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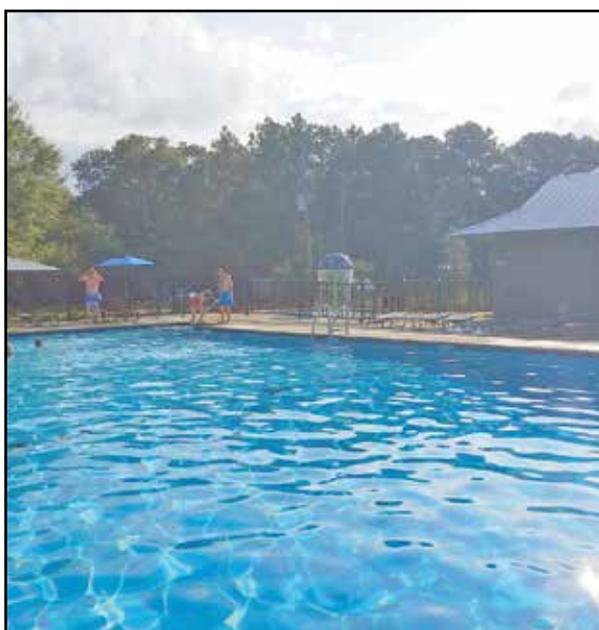
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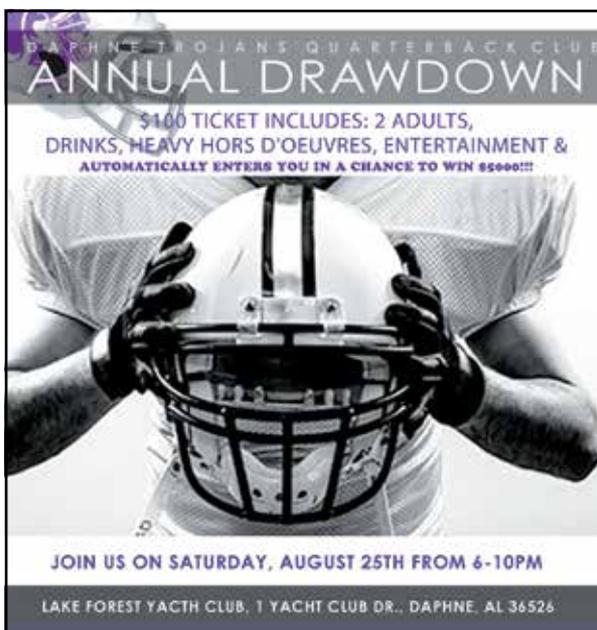
Site Renovation Completed and Play Set installed for Ridgewood



Brock Barton and his daughter Savannah first to use the Mushroom Feature



Ridgewood Pool opens 4th of July



2018 Annual Drawdown



New Lake Forest Golf Cart Fleet



Patrick Collins makes final preps for Mushroom Sprayer prior to open



Lake Forest Tennis Campers August 2018



David Dueitt cleans off pool furniture just prior to open

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“Always Under Construction!!”

Notes from the President LF POA August 2018
Written by Victoria J. Phelps

Friends and neighbors,

It’s been stated that, “The Road to Success is Always Under Construction.” For Lake Forest this seems to be a reoccurring theme lately and one that will also play on, into our future.

As most of you should know our major renovation project for this year, the Ridgewood Pool and Site Improvement Project did get completed in time to open on the 4th of July. We made it just in the nick of time as excited residents were awaiting the gates to open at 0800 am that morning. Last minute cleanups and details were still being pulled together in order to get the pool open in time for all to enjoy. Our thanks goes out to Bob Shaver from Baldwin County Fence Co. who was able to get the gate entry system operational, also just in time. The spray deck pool surface install will take place at the end of pool season.

The addition of the Mushroom Spray Feature to the Kiddie Pool seems to be a big hit with little ones. The new spray feature was officially **“Launched at 0800 am on the 4th of July” by attending board members. Our first residents to use the feature were the Barton Family. Brock Barton, his wife Shawna, their son Drew, and daughter Savannah were first in the pool. Brock and Savannah were first to enjoy the new mushroom feature. Congratulations!! See photos on front page.**

Referring to items being “under construction”, almost a year ago we voted as a community to lasso all of our existing Covenants into one document. This was the first step needed to help strengthen our Architectural Guidance. Most of the input we receive from residents regarding this topic is that we need to do more to provide improved Architectural Standards. In order to improve lot appearance standards our organization will need to update our General House Rules and possibly update our Covenants. Possible updates could include the establishment of (3) member architectural panel that would serve as review panel to listen to appeals if we were to approve small fines for lack of correction of violations within a prescribed time period. I have it on good authority that Mrs. Mary Ann Hampton, our By-Laws and Covenants Chair is up to the challenge. She is going to work with her committee to review and provide sensible updates for you all to consider. Input can be provided to the office and or to Mrs. Hampton directly. We hope to have something for the membership to consider by the end of this year.

