



Staff Spotlight by Stacy Flint

Beyond the Fairway: Meet Gabbe Keefe and Matt Ware

In this month's Resident Spotlight, we are excited to introduce two individuals who help to make our community thrive: Gabbe Keefe, Pro-Shop Manager, and Matt Ware, Golf Course Superintendent.

Gabbe Keefe

Gabbe, a St. Charles native, brings years of experience in the service industry. She began her career in the golf industry in California, where she and her husband, a Marine, lived for four years.

Passionate about hospitality, Gabbe is dedicated to creating exceptional experiences.

She's immersing herself in every aspect of golf course operations, from coordinating with vendors and overseeing food/beverage services to optimizing pace of play on the course.

When Gabbe isn't here, she is likely spending time with her close-knit family, running, or hiking in Quail Ridge Park with her husband and their three dogs.

Gabbe is thrilled to be a part of this community and looks forward to getting to know more residents.

If you haven't tried the new Funnel Fries (yes, funnel cake cut into fries with powdered sugar and strawberry jam), please come to the Pro-Shop to try them out and say hello!



Matt Ware

Matt comes to his line of work naturally, his dad is a farmer in the town where he grew up, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Matt studied horticulture at Southeast Missouri State University and began working at Dalhousie Golf Club during college.

Matt, an outdoor enthusiast, spent a few years in Colorado, where he both worked in golf and started playing golf. He loved it there but returned to Missouri to be closer to family.

Matt is committed to enhancing the course, so it is in the best possible condition. Whether ensuring the health of the greens, the height of the grass or rotating the cups on his favorite scenic hole (#6), it is clear he takes pride in his work.

When he's not hard at work keeping the course in top shape, Matt will be out enjoying a round of golf or going to sporting events with his girlfriend. Matt is very excited to be here and looks forward to the opportunity to get to know the residents in the community!



Upcoming Events & Activities

See the flyers for all of the details.

ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTVIITES

M	T	W	T	F
8-12 Pickleball 9am Aerobic Exercise 10 Video Exercise (B) 1pm Bible Study (M) 1 Low Roller Poker (B) 1pm Page Turners (2nd) (C) 6:30 Cribbage Beginners (2nd/4th) (C)	9am Tennis 9am Pinochle (M) 9:30 Fit For Life 10am Chess Club (C) 1-3 Bridge 101 (C) 2pm Billiards (C) 2pm Heritage Singers (B) (on hold) 6pm Texas Hold 'Em (B) 6:30 Men's Poker (B) 6:30 Open Bridge (C)	8-12 Pickleball 10 Video Exercise (B) 12:30 Mahjong NL (C) 1pm Genealogy (2nd) (AR) 1pm Story-Tellers Group (4th) (A) 2:30pm Line Dance (B) 4pm Pom (B) 6:30 Hand & Foot (C)	9am Tennis 9am Pinochle (M) 11am Quilters (2nd) (A) 12:30 Open Bridge (C) 1PM Low Roller Poker B 1pm Craft Club (A) 2 Ask a Geek (2nd) (V) 2pm Table Tennis 3:00 Rosary (2nd) (C) 6pm Mexican Train (1st & 3rd) (C) 7 Whiskey Club (3rd)(B)	8-12 Pickleball 10am Video Exercise (B) 1pm Men's Pinochle (M) 1pm Hand & Foot (C) 6:30pm Pass the Trash (B)
		Clubhouse Rooms Ballroom (B) Card Room (C) Meeting Room (M) - outside the library Activity Room (A) - formerly the craft room		Sat 8:30 Morning Stretch (B) 9:30 Aerobic Fitness 10am Billiards
				Sun

APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 April Fools Party 6pm	2	3	4 Potluck Gathering 6pm	5
6 CR Rental	7 Blood Drive 12-4	8	9	10 CPR Class 3:30	11	12 BR Rental HAPPY PASSOVER
13 CR Rental	14	15	16	17	18	19 Motown Dance 6:30
20  HAPPY EASTER	21	22	23	24	25	26 CR Rental
27 CR Rental	28 Golden Games Board Meeting 10am	29	30	1	2	3

Upcoming Events

Welcome Back Snowbirds! We've all missed each other.
Let's [ALL](#) get together and catch up.

FRIDAY, April 4 @ 6pm (doors open at 6)

Bring your favorite appetizer to share. Board games will be available or just relax and visit with friends. All residents included! FREE, but please [REGISTER](#) by 03/28



Click [HERE](#) to go to the Red Cross website to register.
Or use your camera on the QR code to the right



April 7
12-4pm

You will be taken to the American Red Cross website where you can register for our blood drive. Or stop by the office and we will help you.

OPEN TO FRIENDS & FAMILY - they must register through the link above.



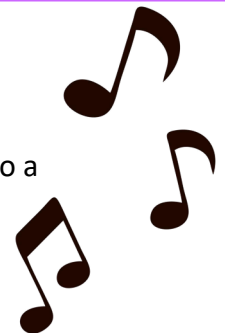
The Motown spirit is coming to HHR.

Join the Charlie Mann Band to burn up the dance floor!

Reserved seating, register at the clubhouse. You can register up to a table of 8, but must know the names at your table.

