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BVA Wet Hogs and Boaters  
BVA Pool  
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BVA Kayak  
BVA Euchre Wednesday 7PM  
BVA Bid Euchre  
BVA Biking  
BVA Tennis  
BVA Volleyball  
BVA Ladies Golf  
BVA Pickleball  
BVA Cornhole  
BVA Contract Bridge  
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BVA Mahjong  
BVA Spanish Study Group  
AquaFit  
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BVA Birds of a Feather  
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Download the TeamReach app, enter the code to access news and activities of each group.



*Sharon and Norm Seaward collected socks for SOCK-tober, benefitting The Lighthouse. See the final tally on page 37. Photo by Susan Hazlett*

## Young Entrepreneur



*Ice Cold Lemonade anyone? Yes, please!! A welcome treat on a sweltering day this summer set up by **Annabelle**, Diane and Paul Stoner's granddaughter. Photo by Susan Hazlett*

## Bob Newton Celebrates 92



*Happy Birthday to **Bob Newton**, who was presented with a cake from his Bridge Group friends. Photo Judy Kielly*

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who contributed their articles and photos.



**Scot Cherry**, won a prize provided by  
Kate White, one of the sponsors of  
the Ryder Cup. Congrats Scot!  
Photo by Sharon Seaward

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**Gunther Gratzner** was just a little bit excited! A new game at the Ryder Cup, String It To Win It, allowed him to use their last piece of string on the last hole, winning that hole and winning that game. See the full article on pages 24 and 25. Photo by **Laurel Dewar**.

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## President's Report



### Short But Sweet

As usual, the summer months pass by much too fast, but we were lucky to have better-than-average weather to enjoy. Maybe that was Mother Nature's way of apologizing for the wicked ice storm she handed us. One small concern I had throughout the summer was the number of seadoos on the water past sunset without lights,

and others waterskiing and tubing without spotters. I can't confirm if any were Bayshore residents, or visiting friends or relatives, etc., but the bottom line is, please keep yourself and others safe by following boating regulations.

### Persistence Pays Off!

When I joined the Board, I made it clear that I had no interest in taking over our many battles with the municipality. Our ex officio, Rick Mathews, who had already spent many years doing so, agreed to continue with the crusade. His persistence and tenacity are finally paying off. Projects such as the ditch digging has been cancelled, the new waste management system has been approved, and other smaller projects have been recognized as being essential and approved for completion in the near future. Well done, Rick!

### Good Bye Geese

It's that time of year where our beloved geese are flocking together to head south. I wish they were one-way flights.... good riddance, I say! I have to point out, however, that we've probably had the best year ever with minimal geese-related issues. A big thank you to Steve Miller for ensuring our goose management service provider did their job. Well done, Steve!

### Ma Bell

What a great news story this is! Our five-year contract with Bell is coming to a close and it's time for renewal. One would think prices would go up, but hallelujah...we're getting more for less! How good is that? And if you compare what we're paying with what it normally would cost retail....well, I figure that's worth about a two-week vacation in Aruba! Thank you, Doug Davies and his team, for negotiating on our behalf.

### Yes, You Too!

We recently held our Volunteer Appreciation Event to thank the many volunteers for their time and effort in keeping Bayshore looking beautiful and for the many events and activities made available to our members. But you too, our membership, need to be thanked. Thank you for your continued support at the Board level, which keeps things moving forward. And thank you for attending and participating in the many events and activities, which is certainly a motivator for our volunteers.

**Gunther Gratzner**  
**President**

## Happy Belated Canada Day

Here are a few photos from our Canada Day celebrations that didn't arrive in time for the last issue. Enjoy!

**Photos by Janice Latorre, Dave Renaud**



**Keith Meadows and Debbie Rautins who took 1st place for creativity and originality in the Sail Past.**



**Christine and Mike Mihailoff accepting 2nd place for loudest group of Canadians at the Sail Past. (Who won 1st place?)**



**Enzo Latorre won most obedient dog at the Dog Show. He looks thrilled.**



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## Director of Recreation's Report

The Team Reach App was added to the Bayshore community a couple of years ago to promote activities in Bayshore Village. You can access the App through your phone, tablet, or computer to join activities. It shows times, dates, number of participants registered, leaders, photos, and messages in the App. It also allows leaders to monitor the number of participants who attend the function on the day. It helps us to plan the number of attendees who may want to attend lunch or dinner (reservations). On our website and in these Banners, you can find all the groups that use this App and join in on any of the activities during the year. See page 2 here for the latest list. Currently, we have over a dozen Team Reach groups active in Bayshore Village. The groups also advertise on Facebook, by email, and posters at the hayloft.

A new activity of Cornhole was suggested by a Bayshore resident this past fall. We have 85 residents on the list and have scheduled different times throughout the summer to play. The weekly play at Harbour 99 culminated in the Cornhole Championship Day on August 15, hosted by Rhonda Wallace and Dave Renaud, with forty participants and guests at their house. After six exciting rounds of play we crowned our first two Cornhole champions Mary Ellen Simerson and Corrado Roccasalva. The game was followed by a Bayshore potluck dinner enjoyed by all. If you would like more information or would like to start a new activity in Bayshore please reach out to me at [recreation@bayshorevillage.ca](mailto:recreation@bayshorevillage.ca). We are always looking for more volunteers to start new activities in Bayshore.

