



December Bulletin

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CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR DATES:

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Music Group.	Mon
Early Bird Coffee.	T, Th
Art Group.	Tues
Bridge Club.	Wed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sorry for the Inconvenience!!!

Some of us will remember that famous road sign in British Columbia in the late '50's it seemed that during those time most of the highways in B.C. were under construction and then their Minister of Highways put up that famous sign. It seems that we have had a lot of construction going on as well here in our beautiful village in the last months. Most of it will be completed by the time you read this. Starting with the county mandated color change in our pool – which in itself was not a simple operation, (we had to cover the pool, remove all the water surrounding the pool (below sea level)) then spray the proper color as required by the county. You may ask why this was not done three years ago when we painted the pool – well so does your board. We have requested that our attorney request the cost of this latest mess be recovered from the contractor that painted the pool previously. I have heard nothing but good comments on our clubhouse remodel, personally its looks very classy. The marina launch ramp is now repaired, a little adjustment is still required – but it is available now to launch your boats. The front gate – and we heard you loud and clear – when you commented you wanted to have something to be proud of when you drove into the village – has been started and the guard house will be completed by the time you read this and occupied by our security people. There is still the landscaping, curbing and the wall which will have the same stone cladding as the guard house. Thank You for your patience – it was difficult sometimes to allow traffic to flow smoothly in and out of the village but you were very cooperative, our security guards had it under control. It went better than expected and all the dire traffic mess predictions did not happen. For me, the 2 year struggle to bring this to completion, was worth the result. We now will have a presentable Front Door.

When all the ongoing upgrades, remodeling, repairs are completed, we must concentrate on building our reserves to ensure that funds are available to maintain our infrastructure in the future.

Many of the maintenance projects have been undertaken by our volunteer group. This presents a huge savings for us in terms of costly staffing hours. One of the more visible projects this year was to remove the hazardous water pipe from the top of gangway B and fix the many water leaks within our marina. One onerous leak had been worked on by a professional, twice, and the volunteers fixed it once and for all. We have been debating for some time to limit boat length within our marina, considering the age and windage forces exerted on our maturing structures. One villager, a professional engineer, took it upon himself to do an amazing study with calculations that enabled us to determine the ultimate boat length – he presented his study to the marina committee and they recommended that the maximum boat length should be 50 feet – which then was approved by your board of directors. People such as him make our village a better place and underlines the spirit of the wonderful area we live in – next time you see Rick Whitaker – thank him for his work.

That brings me to the next subject – The board and I would like to establish an award where a villager gets recognized at our annual meeting for his services to the village. Any villager can be nominated, including board members, the details have not been fleshed out but I will have it for you by the next published bulletin.

I wish You and Your family a Safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peter Winterfeld
President BOD BBVCC

SPECIAL EVENTS...

- Music Group Caroling: Dec 21, p. 2
 - Adult Poker Holiday Party: Dec 30, p. 2
 - Blaine HS Choir Concert: Dec 9, p. 3
 - Tea & Cookie Exchange: Dec 13, p. 3
 - Wine Club Holiday Party: Dec 15, p. 4
 - Yacht Club Christmas Party: Dec 8, p. 4
 - Art Group Christmas Lunch: Dec 18, p. 6
- OVER THE HORIZON:**
- Food Bank Drive: Jan 19, p. 3
 - Yacht Club Meeting: Feb 9, p. 5

CLUBHOUSE CAROLING

Caroling at the clubhouse

There will be caroling around the Christmas Tree at the clubhouse on **Friday, December 21st, from 1:00pm until 3:00pm**. Bring your holiday spirit and join the BBV music group in this musical celebration.

Drinks and light snacks, as well as song books will be provided. Singing will be led by our vocalists, accompanied by guitar, accordion, mandolin, violin, cello and banjo. Join us in song or just relax and listen.

Free, no reservations required. Happy Holidays from the music group!

DOOR-TO-DOOR CAROLING

Holiday music at your doorstep?

The music group is planning on doing some door-to-door caroling this year, weather permitting. If you would like to request a visit, or you know someone who would like to hear some caroling at their door, please contact cathy@gorts.com or call 371-3852, and we'll see if we can work out an appropriate time.

ADULT POKER NIGHT

Poker nights in December have been changed to **December 16th, December 23rd, and December 30th**. The 16th date was a switch to allow for Blaine SH Choir to present their Holiday program here in the village. The 30th was chosen by those at the last Poker Night, so we would have a gathering during the Holidays. So, Poker Players hope to see you at all three Events.

