

# ROYALE REPORTER

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## Business Calendar

April 9

-Building Committee-  
7PM

April 11

-Finance Committee-9AM

April 18

-Board of Directors  
Meeting-10AM-Lodge

April 19

-Recreation Committee

April 21

Beautification Commit-  
tee - 7PM

April 28

Building Committee-  
7PM

May 2

Emergency Manage-  
ment Committee - 9AM  
Safety Committee -  
10:15AM

## Publication Committee

Bea Riley - Chair  
Bob Baldus  
Elaine Lashock  
Dale Dodson  
Ed Christie  
David Downey  
Bob Blackwood  
Alan Roberds - staff

## Where Does All The Money Go

by Ed Christie

In 1988 the POA dues were \$120.00. Expenses were \$543,222 .00 and revenues were \$655,439.00. Today, based on inflation, those numbers would be, dues \$165.00, expenses \$747,964.00, and revenues \$902,475.00 to provide the same level of services in 1997 as were provided in 1988. Expenses for 1997 were \$1,003,510.00, income was \$1,012,619.00, and dues were \$209.60. Expenses, as a percentage

of revenues, was 80% in 1988 and 99% in 1997.

Dues have increased, after accounting for inflation , \$45.00 over nine years, an average of \$5.00 or 3% a year.

Revenue has increased \$110,144.00, or 12%, an average of \$12,238.00 and 1.3% a year after compensating for inflation. Again , after inflation, expenses

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## Spring Clean Up

by Richard Eisemann from Beautification Committee

As you know, the Beautification Committee serves the Lake Royale community as an extension of the Property Association Board of Directors. The only goal of the BC is to make our area more attractive for residents, campers, and those who come here as guests.

Last year we held our first APRIL CLEAN UP EMPHASIS in cooperation with the POA Manager, Mr. Cay-

ton. Once again, we're willing to try to make that neat slogan become reality, as we solicit everyone's help to do your share. The main focus is on individual properties that need some spring "TLC." Please mow grass, haul logs away, dig around bushes, trim back shrubs, cut up fallen trees and repair fences. If time permits, do some touch-up painting.

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## Thanks to Lake Royale's Dedicated Volunteers

On March 14, Lake Royale Volunteers gathered for a luncheon in their honor. Over 70 Volunteers were invited and each was awarded a certificate of appreciation. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers.



## Charles Shaver Promoted

by Elaine Lashock

In January, 1998, Wildlife Master Officer Charles Shaver, from Lake Royale, was promoted to Sergeant. After joining the Wildlife Commission in 1990 as an Officer, he became a Senior Officer in 1994, and then a Master Officer in 1996. Along with the promotion comes added responsibilities and supervisory duties in Franklin, Vance, and Northern Wake Counties regarding the enforcement of hunting, fishing, and boating laws. Sgt. Shaver is one of those fortunate persons having a profession involving life long interests. He has always enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, scuba diving and snorkeling, but is mindful of the need to preserve and protect our natural resources. The Shaver family has lived at Lake Royale for almost six years.



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The Franklin Times

## Introducing BHS Seniors

by Elaine Lashock

In the April and May Issues, this section will focus on High School Seniors from Lake Royale. Three Seniors will be highlighted in each Issue.

**JOHN LEONARD**, son of Patricia and Michael Leonard. Unlike most of us, John has lived at Lake Royale all his life with his parents and sister Lara, age 13. After his graduation on May 30, 1998, John is looking forward to a cruise in the Caribbean. He has been an exemplary student at BHS and has chosen to continue his education at NC State with a major in Genetic Engineering. John enjoys living at the lake and having the opportunity for water sports in his own backyard. He likes living in a place not too crowded and yet not too isolated. We congratulate you and wish you well!

**AMY SCHAEFER**, daughter of Lorie and Dale Schaefer and sister of Stephen, age 15. Amy has enjoyed the water sports during her 2-1/2 years she and her family have resided at Lake Royale. Currently Vice-President of the Senior class, Amy has been very busy in high school participating in track, cross-country and student council. Mark April 7 and 8 on your calendar and plan to attend "Cheaper By the Dozen" at Bunn HS, starring John Leonard as the father and Amy Schaefer as the teacher, Miss Brill. Amy will also be cruising the Caribbean after graduation and plans to further her education at UNC-Chapel Hill. Congratulations; job well done!