**John Simerson**

**Director of Recreation**

**Photos by Debbie Dennis, John Simerson**



## Ramara Public Library News



Challenge yourself to learn something new or relive your favourite school classes with programs like our Reader's Theatre and the Naughty Spelling Bee. Don't forget to check out

our e-Resources for brushing up skills on LinkedIn Learning or getting started on a new language with Transparent Language. Need help? Give us a call at 705-325-5776 or book an appointment for 1-on-1 tech training with one of our librarians!

### Adult Programs (Registration Required):

- Fibre Friends – Social Crafting Circle: Drop in on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30 pm.
- Ramara Quilting Club: Thursdays from 1:30–3:30 pm – learn to quilt or help out with building a quilt to raffle for the library
- Ramara Book Club: Last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm (October: "Somewhere Beyond the Sea" by TJ Klune, November: "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon).
- Evening Book Club: Thursday, November 6 and Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 pm (October: "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue" by VE Schwab, November: "Love you a Latke" by Amanda Elliot).
- Dementia 101 – Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County: Thursday, October 9 from 2:00-4:00 pm – learn about Dementia and where to find resources in your community.
- Reader's Theatre: Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm. Register for the group reading of a popular short play. Costumes encouraged!
- Downsizing and Decluttering: Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm – Learn the impact of decluttering and why you should consider it.
- Show & Share: Tuesday, November 18 at 2:00 pm – Meet other locals and share your wares and family stories in this social circle. You never know who might have what!
- Naughty Spelling Bee: Friday, December 12 at 7:00 pm – Register for this after-hours program and decode historical words and slang that are a bit... cheeky.

### Children's Programs (Registration required):

- Brechin Afterschool Activities: Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 pm (drop in).
- Little Adventurers: Fridays at 10:00 am for ages 0-4 from October to December. Songs, stories, and activities for you and your little one!
- Car Seat Clinic with Rama OPP: Saturday, October 18 at 10:30 am – Is your car seat safe? Learn how car seats work best and have your car seat checked out!
- PD Days: October 24 and November 14, 10:00-2:00 pm for ages 6-12. Cost \$10. Our PD Days are filled with activities, stories, songs games, crafts, lunch, and special guests!

For more details, contact the library, view our social media pages or EventBrite.

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## Backyard Happy Hour Mixers

Wendy Lucas and Mary Nolan – Organizers

The backyard happy hour mixers were held twice a month on Fridays from June to September, starting at 4:00 pm. They were enjoyed by approximately 55 residents, with numbers fluctuating at each mixer, as so many of us tried to fit as many activities with friends and family into this very short summer season. We arranged four to six hosts for each mixer, depending on how many people participated.

With mixers, we viewed Bayshore Village from different backyards, had lively conversations, and dined on delicious appetizers that were contributed by everyone.



Heartfelt thanks to all our gracious hosts, for without you, the mixers would not be possible. The dates for the 2026 mixers will be announced in the early spring. If you are interested in joining the mixers next year for all or as many as you can, contact the organizers Wendy Lucas at [glenn.lucas@sympatico.ca](mailto:glenn.lucas@sympatico.ca) and Mary Nolan at [mary.nolan23@outlook.com](mailto:mary.nolan23@outlook.com) and join in the fun.

**Wendy Lucas**





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## Bayshore Anglers Summer 2025



The saying goes "When the wind is from the east, the fishing is the least. When the wind is from the west, the fishing is the best."

I'm not sure how factual that saying is, but for us living and fishing around the Bayshore peninsula, it works for me. As most of the winds come from the west or north west across Lake Simcoe, I consider that a bonus.

Not often do we get easterly or southerly winds.

Continuing on my "tactics" theme from the previous article, I thought I would write about perhaps my favourite fishing tactic, drift fishing.

The plan is to drift along with the current or wind, dragging a bait or casting a bait while covering a large area of water at the same time. To me, shutting off the motor and quietly drifting along, is both relaxing and peaceful. The added bonus is fuel efficiency. Sometimes I raise the motor out of the water, if I'm drifting over shoals or there is the potential of rocks or other structures. Other times in deeper water, I leave the motor down, and use it as a rudder to control the direction of the drift. It works.

For deep water presentations, when fishing for walleye or suspended bass, especially in late fall, I like to use a weighted plastic Berkley Powerbait scented minnow with a jig head. Use a lighter weight for slow drift and a heavier weight for a faster drift. You want the bait down there.

Long billed crankbaits, such as a Rapala minnow, Tail Dancer, Wallydiver or Cotton Cordel deep diver, work very well. The long bill gets the lure down, and the drift of the boat adds the action.

I find in the fall, natural colours work best. Perch scale, shad, bluegill, and whichever resembles a natural baitfish seem to draw more attention. Perhaps this is due to the lack of bright, summer light. I still like the chartreuse perch pattern Cotton Cordel applies to their crankbaits, one of the best.

Another method that has become very popular is bottom bouncing. Tying a weight down below the bait and letting it drag or bounce along the bottom ensures that the bait is down and deep where the fish are.

Using live bait while drifting is very productive. You just can't beat Mother Nature when it comes to presentation and scent. Minnows, worms, leaches, frogs or crayfish are the "natural" prey for fish. Companies try to copy them, but natural can't be beat.