Cliff Mallory: Contact 425-248-5992



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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Regular Meeting: The Social Club meets at 1:00pm on the 2nd Monday of every month at the clubhouse. You are invited to attend our next meeting on **December 10th**. Come join us for coffee, enjoy holiday events and decorations at the Clubhouse. Please contact Mary K Hecker at 371-4044 if you haven't picked up your 2012-13 Directory. If you have any questions regarding the Social Club, please contact the Chair, Melanie Shearer at 393-3774.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner: Many villagers and their guests enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner with turkey and all the trimmings at the clubhouse on **November 22nd**. A "Special Thanks" go to Jenny for organizing her 6th Thanksgiving Dinner!! Many helping hands made the work go quickly and all enjoyed the time together.



Christmas Giving

Tree: The Social Club is participating in the annual Giving Tree for the Blaine and Birch Bay communities. Forty-five gift tags are now available at the clubhouse. You choose a tag, purchase the requested gift item, wrap it, attach the tags and take the gift to the clubhouse. Please do not use fancy bows or decorations as they tend to get crushed during transport. Everyone is welcome to select tags and help out those families with children for the holidays. **Please return your wrapped gifts and tags to the clubhouse by December 7th**. For further information, please call Phyllis at 371-7764.

Deadline Extended – Last chance to purchase an

Entertainment Book: These \$\$\$\$ saving books are still available!!! The North Puget Sound Book, which includes Bellingham, Birch Bay, Blaine and surrounding areas, is **only \$20 through the Social Club**. Other area books are available, such as Seattle = \$20, Vancouver = \$40, Phoenix = \$25, Portland = \$25, for example. Books for other areas may be ordered. The Entertainment Books will be on sale at the December meeting and breakfast. For further information, or to place an order, please contact Sheryl at 371-3505. The selling campaign will **end December 15th** so get your book(s) soon. Great idea for gifts!! Buy a book and enter your name online for a chance to **win a free iPad**.

SOCIAL CLUB CONT'D

Social Club Breakfast: The regular Saturday breakfast will be served on **December 1st** from 8:00am to 10:00am at the clubhouse. Please join us for a wonderful breakfast of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, sweet rolls, juice, hot chocolate, coffee and tea will be served. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for kids 12 and under. Bring a few items for the Food Bank Basket to share with those in need and purchase an Entertainment Book for yourself or as a gift. We wish to thank everyone who attended the November breakfast and those who made an extra donation for the Red Cross.

Thanks to your generosity, a check for \$562 was sent to the Red Cross to aid victims of Hurricane Sandy. THANK YOU!!

Blaine High School Choir: Once again be prepared to be entertained by the Blaine High School Choir at the Clubhouse on **Sunday, December 9th at 7:00pm.** Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Bring the kids, grandkids and all the family to enjoy this holiday treat. See flyer insert in this bulletin.

Christmas Tea and Cookie Exchange: The holiday tea and cookie exchange will be held on **December 13th at 1:00pm** at the clubhouse. Bake up your favorite holiday cookies and bring **(3)** three dozen cookies to share. You get to take a dozen cookies home (if you want) and maybe some new recipes. Cookies will be delivered to shut-ins, BBV Staff, and others not able to attend. If you know of someone who needs a little cheer, please let us know at the event and a plate of cookies will be made up for you or someone to deliver. Live holiday music will be provided by the BBV music and vocal group. Please bring an unwrapped gift or toy for a child. These gifts will go to families who signed up too late for the Giving tree gift tags, but need help providing a gift for their child. Bring your yummy cookies, share the recipes if you like, enjoy some seasonal music, and visit with your friends and neighbors. Hot tea and coffee will be provided. For further information, please contact Sandi at 393-4601.

Movie Night at the Clubhouse: **There will be no monthly movie in December due to the holidays.** The next monthly Tuesday movie night for adults will be in **January 2013.** Watch the January Bulletin for details.

Bunco: There will be **No Bunco** in December due to the holidays.

SOCIAL CLUB CONT'D

UPCOMING: January 19th: Food Bank Drive, Bingo & Pot Luck Dinner: The Social Club will be hosting an "after the holiday's blues" pot luck dinner and bingo night to benefit the Blaine Food Bank. All details will be in the January Bulletin!

