

Queens Lake Club



A Message From the President

Deed Restriction Commitments Top 110!

Just before the first formal signings on January 16th, the Club Secretary added all the last minute deed restriction commitments and told me that the number of committed members totaled 118. Like a child unable to keep a hot secret, I shared the good news with Bill Morrison, the Club President who oversaw the first close but unsuccessful effort and who chaired the subsequent committee that crafted the successful proposal that passed overwhelmingly at the last Annual Meeting. The unrestrained smiles we shared reflected a common sense of satisfaction and deep gratitude to the involved people who made calls to all members of the Club. We owe a great deal to Bruce McRitchie whose communications genius meant so much to the outcome. As I write this message, we have another signing ceremony and probably a number of private signings before we have all of the necessary formal, notarized documents ready for filing. But one thing is now clear – it will happen. And when we make the trip to Yorktown, it will be a pilgrimage of commitment and a signature of common faith undertaken by a community where I am proud to be a part.

For those members who have not deed restricted, I want to say that I know many of you voted to make deed restriction possible even though you had reservations about restriction itself. I salute your circumspection and must make clear that being a member of Queens Lake is the most important decision – type of membership is clearly secondary.

I now invite every member of Queens Lake to become an active part of the community by calling one (or more!) of the committee chairs listed on the following page and asking to become a member of at least one committee. This is because, when you think about it, the local community is that part of our common government that most affects our lives; it is most intimate with what we do. Recall that the organization that oversees and protects the central element of our community, the lake, is Queens Lake Club. Our new state-of-the-art pool was built and is maintained by the Club. For boaters, our outstanding marina offers a wonderful and economic place to keep a boat, with ready access to the York River and not far away, the Chesapeake Bay. For gardeners, the Beautification & Maintenance Committee provides a priceless opportunity to share your green thumb, dig in the dirt, spend good times with friends, and make our common areas beautiful. For seniors (of any age), the Senior Council will ask one question – what would we like to do? Do we want to learn, lunch, walk, travel, and otherwise have fun. Find a committee. Take part. Contribute. Two things will probably happen; you will make your community a better place and you should have some enjoyment and gratification in the process.

Let's have a great year!

Don Tortorice
Queens Lake President

Special Announcement: We're on the Web!

Starting this month, you can find the Queens Lake Club newsletter on the internet at <http://www.queenslake.net>. Just click on "Newsletter" and follow the link. If you'd like to receive your newsletter electronically, just drop us an e-mail at qlclub@widomaker.com and let us know to take you off the mailing list. When a newsletter is publishing you'll be notified by e-mail.

Chris Hailey
Queens Lake Vice-President

Queens Lake - The First Fifty Years

To commemorate our first fifty years as a residential community, the Board of Directors of the Queens Lake Club has authorized a committee to research and write a history of Queens Lake. The committee: Joan Swanson, Linda Bowe, Lana Olson and Nancy Dutro, with the help of Jim Carter, will gather information and recollections about the early days of the neighborhood. We plan to trace the evolution and development of the neighborhood as well as the several facilities that make this a special place to live.

Currently Joan Swanson is drafting a profile of Dick Benschoten, one of the original developers. If anyone has a personal anecdote to share about him, please contact Joan at 253-2811.

The New Leadership

Here are the members of this year's Board and their term expirations:

Don Tortorice President 2003
Chris Hailey Vice President, QL Day, Newsletter 2003
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Doug White Tennis, Community Affairs 2004
Sally Dafashy Membership 2004
Lee Dexter Pool 2004
Steve Griggs Clubhouse 2004
Zach Palmer Marina 2004
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Bruce McRitchie (ex officio) Club Development 2003
Lana Olsen (ex officio) Historian, Website Coordinator 2003
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Community Affairs

Committee: Doug White, Gerry Clarke, Tim Cross

This committee will report on activities, plans, decisions, etc. of local governmental agencies and service utilities organizations as they might affect Queens Lake.

For New Quarter Park, there are no current plans or funds to significantly change the park from its present usage. While a modest upgrading is planned to enhance the current facilities, the park will continue to operate on a seasonally supervised, otherwise by group reservation, basis for the foreseeable future. Some playground equipment, another picnic shelter and restrooms, and some walking trails are being considered.

Public sanitary sewer installation is in the planning stage according to the utilities directors office. Currently, plans are to install in Queens Lake in 4 phases, each in the latter months of 2005-2008, as identified in the Utilities Strategic Capital Plan.

Clubhouse Report

Steve Griggs, Chairman

As Committee Chair for the clubhouse, I am asking for some help on my committee. If anyone would like to assist me with the clubhouse, please give the office or me a call.

One of the biggest assets our clubhouse offers is its usage for different social functions. Although we did have a number of sponsored events at the clubhouse last year, it is becoming harder and harder for these events to happen. The many special dinners we do at the clubhouse are always down by a handful of volunteers. We need some new faces with new and interesting ideas to step up and plan a function at the clubhouse. If anyone is interested in planning a community social event at the clubhouse this year, please give me a call at 253-0721.