My favourite fishing day is floating along in a drift, taking in the sights and scenery, enjoying the peace and quiet. If successful, great; if not, just as great.

I enjoy it so much that when in Florida, I get on a drift boat and fish for ocean species. Another great day on the water!

As always, share your stories, adventures, and pictures with me. I will include them in my article. Send them to [meadowskeith1@gmail.com](mailto:meadowskeith1@gmail.com).

**Keith Meadows**



*Thanks Dave Renaud for sending this picture to me. A nice smallmouth bass caught off Dry Inlet shoal. The bass are schooling on the shoals, preparing to go into the deeper water for the winter.*

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## Painted Turtles

I'd like to share with you the story of the painted turtle. Each summer, a painted turtle comes to my front yard to lay eggs. This year, on June 15, I saw it return again. I contacted Scales Nature Park (tel: 705-327-2808). On

June 17, several volunteers came and collected 11 eggs. On August 15, the volunteers released the baby turtles back into Barnstable Bay.

**Shelley Hao**



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## Art Gallery

### Victor Relvas – Organizer

Our Gallery Wall in the Games Room has had some new pieces added since our last publication! Be sure to check it out! Boy, do we ever have some talented people here!

Below are some of the new artwork pieces plus some artwork that has been submitted directly.

If you have anything you would like to share, please send it in to [susan@hazlett.ca](mailto:susan@hazlett.ca), and it will be published when space allows.

**Susan Hazlett**



**"Grandkitty" acrylic by Donna Sverdrup**



**"Northern Lights" acrylic by Leslie Dixon**



**"Manitoulin Island" acrylic by Ray (Razor) Broughton**



**"Grandkitties" acrylic by Donna Sverdrup**



**"Redtail in Mist" acrylic by Barry Peyton**



**Acrylic pour by Judy Flinn**



**Acrylic by Bob Bell**



**"Village in France" acrylic by Ray (Razor) Broughton**



**Watercolour by Michelle Martinez**



**"Walk in the Countryside" acrylic by Christa Schmid**





# Bayshore Village Holiday Makers' Market

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## Walking Group

Thirty Bayshore Walkers turned out in August and enjoyed a delicious potluck breakfast at the Hayloft to celebrate five August birthdays – some milestone ones: Marika turning 75; Velma and Glenn both turning 70; and Karen and Maria all turning a year older. They all must be well liked as we don't usually have that many out walking! Thanks go out to Shelley for taking all the great photos.

**Wendy Lucas**  
**Photos by Shelley Hao**



**The five August birthday celebrants (L-R):  
Velma Burley, Karen Moore, Glenn Lucas,  
Marika Relvas, Maria Morra**





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## Globetrotting AFRICA

Norm and I traveled to South Africa and visited Cape Town's Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope, the wine region, a Zulu village and school, but we were primarily there for two safaris.

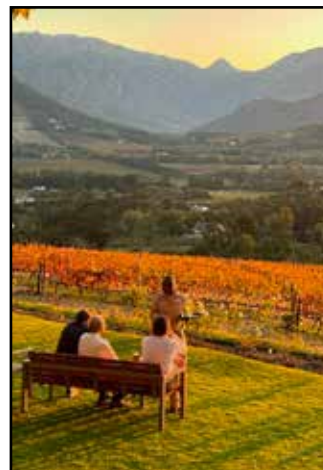
We are so blessed to be able to go and even more blessed to have seen all that we did. We were truly lucky with the guide and trackers that we had. Our Travel Specialist, Mark Smith, from &Beyond, did a terrific job setting things up for us. Overall, it was such a fantastic trip...like everyone else who has ever gone on safari will tell you.

**Sharon Seaward**





Globetrotting  
AFRICA (cont'd)







As the Fall season approaches, the days are shorter, families are back to work and school, and it is a time when the fun summer activities have ended. For some, this could be a time of retreating into isolation. I would like to share with our friends and neighbours the benefits of organized activities in a community and how participating in organized activities builds social connections and promotes physical and mental well-being.

### **Social Connections**

Finding ways to connect with others and engage in meaningful activities can make a great difference in our health and happiness. Organized community activities—ranging from physical pursuits like volleyball and pickleball to social events like trivia night and Newcomers' Luncheon—serve as opportunities to foster relationships, enhance well-being, and create a sense of belonging. These activities not only enrich individuals' lives, but also contribute to a stronger, closer-knit community.

In the context of *Blue Zones*, regions in the world where people live longer, healthier lives, social interaction and community engagement are a common thread among the world's longest-living people. These activities create an environment where people feel supported, loved, and connected, which is a vital component of longevity.

Human beings are inherently social creatures, and fostering relationships is essential for mental and emotional health. Activities that bring people together create a sense of belonging, which has been shown to decrease feelings of loneliness and reduce the risk of depression. These regular social events encourage people to leave their homes, interact with others, build relationships, and have something to look forward to.

### **Physical Activities: Boosting Health and Fitness**

Physical activity is a foundation of healthy living, and organized activities provide a structured and accessible way for individuals to stay active. Golf, aerobics, yoga, aquafit, and bocce ball are all popular choices that offer opportunities to exercise in a social setting. Whether it is the low-impact movement of yoga or the leisurely pace of a golf game, these activities allow individuals to stay physically fit while enjoying the companionship of others. Incorporating regular physical activity into daily life has been linked to numerous health benefits, including improved cardiovascular health, better flexibility, and a decreased risk of chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. It also supports mental well-being by reducing stress and promoting the release of endorphins—our natural mood enhancers.