Welcome Committee: If you are a new owner in the Village and haven't been contacted by the Welcome Basket lady, please call Judy Lackey at 371-3387 or the Office at 371-7744. We have a warm welcome and gift basket full of goodies and local information we would like to deliver to you.

Helping Hands: We have a good group of volunteers who are available to provide temporary assistance to those in the Village who are sick, recovering from surgery or otherwise need help. We also have a good supply of medical equipment such as crutches, electric scooter, wheel chairs, shower chairs, walkers and toilet risers etc. There is a **folding wheel chair ramp** available for short term loan. If you or someone you know needs a "helping hand", please call Sandi at (H) 393-4601 or (C) 305-2354. Please remember to call Sandi when borrowing or returning all equipment. And thank you for returning it in a sanitized condition.

Food Bank Donations: The Blaine Food Bank especially needs help during the holidays. Please check your cupboards and pantries for those extra food items that could be donated to the community food bank. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the clubhouse anytime it is open for any event. Please do not bring food that has an expiration date prior to December 2012. The Humane Society is always in need of help. They accept dried pet food, which has been opened and/or may have a recent expiration date, as well as unopened canned food. Old towels, afghans, treats, gently used toys, collars and leashes are always welcomed. There are two special bins in the BBVCC Clubhouse library/coat room, marked for the donations. Please make sure these bins remain in this room so people can place their donations in them.

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WINE CLUB NEWS

After a great tasting of Beaujolais wines at our November tasting including a Beaujolais Neveau we are now making plans for our Holiday Wine Dinner on **December 15th**. This year we are having it catered by the former chef of the Prospect Café; Spencer Santenello. Spencer has put together a great menu.

✦ Appetizers:

Dungeness crab cakes, Harissa Aioli
Duck won tons, hoisin, asian guacamole, cucumber, tomato ginger jam

✦ Salad:

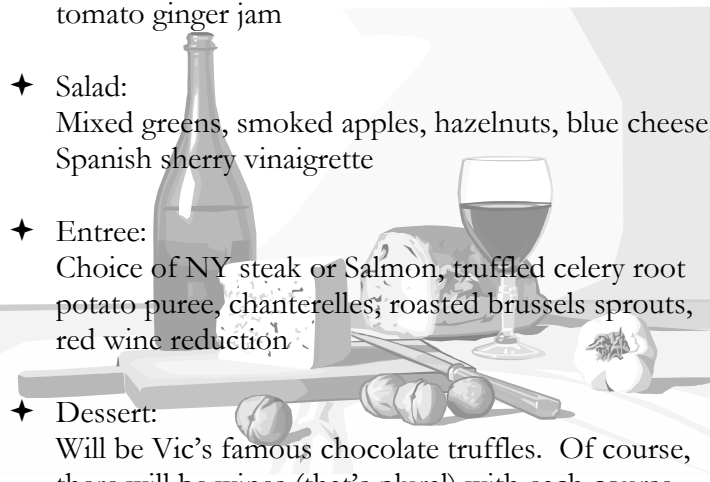
Mixed greens, smoked apples, hazelnuts, blue cheese, Spanish sherry vinaigrette

✦ Entree:

Choice of NY steak or Salmon, truffled celery root potato puree, chanterelles, roasted brussels sprouts, red wine reduction

✦ Dessert:

Will be Vic's famous chocolate truffles. Of course, there will be wines (that's plural) with each course.



We limit the attendance to 70 with those who have attended this year's wine tastings having first choice. The cost is \$45 per person.

The theme is Masquerade! You can even wear a mask if you want. It should be a fun evening. We will have lots of wine to give away in a free raffle.

We will meet at **6:00pm on Saturday, December 15th** at the clubhouse. Please buy your ticket early by calling Jim Macmillan at 371-2933 or by email at macmillan@uni.edu. The cost will be \$45 per taster. You will need a glass for sparkling wine and one or two glasses for the dinner.

At our November 16th tasting of Beaujolais wines we had 38 people attend. The group rated the wine as follows:

1. 2010 Clos de la Roilette, Fleurie	\$26.95
2. 2009 Domaine de Roche-Guillion, Fleurie	\$14.99
3. 2010 Pierre-Marie Chermette	\$15.95
4. 2010 Louis Claude de Devignes, Morgon	\$18.95
5. 2008 Jean Foillard, Fleurie	\$44.00
6. 2012 Joseph Drouhin, Beaujolais Nouveau	\$18.00

YACHT CLUB NEWS

The new 2013 Bridge was installed at the October Commodore's Ball and took office on November 1st. Their first bridge meeting was held on November 3rd.