**TAMMY TRIPP**, Daughter of Shelby and William Tripp. Tammy enjoys the atmosphere and the feeling of being a close knit community here at Lake Royale where she and her parents have lived for five years. The experience of working on the BHS yearbook, BUNN-O-NIAN, during her Junior year as Assistant Editor, and as Editor her Senior year, will benefit her next year when she majors in Journalism at Elon College. Other activities she has participated in are BETA Club, FCA, NAHS, Girl's JV Basketball, and Drama Club. Tammy will be appearing in their BHS play, "Cheaper By the Dozen," as Mrs. Gilbert. Congratulations to a Great '98 Graduate!

## Updates

by Elaine Lashock

**Quiz Bowl** - On Saturday, March 21, the large 4-A Wake Forest-Rolesville HS eliminated our much smaller 1-A Bunn HS Quiz Bowl team from further competition. We congratulate the team coached by Patricia Leonard of Lake Royale, for winning at the Franklin County level which enabled them to participate at the district competition.

**A Real Cliff Hanger** - The atmosphere at the Dean Dome in Chapel Hill could not have been more suspenseful on March 21. Lake Royale's Jeremiah Moose and John Leonard, along with other members of the Bunn HS Wildcats Basketball Team, were SO close to duplicating the 1981 outcome and becoming State Champions. Unfortunately, Thomasville won by three points. Despite that loss, the team certainly carried on the long tradition of a winning season.

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have increased \$255,564.00, or 34%, an average of \$28,396.00 or 3.7% a year, over the nine year period.

Over the years, as NACO has divested itself of the common property, and the expense that goes with it, the POA has become responsible for those expenses. It's my understanding that in the year 1987 or 1988 the POA made it's first major investment, contracting to have the present POA office building built. Prior to that, all expenses of the POA were paid by NACO. The POA paid for the gate and security personnel. At that time, NACO also collected the dues, so when bills came due NACO would write the check. Today all those expenses are paid out of POA income, which is primarily dues. Expenses that the POA are responsible for are salary and wages for all employees, which account for over half of our income, taxes, insurance, utilities, CPA and legal expenses and repairs / maintenance of the common property.

It is clear to me that this community is between the proverbial rock and a hard place and the rock is moving toward the hard place. It's time for some hard decisions to be made by the community. It's my hope that these decisions can be made in the best interest of our community. If our personal agenda is in conflict with this, we should put it on a side burner for the time being.

The data for this article was obtained from the financial statements for the fiscal years ending March 31, 1989 and March 31, 1997.

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Should you have a little "extra energy and time" please join the BC members and other community volunteers for the common-area work days. Those dates fall on the Wednesday and Saturday AFTER THE THIRD TUESDAY of each month. That means we could use your help on the 22nd and 25th of April. Just show up at the Memorial Garden area inside the entrance to Lake Royale. We'll start at 9:30 a.m. and go for an hour or two.....according to availability.

HELP US CELEBRATE SPRING BY DOING YOUR PART TO BEAUTIFY LAKE ROYALE. WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION. IT'S ALL A MATTER OF PERSONAL PRIDE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Recreation Calendar**

April 6

- Exercise-9AM-L
- Bridge- 1:30PM-L

April 7

- Ladies Golf- 10AM-GC
- YOGA - 10AM - L
- Moms & Preschool Playgroup- 2PM- L

April 8

- Exercise- 9AM-L

April 9

- Sr Mens Golf- 10AM-GC
- Moms & Preschool Playgrp-10:30AM-L
- Bridge- 1:30PM- L

April 10

- Exercise- 9AM-L
- YOGA 10AM -L

April 11

- Children's Easter Egg Hunt 2PM-L
- Dance 9PM - L

April 12

- Worship-8:30AM-L
- HAPPY EASTER

April 13

- Exercise- 9AM - L
- Bridge- 1:30PM-L

April 14

- Ladies Golf- 10AM- GC
- Moms & Preschool Playgroup- 2PM- L

April 15

- Exercise- 9AM- L

April 16

- SR Mens Golf- 10AM-GC
- Mom & Preschool Playgrp-10:30AM-L
- Bridge- 1:30PM-L

April 17

- Exercise- 9AM- L
- YOGA - 10AM - L
- 50+ Luncheon- 12Noon- L
- Teens Escape to: Mudcats Game 6PM

