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## MANAGER'S KORNER

JULY 2019

**Tony Toscano**

A few weeks ago, I was traveling down Us 19, heading home around 8PM. The sun was just about setting, and it was one of the last few "cooler" haha evenings. None the less beautiful, even for US 19 if you can believe that. Anyway, in front of me was an older couple, girl and a guy on separate motorcycles, Harleys, with the full scene on display. Long hair grey ponytail on the guy, black leather vest, fingerless gloves, skull and crossbones sticker on the fender. She was also all grey haired, black clothes get-up as well. At a red light he started to sway back and forth and throwing his arms in the air like he was dancing; then she started in and they hi-fived just as the light turned green and they thundered down the road, big old smiles on their faces. As I took off behind them, I realized I had a big old smile on my face as well. I realized I was having a flashback of an old memory from 40 years ago when me and my best buddy took off on our motorcycles from New York on our, no destination, "what the heck" tour of the United States. Across from NY thru to Indiana to see the Indy 500 race, up thru Michigan and into Canada, back thru NY and then a slingshot around and out to Colorado. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 2 years and most of the states.

We cruised thru every back woods home town and stopped at every bar we could find open. One place in particular that my flashback

stopped at was in Niagara Falls NY, the Press Box Lounge. The bartender was deaf, literally, and the bar was lined with bottle caps. One patron told us – since we could not get the attention of the bartender- that you had to throw a bottle cap at him to get his attention. Well, we refused, but he did and sure enough we got our 65 cent Genesee Cream Ale, correct: 65 cents !!.

After a few beers we decided to eat and asked the waitress for a menu, she turned to the few tables in the bar and yelled out "who's got the menu?!". The only menu in the place. When we told her what we wanted, she looked at us puzzled and said "Well, go tell the cook" and pointed to a small ½ door that was in the back, then she said "when its ready, go back and pick it up". And of course after we ate she came over with the bill and asked "is there anything else I can get you" ?!!! Like she did anything for us in the first place.

That's not the end, the men's urinal was buried in a corner of the bathroom under a stairwell. You had to lean back at 45 degrees to go because the stairwell was in your face. You ended up peeing straight up in the air and hopefully some hit the mark. At this point you were cracking up wondering where the cameras are. Needless to say, after a ridiculous amount of 65 cent beers we fell asleep in front of the place, since we couldn't ride in our condition, until the police told us to move, which we did to the back parking lot and slept there till we were able to ride again to the next whatever, wherever. And that was only 1 place, 1 afternoon, 1 flashback in what ended up as years of travel.

Just a simple tale from a simple life, but I felt 24 again. Simply wonderful. All remembered by a dancin' couple lovin' a small part of life.

Sometimes the briefest period in time can create the longest lasting memories. Strange how old stories keep us young. Remember you were younger yesterday. This was just one of the forever moments that was made whenever.

### **Around the park**

In an effort to get a handle on our water leak issues, we contacted the company that makes our water meters. Since our meters are mechanical, we figured there has to be some margin of error in the readings of the older meters. We discovered that when meters hit about 500,000 gallons of usage, they operate at about a 15% deficiency rate, which could equate to about 35,000 gallons a month during peak season. (of our approx. 215,000 gallons of leaks) Also if meters are over 10 years old they also lose efficiency. At 500,000 gallons and 3,500 average monthly usage, they are just over 10 years old. So, what the Board decided to do was to change out all 70 meters that had near or above the 500,000 gallons of usage. At a cost of just under \$6000 with the possibility of saving +-\$650 monthly (a 10-month return). Arthur changed out all 70 meters the week of 6/10 thru 6/17. We will monitor the water usage and savings over the next few months.

No other items on the agenda for the summer. Arthur is familiarizing himself with the sprinkler systems and getting much more in tune with the pool operation.

We also discovered a common 30,000-gallon City water break behind units 90-91. The leak ended up nearly 5' down and I mention common because it was a typical crack in a 2" "T" coupling that was reduced down to ¾ to

feed a home. In this case the ¾ home feed line was not in use but was not cut back and left to be shifted by ground movement which put pressure on the "T" that eventually cracked enough to get to the surface. I can tell you for a fact that this leak is at least 2 years old. Two years ago, we knew there was a leak in the area when the leak detection company was out investigating. At the time the leak was so minimal that it was tough to pinpoint, even thru hours of effort to try to locate it.

One note about being able to change out all 70 meters within a week's timeframe. The wells were off. In May we used over 3.6 million gallons of well water, we should be able to come close to cutting that by 35% in June. By not dealing with sprinkler issues we had much more time to concentrate on the needs of the park as a whole. It freed me up to start mapping out all the City and Well lines and start putting them into a computerized format (as opposed to the handwritten format we have been using).