Tennis News

Committee: Doug White, Bob Long, Alex Andrews, Dan Wardrop

The most significant change is that, beginning this year, separate membership is no longer required for use of the courts. Any current club member may have access by paying the \$ 10 key fee.

While use of the courts has dramatically decreased over the years, we must recognize that the courts are a common area asset and, as such, must be kept in presentable condition along with all our other assets. To allow them to deteriorate would be to decrease the desirability of the community as a whole. While membership at clay court and indoor facilities have taken their toll on member usage, the committee encourages interest in reviving some of what has drifted away.

We have a men's round robin every Saturday morning at 9:00 (weather permitting) if we can find four able bodies. This will shift to 8:00 in the late spring through October. More players are welcome and needed. Call a committee member if you have questions.



Marina News

The 2003 Marina Committee met at the club house on Jan. 11th. We outlined the maintenance projects for the year which included: regrading the parking area, restaining the gazebo and installing ceiling fans, rebolting the sister pilings in the shed and repairing the bulkhead in the parking area, just to name a few.

The committee also scheduled a busy social calendar for the 2003 boating season. The events include: a marina member cookout on May 10th, a fishing tournament and cookout open to all club members (boats, tackle, bait, guides and trophies provided) on June 7th, boat rides on Queens Lake day June 28th, an August boat cruise to either Gwens Island or the Tides Inn, a senior fishing day open to all club members on Sept. 6th, A pig-picking at the club house open to all members, a Rock fishing tournament and potluck on Nov. 29th, and a boat light decorating contest and Christmas caroling open to all club members on Dec. 13th.

We look forward to a great year at the marina.

Pool Committee News

It's hard to think about swimming and family outdoor get-togethers with the cold and snow on the ground, but that is what is on the minds of your pool committee. Right now is the time when next summers swimming programs and activities are being planned. The committee needs your help if we are to be successful in meeting your needs and providing the best possible summer experience. First, we need help. Additional committee members are needed to spread the work and to assure that good ideas are infused into the planning process. If you are interested in being a part of this summer's excitement, please contact the pool committee chairman Lee Dexter at 565-5864. Secondly, we need your ideas and desires. This is especially true if this year's committee is going to improve on the great work accomplished by Linda Ingleson and her committee. Share your thoughts with Lee and other pool committee members.

The goal for this summer is to expand the types of services and programs presented last year. Adult swim lessons, water exercise programs, and a swim for your health incentive program are just a few of the new programs in the planning. Secondly, the committee hopes to stabilize the Adult pool structure and have already installed a new filtration system.

It looks like a great summer ahead. We are looking forward to serving your family and having a great pool.



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		Charles and Gwen Young



An Invitation to Residents Who Do Not Belong to QUEENS LAKE CLUB

During 2003, as a resident of Queens Lake, you will receive the Queens Lake Newsletter even though you are not a member of Queens Lake Club. It is our hope, that through this communication, we will heighten your awareness of the vital role that Queens Lake Club plays in maintaining your community, and enhancing the value of your property. We also want you to be aware of the many recreational opportunities enjoyed by club members. Our objective is clear. We want you as a member of Queens Lake Club.

What is Queens Lake Club?

Perhaps the best place to start is by defining the club. It is not a homeowners' association. Homeowners' associations have specific authority over members as established by state law. They normally have very strict rules and regulations regarding building, remodeling and landscaping. Queens Lake Club has no such authority, and does not seek it.

Queens Lake Club is not just a club either. It is far more than that. It is an organization of homeowners dedicated to keeping Queens Lake a wonderful place to live, to raise a family and to retire. While Queens Lake Club has terrific amenities that would be the envy of many much more costly clubs, (how many clubs own and maintain a lake on the scale of Queens Lake?) it also has the responsibility for maintaining the community. Many of the tasks performed by Queens Lake Club go virtually unnoticed, simply taken for granted. Yet these are important functions and most certainly contribute to the pleasant surroundings we all enjoy.

Why should I/we join?

Last summer, a survey was sent to every household in Queens Lake. This, of course, included members as well as non-members of Queens Lake Club. The results of both the survey among members, and the survey among non-members showed overwhelming agreement that the many functions performed by the club not only contribute greatly to our quality of life, but also contribute to the resale value of our homes. Does it not follow that every homeowner in the community has a responsibility to support the organization that enhances their community, their lifestyle and their ultimate resale value? Whether or not you use the amenities, considering all the things that Queens Lake Club does for you, membership is a bargain. During this year, this newsletter will to provide many examples that demonstrate why it is so important for all residents to be part of the club

What does it cost to belong?