As a reminder we will have (4) types of memberships for Lake Forest effective 1 Sep 2018. Effective 1 Sep 2018, LF memberships will be offered as follows:

- 1.Owner Occupied Resident – Full Voting

- 2.Non-Resident – Non Voting
- 3.Non-Owner Occupied Resident (Renter) – Owner Retains Voting Privilege
- 4.Swim Team – Non Voting (Special Community Group)



Victoria J. Phelps
President, LF POA

Key Accomplishments since my last note include the following items:

1. Ridgewood Pool Opened as of 4 July 2018!!
2. Sprinkler System at Lawson Rd entrance installed.
3. Seasonal Flowers installed all entrances.
4. New Golf Cart Lease in place and carts have arrived for your use.
5. Established the Lake Forest Volunteer Project Crew.

“President’s Questions and Answers Segment for the Members,” reflected below some of the more prominent items that seem to be of elevated interest.

- 1.**Does Lake Forest Marina have a water wash down station for boats?** Yes. See Harbor Master for use. We currently offer this service for our members.
- 2.**What is the Lake Forest Volunteer Project Crew (VPC)?** The “VPC” is a new volunteer group the board has just initialed. The “VPC” is going to be an all-volunteer group that will get together periodically to accomplish worthy self-help projects. David Dueitt, our Recreation Chair has volunteered to head this group. Our first “VPC” self-help project is planned to be the renovation of the pool side picnic tables. We need volunteers who are willing to put in a few hours to sand and stain the tables. Look for an eblast for the dates of the work. All volunteers will have to sign a hold harmless agreement. If interested in volunteering you can contact the office and leave a way for David to contact you.
- 3.**Where can a member find financial information for our organization?** Lake Forest Financial information should be able to be found posted on our web site.

For the second year in a row, on 25 August 2018, the Yacht Club will be utilized to host a special event. The board has approved the entire facility for use by the **Daphne Booster Organization**. The event is known as the **“Annual Draw Down”**. This fundraiser is very important as it helps generate needed revenue for high school athletic programs. The group is comprised of many members that live in our community. Hosting the event is special for Lake Forest and we know our staff is going to do a great job to ensure another successful event. For tickets contact Coach King. See flyer in the sports section.

In closing, wishing you all very safe, fun filled, and happy summer.
VJ Phelps

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General Managers Report

PROJECT COMPLETE

As everyone is aware your Ridge-wood Pool opened the morning of our Nations Birthday to a steady flow of Lake Forest patrons. The “before and after” of that facility is amazing and I am sure the pool and playground will be very active for the remainder of the season. Kudos to all involved in completing your LFPOA pool renovations and now providing amenities that any Gated Community would be proud of.



Kenny Szuch
General Manager

membership does not attract a substantial amount of new members to participate in the Lake Forest experience we have to offer. Completely renovated “Country Club Standards” pools, a well-conditioned and challenging golf course, practice facilities to sharpen your game, PGA Professional Instruction, the Best Burger In Town at the 19th Hole, a tennis facility and USTA Professional Instruction on site, and the best sunset on the coast at your Yacht Club. All of this annually for what most would expect to pay monthly.

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Your Board of Directors has approved and will be launching a Total Amenity Non-Voting Membership September 1, 2018 that should create new activity and revenue for the golf operations, food and beverage, tennis and yacht club. This new membership will give access to all current amenities for \$825 a year! This is complimentary green fees for golf (standard cart fees apply), tennis courts, swimming pools and yacht club access. If you have friends, family or business associates who have been a guest of yours in the past at Lake Forest, it is a great time to invite them to join and take advantage of this tremendous value. These new members will also be given member charge privileges when using the facility. Being in golf and club operations management for some thirty five years, I can attest that this is the best value I have ever seen and we are in a 12 month participation environment. With the tremendous growth of Daphne and the Spanish Fort area and anticipated continued growth I would be surprised if this

If you have potential new members please have them contact me personally to discuss and or visit all that Lake Forest has to offer. I know there is no other opportunity available like this one and anyone who takes advantage of this membership will be glad they did. There is something for the single, senior, ladies or the whole family. Tell everyone to Come Join The Fun !