With all the rain please keep an eye on your home and the possibility of mold issues. Homes constantly stay wet and the sides – mostly the North sides do not get enough sun to dry them off and mold starts.

**REMINDER:** I have received a few complaints recently about items around the homes being damaged by the lawn service company. Not taking them off the hook by any means but I remind you, any items you want to protect MUST be no less than one (1) foot away from any grass area that gets cut. Gutters protected with a rock and block surround or positioned above the grass. Foundation materials, plants,

again all positioned at least one (1) foot away. Also, if you have any issues with the lawn service company contact the office and it will be handled directly, manager to boss. Any conversation you have with the workers is not a guarantee your request will be done. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Homes for Sale - we still get plenty of inquiries but there is a limited selection of homes left on the market**

**Unit 90** is listed for sale but have not received any info on it yet from the realtor

**Unit 5** - listed by owner for \$115K

**Unit 66** came up for a few days but there is a contract on that now

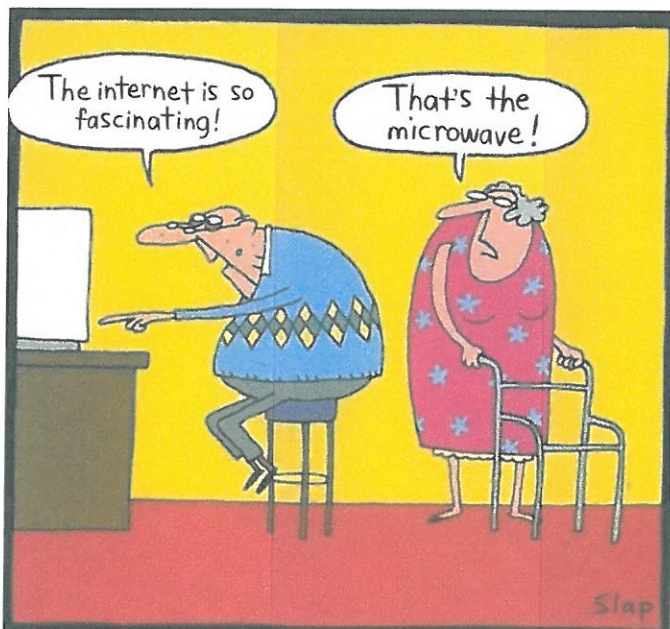
Laugh when you can, Apologize when you should

Do not dwell on what you cannot change, Let go of what you cannot control

Take charge of what you can

Make forever moments whenever, Safe travels, love life.

**Tony**



**GREETINGS FROM THE ADIRONDACKS**

Well, it seems that summer's finally gotten to that section of the world that many upstate New Yorkers call God's Country, situated in the midst of a very old, worn down mountain range called the Adirondacks. The area includes Lake Placid, which hosted two winter Olympic Games (1932 and 1980), and Monika and I called the "North Country" (another nickname) home for many of our years together. As you might guess, it can get very wintry in these parts, and we ultimately grew weary of the cold. We used to love to cross-country and downhill ski, and at least once a winter we'd snowshoe or ski across Lake Champlain to Vermont on several feet of ice, but about 10 years ago it was as if someone threw a switch, which is why we got to know you guys. We're currently visiting our friends who still love winter, but will be heading to Cape Cod, MA by the time you read this. By the way, the editor says if you feel like letting your friends know what you're up to this summer, drop him a line and he'll put it in (assuming there are no cusswords, of course). We'll see you all in the Fall.

**Gus, Monika, & Roxy, #61**



"The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine."

There is not much we can do at this time other than wait out the conditions that nature has given us. Dry today – Wet tomorrow. Now is the time to pay extra attention to the conditions of your lawn. With such varied conditions we have to look for the signs of stress from the dry weeks or the issues of the wet weeks.

There is no other way to describe it. As much well water you put on your lawns will do about 1/5<sup>th</sup> the health a single natural rain will provide. Well water contains nothing close to the nutrients that natural rains provide, but while we await the rain gods to grant us those rains, we do with what we have.

The current program the association has will aid in providing some of those missed nutrients and the well water will provide some stabilization to your lawns but the effects of any inconsistency in watering will show up very quickly and sometimes be damaging beyond repair.

#### Early signs of fungus (too wet conditions):

- The blades of grass will be blotchy – spots the size of match heads will be up and down the blade
- Blades of grass will have a reddish color to them (called the ring of fire) this is a sure sign there is damage and active fungus in the lawn

These conditions spread quickly and need to be treated ASAP. A simple fungus control from a garden center is excellent. A bottle of this should be kept on hand because of the nature and fast spreading of fungus.