In *Blue Zones*, physical activity is often integrated into daily routines in a non-strenuous way. For instance, in Sardinia, many elderly people continue to walk or engage in light physical work on their farms. Similarly, in Okinawa, people tend to stay active through gardening, walking, and participating in community exercises. The key takeaway from these regions is that physical activity does not have to be extreme to have lasting health benefits—it simply needs to be consistent.

What makes organized community activities particularly valuable is their diversity. People have different interests and abilities, and offering a variety of activities ensures that there is something

for everyone. Whether it is kayaking on a local river, attending a bible study or participating in Spanish language classes, these activities cater to a broad range of interests, encouraging inclusivity and participation from people of all backgrounds and ages.

For example, card games like bridge or euchre, not only provide mental stimulation but also offer opportunities for conversation and friendly competition. Activities such as photography classes or craft workshops allow people to explore their creative side while socializing with others who share similar passions. This diversity ensures that everyone can find an activity that suits their personal preferences, contributing to a more engaged and vibrant community.

### **Mental Health Benefits: Reducing Stress and Enhancing Cognitive Function**

Mental well-being is just as important as physical health, and many organized community activities offer significant mental health benefits. Participating in a social event, such as learning Spanish stimulates the brain, improves memory, and fosters a sense of achievement. Activities that engage the mind, such as mahjong and bridge, can enhance cognitive function, keeping the brain sharp and alert.

Similarly, activities like mindfulness meditation or yoga provide stress relief and relaxation, allowing participants to clear their minds and focus on the present moment. These forms of exercise have been shown to lower cortisol levels, the body's stress hormone, while promoting relaxation and a sense of well-being.

### **Promoting Longevity**

The concept of *Blue Zones*—regions where people live longer and healthier lives—offers compelling evidence of the impact of community and organized activities on health. In *Blue Zones*, physical and social activities are embedded in the culture, contributing to the longevity of their residents.

For example, in Okinawa, the practice of *moai*—a group of friends or community members who support each other throughout life—is a fundamental aspect of the culture. These groups often engage in physical activities, share meals together, and provide emotional support, which strengthens the social aspect of the community.

In addition to socializing, the activities in *Blue Zones* often emphasize purpose—a central factor in longevity. Having a sense of purpose can reduce stress, enhance emotional well-being, and improve overall life satisfaction. Organized community activities foster a sense of purpose, whether it is helping others through a volunteer group or contributing to a local event.

Communities that invest in organized activities cultivate a community spirit. This willingness and desire to participate in the activities facilitate engaging with others and forming ties that help to build a network of mutual care and support.

On behalf of everyone at Bayshore Village, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the activity organizers and leads. Your dedication and hard work truly make a difference in our lives. Thank you for the hours you invest in creating opportunities for us to stay active, connected, and engaged. Your continued commitment plays a crucial role in supporting both our physical and mental well-being, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do.

**Rehana Suleman**  
**Volunteer Coordinator**



## Tuesday Nights Mixed Golf

### Sharon Seaward – Organizer

Tuesday Mixed Golf games were held throughout the summer at 6:30 pm. We had great turnouts and had so much fun. As you can tell from the photos, we don't take ourselves too seriously and just have a good time. Every skill level is welcome so please feel free to join in!

*Photos by Sharon Seaward*



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## Aquafit

### Deborah May – Organizer

Deborah May has been leading our very popular aquafit program for five summers now. For 2025, Deborah led three classes every week starting at 11:00 am.

Mondays and Fridays were high energy classes with weights, noodles, and lots of crunches. Wednesdays were gentler aerobic classes, great for those with arthritic joints, with no weights used and emphasis on stretching and toning. Some ladies never touched the ground in the deep end using float belts. We have all improved and greatly benefited from the expert advice, challenging, varied exercises, uplifting music, and wonderful sense of humour that Deborah provided. We

ended the season with a potluck lunch and thank you gift presentation. We are all so grateful for having had such a wonderful aquafit summer.

Thanks also to our dedicated pool crew -- to all who opened, closed, and cared so diligently for our aging pool and especially to Debbie and Jeff Dennis, Paul Stoner, Joey Torchia, and John Simerson. We're all looking forward to the "new and improved" pool opening coming next spring.

*Wendy Lucas*

*Photos by Shelley Hao, Johanne Lusch*



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## Crafting Circle

### Michelle Martinez – Organizer

The Crafting Circle will continue to run all year long. We meet twice a month on Mondays (usually the first and third Monday) in the Games Room from 10:00 am til noon. Everyone brings in their own projects; we share ideas, techniques, and sometimes get advice on various projects. Some participants paint, sketch, or scrapbook, others work with clay, some knit or sew. Anything goes! It is fun and informal, and everyone is welcome!



## Tea & Chat

### Kristina Frise – Organizer

The Tea & Chat group also runs year long, rain or shine. We meet every Tuesday in the Solarium from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The last Tuesday of every month, the group goes out to lunch. The lunch spot varies every month. Lately, the outings have been to A Perfect Landing, Bogey's at the Couchiching Golf Club, Bayside Restaurant at the Barnfield Recreation Centre (pictured), Lot 88, and Theo's, just to name a few.

