

President's column

A big "thank you" is deserved for the geese crew who put a dent in the exploding goose population. Besides oiling goose eggs, I'm told they collected a sizable quantity of excellent quality lost golf balls. Call them...they may have one of yours. Those who braved the elements and geese included Arvid & Karen Adell, Chuck Christiansen, Mark & Reid Anderson and Gary Neu.

Plans are under way again for two Christmas parties. When it comes to planning events involving lots of details and keeping everything under control and on schedule...your board's vice president Mark Anderson is the person we depend on.

Our condolences to the Rieker family on the loss of Kayde who passed away June 16th. She is survived by her husband John and sons Nicholas and Jacob. They reside at 11847 Vireo Vale.

Ledges Trading Post

We will be launching the "Ledges Trading Post" immediately following your receipt of this newsletter. The "*Ledges Trading Post*" is a service for paid members of the LPOA who wish to advertise items for sale to anyone who visits our web site. We will only post the items on our web site. Our hope is that anyone who visits this portion of the web site would find quality items for sale. To get things rolling some of the LPOA board will be placing items for sale on the web site. To check out the "Ledges Trading Post" page simply click on the appropriate icon and you will see what we have done thus far.

You can submit your advertisement of items for sale directly to our web site www.ledgescommunity.org or to our P.O Box. Pictures in digital or film format can be included (we can take pictures for you if necessary). Ads will be posted soon after they are received.

Safety & Security Issues

Summertime and the livin' is easy. Remember it is a time of vacations and much activity. Help yourselves and your neighbors by being alert to unusual activity in your neighborhood. There were several thefts from open homes and garages on Bond Drive and Moore Woods roads. You can't be too careful in taking routine precautions. Numbers to remember - - 911 for emergencies requiring police assistance and 987-5920 for non-emergencies. When Sgt. Falzone retires at the Winnebago Police Dept., we lost our contact for Neighborhood Watch. His position has not been filled, but we should still look out for one another. Also, you are more likely to encounter

pedestrians (including children) on the roadways, so drive carefully.

Mike Durand at the Forest Preserve District reports there has been some vandalism on the golf course. Call John Denbow at the golf course maintenance building during the day (389-1258) or 911 at night.

Those of us in the Ledges take pride in keeping the entire area as attractive as possible. The new burning law is going to cause some of us to rethink how we get rid of things we normally burned. We are still working on a solution with waste haulers. There is some discussion at the County Board regarding modifying the law, but nothing is resolved at this time. In the mean time, remember to consider your neighbors on each side and in the back of your property. Storage areas and lawn waste accumulation should be screened from their view so they can enjoy entertaining or just relaxing on their decks and patios.

Fern Nelson



Couples Golf/Dinner Outing

The LPOA is hosting its second annual golf outing and dinner on August 2nd, 2003 at the Ledges Golf Course. Join us with your spouse or significant other. Tee times have been arranged for the time period 12:30 to 2:00 PM. For anyone that is unable to make the golf outing, we encourage your participation in the dinner. Come meet your neighbors and enjoy the great food at The Hoffman Club House.

Golf Outing Details

Date: Saturday August 2nd, 2003
Time: Prearranged noon to 2 PM
Location: Ledges Golf Course
Format: Four-person scramble
Prizes: \$7.00 entry per person which is to be paid when you register for a tee time
Greens Fee: Free for pass holders
\$23 for non-pass holders for 18 holes
Cart Fee: \$12 per person for 18 holes
Guests: Will be welcome
Contact: Mark Anderson at 623-6391 by July 25th to arrange your tee time

Dinner Specifics

Location: Hoffman Club House
Cocktails: 6:00 – 7:00 PM with hors d'oeuvres
Dinner: 7:00 PM approximately

Menu: Grilled Rib eyes steaks and Chicken
Breasts, vegetable, baked Potato,
Salad Bar and Cheesecake

Cost: \$16.00 per person, which includes tax
and tip

Contact: Mark Anderson at 623-6391 by
July 25th

LPOA Christmas Parties

The LPOA is again hosting two Christmas parties this year at the Ledges Club House. The first party will be for adults at 6 PM on Dec. 13, 2003. We will have an open house format with entertainment for your enjoyment. More detailed information will be available on the web site later this summer at (ledgescommunity.org) and in the next issue of the newsletter. The kid's party (lunch with Santa) will be on Dec. 21st 2003.