April 18

- Steak Night- 6:30PM- L

April 19

- Worship- 8:30- L

April 20

- Exercise- 9AM-L
- Bridge- 1:30PM-L

April 21

- Ladies Golf-10AM GC
- YOGA 10AM-L
- Moms & Preschl Plygrp- 2PM-L

April 22

- Exercise- 9AM-L

April 23

- SR Mens Golf- 10AM-GC
- Mom & Preschool Playgrp-10:30AM-L
- Bridge- 1:30PM- L
- Exercise-6:30PM-L

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L- Lodge  
GC- Golf Course

**AROUND TOWN**

**Franklin Arts Council** - The Franklin County Arts Council, founded in 1978, is located in Louisburg. Its purpose and mission is to encourage, sponsor, develop, promote and coordinate cultural and educational activities in the county. Lillian A. Benton, a Lake Royale resident, serves on their Board of Directors. Contact the Council at 496-1191 or Ms. Benton at 478-7777 for more information. Upcoming events are the International Whistlers Convention on April 16 - 18 and the Children's Summer Art Camp in June.

**The River Golf & Country Club** - One area of recreation available to property owners is golfing. The new clubhouse has a fully stocked pro shop, snack bar, private members' area, complete with shower facilities and a grill, which will be reopening soon for the summer. They will be serving breakfast and lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Also, The River has a driving range and practice green. Property owners receive a reduced rate on weekends for play. A Spring Membership Drive will run through to the end of May.

**Relay for Life Hot Dog Dinner** - The Lake Royale Relay for Life Team will be selling Hot Dog Dinners at a special Friday Night Bingo Game on April 17, in the Lodge. All proceeds from the dinner and Bingo will go to the American Cancer Society. Doors open at 5:30 PM.

Along with the Hot Dogs and Bingo, Donna Warren will be set up in the Lodge to take professional photographs. For a donation of \$10 (or more) to the American Cancer Society you will get your photo taken. Donna has been in the photography business for over 20 years, so this is your chance to get professional quality photographs without the sitting fee. Call Donna at 478-7330 to schedule an appointment and avoid the line.

So come for fun and join the Lake Royale Relay for Life Team at the Lodge on Friday, April 17 at 5:30.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi again,

Just looked out the window, the sun's shining and the temperature is going to reach into the 80's.

I guess that means the return of a lot of boats to the lake, within the next couple of days and with that return, the realization that, with the joy of boating, comes the responsibility to know and obey the rules and laws that regulate boating in North Carolina and especially Lake Royale.

While our lake is beautiful, it's not that large, as lakes go, and with the growth of our community we can expect the proliferation of traffic on the water, which will even further increase our need to use a great amount of caution.

Let's also not forget about the people who enjoy fishing. They deserve the courtesy of being able to enjoy this recreation without unneeded disruption by water skiers and jet skis. Speaking of jet skis, we've got too many of them on the lake and their number must be controlled for all the reasons we just talked about.

Enjoy your lake!

Bob Baldus

## Recreation Calendar Cont.

April 24

- Exercise- 9AM- L
- YOGA-10AM-L

April 26

- Worship- 8:30AM- L

April 27

- Exercise- 9AM- L
- Bridge- 1:30PM- L

April 28

- Ladies Golf- 10AM- GC
- YOGA - 10AM - L
- Mom & Preschoolers Play Group-2PM- L

April 29

- Exercise- 9AM- L

April 30

- Sr. Men's Golf- 10AM-GC
- Mom,s & Preschoolers Playgroup- 10:30AM-L
- Bridge- 1:30PM- L

May 1

- Exercise- 9AM- L
- YOGA - 10AM - L

May 2

- 50+ Trip to Captain Stanley's

May 3

- Worship Service - 8:30AM-L
- Gospel Sing - 2PM - L

May 4

- Exercise- 9AM- L
- Bridge- 1:30PM- L

### Attention Committees -

Looking for a fun fundraiser for your committee or group? Why not help at the Memorial Day Festival. We need groups to operate the Dunking Booth and Concession Stand. Your committee keeps all the money you take in. See or call Alan Roberds 478-4121.

