



The GRASS STRIP!

Blue Ribbon Farms Newsletter

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NEW CONSTRUCTION



Bob Pierce and Dick Fecteau (pronounced Fecto) are almost finished with their new home. They hope to be moved in by late December or early January.

They're building a real nice home just west of Kitchen-Dick

and south of Greywolf. You may have seen it in the construction stage. They're originally from Massachusetts and moved here from the Phoenix, AZ area. By the way, they have two bulldogs (Bonnie & Casey) that travel with them most of the time. Welcome to Blue Ribbon Farms and our neighborhood.

Bill and Rita Hart are building this lovely home on Buckhorn Road. Bill recently retired after 35 years with Boeing. They hope to be moving into their home in mid-February.



Bill and Mary Cotton have finished their hangar and are well on the way with their home on Greywolf Aircourt Road.



STOP AND LOOK!

Remind your children to stop and look for aircraft before crossing the airstrip! Planes on approach can be silent. Remember... **airplanes have the right-of-way!**



NEIGHBORS ONCE AGAIN

Terry Hunter, left, and John Wugell grew up in the same neighborhood in the mid 1950s and graduated in the same class – Ballard High 1960. Now, 40 years later, they will soon be neighbors once again. Terry & John recognized each other at the annual picnic, only to discover they both own property here at Blue Ribbon! Terry and wife Gerry live on Tyler View and John owns property on Greywolf.

* STAR LIGHT * STAR BRIGHT *

WOW! Did you catch the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in the sky above Blue Ribbon a few weeks ago? What a sight! The star-studded sky above our area is spectacular most nights... how fortunate we are to not have the city lights competing with our star shows!

It's always been a tradition in Blue Ribbon to douse outdoor house lights at night in favor of stargazing. With all the new homes being built and new folks moving in, we thought this an appropriate time to remind residents about keeping outdoor night lights to a minimum. May we suggest an option of using low-voltage lighting for accent and motion-type lighting for security.

Thanks everyone for your consideration and enjoy those beautiful night skies over Blue Ribbon!

MOVING



We are sad to inform you that John & Yvonne Stazel are moving away from the Sequim area. They have sold their home on Greywolf and will be moving in February to Lynnwood.

John was recently Chairman of Blue Ribbon Farms Property Owners Association. He is also one of the non-pilots who helped organize mowing parties and mowed the airstrip.

All who know the Stazels will be sorry to see them leave as they have been active participants in the Association and "GREAT" neighbors. We wish them well.

NOTE: The family who purchased the Stazel home are the Wilsons from Nebraska.

Contact The GRASS STRIP!

You can contact The Grass Strip by mail at P.O. Box 3141, Sequim, WA 98382 or e-mail msexton@olyphen.com.



Wayland Keck

Longtime Blue Ribbon

Farms resident **Wayland Keck** passed away August 14, 2000 after a long illness. Among his accomplishments during his career with Boeing in Philadelphia, Wayland was named Senior Manager overseeing assembly of the prototype V22, vertical lift and take-off aircraft. Three of those prototypes were built. He was once called back to Seattle to solve an electrical wiring problem in the Boeing 747.

Wayland enjoyed fishing and golf, but most of all, he enjoyed playing cards with his friends at Dungeness Golf Club.

Wayland was a good neighbor and we miss him.



Tom Needham

Another longtime Blue Ribbon Farms resident, **Thomas T. Needham**, passed away on August 16, 2000 after a short illness. Tom was well known and highly respected in the Pacific Northwest for his knowledge and experience in the fabricare industry.

Tom and Dorothy built their Blue Ribbon Farms home on Greywolf Road in 1988. Tom served as treasurer on the initial Blue Ribbon Farms Board of Directors.

When he wasn't working at his job of installing cleaning plants, Tom enjoyed working in his yard.

Tom also was a good neighbor and we miss him, too.

FAREWELL AND HELLO

Goodbyes to...