SHOT SAVER TIP

I have been asked hundreds of times by amateurs, “How do you make the ball back up like the Touring Professional does?” Without saying to hit 1000 balls a day for ten years, my simple reply is for you to take your pitching or sand wedge and practice to a target of 50-60 yards but try to execute the shot WITHOUT taking a divot. If you can learn to brush or sweep the ball the club is moving on the path it needs to for solid contact and the ball will spin more than taking a large divot. When you take the big divot, your club angle is often too steep and the



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ball jumps off the clubface with less spin. Once that ball hits the green it will release and roll quite a distance. Speed kills in golf just like I 10 reckless drivers. Practicing slow, balanced shots to a close target gets you mind away from DISTANCE and helps you to get TARGET oriented. Just like sweeping the kitchen floor with a broom, use that motion of brushing the grass and hitting all ball and no

divot. You will be surprised at how the ball will spin and eventually come back once it lands. But don't tell that to Greg Norman since he lost 2 Major Championship by backing the ball up too much coming down the stretch on Sunday. Sometimes backing it up is not always a good thing.

Kenny Szuch, PGA
General Manager

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. Rock n Roll Bingo BOGO half off burgers	2 YC-Prime Rib Buffet \$15.95	3 YC-Karaoke 7-10pm	4
5	6 Golf and Yacht Club Closed LF Horse Camp 8-1	7 YC-Free Draft Beer or Glass of house wine w/ purchase of entrée LF Horse Camp 8-1	8 Rock n Roll Bingo BOGO half off burgers LF Horse Camp 8-1	9 YC-Grit/Pasta Bar \$9.95 Work Session Meeting 7:00p.m. 19th Hole	10 YC-Karaoke 7-10pm	11
12	13 Golf and Yacht Club Closed	14	15 Rock n Roll Bingo BOGO half off burgers 	16 YC-Fried Chicken & Catfish Buffet \$9.95 Stated Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. 19th Hole	17 YC-Karaoke 7-10pm	18
19	20 Golf and Yacht Club Closed	21	22 Rock n Roll Bingo BOGO half off burgers	23 YC-Country Cookin' Buffet \$9.95	24 YC-Karaoke 7-10pm	25 YC-Daphne Quarterback Club Drawdown 6-10pm YC Closed for private event
26	27 Golf and Yacht Club Closed	28	29 Rock n Roll Bingo BOGO half off burgers	30 YC-Chef's Choice Buffet \$9.95	31 YC-Karaoke 7-10pm	

Why I moved to Lake Forest



Submitted by: Tomasina Werner

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Please contact me to share your story

Terre and Mark Farlow's story below will show how a tragedy can sometimes turn into a blessing. What was a loss for New Orleans turned out to be a blessing for Lake Forest. Our Lake Forest Garden Club and Women's Club are happy to have Terre (who is a mover & shaker) as a member in our clubs. As you read their story, you will see why they have been, and continue to be, a real asset to our neighborhood.

“Little did we know that this would change our lives forever; and for the better.”

By Terre Farlow

We are Mark and Terre Farlow. Mark is an Alumni from the University of Southern Mississippi. I am an Air Force Military raised child, so have lived all over the World. We have two children, Chris and Tina and three granddaughters, Veronica, Mady and Tatum.

In August of 2005, the National Weather Service issued a mandatory evacuation order for all of New Orleans, for hurricane Katrina. We left our home of 22 years, as did many other families, to stay with family members. We headed north to Petal, Mississippi, to stay with Mark's brother and family. Little did we know that this would change our lives forever; and for the better.

We already knew that if we ever left New Orleans we would buy a home in the Daphne-Fairhope area. We vacationed in the area every summer when our children were growing up. We relocated our office to Stone Drive in Daphne. Mark owns a Primerica Financial Services business and our daughter relocated her Hair Salon to

“McClantoc's Hair Studio” on Main Street in Daphne. Our son already owned a home on the Fish River in Summerdale. He also owns his own business, “Valere Homes” in Fairhope.

In October of 2005, we moved into what is our home now on Ridgewood Drive. It was actually the first house we looked at when we were searching for a home. Lake Forest had so many amenities to offer: the pools which my granddaughters have all learned to swim in, the stables which they have learned to ride horses and to care for them, the golf course (which we don't play, but enjoy); they have learned to hit the golf ball but only in the backyard; the Women's Club and the Garden Club which I am an officer; and don't forget the Yacht with all its fabulous buffets (and place to park your boat which we don't have yet).