Commodore - Dennis Duncan

Vice Commodore - Currently vacant

Rear Commodore - Chris Doutre

Secretary - Jenise Stone

Treasurer - Marion Falk

Any bridge member can be contacted for information about club events, or about club membership.

For the upcoming term, the Bridge has planned an exciting and fun-filled year with a number of cruises and social events.

First, on the horizon is our annual **Christmas Party** to be held at the BBVCC Clubhouse on **December 8th, 2012**. Come join us for a fun and surprising evening. We promise you good eats, excitement, drama, suspense... and, of course, the good cheer of your fellow yachters. In addition to singing some of our favorite Christmas songs, the evening will include a White Elephant Gift Exchange, a visit from a Very Special Guest, and the first ever appearance of the Birch Bay Village Yacht Club Players.

The fun starts with **BYOB cocktails at 6:00pm**, followed by a potluck appetizer buffet. Dessert, coffee, tea and a non-alcoholic Christmas punch will be provided by the yacht club. **Please bring a hearty appetizer to share and one \$10.00 wrapped Christmas gift** per couple (or single member). Your gift will be tagged at the door and there will be prizes for the "most desired" and "most creative" gifts, as well as a booby prize for the "least desired" gift, as determined by the audience... so use your best judgment!

The ticket cost is **\$5.00 per person**. Space is limited, so make sure to get your tickets early. They will be available from Treasurer, Marion Falk beginning Monday, November 26th. Please give her a call at 371-3328 to arrange to pick up your tickets.

As in the past, the Christmas Party will also serve to benefit the Blaine Food bank. In lieu of having members bring canned food items, the BBVYC will donate the evening's net ticket proceeds to the Food Bank.

YACHT CLUB CONT'D

We will be delighted to have you join us at this festive and what is sure to be a very enjoyable evening. We also would like some volunteers to help us decorate, set-up, clean-up, and serve dessert (3-4 persons per task). If you can assist, please contact the Commodore or First Mate Irene at 393-3648.

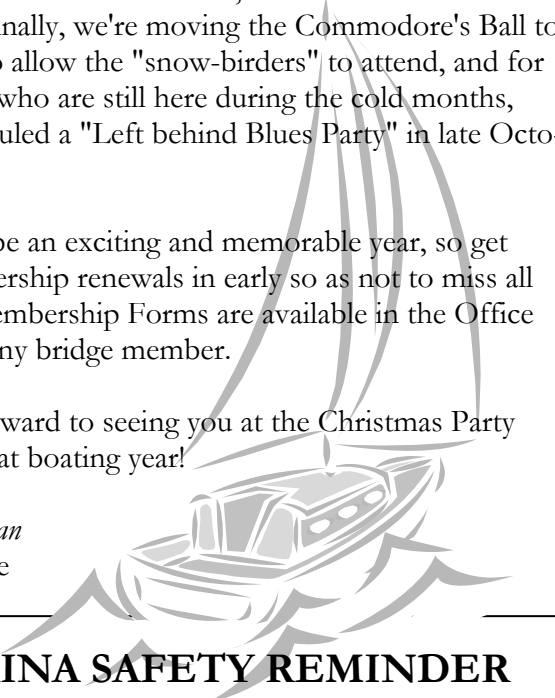
Other Upcoming Events: Our events calendar will be available at the Christmas party and forwarded by e-mail. There will be a few changes this year, including combining the Spring General Meeting with the Membership Breakfast, and the Fall General Meeting with the Seafood Dinner. The Spring General Meeting/Membership Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, February 9th**. Please look for details in your e-mail and in the January Bulletin.

We also are increasing the boating opportunities by scheduling four cruises in 2013, in addition to the Sucia Cleanup. Finally, we're moving the Commodore's Ball to Early Fall to allow the "snow-birders" to attend, and for those of us who are still here during the cold months, we've scheduled a "Left behind Blues Party" in late October.

It's sure to be an exciting and memorable year, so get your membership renewals in early so as not to miss all the fun. Membership Forms are available in the Office or contact any bridge member.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party and to a great boating year!

Dennis Duncan
Commodore



MARINA SAFETY REMINDER

The BBVCC Marina has been experiencing some high winds, and the weather is only going to worsen as winter progresses.

