

# Chickasaw Point of View

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October 2024

*Helene came roaring through Chickasaw Point on Friday, September 27. The hurricane left behind downed trees which took down power lines leaving the neighborhood without power, internet service, cell service and working lift stations.*

*As soon as the storm subsided, neighbors began checking on each other. Through the Residents and Family Facebook page, residents began offering help, generators, water, gas and especially information about the conditions in the community.*

*The true meaning of community was on display in Chickasaw Point. During this same time Chickasaw Point was collecting much needed donations for our neighbors in Western North Carolina.*

*Thanks to everyone who posted photos on the Facebook page.*



*Donations for Helene victims in NC.*



## Our Popular Swimming Pool

*By Rick Cochell, Director of Amenities*



As summer draws to a close, we reminisce about the wonderful time spent with family and friends at Chickasaw Point. Our community is blessed with many great amenities, but none are more cherished or popular than our swimming pool. Two years ago, we transitioned to a self-managed pool system, entrusting our residents with its care.

This season, we focused on enhancing the pool area. Thanks to the Kids Club, led by Cody and Mandy Dumas, the cabana and bathrooms received a fresh coat of paint. We also enlisted a professional pool company to maintain the

chemical balance of the water, ensuring a safe and enjoyable swimming experience for everyone. Additionally, we upgraded the pool area with new furniture, chairs, and umbrellas. When we reopened on May 23, the grand old pool looked as splendid as it did over 50 years ago.

As part of our new pool management process, each family in good standing now has a fob for access. **This system allows us to monitor usage and attendance effectively. This year, the pool recorded 3,571 entries. Given that one fob grants access to an entire family or group, we estimate the actual number of attendees may be as high as 4,000.** These impressive numbers confirm that our pool is Chickasaw Point's number one amenity.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for helping to make our pool an amenity we can all be proud of. By taking good care of it, we can ensure its longevity and continued enjoyment for years to come.



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## Architectural Compliance Committee

*By Greg Distler, ACC Project Manager*



The Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC) needs to ensure any improvements fall within the guidelines of the covenants as well as falling in line with the general aesthetic design of the neighborhood.

### Keeping Chickasaw's Exterior Superior!!!

- **Applications required for** tree removal, roofing, siding, painting, fencing, railings, new construction, decking, walkways, driveways, outbuildings, cart paths on both Corp and personal property, etc...

- New construction and remodeling are at the highest levels ever. The ACC team assigns project managers to oversee and manage our policies and procedures for the benefit of the owner and community.
- Do not forget to register your vendors in the Gatehouse App for security.
- Please complete applications on a timely basis. We appreciate your following the process. Click the link below to access the Exterior Change Application.

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Ensuring we all adhere to our covenants is essential to keeping our property values high.

## **Work Projects at Collins Children’s Home**

*By John Bignelli, Chickasaw Point Men’s Club Historian*

The Chickasaw Point Men’s Club has been active with multiple work projects at Collins Children’s Home this past August and September. Men’s Club members provided volunteer labor for outdoor improvement projects that included erecting a new swing set in the children’s playground and chipping and mulching numerous brush piles and downed trees in the Prayer Garden area.



Along with this work, the main road on the Collins Children’s Home property was cleared of encroaching brush and tree limbs along its entire length. The resulting brush and wood from this effort was also run through the chipper to make mulch which will be used for landscaping projects around the property.

Seventeen club members did the limbing and cutting, and chipping. The Chickasaw Point Women’s Club provided lunch for the volunteers and Rick Cochell provided the beverages. Thank you, ladies and Rick!



In August, Men’s Club volunteers installed a new swing set on the Collins Children’s Home property. This effort involved levelling and preparing the location, then assembling and installing the swing set in the playground area.

The Men’s Club anticipates returning soon to Collins Children’s Home for a follow-up project involving the Prayer Garden area brick walkways. These have become very uneven over time. The Men’s Club volunteers will remove the bricks, level and prepare walkway surfaces and re-install the bricks for a much-needed safety upgrade.



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## Chickasaw Point Women's Club

*By Di Burton - Moroney, Chickasaw Point Women's Club Vice President*

The Chickasaw Point Women's Club (CPWC) started the new year on September 18 at the Community Center. Maria Lewallen was installed as President.

Michelle Dittmar headed up the very successful October 5 Blood Drive.

Gere Olsen discussed the Women's Club Lending Closet (open to the entire community) and discussed the need for people to be timely when they are borrowing or returning items.

Bonnie Craft and Nancy LeVeck are once again heading up the "Dress A Bear" initiative for the Salvation Army.