Hope you can join us!





## Volunteer Appreciation Event Photo Album

*Thank you to our photographers Gilbert De Nobile, Shelley Hao, Janice Latorre, Sharon Seaward*





## Volunteer Appreciation Event Photo Album (cont'd)





# Laughing Matters

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## Opening Thoughts.

Marriage tip: If you need a new can opener, just go out and buy one, don't give one to your wife for Christmas.

## Useless Information

The condition of finding it difficult to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches two to six years of age.

## They Walk Among Us

I was so suspicious and paranoid about my wife having an affair that we moved to a new town 700 miles away. I couldn't believe my luck when we still managed to keep the same gardener.

## Heard Around Bayshore

The Hayloft Director mentioned to me that a lot of women complain that their husbands never listen to them. He tells me that he is proud to say he's never heard Diane say that.

## The Happy Life



## It's Little Johnny Time..... Again

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

"Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him."

Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture? "

## Premium Groaner

A friend said she didn't understand cloning. I told her that makes two of us.

## Home Schooling

My father taught me:

About Time Travel – "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

About Logic – "Because I said so, that's why."

About Irony – "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

## Did You Know?

At a wedding reception, someone yelled, "All married people please stand next to the one person that has made your life worth living." The bartender was almost crushed to death.

## Seen at the Hayloft



## Think you're having a Bad Day?

Fire authorities in California found a corpse in a burned-out section of forest while assessing the damage done by a forest fire. The deceased male was dressed in a full wet suit, complete with scuba tanks on his back, flippers, and face mask. A postmortem test revealed that the man died not from burns, but from massive internal injuries. Dental records provided a positive identification. Investigators then set about to determine how a fully clothed diver ended up in the middle of a forest fire. It was revealed that on the day of the fire, the man went diving off the coast, some 20 miles from the forest. The fire fighters, seeking to control the fire as quickly as possible, had called in a fleet of helicopters with very large dip buckets. Water was dipped from the ocean and emptied at the site of the forest fire. You guessed it. One minute our diver was making like Flipper in the Pacific, the next, he was doing the breast stroke in a fire dip bucket 300 feet in the air. Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed.

## Parting thought

Hugh Hefner became a multi millionaire staying home in his pyjamas. I'm not having the same results. I'm still taking care of my procrastination issues. Just wait until the next edition and you'll see.

*John Alden*



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**2025 Ryder Cup - September 6th**  
**Marc Bertrand and The Golfing Committee – Organizers**



Sixty-eight dedicated Bayshore Golfers once again signed up to participate in this Annual Event. This year, the weather cooperated. It was cool and breezy, but we stayed dry.

Johanne Lusch sold Blue and Red String for String It To Win It – a new game this year. Pairings were able to use up to ten feet of string to advance their ball and save strokes. The morning session was dominated by the Blue Team. Then, in the afternoon, the Red Team came storming back to overcome the deficit, crowning the Reds as this year's Champions.

Thanks to the numerous volunteers who made this Tournament so enjoyable – Leslie Fielding and her support group of Bev Joseph, Anne Pike, Sally McPherson, and Donna Wilson, who sourced out and served a delicious lunch and dinner. Thank you to Kate White for her

contributions for the Party Zone, which is always appreciated. Thanks to Marc Bertrand, head of the golf committee, who each May meets with the committee to start the preparations for all aspects of the golf season and ultimately to set the stage to make these tournaments happen. Pairing the teams is no easy task and is critical to keeping the teams fun and competitive. Rick Indewey has a team of volunteers who have worked hard throughout the entire season to keep the golf course in great shape, not only for the golfers but for those residents who are fortunate to back onto the manicured course as well.

The event was a resounding success...thanks to all!

**Janice Latorre**

**Photos by Laurel Dewar,  
Sharon Seaward, Kate White**





## Ryder Cup (cont'd)

### RED TEAM MEMBERS:

Lynda & Marc Bertrand  
 Brad Dutot & Luke Kilner  
 Irene Heinz & Keith Barrow  
 Anne & Bill Pike  
 Rick Indewey & Bart de Vries  
 Sharon & Norm Seaward  
 Karen & Gord Semple  
 Lori & Stuart Simpson  
 Liz & Dave Meharg  
 Helene & Ian Maikawa  
 Carlos Cordeiro & Neil Parker  
 Darlene McGuinness & Joe LeBlond  
 Kathy Guillemette & Tom Hamilton  
 Margaret Lover & Steve Flinn  
 Mary Ellen & John Simerson  
 Sylvia & Ken Hill  
 Terri & Mike Papa

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 Bev Joseph & Jim Fielding  
 Rod Turnbull & Dave Renaud  
 Angela & Merv Scott  
 Kate White & Jack Heitzner  
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## Holey Moley!

Congrats to **Donna Wilson**! On Wednesday morning, July 9, Donna got a hole-in-one on our Bayshore Golf Course - 3rd hole, 120 yards. Thank you to Donna from all the ladies who golfed that morning for gifting each of them a \$10 Kawartha Dairy gift certificate!!

*Janice Latorre*



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Congratulations to **Dave Meharg** who had a hole-in-one at Cedarhurst Golf Course on Hole #16, 112 yards using a pitching wedge on September 8th. Bravo!

