

HIGHLAND RIDGE HIGHLIGHTS

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FYI

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If anyone had told me a week ago that I would be spending \$350 to guarantee that my yard had no snakes in it for the next year, I would have thought they were nuts. After all, my backyard is certified as a National Wildlife Habitat. I encourage all types of wildlife to co-exist. Well, all that was before 5:15 P.M. on Monday, May 19. Everything changed then.

Those of you who know me, know I am a true animal advocate. I adore animals. That is one of the reasons I have three dogs. On Monday, at about 5:15, my littlest dog, Tinkerbelle was bitten by a Copper Head snake. We have lived in Georgia for 25 years and in this house nearly twelve years; I am an avid gardener and have never seen a venomous snake anywhere I have lived or visited. At first, I did not know what happened. My two other dogs were alerting me to something being awry- which in retrospect, saved some valuable time. To shorten the story, Tink was totally limp and nearly dead in the five minutes it took me to get to the vet. Thank goodness they were still open. After intubating her, giving her steroids and fluids, they were able to stabilize her long enough for her to be transported to the 24-hour Veterinary Hospital on Highway 41. The tests there determined her blood was not coagulating. Throughout the night, they gave her plasma and other medications.

By the grace of wonderful doctors, Tink is alive today, two days later. She looks like a very bruised and swollen bull dog rather than the Daschund/Chihuahua she is. She has a long road of recovery, but she should recover. I am telling you this because many of you are animal lovers and there are also a lot of children who frequently are out of doors. One of the teachers at my school said she had a Copper Head on her front porch, and she lives in a city, concrete-laden neighborhood! I have learned over the past few days that they are more plentiful this year than in past years (perhaps the weather patterns?), that younger Copper Heads will release all the venom they can into a victim whereas an adult would release just enough to keep their predator or victim at bay.

I am not personally promoting the company I have chosen to keep the snakes out of my yard, but should you wish to contact them, they are called "Critter Catchers". After over

\$2,500.00 in veterinary bills, I will consider my \$325.00 well spent, even if I have to repeat it annually.

Tennis

The HR Tennis Committee hosted a very festive and successful tournament on Memorial Day weekend. Thirty-two participants had a great time playing highly competitive tennis, answering tennis trivia for door prizes, and grilling out with neighbors and friends. The Championship match concluded the day's activities with Dave Boye and Jordan Cox defeating Steven Castardi and Laura Chabla in a hard fought 6-3 contest. There were also a number of creative awards handed out recognizing 'special achievements' of the day's participants. Check out the HR website (www.highlandridgehoa.org) for more information about the tournament!

Our USTA women's team (Deb George – captain) and two ALTA mixed teams (Kevin Clancy and Barbara Rowe – captains), begin play in early June. Come out and root them on!

Leslie Manning and Suzette Bannister are organizing a new Sunday Women's ALTA team, in the C-2 level range, targeted to begin play this Fall. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Leslie (captain) at 770-485-2266 for more information.

A reminder that Pete Snyder of the Harrison Tennis Center will be hosting a children's tennis camp again this summer at the Highland Ridge courts (July 7-11). See the flyer attached to this newsletter. For more information, please contact Pete at 404-664-3728 (plsnyder@bellsouth.net).

I am retiring Tennis Trivia at this time...it just seems, well, too trivial!

Dave Boye

Kids in the Neighborhood

BABYSITTERS

See hardcopy for contact information



Sunshine Committee

The purpose of the Sunshine Committee is to deliver a meal to any family in the neighborhood who has had a birth, death, serious illness or injury, and is in need of sunshine. Each meal requires three to four people to volunteer. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors who live in other parts of Highland Ridge and to help them feel community support. If you or someone you know needs sunshine, please give me a call.
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Pet Sitters

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Prayer Chain

I hope you will prayerfully consider joining our Highland Ridge e-mail prayer team, which provides much needed (and appreciated) support for our neighbors, friends and families. From lifting up our military troops to providing comfort during times of need - think of the great things we can accomplish when Highland Ridge becomes united in prayer!

If you have a confidential prayer request, would like to join our prayer team, or have any questions, please contact Diana Durie at 770/509-1598 or ddurie@bellsouth.net

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