Please check your vessel as often as possible! Ensure that lines are secure and sturdy; and check that cleats are in good condition and bolted down properly. We have already had some vessels pull away from the docks and we do not want to see any damage or lost vessels!
THANK YOU!



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EARLY BIRD COFFEE



Come on in to the clubhouse **Tuesday and Thursday** morning from **8:00am to 10:00am** (we will not be meeting Christmas or New Year's Day); join your neighbors for a piping hot cup of coffee. It's the way to great conversation and friendship for both guys and gals. Information call

Mick Bride 371-2929.

ART GROUP

The Art Group meets every Tuesday from 12:30pm to 3:30pm at the clubhouse. Come, bring a friend and share your talent with the group. For the winter months, Ted starts a lovely fire to warm us while we work. Coffee, tea and treats are served as we work on our various projects. We will be having our **Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 18th at noon** this year.

Contact Linda Lockie at 371-8256 for more information.

Happy Holidays from the Art Group!

PIZZA, ECT

We had as least 90 people for our Thanksgiving feast in November. That is our biggest crowd ever. I hope you all enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

Our get-together in December will be **Monday, December 17th** at the clubhouse. Social time begins at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:00pm. We will be changing the menu slightly (a lot, actually!). We will have casseroles as the main entrée. So please bring a favorite casserole OR a salad or dessert. Hopefully, the variety of dishes will be balanced. Coffee and juice will be provided. Bring other drinks as you wish.

After dinner, we will set up tables for card games for those who wish to play. Or please feel free to just sit and talk with friends and neighbors.

No reservations are necessary. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call me at 933-4438 or send an e-mail to tj2sullivan@comcast.net.

Hope to see you in December. *Judy Sullivan*



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COMMITTEE OPENINGS

The following BBVCC Committees currently have openings available: **ACC Committee** (meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm: clubhouse); **Golf Committee** (meets April to September, 2nd Thursday at 2:00pm: Golf Shop); **Lakes Committee** (meets March to October, 1st Wednesday at 7:00pm: clubhouse); **Marina Committee** (meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm: clubhouse); **Roads & Drainage Committee** (meets 2nd Thursday at 10:00am: maintenance meeting room); **Security Committee** (meets quarterly with court, 2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm: clubhouse).

If you are interested in serving on one (or more) of these committees please send a letter of interest (or resume) addressing the committee(s) of your choice to the office: 8055 Cowichan Road, Blaine, WA 98230.

FROM THE OFFICE

A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO GET YOUR NEW GUEST CARD IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY.

The new membership system will be installed shortly after the Security Building is complete, and ALL old Guest Cards will be purged.

BRIDGE CLUB

DUPLICATE BRIDGE: Wednesday afternoon **12:30pm** in the BBV Clubhouse. NEVER PLAYED? TRY IT! It is a fun 3 hours! Look forward to seeing you there. Call Shirley at 371-5288.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON: Thursday, December 6th, 2012 at 11:30am in the BBV Clubhouse. Novices & Newcomers to the Village are welcome. Please bring a salad to share. Wine, coffee and dessert will be served. For more information call Mary K. Hecker @ 371-4044.

PRACTICE BRIDGE: Practice Bridge will be every **Wednesday** morning from 10:45am to 12:15pm. Call Betty Brackett at 371-5393.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Workout machine, (3) Valances,(2) Ceiling lamps, 2 curtain Rods (new), 2003 Cadillac Deville Call Gary 371-8638

WANTED: Stationary Exercise Bicycle. 371-0414

FOR SALE: Seth Thomas Antique Mantel Clock, Palliser Stuffed Red Leather Chair, Retro Bar, Inline Macroblade ES Skates, Alderwood Trestle Table and 4 Chairs, Black Leather Ottoman. Reasonably priced. 371-0414

FOR SALE: Solid oak round dining table w/ leaf. \$150. 206-890-6847



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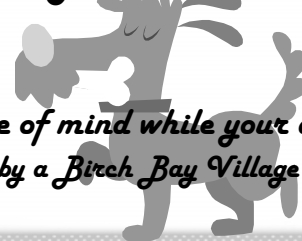
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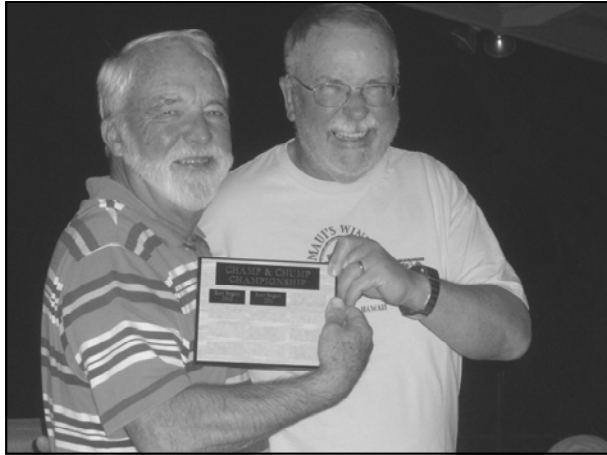


