

The Four Winds Club

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From The Board President

Ms. Beth Knight

Hello Everyone,

Well it's been another long cold winter. I hope to see all of you at the membership meeting on April 9, 2011. The challenges have been numerous this year but I believe the employees and the board have worked through them one by one. My hat goes off to the employees and volunteers who have gone above and beyond for our club. We have four open positions on the board and we are looking for members who are willing to donate their time. We have made some changes and we are looking to make more to help secure the future of **Four Winds**.

We have hired a new operations manager for the club. Mr. Albert Williams will be working hand in hand with the general manager and the board. We are looking forward to working with him and are excited about the fresh eyes, ears and ideas for our club. Everyone please make him welcome in his new position at **Four Winds**. We are all striving to make every ones stay an enjoyable one.

It is also that time of year when we come in and start cleaning up our properties for the season. Please remember that the dumpsters are for regular household trash only. The burn site at the bottom is for brush only all larger items need to be taken to the county dump. If you show your **Four Winds** membership card there will be no charge at the county dump.

We will be having a foreclosure sale in the spring. Tell your friends the more the merrier. We also have **Four Winds** properties for sale check at the office or with Mr. Roberts for cluster and lot numbers. The properties going in the foreclosure sale will be listed on the web site.

All our employees are getting geared up for the season so please check the web site and the guard shack for activities coming up.

Again I hope this letter finds everyone well and that we will see you soon. The club can always use the help of our members so come out for the April meeting and if you do not have the time for the Board there are committees for all areas of the club and I'm sure you can find something you would enjoy.

Beth

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

July 2010 thru March 2011

Bates, Ron; Beer, James & Terry; Breeden, Carl Jr. & Traci Atkins; Brzuskiwicz, Jason; Darden, Joanne; Friese, Stacy Lynn; Gandy, W. Johnnie; Halterman, John D.; Ibey, Janet; Jones, Eric; Klein, Richard; Knapp, Ralph; Massie, William; Nalls, Bonnie; Nieman, Robert; Patton, William; Politt, Ross; Roppelt, Patricia; Shaver, Samantha, Harry, Nicholas & Holly; Underwood, Richard; Weatherby, Andrew.

Environmental Preservation Committee - *Mr. Champ Carter*

Are you close enough to a sewer line for a direct hook up? If you are interested please contact the office. There will be a fee of \$2,000 for the hook up. Details are available.

Summer is almost in full swing. Remember to please keep your lot looking good. Cutting your grass goes a long way towards that end.

Restaurant - *Ms. Phyllis Parsons*

The restaurant is up and running. We would like to thank everyone who has been here and to all of you in advance for your support.

The restaurant will be featuring a special each Friday and Saturday through the summer. The specials will be posted at the Guard Shack. We will also be putting out a calendar available at the gate that will have the specials for that weekend.

Security – *Mr. Bill Schindele*

The annual meeting is approaching the security committee is going to try and resume our community watch program. Please look for the sign up sheet for the program and the security committee at the annual meeting or see me personally.

I would also like to share with the members the Caroline County Sheriff's office confidential tip line. You will hear a message after the tone leave the information you would like to share with them. The number is 804-633-1133. I will have cards to hand out at the meeting.

Together we can make **Four Winds** a safer place for all of us.

Golf – *Ms. Doreen Tutor*

Once again the golf course is coming to our busy season. The golf course will be Closed on Monday, March 28, 2011 for greens work, and on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 only 9 holes will be open.

We have a busy season planned I have already booked 5 tournaments and have planned 4 of my own. I will have an event calendar updated each

month posted at pro shop and on the website. Our "third" Saturday tournament begins on March 19, 2011 tee off at 10:00 a.m., you need to sign up by 9:45 to play. The next tournament is April 16, 2011 tee off at 9:00 a.m. must sign in by 8:45 to play. We also will be starting our Wednesday night tournaments on April 6, 2011 tee off at 5:45 must be signed in by 5:30. We hope you will come and enjoy the fun. If you have any questions about these tournaments please call the pro shop at 804 742 5647.

Let us remind you that there is to be no alcoholic beverages brought on the golf course unless you have purchased them from the Out Of Bounds. This is the ABC law and we will be enforcing this rule. And please take time to read our golf course rules, you can get a copy of the rules at the pro shop.

We hope you all enjoyed your winter and we hope you are as glad as we are to see the warmer weather. We hope to see you on the golf course. Happy Golfing!❖

From The GM - *Mr. Wayne Roberts*

We have survived another winter and are ready for the warm weather. The Youth Center activities director is making plans to keep the kids active. Improvements have been made to the basketball/tennis court and final work will be completed as the weather permits.