We loved the house even though we knew it needed to be updated and it had all the things we were looking for. We have completed most of the goals we had set for the house. My life changed from the busy city girl to the



Mark and Terre Farlow

stay at home country girl with lots of remodeling and yard work to do. Never having touched a lawn mower or a weed whacker, I have now become the “BOMB with Both.” Our yard received the highest honor in Lake Forest, “The Landscaping Award” for the Quarter. It has over 500 varieties of Daylilies, assorted Azaleas, Holly trees, fruit trees and plenty of flowers blooming. Our goal with our yard was to have something blooming all year round. It's a lot harder than you

think, more so in the summer days when it's “SUPER HOT.”

The changes that have been done to the neighborhood since we have been here include the sidewalks and the curbing, which is awesome. It gets the neighbors out visiting and walking our beautiful streets. The upgrades to the swimming pools have been awesome. Thanks to the Lake Forest Property Owners Assoc. Board and the City of Daphne for undertaking these projects.

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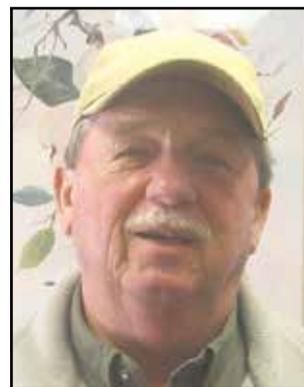
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The Fishing Hole

Fishing Summer Time Patterns

August and summer is finally here and the fishing is great. The water temps are in the upper 80's and finally beginning to clear up in the bay. Strong southern winds have pushed the cloudy water north and brought in some salinity in the upper delta along the Mobile River and Point Clear to Daphne. Specks are scattered out from Point Clear to Daphne and all along the ship channel into the Mobile River.



Billy Harrell
Harbormaster

So, try and find some clear water and work the docks and fishing reefs along the bay. Speckled trout and reds will be looking for a quick meal and the best thing for them is a live shrimp under a popping cork. If you can't find shrimp, artificial baits such as a soft plastic on a jig head, or a top water plug such as a Mirrorlure Top Dog or Top Pup will work

just as well.

The Flounder have started showing up in good numbers along the western end of the causeway so look around sandy points that face into the current. Another good place will be around pilings of the docks and boat houses along the bay. Fishing with bull minnows on a Carolina rig is the best bet but a soft plastic on a jig head works great also.

Now is the time to get out and catch fish while the water temperatures are in the 80 degree range. By August the water temperatures will start to get hot and slow the trout fishing down for the summer.

Till next month, keep a tight line.
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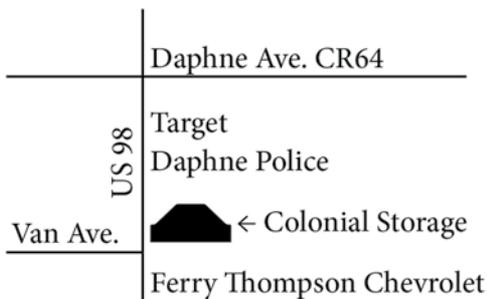
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Tennis News

AT THE LFRC



Summer is wrapping up and school will soon be back in session. What a great summer of tennis at the Lake Forest Racquet Club. We had so much fun with the campers and welcomed all our new members and some homeowners getting active with the tennis program. Stay tuned to the website to check out the new schedule which will start when school is back in session. Thank you all who made a difference here at the racquet club.

The men are in between leagues right now and playing on Saturday morning's around 8 a.m. If anyone is interested in joining the men's group let us know and we will get you playing.

Here is the info for our beginner kids classes for ages 4 ½ to 10. The classes are ongoing and only \$15 a class. No registration required. Just show up.

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Getting ready to start!!

Tennis Tip

OF THE MONTH

Get involved in your racquet club. Come out and use the clay courts!!

Attention all ladies we have 2 classes a week for you to sharpen your tennis skills. Tuesday's at 8:30 a.m. is our ladies 3.0 clinic. It runs for an hour and a half and the cost is \$15. On Friday's from 9 to 10:30 a.m. we have an open ladies class and the cost for that is \$10.