Ron and Jackie Davis. They sold their Maynard Road home to Davis Clapp in July 2000. Ron and Jackie are building a new house on Woodcock Road, across from the Dungeness Golf Course. Jackie was our Association Secretary 1997-1999.

Terry Anderson. Terry sold his home on Greywolf Road to Tom Thompson. Terry remains in the Sequim area, but has expressed some interest in Costa Rica.

Hello and welcome to...

Davis Clapp and fiancé **Tammy** along with her 3-year-old boy, **Teo** and 6-year-old girl, **Zoe**. Also joining the troop is Dave's 16-year-old, **Andrea**. Dave purchased the Ron Davis home on Maynard Road.

Tom and Caroline Thompson, who bought Terry Anderson's home on Greywolf Road. Caroline lived in Dungeness as a youngster so this is kind of like coming home!

Jim and Bev Cone, who are moving into their lovely just completed home on Tyler View.

Ken and Mary Young, who have finally moved into their new home at 91 Greywolf Road. It's taken 10 months but they're happy with the outcome. They plan on having an open house after the new year.

And a very belated (O boy, am I embarrassed!) welcome to **Terry and Gerry Hunter**. They have been in their home on Tyler View since last April. Gerry is recovering from an auto accident that occurred in June at the corner of Kitchen Dick and Woodcock.

WELCOME NEW PROPERTY OWNERS

Bill & Rita Hart purchased the **McClellan** lot on Buckhorn Road.

Andy & Haroldine Nisbet now own, once again, the **Hansen** lot at the east end of Buckhorn. We're glad to have you back, Andy & Haroldine.

The **Nugent** lot on Buckhorn Road has been sold to **Bob & Imogene Hudgens**.

Gary Terrell is the new owner of a **Buckhorn Associates** lot on Buckhorn Road.

Robert & Norma Morris have also purchased a **Buckhorn Associates** lot on Buckhorn Road.

And one more Buckhorn Road sale, **Tatsuo Ishikawa & Brook Neal** purchased their lot from **James Bray and Rita George**.

Several properties have changed ownership since the last issue of The GRASS STRIP! We try to keep up with those changes, but if you know of any we missed, please let us know.

Deb Everts, Margie Crofoot, Freda Codd, Ken Young and Mickey Sexton produced this issue of The Grass Strip! using Microsoft Publisher on a home-made Pentium III PC.

SPEED-SPEED-SPEED



Please note that some are still driving too fast. A reminder again that the speed limits are a maximum of 20-25 mph on our roads, and private access roads are 10-15 mph.



If contractors are working on your property, take a minute to remind them of our speed limits.

OLD BARN

The old barn site looks considerably better than when we reported in August 1999.

This photo was taken December 5, 2000 and shows



only the foundation remaining. Looks better, don't you think?

MORE NEW CONSTRUCTION



Terhune Homes is just getting started with this home on Buckhorn Road for **Robert & Norma Morris**.

MEET THE HOLTS

Perched at the end of Greywolf Road overlooking both the mountains and the strait stands the home of Jack and Nancy Holt, the very first residents of the Blue Ribbon Farms development.

The Holts were born and raised in southern California, Jack in Los Angeles and Nancy in Pasadena. Jack served in the United States Coast Guard both in Korea and the USA. He and Nancy were married in 1954 and shortly thereafter moved to Eureka, CA where Jack was stationed. It was on a beautiful spring day while traveling through the strait with the USCG that Jack's attention was first drawn to the Sequim coastline. After finishing his tour, Jack and Nancy moved back to southern California where Jack started his thirty-year career as a deputy with the LA County Sheriff's Department. Nancy worked part-time for Sears but focused her efforts on making a home for their three sons. The Holts enjoyed camping and made yearly trips to the Sequim area in the early 1980s.

In 1984 Jack retired and they purchased their home on Greywolf, which was under construction as a spec house for the newly established Blue Ribbon Farms development. On September 4, 1984 they became our first official residents. It would be another year and a half before they would have any neighbors.