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GOLF NEWS



Ron Bogen (L) shot a hole-in-one that was witnessed by Jim Macmillan

YAHOO!!! Another hole-in-one! - Just when you think the Hole-in-One plaque is up to date, someone comes along and says, "Not so!" **Ron Bogen** shot his first hole-in-one on November 10th at BBV's challenging 153 yard Hole #8. Bogen used his "rescue" club (how appropriate is that!) to accomplish this rare feat. Following the round of golf, an impromptu celebration took place at the Bogen residence where playing partner (and witness), **Jim Macmillan** provide a chilled bottle of champagne. The duo is known in the Village for their "Champ" and "Chump" match play rivalry, where the winner of each match wears the Champ hat and the loser wears the Chump hat. On that day, Bogen, with the help of his hole-in-one, claimed the "Champ" title, too. Congratulations, Mr. Bogen...it was a good day!

Golf lab special winter events – According to BBV's golf pro and Golf Shop manager **Joe Holdridge**, there is no need to put your golf clubs in storage just yet. To continue the fun of playing together and/or improving your golf game during the winter, Joe's Professional Golf Lab & Indoor Golf Center is running a number of events, including Friday Night Couples (by prior arrangement), a Christmas Classic tournament, a Winter League, and many specials for golf lessons and simulator golf play sessions, which make great Christmas gifts for family, friends, and yourself! Contact Joe Holdridge or **Al Koch** at 360-752-3337 for more information.

Sponsored Golf Pass program attracts interest – Following a promising first year, the BBV Board of Directors indefinitely extended the Sponsored Golf Pass (SGP) program. Since then, BBV golfers have been sharing this opportunity to play the BBV golf course on a regular basis with their "outside" friends. Interest is tak-

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ing hold and, if true, the SGP program may generate substantially more golf course revenue in 2013. Priced at the cost of an Annual "Single" Golf Pass + 10%, the SGP offers excellent value to the right person. So, if you know a "trustworthy" golfer outside the Village and you are willing to sponsor them, this is a great opportunity to bring additional revenue to the Village and enable someone you know to experience one of the best golf courses in the area and the golf-community camaraderie at BBV.

"New" golf club in spring 2013 – Next spring, the Men's Golf Club, the Friday Ladies Golf Club, and the Friday Night Couples Golf Club will fall under the umbrella of a new, official BBV Golf Club. Each will, however, retain their existing "charters". Golf "social" activities, such as the annual Golf Fund Raiser, Club Championship, and other tournaments will fall under the purview of the new BBV Golf Club, which will be independent of the BBV Golf Committee. The latter will continue to address golf course maintenance, development, budget, rules/regulations. A community-wide meeting will be held sometime in May 2013 to introduce and fine-tune the new BBV Golf Club and to elect officers. We invite you to become involved in this new venture. In the meantime, contact **Bob Simpson** (360-371-2636) or **Jim Macmillan** (360-371 2933) to provide input or ask questions.

Honor Box now in effect – The Golf Shop is now closed, so the Honor Box is "open". If you did not purchase a 2012 Annual Golf Pass or a 2012 Sponsored Golf Pass, the \$10 day-fee must be paid. "Honor Box" instructions are found outside the Golf Shop door. *Persons found playing the course without the appropriate "bag tag" for the day are subject to fines and/or loss of BBV privileges.* Not paying the modest fee of \$10 is just not worth the risk, so don't take the chance!

Winter play reminders – Please respect the delicate condition of our golf course at this time of the year. DO keep motorized golf carts on cart paths. Pull carts should be kept at least 10 feet off greens and tee boxes...farther if conditions are particularly soggy. If frost is present, DO NOT start play until the frost is gone. And, remember to always replace divots and repair your ball marks. Stay dry, warm and, above all, enjoy!

See you on the tee at BBV!