*Irene Heinz*



## Around the Village



*Up close and personal.  
Photo by Debbie Dennis*



*A weird mushroom found in her backyard.  
Photo by Marielle Montemurro*



*Alert and at the ready.  
Photo by Susan Hazlett*



*Found something yummy to eat!  
(Wonder if it's Marielle's weird mushroom.)  
Photo by Barry Peyton*



*A beautiful start on a date we will always remember.  
September 11  
Photo by Brian Jones*



*This sunset view never gets old.  
Photo by Mary Andrews*



*Swans supervising all the seagulls on the dock.  
Photo by Mary Andrews*



*Two white squirrels playing with a grey squirrel. We love watching their antics.  
Photo by Dave Renaud*



*Another gorgeous morning  
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## Euchre Janet Sauve – Organizer

Bid euchre has been changed to Tuesdays at 10:00 am, and regular euchre continues to be on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

*Photos by Janet Sauve*



## Volleyball Terri Papa – Organizer

Volleyball will continue as long as the weather holds, on Mondays at 6:00 pm at Harbour 99.




*Photos by Cher Jackson, Sharon Seaward*



*Volleyball Fan Club  
Maura Hughson and pup*





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## Trivia Night

### Deborah May and Bill Merkley – Organizers

Laughter, sing-alongs, and friendly competition lit up the Hayloft on September 4th as residents gathered for a highly successful trivia night hosted by Deborah May and Bill Merkley.

This year's event drew a sold-out crowd, all eager to test themselves on a wide range of topics, including general knowledge, music, and TV. Teams of friends and neighbours came together in good spirits, creating an energetic atmosphere.

Adding a special touch to the evening, each table featured a creative centrepiece highlighting some of the activities offered in Bayshore, serving as a reminder of how lucky we all are to have such a variety of programs available to everyone.

Trivia was hosted by Adam Crockett, who kept the questions coming and the audience entertained throughout the evening. It was amazing to see how much enthusiasm and teamwork everyone brought to the night. It wasn't just winning, it was about having fun and connecting with each other.

The Court Jesters (Leslie and Dean, Dawn, Avivi, Johanne and Manfred, Marcie and Rich) took home the top prize after a runaway first round, earning both bragging rights and a bottle of wine.

Plans are already in the works for next year's trivia night! See you there!

**Deborah May and Bill Merkley**  
**Photos by Susan Hazlett,**  
**Deborah May, Diane Stoner**



**"Court Jesters" table captured first place.**  
**(L-R) Rich and Marcie Lancaster, Avivi Chang, Dawn Sutherland, Leslie Dixon, Johanne Lusch, Dean Nisbett, Manfred Lusch**



**Organized by Deborah & Bill**



**Host Adam Crockett**





## Trivia Night (cont'd)





## Bayshore Village Remote Control Flying Club

Keith Barrow – Organizer

On July 10th, the Bayshore RC Club held its inaugural flying demonstration event, organized in association with the Brampton Flying Club.

Four of their experienced pilots brought models of float planes to participate in the show. They also brought drones, boats, and helicopters to show other aspects of the hobby.

Thankfully, the weather cooperated, and it was a perfect day for flying off the calm waters of Barnstable Bay! For those who attended, we hope you enjoyed it! And we hope to have the opportunity to organize another event in the fall for those of you who were unable to attend.

**Keith Barrow**

**Photos by Keith Barrow, Shelley Hao**



*New Members Are Always Welcome*





## Bridge Velma Burley – Organizer

The Bayshore bridge groups continued to enjoy bridge and each other's company all summer. Congratulations to the following, who had very high scores over the last three months.

Monday Bridge: Pat Beecham Cooper - 6630  
Doug Sellery - 5570  
Noel Cooper - 5520

Wednesday Bridge: Maria Saringer - 5690  
John Alden - 5580  
Doug Sellery - 4920

The Monday group plays from 10:00 to 12:30 and the Wednesday group from 1:00 to 3:30, in the Hayloft Solarium. We are always happy to welcome new players.

Dorothy Hall is willing to give bridge lessons again this fall. If interested, please email Dorothy at [dh9697@gmail.com](mailto:dh9697@gmail.com).

**Velma Burley**



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## Globetrotting GREECE

We travelled to Athens, Greece in 2024 to begin a guided tour of Athens, Delphi, Meteora, Paros, Mykonos, and Santorini. Athens is a large city packed with sounds and scents that remind you that you are in a major metropolis. We noticed that all the cars in Athens were dirty, and I first thought Greeks weren't into maintaining clean cars, however, during the past week, sandstorms from Libya, Africa, were bringing in tons of dust from the desert. The sky was an orange-brown as another wave came in. It seems that we lost three to four hours of daylight in a matter of minutes due to the dust in the air. That's the first sandstorm I have witnessed.

Athens is heavily populated with tourists, and the Parthenon was packed. The restaurants and cafes, as well as the markets, were buzzing. The city has very few tall buildings, and ancient ruins are located in many sections of the city. We visited the Olympic Stadium, where the first modern Olympics were held. Our tour then took us to Arachova. This city was known for its multiculturalism as Jews, Arabs and Christians all lived in peace for hundreds of years. We then headed to Delphi, where the temple of Apollo stands amongst other ruins. Next are the famous convents and monasteries of Meteora. Built high on spires of rocks, the monks favoured isolation from the general population. Some monasteries are still only accessible by ladder.