A lot foreclosure sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 12. Tell your friends and neighbors that this is their chance to own a place for summer vacations.

Once again we are in need of lifeguards for the swimming pool. If you know someone ask them to contact the office.

Let's all have a pleasant summer season.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Do you have a trailer or property for sale? Why not list on the web site at <http://www.fourwindsclub.com/>. The cost is minimal and many lots have been sold through the site.

You can keep informed as to what your Club is doing by visiting the website at <http://www.fourwindsclub.com/>. While there, look at "Member Services" and request a copy of the Board of Directors meetings minutes and to receive the newsletter in electronic form.

ACTIVITIES - Ms. DEBBIE CARTER

Hello everyone my name is Debbie Carter, I am this year's youth center manager. I already have a great deal of fun things planned for this year.

There will be an Easter egg hunt scheduled for April 17, 2011 starting at 1:00 Pm located at the youth center.

There will be two special eggs one with \$5.00 and one with \$10.00 inside.

The most eggs collected will win a large Easter basket. The children will meet the Easter bunny, color eggs. Cupcakes & Drinks will be supplied.

Also at the Youth Center, we have added milk shakes to our menu. We will also have our store fully stocked for all of your last minute needs.

I would like to ask members if you may have any craft items that you would like to donate, we could sure use them.

I look forward to meeting all of you and your children. Thank You.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT- MR.BRUCE TUTOR

I would like to remind the members that the dumpsters are for household use trash only. Any other items should be taken to the dump in Port Royal, all you have to do is show your membership card and there will not be any cost.

The dumpsters will be monitored, and citations will be given to anyone caught disposing of anything other than household trash. Brush and bags of leaves will be permitted to be taken to the burn pile. Security will be doing an inspection of your vehicle.

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Memorial Day Celebration.

Each Memorial Day we honor the men and women in uniform who have given their lives to defend our Nation and our way of life. They answered the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice so that America would remain strong and free, a beacon of hope to the oppressed throughout the world.

Four Winds salutes America's heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to this Nation. This debt of gratitude extends also to the families of the fallen. Each has left behind loves ones whose strength and courage have been an inspiration to all Americans throughout our history.

Please come to the memorial Garden for our annual Memorial Day Ceremony where we will honor our fallen soldiers and remember those **Four Winds** members lost this past year. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, 28 May at Noon. Hope to see you all there.

Treasures Report

The club has faired well over the past couple of years with the state of the economy. We have **NOT** been forced into borrowing money from the bank during the past two years. As we move forward, the Board of Directors adopted a budget at the end of 2010 for the upcoming year that is thought to be amicable to all of its Members and to keep the club solvent during the upcoming year. The key to the success of the club is to follow our budget, spending guidelines and collect the required funds from its Members. The Board of Directors asks that everyone please be responsible and pay your dues in a timely fashion.

Finances:

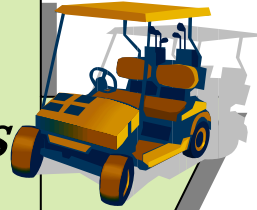
- Our electric bills have been paid in full monthly reflecting a **\$0 balance** as of February 1, 2011.
- Our accounts payable is \$17,653.44
- The 2007 Special Assessment account has a balance of \$28,502.54. This money is earmarked for the repair of the lift station in cluster 3.
- The 2008 Special Assessment account has a balance of \$25,536.96, which is earmarked, for the purchase of a sewage pump truck. The ageing sewage pump truck currently owned has come to its end of life and will be replaced before April 1, 2011 at a cost of \$26,500.00 resulting with a \$0 balance of the assisted funds.
- The 2009 Special Assessment account has a balance of \$10,866.29, to be used for improvement at the Adult Center during the month March 2011.
- Past due Members accounts for the first quarter of 2011 are **\$17,346.00, 43 Members have not paid their dues.**
- Past due Members accounts for 2010 are **\$80, 079.00, 39 Members have not paid their dues.**
- The Operating Account balance is \$41,502.54.
- We have a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$25,000.00. These funds are members dues paid in advance for the 2011 season, to be distributed during upcoming quarters.

With a deficit **\$97,425.00 in past due Members accounts**, our budget is affected. We are in the process of collecting past due accounts to enable the club to operate within its budget. We ask those of you that are behind in your dues payment to please bring your accounts current. We have two lot foreclosures this year to bring in new members, thus adding dues paying members.

The Board of Director has requested a "Special Meeting" in addition to the Annual Meeting requesting from the membership a \$50.00 per lot assessment and to vote on the consolidation of the 2008 special assessment funds. These funds are to be transferred in to the capital improvement fund. This transfer will allow the Board of Directors to make many needed improvements at the club. We ask for your support in this decision.

Mike Taylor
Treasurer

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