Bonnie Craft is spearheading the Arts and Crafts Fair which will be held on October 26, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

The Women's Club Dinner Dance will be on December 6, at The Overlook. Tickets will be \$50 per person and CPWC members get the first opportunity to purchase tickets. It is limited to 110 people. There will be a choice of prime rib, chicken, or seafood.

Bobbi Hagler is the liaison between CPWC and Collins Children's Home. Since June there have been two projects: gifting children with items needed for their annual beach trip and filling bookbags for going back to school. The Collins Kids Christmas Party will be at The Overlook on December 10.

The next event will be Christmas Dinner Dance at The Overlook on December 6.

The October 16 meeting was held at the Community Center. It was the annual Soup, Salad, Breads and Desserts Potluck. Watch for details for the November meeting.

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*Ed London is off to the races.*

## Night at the Races

*By Bill Knight*

**"OH, WHAT A NIGHT!"** The hit song by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons perfectly captured the excitement felt by Chickasaw Point residents on Saturday, August 25, during the Men's Club Inaugural Horse Race – **NIGHT AT THE RACES**.

The electrifying evening was brought to life by our very own Mr. Ed, as Ed London kept the capacity-filled event at The Overlook buzzing with excitement as he announced the progress of each horse through six



thrilling horse races. Everyone was eager to capture that special feeling by placing the right bet and winning big!

The horse races were showcased on a large 16-foot track. Each race featured six hand-carved horses, crafted by Fred Tienken, and hand-painted by Judy London, Karan Dabrowski, and Bonnie Yache, flying down the track.

Our cashiers, Janet Knight and Norma Sims, were kept very busy selling HORSE

BUCKS and handing out winnings to those who placed the right bets. Meanwhile, our betting team—Donna Hach, Dave Dabrowski, and Kay Sansom—handled about 250 bets for each race, as everyone tried to get that special feeling for picking the winning horse.

The Overlook managers, Nick Rodgers and Amanda Lewis, along with the kitchen staff prepared a wonderful assortment of delightful delicacies, while two bars ensured the drinks kept flowing. The Overlook staff provided their usual excellent service, contributing to a night of thrilling bets (with some winning big), delicious food, refreshing drinks and fantastic company.

Each race featured six horse owners who named and trained their horses. The horses' progress was determined by three different people rolling dice, with a double roll required to cross the finish line, giving other horses a chance to catch up with the fast-pacing leaders.

Congratulations to our six winning horse owners who spent months training their horses in preparation for the big race.

**The owners of the winning horses pictured from the left are:**

- A SHOT IN THE DARK owned by John Roberts
- OLD GLUESTICK owned by Michelle Dittmar
- MR. ED owned by Judy London
- CLEMSON TIGERS owned by Maria Stroupe
- BE-MY-NEIGH-BOR owned by Juli Schuett
- SUNFLOWER owned by Dave Dabrowski



Additionally, attendees generously donated to the Mike Berardo Scholarship Fund, contributing over \$500 to honor Mike's legacy.

A big thank you to Bill Knight, Ed London, and their team for organizing yet another fantastic and fun-filled evening for our Chickasaw Point community!



Rumor has it that the Men's Club is planning another fantastic night of horse racing, delectable food and drink, and plenty of opportunities for everyone to win big and have fun, set for the spring of 2025.

*Displaying the race horses that they hand painted (from the left) are Karan Dabrowski, Bonnie Yache and Judy London.*

## Splash the Trash Away

*By Greg Distler, Chickasaw Point Site Captain*



Have you ever wondered how Chickasaw Point's portion of the Lake Hartwell shoreline stays so clean of trash and debris? It is due to people volunteering to take part in Splash the Trash Away. This year the Chickasaw Point shoreline cleanup was held on Saturday, September 21. Twenty volunteers and four boats picked up 30 bags of trash, a couple of tires and Styrofoam dock floats. The boat captains were Joe Knausdorf, Paul Nestel, Alan Wilson and me.

Splash the Trash Away is an idea that grew in conjunction with Partners for Clean Waters and Lake Hartwell Association. This has grown into a huge project with tons of trash pulled off the Lake Hartwell shorelines and islands by volunteers from the communities along the lake. There are even divers involved who pull trash and debris from the depths of the lake.

This is our fourth event partnering with Partners for Clean Waters and Lake Hartwell Association. As the Chickasaw Point Site Captain, I chose to limit the communication to our residents about the event as I wanted to ensure we had sufficient coordination. I plan on doing this two times a year, fall and spring, with broader communication in the future in order to include more volunteers. This will get even bigger in the future because of you.