Next, we are off by ferry to three islands. Embarking and disembarking Greek ferries is a no-nonsense ordeal. Everything seems to be a mad rush, with directions and warnings blasting from loudspeakers. One thousand people can offload and reload in a matter of minutes – it's a bit chaotic. Passengers, bikes, and cars all offload and reload from the back of the ship. The ferries can reach speeds of up to 50 mph and use jet propulsion to reach these speeds. The islands are how I envisioned Greece – many white buildings, blue ocean waters, and the blue roofs of churches. The fast pace of the tour now slowed as it was free time on the islands. We rented a car on each island, which was basically paying a person for the use of their private vehicle arranged through the manager at each hotel. Driving on the islands is easy and a great way to see the sites. We had some great dining experiences at small family-run restaurants. Greek cuisine has so much flavour and aroma – add a glass of wine and your taste buds are fully immersed.

I think Paros was my favourite island, with Santorini and Mykonos a close second. The ferry ride to Mykonos was very rough, with many people getting seasick. At one point, I looked out the window as the boat tipped while we were landing, and it was like I was looking straight down at the ocean (scary). The islanders are friendly but also demand respect, as seen posted the signs on buildings and homes. We travelled in April and it was a great temperature for exploring as it was somewhat cool.

**James Schulz**



***Sandstorm in Athens***



***Monastery of Meteora***



***Typical ferry in the islands***



## Globetrotting GREECE (cont'd)



*Small church by the ocean*



*Homes in Paros*




*Typical Greek food*



*Places visited include Athens, Delphi, Meteora, Paros, Mykonos, and Santorini*

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## Pool Progress

No doubt you've seen the progress being made so far for our new pool! Here's just a few pictures of what's been going on so far. Can't wait to see what's next! Stay tuned!

*Photos by Diane Stoner*



September 10 - 2:15 pm - Demo



September 17 - Getting ready for coping the edges



September 10 - 2:15 pm - Demo



September 17 - Coping starting to go on and prepping for tiles



September 10 - 4:20 pm - Pool emptied



September 19 - Coping on and tile going on - looking good!



September 10 - 4:20 pm - Prep work





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## Recipes

The holidays are coming. Here's a couple of recipes you're going to want to keep:

### CRANBERRY TURKEY STUFFING BALLS - GAYLE SUMMERLAND

- 1 pound ground turkey
- 2 cups bread crumbs
- 1 cup cooked cranberries
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 egg, beaten



1. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C) and lightly grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the ground turkey, bread crumbs, cooked cranberries, chopped onion, minced garlic, parsley, dried sage, salt, and pepper.
3. Pour in the beaten egg and mix everything thoroughly until all ingredients are evenly incorporated. For best results, use your hands to gently blend the mixture without overworking it.
4. Shape the mixture into evenly sized balls, about the size of a golf ball. Place them on the prepared baking sheet with a little space between each one.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 25–30 minutes, or until the stuffing balls are golden brown on the outside and fully cooked through in the centre.
6. Remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes. Serve warm as a festive appetizer, holiday side dish, or even packed in lunchboxes.

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### COPPER PENNY CARROTS - SUSAN HAZLETT

Hot or cold, this easy old-fashioned make-ahead dish is both sweet and tangy.

- 2 pounds of carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped (white, yellow, or red)
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 stalk celery
- 1/3 cup tomato juice
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar (substitute regular vinegar here is fine too)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper



1. In a pot, bring water to a boil, add carrots, and boil until tender (about 10 minutes). Drain. Let cool.
2. In a mixing bowl, add carrots, raw onion, raw pepper, and raw celery. Pour dressing over vegetables and stir to coat.
3. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight to marinate. Toss before serving hot or cold.

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### TURKEY GUIDELINES - SUSAN HAZLETT

No matter how many times I've roasted a turkey, I always had to look up the timing and get out the calculator. So I made up the chart below, and here's my tried and true method: Season and prepare the turkey as usual. Pre-heat oven to 450°F (yes, that's right, not a typo). When 450°F is reached, put the turkey in the oven, and immediately turn the oven down to 350°F for the rest of the time. Tent with foil near the end of the cooking time when it's browned to your liking.

Turkey	Unstuffed (hrs:minutes)	Stuffed (hrs:minutes)
6-8 lbs (2.72-3.63 kg)	1:15 - 1:45	1:30 - 2
9-11 lbs (4.08-4.99 kg)	2 - 2:30	2:15 - 2:45
12-14 lbs (5.44-6.35 kg)	2:45 - 3	3 - 3:30
15-17 lbs (6.8-7.7 kg)	3:15 - 3:45	3:45 - 4:15
18-20 lbs (8.17-9.07 kg)	4 - 4:30	4:30 - 5





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## Eco Park Update

I would like to encourage all members to stroll the path around the Eco Park pond. The park is a unique Bayshore amenity for all to enjoy, from spring trilliums, stately jack-in-the-pulpit, to the aroma of scarlet bergamot and autumn brilliant red sumac. That is just some of the plant life.

It seems to be the year of the yellow warbler, since they were always present. Curiously, I was greeted by a catbird that followed me on the trail each visit, and a pair of trumpeter swans was always present on the pond.