Also you can call the office and have the Pest control company spray but based on scheduling they may not get there as fast as you can spray it

#### Early signs of dry conditions:

- The blades of grass in your lawn curling up- they curl around themselves – like hugging yourself
- Blondish spots in the lawn- these start off small (about 2-3 square feet) but can quickly turn into ¼ to ½ your entire lawn if not caught quickly
- Off color green patches- as you look across the lawn you can clearly see a dirty green looking color patches. These are signs that that area is extremely dry

These signs are telling you that these areas are dying off due to lack of water. If caught early enough only the blades will die and you will save the root system so the grass will grow back. If it goes more than a 2 full cycles (0-14 days) without water, it will do permanent damage to the root system and may not return.

By manually turning on your sprinkler system or hand watering the affected area (giving it about 1 inch of water- about 10-15 minutes with a hose) should be enough to keep it healthy until the next full cycle of the sprinkler system or until we get more rain.

If you notice any little insects on the top or undersides of your shrubs, this is something that should be treated. Remember ants do not damage the shrubs but they are there looking for insects that do damage them.

These can easily be controlled with any pesticide spray. Make sure when you spray you cover the entire plant, top and bottom of the leaves. You cannot damage the plant by over spraying for pests.

Make sure you have a good bed of mulch down on your shrubs and flowers (3-4 inches) . This will help keep the moisture in during these dry spells. NOTE: make sure you do not pile the mulch against the stem of the plant. Leave about ½ inch of space to the stem. Mulch close against the stem of the plant can cause the stem to show signs of rot.

Times in Florida can change quickly as we all know. Make sure that your yard timers and your watering habits are consistent during the year (sprinkler timers set and batteries good). Next month I may be speaking to you about another the 2-3 weeks of 95 degrees, humid weather conditions we have during July-August. If you stay consistent with your lawns and shrubs they will get used to that and will adjust to the unstable conditions of the weather. Nature is good like that.

It's a great day on the green side of the grass



**HAPPY  
4TH OF  
JULY!**



**BUFFET**

**1:00 P.M.**

**FRIED CHICKEN, LEMONADE, ICE TEA, AND  
COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED**

**Residents – No Charge**

**Guests - \$2.00 each**

**Sign Up in Clubhouse**



**INDEPENDENCE DAY**





# Happy Birthday

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Marianne Pishkur
- 4 - Victor Unruh, Terry W. Ellingson
- 5 - Craig Layton
- 6 - Judith Scott, Elizabeth Barth, Gus Ayers
- 7 - Barbara Hanton, August Jesse
- 8 - William Welker, Angela Yakabovicz
- 9 - Sandra McDougall, David Schuyler
- 10 - Cynthia Booth, Faye Gallandre-Lebhar
- 13 - Melanie Horaney
- 14 - Barbara Smith, Diane Shoman
- 16 - Paul Banks
- 17 - Lorraine LeBeau, William Reiter  
Michael Penrod
- 18 - Donna Kinsey, Ed Pishkur,
- 19 - Virginia Stetkiewicz, George Hicks
- 20 - Joseph Gengalo,
- 21 - Joyce Lester, Robert Lavoie
- 22 - Suzanne Richards
- 27 - Barbara Barron
- 28 - Terry Nicklas
- 30 - Georges Gallandre-Lebhar

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Gerald & Marlus Ritchey
- 2 - Jerry and Donna Kinsey,  
John & Peggy Duncan
- 7 - Arthur & Jolane Price
- 9 - Pamela & Michael Rockow
- 10 - Lynn and Owen Dunstall
- 11 - Scott & Cindy Mailing
- 14 - Barbara & David Barron,
- 15 - Ian & Cynthia McNeil  
Rosemary & Thomas Becek
- 17- Roger & Nancy Anselmino
- 22 - Herb and Sandra McDougall
- 24 - Allen (Willy) & Chloe Pokracki
- 25 - John and Joanne Ahearn
- 27 - John & Judy Long, Lynn & Dan  
O'Shea(T)
- 30 - Bill and Flo Walpole

## LADIES' LUNCHEON

Ladies, we hope you'll join us for our luncheon this month at the OZONA BLUE GRILL, on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Look for details on the clubhouse bulletin board.