## By-Laws/Covenants Review

Periodically we will print a section of our By-Laws or Restrictive Covenants, just as a reminder to all property owners that certain rules do apply here at Lake Royale.

By-Laws, Article II, Section 8

Members desiring to rent their lots must first obtain approval from the Board of Directors or its designated agents or committees and shall in all events be accountable for actions of any persons to whom they rent. The tenants shall not be entitled to use the community areas or other facilities of the association until guest cards are issued to them by the appropriate officials of the Association. Tenants living on the property shall pay an annual Facility Fee for the year or part thereof in the same amount as the prevailing Association dues, in addition to the dues paid by the owner. Tenants shall have no voting rights.

A non-member of the Association who uses the community areas or facilities of the Association, who does not have in his possession a guest card, shall be considered a trespasser under the laws of the State of North Carolina unless personally accompanied by a member of the Association in good standing.

-Bea Riley

## Frankly Speaking

No articles were submitted for "Frankly Speaking."

**From the Board**

The Board has approved a slate of officers to run in the upcoming annual election. They are as follows: Leo Breton for Chairman, Dick Maryman for vice-Chairman, Ron Holloway and Dan Henigan for the Board. We also have had one petition turned in and this is on behalf of Angie Melton for Chairman. Anyone wishing to run for office may do so by submitting a petition signed by 50 members in good standing. The deadline for submission of petitions is April 18th. It should be turned in to the manager, Mike Cayton or the secretary, Bea Riley. The positions open for election this year are Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Camping representatives.

Many of our volunteers were honored at a luncheon hosted by our manager. It was enjoyed and much appreciated by all who attended.

The Board approved the budget for the coming year and your 1998-1999 dues bills have been mailed. Dues are due April 1st and will become delinquent as of May 1st, so get busy and write a check. Remember, you can't vote, nor use the amenities if you don't pay your dues.

Have you visited comfort centers #1 & #2? Our maintenance department has completely repainted the interiors. I think you'll be surprised and pleased when you see them.

July is fast approaching. Watch future Royale Reporters for Annual Membership Meeting information. Volunteers are needed to assist in the preparations for and activities on that day, so, if you can spare an hour or two, please let the office know. The life blood of Lake Royale is the time and effort given by property owners who volunteer. We need you and appreciate all that you do.

Lake Royale Board of Directors  
Beatrice G. M. Riley, Secretary

**Corrections**

OOPS!! We misspelled June Affleck's name on the front page of the March Royale Reporter. Please forgive us.

**Manager's Corner**

I want to emphasize to each of you the importance of our most valuable asset of all our common property, the lake. Several years ago we provided all households with a list of twenty four recommendations to improve our lake water quality. Last year was the first year since the 1980's that we did not have algae blooms in the lake.

As you know we have experienced large amounts of rain fall since last fall and, with this rain, widespread erosion in our watershed. Erosion control is a key ingredient in improving our water quality. Please do all you can to prevent erosion from your property into the lake by watering your lawn only when necessary and watering early in the morning or late in the afternoon when evaporation loss is low. Avoid applying fertilizer just before it rains, use only organic fertilizers, and do not over fertilize your lawn. The POA will provide any property owners a list of water quality recommendation. We must protect our lake.

Mike Cayton  
General Manager

**New Staff**

We would like to welcome the following employees to Lake Royale:

Charles Gupton - Police Officer

Melvin Bell - Maintenance

With all this rain we've had, this "splash of joy" seems appropriate:

"I'm not going to worry unless the animals start lining up two by two for the next space shuttle."

-from "Splashes of Joy"  
Barbara Johnson



**HAPPY EASTER**