*Regardless of your age, you can be a Splash the Trash Away volunteer.*



*Volunteers proudly displaying the bags of trash removed from the shoreline.*

# Chickasaw Point Men's Golf League

By Bob Lieberwirth, Chickasaw Point Men's Golf League President

Happy Fall! As the weather gets cooler, it is a great time to come out and play.

We have the final results from the Men's "Club Championship". We used a new format this year, 36-hole medal play over a two-week period. That is three rounds of match play for the top eight players. In the back and forth final (only two holes were halved), Howard Herrick beat Ron Thacker in 19 holes of play. Congratulations, Howard!

For all the golfers not making the final "8", we had another 36-hole medal play with Gerald Hawkins coming in first and Ed Lambert finishing second. Congratulations, Gerald!

The Monday/Wednesday/Friday golf group and the Chickasaw Point Golf Association recently updated the Chickasaw Point bag drop with memorial plaques for recently deceased long time members. Please check it out.

We have had a pretty consistent 16 to 24 golfers on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. We invite anyone with a USGA handicap to come and join us. If you do not have a handicap but would like to play one time, or three times a week, please contact me or show up to play. We will establish a handicap for you.

We play 18-hole individual skins on Monday and Friday and teams on Wednesday. All formats are full handicap, with a \$3.00 buy-in. We might not always play good golf, but we have lots of fun. Our tee time changed starting October 2. Meet at 9:45 a.m. and tee off at 10:00 a.m.

As always, a special "thank you" to Jerry Wolcoveick and his Thursday volunteer work crew, Lyle Klinge and his crew, Patrick Martin and the maintenance staff. The course has never been in better shape.



Men's Club Champion  
Howard Herrick



Winners of the 36 Hole Medal Play are Gerald Hawkins (left) finishing in first place and Ed Lambert (right) in second place.



## Chickasaw Point Ladies Golf League

*Cindy Weigle, Vice President*



*The ladies enjoying the day at the Red, White and Blue Tournament. From the left are Cindy Moore, Anitra Devol, Sibby Tansill, Cindy Weigle, Kim Wolcoveick, Pam Stercay, Mary Curran and Jill Bargiel.*

The winning ways continue at a state WSCGA tournament hosted by the Monticello Country Club at Savannah Lakes in McCormick, SC. Congratulations to Sue Cheney, Mary Curran, Pam Stercay and Kim Wolcoveick for winning First Place Low Net in their flight 3,2,1 fourball match.

The Fox Run Country Club Fourball tournament was another success. We sent two teams, and both won. Kim Wolcoveick and Sibby Tansill won First Place Low Net and Kim Auffray with Mary Curran took First Place Low Net in their flights.

Some of our ladies are playing with the Eagle Greens League, Georgia. The year-end championship was played at "The Chimneys" in Winder, GA. Pam Stercay was the champion of the tournament and Sibby Tansill won Third Place Low Net in her flight.

The next challenge will be the ICC Championship at Cross Creek on October 22. **Good Luck Ladies!**

Mary Curran, President of the CPLGA, created two more innovative ways for the ladies to participate in fun golfing events. The first Solheim Cup was played on September 12. Well matched teams fought it out with Europe edging out USA in both the 9-hole and 18-hole contests! Team USA will be given another chance in 2025.



*Winners at Monticello Country Club from the left are Pam Stercay, Mary Curran, Sue Cheney and Kim Wolcoveick.*



*Nine Hole Solheim Cup winners from the left are Karen Boles, Nancy LeVeck, Bonnie Craft and Suzy Berardo.*



*Solheim Cup winners for 18 holes from the left are Kim Auffray, Sue Cheney, Linda Floyd and Jill Bargiel.*



The CPLGA is facilitating the Chickasaw Point Golf Member Championship for 9- and 18-hole lady golfers.

The year-end luncheon on November 7 will celebrate the many successful events of the year, include the election of officers and announce the plans to host the **PLAY FOR P.I.N.K.** tournament in 2025!

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## Chickasaw Point Camping Group

*By Di Moroney*



The Chickasaw Point Campers enjoyed a wonderful camping experience at the Riverbend RV Resort in Hiawasee, GA. The next planned trip is to Huntington Beach State Park, SC, in May 2025. Neil and Kathy Kammerer are the Wagon Masters for the Spring Chickasaw Point Campers' Rally. To join the camping group contact Neil or Kathy.