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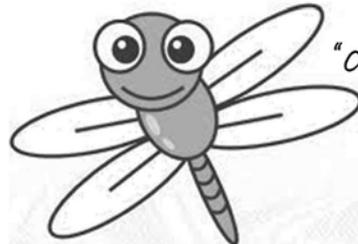
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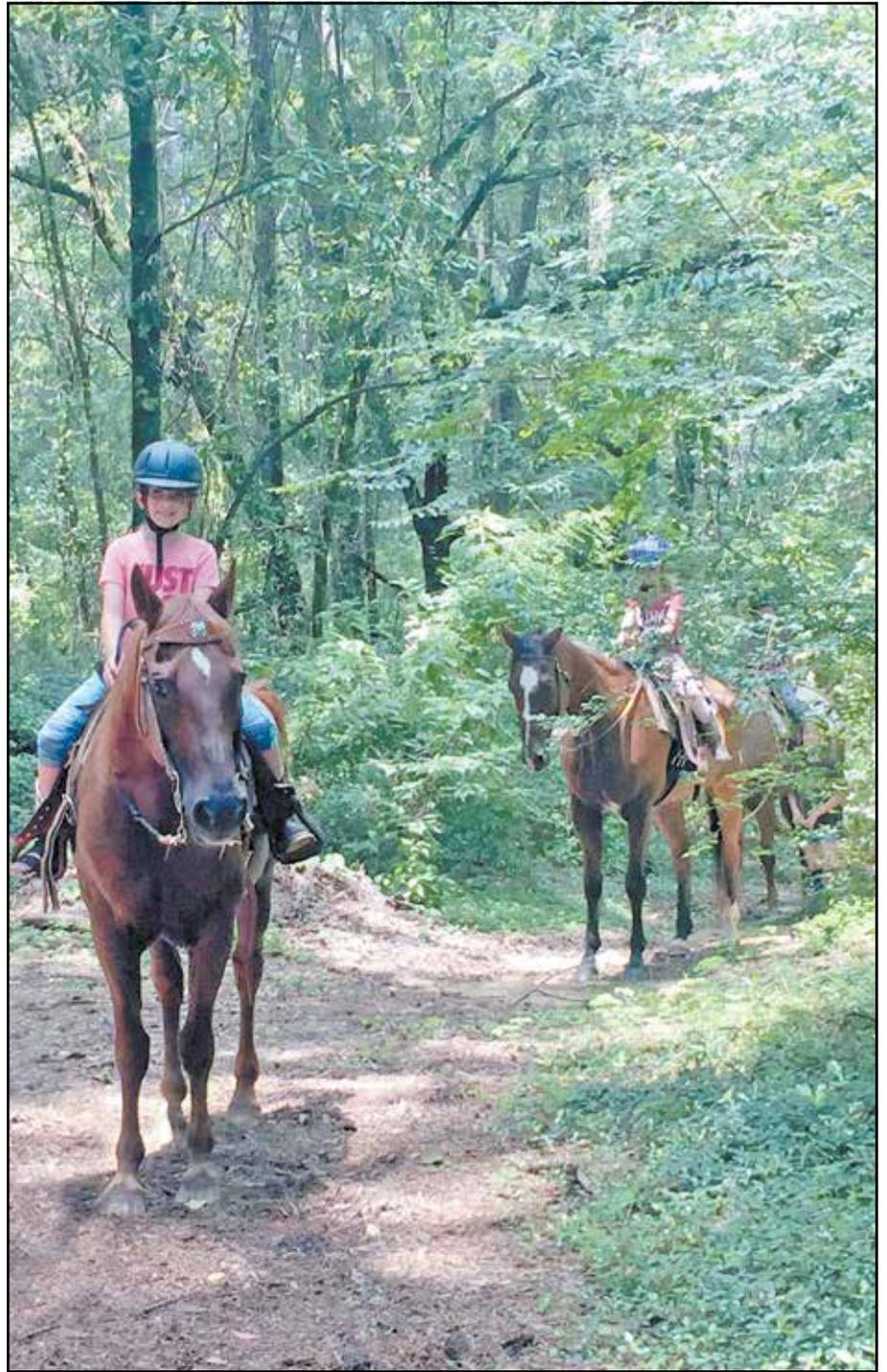
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Club volunteers deliver the flags before the holiday and retrieve them after the holiday. A receptacle is installed approximately 5' from the street in front of your home. The Optimist Club is responsible for replace-

ment of any flag soiled, damaged or stolen.

All proceeds of the Avenue of Flags Program are used by the Daphne Optimist Club to support local youth in becoming tomorrow's better citizens. Please join your neighbors in this colorful and patriotic program. Just complete and mail the subscription form below and your check for \$45, payable to Optimist Club of Daphne.

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For more information, call our president, Ilene Spencer at 6261560, or Danny McCann at 4232647, or our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/thejubileeoptimist/>. You can email us at daphneoptimist@gmail.com.

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