Gary Neu's Tidbits



The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources removed at least 20 deer from our area this spring. Chronic Wasting Disease was the main reason for their harvest. I have heard many gardeners & homeowners complain about the damage deer do to their plants. I assume we still have too many deer and the plant damage will continue until we put pressure on the DNR to remove more of them. I do have hopes that as invasive plants are removed from our woodlands, more native plants will grow and the deer will eat them and stay out of our yards. Yah right!

The Goose egg oiling on the golf course was a success and we had some fun in the process. We found 13 nests and oiled 48 of 55 eggs. Some eggs were to mature to treat and we missed a nest or two. Yes, there are some goslings running around out there. The goal was not eradication, but to reduce the overpopulation. We were hoping to have some good video to show, oh well, maybe next year now that we know how to operate the camcorder better. Oh, almost forgot! The golfers donated \$40.00 to our efforts. Thank you very much!

I thank those who bought shrubs at our first Earth Day/Arbor plant sale. The remaining shrubs are now \$3.00 since they're bigger and I've had to keep them alive all this time. If any are left in the fall, they will be \$5.00. Hazel Nut, Service Berry, Red dogwood (\$1), Silky Dogwood, Nine Bark and New Jersey Tea are available.

Garlic Mustard is going to seed now. Please remove the seed heads or whole plant if you desire to begin reducing the population of this highly invasive plant. Remember this plant must be bagged and sent to the dump for burial. Composting or leaving the plant just lying around will still allow seeds to mature and spread the infestation. I have pamphlets on this species available for area residents. Also Dame's Rocket is going to seed now with its lovely blue or white flower. It's sometimes called Wild Phlox but has four petals instead of five. It is also highly invasive. Which means its being piggish in its lifestyle and not letting others have their turn.

Winnebago County Health Dept. will be testing private and public ponds for West Nile Virus larva. They will be coming to our area to test the golf course and if you have a pond they will test it as well. (call 720-4000) If the tests are positive there are low toxic treatments available to kill the larva. The County is again asking the public to report dead crows and blue jays by calling 720-4242. Leave a message telling what you found and your zip code. They are keeping tabs, but it is our responsibility to dispose of any dead birds.

For those interested in gardening, especially habitat for birds, bees, butterflies, frogs, dragonflies, prairie plants, woodland plants, pond plants, rain gardens, etc. or those interested in unusual plants, my yard is open for you to visit. Give me a call or stop by and take a look. Children seem to enjoy seeing the two bullfrogs in the preformed ponds as well as feeding the fish. Sometimes I have plants I've divided and you can take a gift home. Gary Neu, 11868 S. Gate Rd. 623-9841.

2003 LPOA Annual Dues (\$20 per household)

Submit the form below along with your check to the LPOA, P.O. Box 36, Roscoe, IL 61073. Your new directory will be delivered when we receive your registration. If you wonder if you have already paid dues for 2003 call Fern at 389-1632

Dues valid Jan. 1 to Dec.31

Names of Adult/Parents

First _____ Last _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 Child _____ Birth year _____
 Child _____ Birth year _____
 Child _____ Birth year _____
 Child _____ Birth year _____
 E-mail _____

If you fill in the e-mail line, please check the appropriate box regarding your e-mail

- E-mail in the directory & communication
- E-mail for communication only



The Benevolent Bunny treats the kids with a cookie!



Smile for the camera!



Were the parents helping to find the eggs?



Mark Anderson gives instructions to eager kids



Jim Benkovich purchases some plants from Gary Neu



Nice hat don't you thin



Isn't this fun!



Do you believe there were over 700 eggs!