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## Festival of Lights 2024

*By Gere Olsen*



This is a reminder to mark your calendars for the Festival of Lights on Saturday, November 30. The fun begins at 5:00 p.m. with the Holiday Golf Cart Parade. Please meet in the parking lot of the Community Center and line up all your holiday-decorated golf carts before we drive through the neighborhood. First, we will loop around Point Place, then go all the way up Chickasaw Point Drive to the front gate. Once

there, you will be able to see the decorated trees and gatehouse lit up for the first time this holiday season.

Next the parade continues to The Overlook where Santa and Mrs. Claus will be waiting to give the children a treat and parents a photo op. To continue with the holiday spirit, the Chickasaw Point Carolers will be entertaining everyone on the deck.

Cocktails and dinner are available at The Overlook. Please sign up in advance for the lasagna dinner and settle in to enjoy the evening. The cost for dinner is \$25.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 10 and under.

Join us on November 30 to kick off the holiday season.

## Community Spotlight

### Win at NGWGA Championship



On October 15, Pam Stercay was a winner at the NGWGA two day year-end championship by finishing first low net in her flight. Overall, she placed tenth low gross and third low net in the field of 45 ladies. The two day individual stroke play event was held at Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville, GA. Pam is a member of the North Georgia Women's Golf Association and qualified for the event by playing in three rounds throughout the year. Congratulations, Pam!

## Who's New In Chickasaw Point

### Alicia Coleman

A big Chickasaw welcome to Alicia Coleman, who is a new resident at 106 Indian Court. Originally from Richmond, Virginia, she moved here from Centreville in Northern Virginia. She is a retired librarian and has two grown children, Wesley and Ali, who are the proud parents of her grand pets, Hef and Baku.

Alicia enjoys hiking, gardening, zumba and water aerobics. Here at Chickasaw Point she looks forward to learning pickleball, paddle boarding, and kayaking. She has already joined the Chickasaw Point neighborhood by joining the Woman's Club and the hiking group. Welcome Alicia!

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### Michael and Sandra Kaufman

Chickasaw Point friends, be on the lookout to greet our new neighbors; Michael and Sandra Kaufman. The Kaufmans currently hail from Texas although they have lived in many other places: Michigan, Tennessee, France and Utah. They are moving to Chickasaw Point because they like the lake, mountains and its nice location.

The Kaufmans have three grown children; Daniel, Elise and Michelle. They are delighted grandparents of Sage who is 18 months old and have a grandson due.

Their hobbies include biking, walking, hiking, waterskiing, boating, swimming, crafts, gardening and Bible Study. They love the outdoors. Faith in Jesus Christ is very important to them! Welcome to Chickasaw Point, Sandra and Michael. We are happy to have you!



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### Joe and Margo Konopacke

Welcome Back to Chickasaw Point Joe and Margo Konopacke! Joe and Margo were part-time residents. They sold their house to their son and daughter-in-law. They were living in Mountain Rest and decided that they wanted to live closer to family, so they bought a new house in Chickasaw Point!

Both Margo and Joe are antiques enthusiasts. Joe is an avid golfer. They have two married sons (Eric and Brad) and four grandkids. They are animal lovers who have a collie (Lachlan) and a cat (Gidget). We are delighted to have you back!

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## Scott and Jennifer Whiten



Please give a warm Chickasaw Point welcome to our new neighbors, Scott and Jennifer Whiten. Jennifer has lived in Oconee for 10 years and Scott for 40 years.

They moved into Chickasaw Point in June from a cabin on the other side of Westminster. They both enjoy mission work, bird watching, swimming and lake activities. Scott enjoys woodworking. (He built custom furniture for 20 years!) Jennifer enjoys spending time with animals and has a 27-year-old horse and a 13-year-old long haired chihuahua named Meeko.

Scott is employed by Nestle Purina Company and Jennifer is a certified animal behaviorist and dog trainer. They enjoy Christian music and movies, volunteering and sharing the love of Jesus with those around them.

## *In Memoriam*



**Michael Berardo**

9/11/48 to 8/12/24

Written in loving memory by his wife, Suzy.

I am sad to share that Mike's four-year battle with kidney cancer has ended. As stubborn as he was, it was a stacked deck against him that he could not beat, but we all know that he tried.

There is a big hole in my heart as he was my rock, my partner, confidante, chef, and could always make me laugh! He was a loving husband and father.

We moved to Chickasaw Point in 2017, and right away he was involved in many clubs and activities. Michael was Vice President of the Men's Club for many years, was on the marina board, he managed monthly brunches before The Overlook, headed many committees, and enjoyed golfing.

