger. The list of famous father and sons in this game is endless. But what makes this game so great is the endless list of not-so-famous father and sons who have come to enjoy the game of golf. I started to wonder why this game has this special bond, and I think I figured it out. The tradition and lore of this game can not only be handed down across generations, but it can be experienced – together. My Dad and I will never know what it's like to hit a Roger Clemens fastball, or catch a Joe Montana touchdown pass. But we can and have stood on the plaque in Merion's 18th fairway, taken out a club (maybe not a 1 iron), and attempted the exact same shot that Ben Hogan made famous in the 1950 U.S. Open. Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr."

It didn't really matter how well the two Rons fared in the golf tournament. As far as Ron, Sr. is concerned his son's heartfelt

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Turtle Time

By Peggy Sagmiller

When looking over our records for the past years, one thing became clear. Every time we had a "banner" season with many nests, it was followed by an off-season with very few. As sea turtles nest only once every two to four years, all the turtles that came ashore last season will not nest again this year.

With six weeks left in this nesting season, we have just four Loggerhead Sea Turtle nests and one false crawl on our beach. Of course, we remain hopeful that more nests will be laid. If none are, it may well be a good thing. All four exiting nests are due to hatch before the worst part of the hurricane season. This just may be the first year in many when no nests are lost to storms.

Pine Knoll Association

By Beth La Brie

Highlights of the Pine Knoll Association's annual meeting June 16 were two votes by the members, approval of the 2006-07 budget, reports from committee chairpersons and questions from members.

The following were elected to three-year terms on the board of directors: Jack Cummins, Norma McClellon and Reid Strader. Beth La Brie was elected to serve a one-year term. Seventy-four percent of the voters elected to increase the annual assessment to \$100 beginning in June, 2007.

Due to President Vince Larson being appointed a town commissioner, he has resigned and Bill Steenland was appointed to fill his seat on the PKA board. John Halada

and Rae Jones were elected president and vice president, respectively, of the board of directors for 2006-07.

Some reminders: political signs, according to PKA covenants, are not allowed. Be sure your Pine Knoll Association sticker is prominently visible on your vehicles. They are necessary so you won't be issued a warning that your vehicle does not belong in our parks. Members please remind your guests and younger members of your family that the speed limit in the canal is 5 mph – no wake. Excessive speed causes erosion of soil behind seawalls and can cause blowouts. It is also dangerous to other boaters using the canal. Be a good neighbor. Abide by the speed limit.

Garden Club Seats Officers, Prepares for New Season

By Clare Winslow

New officers of the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club were installed at a luncheon June 14 at Floyd's 1921 Restaurant in Morehead City. On hand to preside at the installation was Josephine McKee, director of District 11, North Carolina Garden Club.

Those taking office were Shirley Schaeffler, president; Barbara Williams, first vice president; Carol McVitty, second vice president; Sheryl Woodbury, treasurer; Mary Hudak, corresponding secretary, and Yvette Bannen, recording secretary.

Outgoing President Jan Corsello presented her annual report and recognized the contributions of officers and committee chairpersons during the past year. She also announced that the club had won two prestigious awards. The club's 2005-06 Yearbook won first place in the competition sponsored by the state garden club organization. The award came as a result of the work of Sheryl Woodbury who single-handedly created the yearbook. The club also captured the Pat Rogers Landscape

Design Award for the relandscaping of the town garden at Oakleaf Drive and Salter Path Road.

Corsello also presented the new president with the official gavel and president's pin. After her acceptance speech, Schaeffler invited everyone to attend a special garden tour on June 21 that had been postponed last September because of Hurricane Ophelia. The gardens were those at the homes of Frank and Carol Zmriak, treasurer and president, respectively, of the Carteret County Master Gardeners Volunteer Assn., and Dr. Maurice and Nancy Richardson, both past presidents of the association.

The club will hold its first meeting of the new season September 13, at which time Robert Cavanaugh of Economical Landscaping in Newport will present a program on how to prepare a butterfly garden. The garden club meets at Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, with a half hour social preceding the business session. Anyone interested in gardening is invited to attend.

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