As you can imagine, the "great ice storm" brought down lots of limbs over the path. A call at short notice for volunteers brought out ten eager eco warriors, along with four chainsaws, clearing the pathway in two hours. Artena and I are grateful to all who showed up and pitched in. Besides myself and Artena, the Eco Park committee members are Herb Hermans, Joey Torchia, and Barry Peyton. Jack Fraser and Nancy Wallingford also helped by keeping the growth cut back on the trail. Joey was busy as our expert carpenter, repairing the two concrete benches and replacing one other with a new bench. He

also repaired the viewing platforms by replacing any rotten wood. Herb Hermans and I repaired or replaced the rotting wood on the two wooden walkways, making them safe for walkers. Herb was a great help to me in removing several hazardous trees that were overhanging the path. The neglected purple martin house by the pond was brought down, cleaned, repaired, and erected in a more suitable location in Park Lane Park. Thanks to Barry Peyton for doing this. Barry also cleaned and repaired the existing purple martin house in Park Lane Park. Two wood duck boxes were constructed by Barry and are to be erected in the Eco Park pond in the winter. Two wren houses were also constructed and erected along the pond path. Also fixed was the Eco Park sign at the park entrance. The 4x4 posts had rotted at the base, causing the sign to lean. Thanks to Barry and Herb for helping me with this job.

So don't just drive on by – stop and slowly stroll the path, taking in all the sights and sounds. You'll be glad you did.

**Randy Hutchison**  
**Photos by John Alden**



*"A Project by the Residents to Celebrate The Millenium"*



*The Bench and Carpenter Joey*



*The Bridge with Herb and Randy*



*"The Birdman" Barry with one of his new bird houses and the repaired sign*





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# JOIN IN!

*\* All meetings and events are subject to change. Continue to watch your emails for updates.*

**Volunteers are always welcome!** Find out how you can get involved – ask a neighbour, a board member, or leader of any club or group.

**See page 2 for TeamReach codes.**

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

- **Yoga:** Wednesdays 10:00 am in the Loft. Contact Lynda Bertrand.
- **Italian Rummy:** Mondays at 2:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Barb Thurgood.
- **Bid Euchre:** Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the Solarium. Contact Janet Sauve.
- **Regular Euchre:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Janet Sauve.
- **Ladies' Tea & Chat:** Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Kristina Frise.
- **VON SMART Exercise:** Fridays at 10:00 am in the Loft. Call 705-326-7021.
- **Daily Walking Group:** Open to all. Join our early morning outdoor walks around Bayshore.
- **Mahjong:** Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the Solarium. Contact Irene Heinz.
- **Bridge:** Mondays at 10:00 am in the Solarium. Contact Judy Kielly.
- **Bridge:** Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Velma Burley.
- **Bridge Lessons:** Are available. Contact Dorothy Hall.
- **Bible Study Group:** Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Solarium. Contact Deborah Leon.
- **Low Impact Aerobics with Leslie Sansome (WalkFit):** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am upstairs at the Loft. Contact Heather Horbay or Rhonda Wallace.
- **Remote Control Flying Club:** Starting Nov 6th, Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Loft. Contact Keith Barrow.
- **Crafting Circle:** Every other Monday in the Games Room 10:00 am to noon. Contact Michelle Martinez.
- **Photography Club:** Every other Friday 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Gilbert De Nobile.
- **Fitness Class Strength and Tone:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 - 11:30 am upstairs in the Hayloft. Bring running shoes and yoga mat. Contact Karen Semple.
- **Birds of a Feather** on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Loft. Contact Barry Peyton 705-689-0852.
- **Beginner Spanish:** Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the Games Room. Contact Janet Sauve.

## FALL FUN (Weather Permitting)

- **Pickleball:** Open Play Sundays at 2:00, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10:00. Tuesdays and Fridays at 3:00. Contact Dave Renaud.
- **Pickleball Lessons:** Contact John Alden.
- **Ladies Golf:** Mondays at 10:00 am. Contact Irene Heinz.
- **Ladies Golf:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Contact Linda Bridges.
- **Men's Golf:** Fridays 10:00 am. Contact Keith Meadows.
- **Mixed Golf:** Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Contact Sharon Seaward.
- **Tennis:** Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 10:00 am. Contact Jeff Switzer.
- **Volleyball:** Mondays at 6:00 pm at Harbour 99. Contact Terri Papa.
- **Kayak Paddlers:** Kayak Paddlers every other Tuesdays, details will be sent out prior to those who express an interest via email. Contact Glenn Lucas or Irene Heinz.
- **Wet Hogs:** Contact John Simerson for dates and times.
- **Cornhole:** Sundays at 3:00 pm at Harbour 99. Contact John Simerson.



## UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE!

- Oct 25 - Makers' Market 9am-3pm. Lynda Bertrand
- Oct 17 - Karaoke Night. Rhonda Wallace
- Oct 31 - Halloween Treat on the Street. On Bayshore Drive from the entrance to first stop sign. Diane Stoner
- Nov 1 - Halloween Party. Conni Bowman
- Nov 22 - Decorate the Hayloft for Christmas 10am-2pm. Diane Stoner
- Dec 9 - Ladies' Christmas Lunch. Linda Bridges
- Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Celebration 7:30pm-12:30am. Diane Stoner





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