While on the Men's Club board, he initiated the Men's Club Scholarship Fund for deserving seniors. Before his passing the Men's Club informed him that the Scholarship Fund would now be known as the Mike Berardo Chickasaw Point Men's Club Scholarship. What a legacy he is leaving behind!

His life was a celebration of the simple joys: a good laugh over a better meal, especially if eggplant parmesan was involved, ball breaking with friends, and sharing stories that always left his audience in stitches. His Italian American heritage was a source of pride, and his tales of travel and family were legendary.

He was a man who lived fully and loved fiercely, always surrounded by friends and family who cherished his company and his knack for making any gathering more lively. Whether it was a family dinner, cocktails on the porch or an event at The Overlook, his presence was the spark that lit up the room.

True to his unique style, Mike opted out of a traditional funeral. Instead, a celebration of life was held on September 15 at the Chickasaw Point Community Center, where stories were shared, laughter did abound, and the spirit of Mike Berardo was celebrated just as he lived --- joyfully and surrounded by those he loved.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made in his memory to the “Mike Berardo CPMC Scholarship Fund”, CPMC, [214 Pineneedle Drive, Westminster SC 29693](https://www.cpmcsc.org/). Please make checks out to CPMC.



## Marilyn Ericson

Marilyn Frances Ericson, 95, of Westminster, passed away August 30, 2024, at The Residences at Park Place in Seneca, SC.

Born in Jackson Heights, New York, Marilyn was the daughter of the late Frank and Dolphie (Srsen) Zoubek. Marilyn was a homemaker, a loving wife, a wonderful mother and mother-in-law, a caring grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of Fair Play Presbyterian Church.

Marilyn is survived by her loving husband of 73 years, Charles Ericson; sons, Gary Ericson (Loretta) of Westminster, SC, Glen Ericson (Tamera) of King George, VA, Mark Ericson (Joyce) of Greensboro, NC, Neal Ericson (Michelle) of Ormond Beach, FL; six grandchildren, David Ericson, Mathew Ericson, Debra Anderson, Andrew Ericson, Jessica McDuffie, Greg Ericson; 10 great-grandchildren, Isaac, Dylan, Owen, Carter, Brody, Audrey, Hailey, Carlee, Benjamin, Samuel and her niece, Cheryl Ares.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marilyn’s memory to Fair Play Presbyterian Church, PO Box 191, Fair Play, SC 29643.



## Colleen Kelly

Colleen passed away on August 31 surrounded by family and friends after a year-long battle with non-smoking lung cancer. Colleen was the youngest of four siblings, brothers James Kelly, William Kelly (Tamera) and sister Nancy Cobelli (James).

Colleen was a Doctor of Occupational Therapy for Fulton County Schools in Georgia. She loved children and was the foster mom to three young boys over the last four years.

Colleen so loved living and boating on Lake Hartwell, and all the friends she has met and kept over the past 25 years. It was certainly her happy place.

Colleen was a loving and involved aunt to her three young nephews and one niece: Spencer Kelly, Sean Kelly, Ryan Cobelli and Meghan Cobelli.

Colleen was a bright light and will be greatly missed. If love could have saved her, she would have lived forever.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her name to your local Humane Society.

# 8th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair

Chickasaw Point



**Saturday—October 26, 2024**

**Chickasaw Point Community Center  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Support 17 local artists and crafters.  
Purchase items for home, décor and gifts.  
Raffle Baskets  
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**Questions: Bonnie Craft  
770-335-2214**

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## Lending Closet

At Chickasaw Point

At Chickasaw Point, we understand the importance of having access to essential items, especially during times of need. That's why we're proud to offer the Chickasaw Point Lending Closet, sponsored by the Chickasaw Women's Club. Our lending closet stocks a wide variety of gently used items that you may not personally own. And the best part? All of these items are available free of charge for Chickasaw residents to borrow.



To make a reservation, call a committee member to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet at the Community Center for donations, pick ups and returns.

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Committee members and contact numbers

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- Event details, reminders, changes or cancellations are made available through email. Be sure the POA Office has your current email address for updates.

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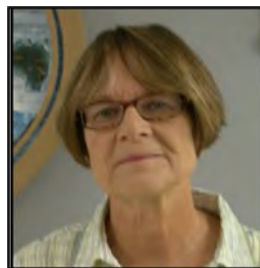
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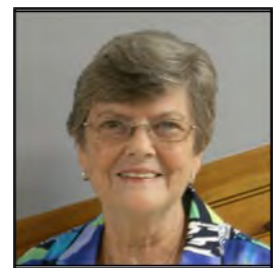
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