**Carol Doornbos, #141**







*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

**Our Heartfelt Condolences go out  
to the families and friends of lost  
loved ones:**

Stacy Temmel (former resident)

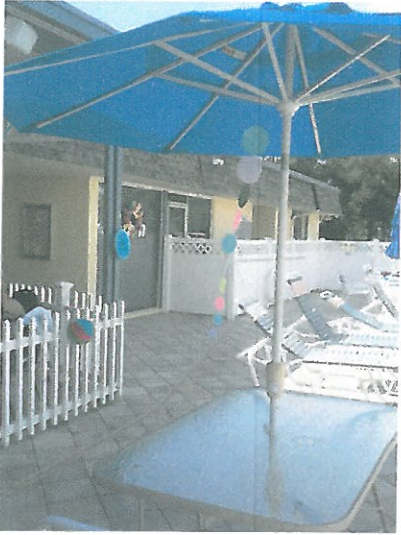


**JUNE  
HOSPITALIZATIONS**

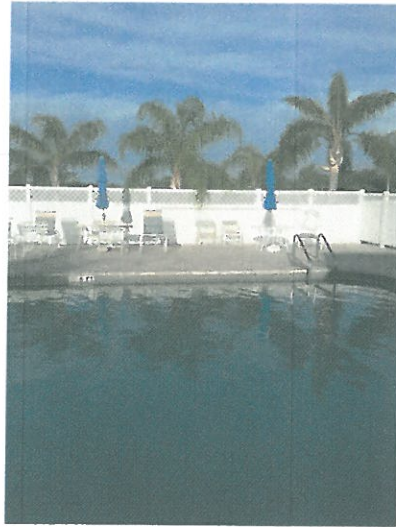
Sarah "Sally" Hall  
Augie Jesse  
Lou Anne Wicher



**PHOTOS BY CHERYL BRUNO**



*Cinco de Junio Poolside*



*More Cinco De Junio*



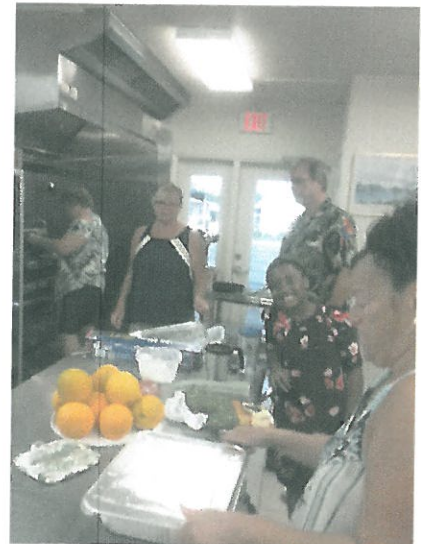
*Susie & Carol Enjoying*



*Cinco de Junio In the Pool*



*Fathers' Day Hosts Deb & Tom*



*Fathers' Day Kitchen Crew*



*Fathers & Memories Colage*



*YUM!*



*MORE YUM!!*

# Things To Do

## FAMILY DOUBLE DARE

June 29, 5pm – 8pm Where Tarpon Springs Community Center 400 S. Huey Avenue

Grab your family and come to the Tarpon Springs Community Center for a night of family fun. We will have competitive games, activities and more! Dinner will be available for purchase.

## 4TH OF JULY PICNIC

Thu, July 4, 10am – 2pm Craig Park, Tarpon Springs, Traditional family picnic in the park to celebrate America. Activities for family fun. More information at [www.tsrdonline.com](http://www.tsrdonline.com) or call 727-942-5628.

## FIREWORKS

Thu, July 4, 7:30pm – 9:00pm Where Fred Howard Park, 1700 Sunset Dr, Tarpon Springs, best viewed from Fred Howard Park



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TARPON SPRINGS, 34689

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# SUDOKU FOR JULY

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# JULY 2019

# STONEHEDGE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2 Men's Pool 6 Mens' Poker	2 1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge 6:30 Friendly Shuffle	3 8:30 Coffee & ... 2 Mens' Pool 6:30 Hand & Foot 6:30 Bridge	4 1 Buffet Lunch 1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge 6:30 Friendly Shuffle	5 2 Mens' Pool 6:30 Pinochle	6
7	8 2 Men's Pool 6 Mens' Poker	9 1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge 6:30 Friendly Shuffle	10 8:30 Coffee & ... 2 Mens' Pool 6:30 Hand & Foot 6:30 Bridge	11 1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge 6:30 Friendly Shuffle	12 2 Mens' Pool 6:30 Pinochle	13
14	15 2 Men's Pool 6 Mens' Poker	16 12 Ladies' Lunch 1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge 6:30 Friendly Shuffle	17 8:30 Coffee & ... 2 Mens' Pool 6:30 Hand & Foot 6:30 Bridge	18 1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge 6:30 Friendly Shuffle	19 2 Mens' Pool 6:30 Pinochle	20
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