Our survey results indicated that the number one barrier to membership, especially for a number of young families moving into Queens Lake, has been the stock purchase (initiation) cost of \$1000. However, at the annual membership meeting an alternative membership plan was approved that reduces the stock purchase price to \$100 for those who assure, through deed restriction, that they, and any future owners of the property, will maintain membership in Queens Lake Club. This plan also offers a reduced annual community maintenance fee, which includes all amenities except pool and marina slip, of \$250. There is an additional fee for the use of the swimming pools of \$270.

Stock purchase price and membership fees for the traditional membership plan remain unchanged at \$1000 stock purchase, \$310 community maintenance plus a menu of pool fees based on household situation which starts at \$300 for a family pool membership.

How do I join?

If you are ready to join, or if you simply want more information about membership, simply contact the club office at 229-0973 or email qlclub@widomaker.com. A membership committee member will get in contact with you to answer any questions and/or provide you with membership materials.

Bruce McRitchie



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Beautification Committee News

Nancy Dutro, Chair, Beautification and Maintenance

Serving on the Beautification and Maintenance Committee for 2003 are:

Joanne Andrews Florence Lunger Gale Roberts
Bev Frankel Dona McKenzie JoAnn Sunell
Diane Laabs George McKenzie Nancy Tortorice



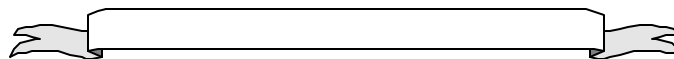
These club members serve in an advisory capacity and help to recruit other volunteers to carry out projects that enhance the beautification of Club property that is not covered by another committee. On January 20, members of the committee met to plan activities for the coming year. A Spring Spruce Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 26 and a Fall Spruce Up Day is scheduled for September 27. Anyone who would like to help is urged to mark these dates on their calendars.

We thank JoAnn Sunell, Lana Olson and Bonnie Christie for decorating the clubhouse property for the holiday season. Thank you, too, to the Queens Lake Garden Club for donating \$250 to support beautification projects.



A Friendly Reminder

For \$10, York County will pick up the piles of limbs and debris that property owners have collected and placed by the roadside. Call 890-3780 and help us preserve the attractiveness of our neighborhood.



**4TH ANNUAL
BRUTON HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION
MARCH 22, 2003
7:00 pm
at The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center**

Membership Committee

News

Sally Dafashy

I'm pleased to report that the following individuals have joined the membership committee: Barbara Hager, Carol Johnson, Susan Dexter, Jane Bourne, Libby Oliver, Kate Helwig, Julia Morris, Maureen Moss, and Kit Murphy.

Our first meeting will be at the Queen's Lake Clubhouse on February 5, 2003 at 4:30 PM.

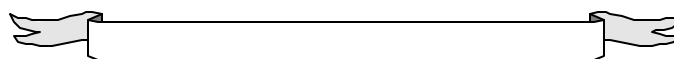
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Senior Council Activities Team

The Senior Council Activities Team (SCAT) is planning for the new year. Last year we hosted an indoor games day, built benches for the softball field, maintained the purple martin houses, and initiated a survey for the community emergency preparedness plan. We are currently compiling the data to complete an effective plan for the Queens Lake residents.

We welcome suggestions for recreational and service activities. Please call any members of SCAT if you would like to participate.

Bob Long 259-9559
Betty Rogers 229-3779
Harry Hager 229-2710
John Shoosmith 229-9646
George and Dona McKenzie 564-8572



An Invitation

The Queens Lake Community is invited to a program sponsored by the Queens Lake Garden Club on Thursday, March 20 at the Clubhouse. Kathy Van Mullekom, Garden Editor of the Daily Press, will speak on "Lessons I Learned in My Garden." There is no fee for the program, and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 AM, and the program will begin at 10:00 AM. Please make reservations by calling Jean Hudson at 229-2356 or JoAnn Sunell at 253-8778.



Queens Lake Day

Plans are well underway for our annual community celebration. Be sure to mark your calendar for June 28 so that your family can be a part of this summer celebration. Look forward to plenty of old favorite activities like a delicious breakfast, bike parade, Fun Run, softball, cookout, children's games, and a dinner and dance. There will be a few new twists, including boat rides hosted by the Marina Committee. If you'd like to help make Queens Lake Day a success, call Chris Hailey at 220-3280. There are lots of opportunities to make it happen.

Calendar of Events

February 11 Queens Lake Board Meeting
February 21 Candle Light Dinner at Clubhouse
May 10 Marina Member Cookout
June 7 Fishing Tournament and Cookout
(open to all members)
June 28 Queens Lake Day!!

Lake Committee News

The Lake Committee met on January 25 to discuss issues related to the care and maintenance of our beautiful Queens Lake. Chairman Bob Caven, John Horsting, Rolf Kramer, and Art Cone will work to oversee the quality of Lake waters and its flora and fauna. In addition, the Lake Committee will develop and maintain the shoreline, dam, and accesses to the Lake, and work to encourage non-members who live on the Lake to become Club members.



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