Many changes have occurred in the area over the last 16 years. Once, grassy fields were the dominant scenery... only the airstrip and the Holt's property were mowed. They could walk the entire way along the bluff to the park. There were two pretty large grass fires in those early years. Over the course of the first eight years a few homes appeared. As building steadily increased progress brought some welcome changes: the roads were paved, the mail was delivered to their driveway box instead of a half a mile down the road, younger families with children moved in and bald eagle sightings became a regular occurrence. Even with all the changes though, the neighborhood still remains free of serious crime.

Jack and Nancy are enjoying retirement. Nancy has fashioned some beautiful quilting projects. Jack spends time in his garage with woodworking and carving. They have their three sons and four grandchildren spread between Redding, CA, Kalispell, MT and Fall City, WA. They have recently purchased a new fifth-wheel RV and are planning an extended trip to the east coast, especially New England and New York. They have done a lot of experimenting with landscaping, finding ways to live with the winds that, as we all know, can kick up along the strait. In fact, they once witnessed a newly framed house on Greywolf blown entirely away in a storm!

There are countless more stories the Holts can tell of life in Blue Ribbon Farms. A visit with these friendly folks will provide lots of chuckles and a good local history lesson.

**ANNUAL PICNIC**

Thanks to all who helped make our annual Blue Ribbon Farms picnic a huge success. Thanks especially to Terry and Deb Everts for providing the location.

It looked like everyone was having a good time. We certainly had plenty to eat and it was a good time to visit with some of our out-of-town owners.

Be sure to take a good look at **Margie Crofoot's special page** in this issue of **The GRASS STRIP!**

If you have suggestions for next year's event please let **The GRASS STRIP!** know or bring it up at the next annual membership meeting.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

It's getting close to time for our annual Blue Ribbon Farms membership meeting. You will be receiving the official notice soon, so watch your mailbox and mark the date.

Our bylaws set the date for the meeting as the first Saturday in February (Feb. 3, 2001) and, in the past, meetings have been held at the Old Dungeness Schoolhouse. Plan to attend if you possibly can. Remember to bring your checkbook or cash if you want to pay your dues at the meeting.

The number of families living in Blue Ribbon Farms has increased and the annual meeting is a great place and time to meet your neighbor.

SPRING YARD SALE

Freda Codd will host a community yard-sale in the field at her old farmhouse cabin next spring, probably in May 2001. She has done this a couple times in recent years and the response both from sellers and buyers has been outstanding.

If you would like to participate or just want more information, call Freda at 681-7601 sometime in April 2001.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE STRIP

Airport Committee Chairman Terry Everts extends a grateful "Thank You" to all those who participated in keeping the airstrip mowed this past year. A special thanks to John Stazel who helped organize mowers and made sure the strip was mowed on a regular basis.

Mowing of the strip typically starts in early spring and continues through early July. A typical mow day can bring out 5 to 6 mowers (with a range from 3 to 8!), and mowing lasts approximately 30 minutes. It has been a tradition on the strip that active pilots agree to keep the strip mowed, but non-pilots have proven a reliable bunch who always contribute to a successful mowing year! If you're interested in participating in strip mowing, please call Terry at 681-6331 and add your name and phone number to the "mowers list"... but invitations aren't necessary! Feel free to just show up on mow days!

Blue Ribbon Farms Annual Picnic

The Annual BRF picnic was a big success. Many friends and neighbors turned out to enjoy the good food and good company. Thanks to all who helped, especially Terry and Deb Everts who volunteered to host the event in their yard and hangar area. It was great fun. An abundance of homemade picnic specialties arrived to fill the food tables. Those who wanted BBQ had the use of several grills. It looked like everyone had a good time renewing acquaintances and making new ones. Plans are already being made for Picnic 2001. Suggestions can be submitted to the Grass Strip staff or BRF board members:



The hangar doubled as serving area. Tables boasted salads, jellos, vegetable plates, chips and dips, and plenty of delicious looking desserts!

An enlarged map of the BRF plots complete with owner names gave picnickers a chance to familiarize themselves with the lay of the land and learn names of new neighbors.