April 19 6:30-9:30
Doors open at 6pm

\$6 per person, [REGISTER](#) by 4/11



Join us as we celebrate the wonderful mothers, grandmothers and mother figures who fill our lives with love and joy. Enjoy a delightful brunch and great company.

[REGISTER](#) and pay \$10 by 5/2. HHR women only.

Care & Concern Presents "A Night at the Races"

Join us on 05/10/25 for a fun night. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvre, Beer, Wine, Soda & Set Ups. BYOB Doors Open at 6pm & Races Start at 7pm. There will be 2, 50/50's, Derby Hat Contest, Coin Toss for Liquor & Attendance Prizes.

Tickets on Sale. 04/02/25 = \$20 each or table of 8 for \$150.

Name a Race for \$25 or a Horse for \$5. Open to adult Friends & Family.



More Happenings



Wednesday, April 30
6-7pm

HHR is excited to host our very first **Swap Meet!** We frequently hear from people who have great items they no longer need but believe someone else in the neighborhood could put them to good use. They want to pass them on to others nearby. Sign up on the bulletin board to participate.

Mark Your Calendars— Registration opens on May 1 for these next events!

Sunday, May 18—Poolside Concert with Madison Jackson

Wednesday, May 21—Fiesta with the Firefighters



Saturday, May 31—Hawk Ridge Boys Parking Lot Concert



Ladies Hawkes Golf League

The league starts Wednesday, April 2nd at 10am with a Welcome brunch and meeting; Golf to follow, weather permitting.



Trip Around the World -

We are working on planning an event where you can share your heritage. Do you have a fabulous family tradition that you would like to share? A favorite ethnic food? I'm picturing turning HHR into our very own EPCOT. You could stop by the Lapinski's house for some Polish Flare & Fun. The DeCarlos for some Italian celebrating. Mrs. Murphy may have Irish Dancers and pints of Guinness. There are so many options. Would you be interested in being a host? Or part of the planning group? Please get in touch with Maggie and we will get the ball rolling. (Names mentioned are just examples – don't stop by their house yet.)

Putt Putt Party

Want to host a putt putt hole at your house for a neighborhood party?? Well now is your chance. We are planning a fun Backyard Golf Day on 06/07. You don't have to be a golfer to host or to play. It's a game of yard golf using plastic practice balls on a unique course designed by your neighbors.

At this point we are looking for people willing to set up a golf hole in their yard. Our first task is to find the hosts. We will help you understand all of this more at our first meeting on April 15. Please contact Maggie ASAP if you are willing to host a hole.

Contact Maggie— events@heritageofhawkridge.com

Clubs & Activities

Whiskey Club

The club continues tasting great whiskeys. This month we will be tasting five Irish whiskeys from Egan's Distillery. Egan's Distillery is known for marrying all elements of the whiskey making process to create unique, compelling whiskeys that push the boundaries of excellence. The tasting this month is on the 3rd Thursday, April 17, at 7PM in the clubhouse ballroom. If you haven't done so already, you can sign up for the club by submitting a check for \$10 per person for initial dues, made payable to HHR Whiskey Club. The cost for the tasting is \$10 per person for members and guests, also payable by check, due no later than noon on Tuesday, April 15. Just drop your check off at the front desk.



If you are not sure and would like to get more information before becoming a member, please send an email to the club email - hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com. It continues to be a fun and informative group. And where else will you be able to taste 4 or more whiskeys for \$10.

HHR Genealogy Club 2.0

Next Meeting – 9 April 2025 1 – 2:30 p.m.
HHR Activity Room



Subject: Using AI (ChatGPT) for Genealogy

All subsequent meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the HHR Clubhouse Activities Room from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Please let Bill Scroggin (wdsrog@aol.com) know if there is a subject of interest to you for upcoming meetings. If you plan on attending, please let Bill know.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN NIGHT

The Friday Night Resident Golf and Potluck Group begins On May 2nd.



This is a mixed, men and women, golf group. The golfers are mixed into foursomes for a casual, fun 9 holes of golf. We always play a scramble and sometimes it gets a little crazy! The theme for the entire evening is FUN...

Golf is usually followed by a potluck dinner in the clubhouse.

Your non- playing spouse or significant other is welcome to join us for dinner and fun after golf.

Some players follow dinner by playing a silly card game called Pass The Trash. No experience required!

This is a great way to meet new residents and enjoy being with fellow residents. We are scheduled to begin on FRIDAY, May 2 at 4:30pm (tee time). Please arrive at 4:00. Sign up at the Pro Shop by noon on the prior Wednesday.

For any questions, please call Dick Faxon at 956-202-5453.

Odds & Ends

HHR Tennis

For all of you out there who say, “I used to play tennis”, say “used to” no more! Come join us for tennis. We play every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:00 am starting April 3rd through late September. We play for fun and we play doubles, so you only have to cover half the court! Hope to see you there. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Coley at kanncoley@gmail.com.



JULY 4TH PARADE THEME

We have one suggestion so far:
Wizard of Oz. Do you have any other suggestions? If so, let Maggie know by 4/15. Then we will send out a survey to let the residents choose their favorite.



DO YOU FIND THE GATE SYSTEM CONFUSING??



Follow these simple instructions:

- * At the gate, the visitor uses the computer screen to find your name. Visitor pushes the “phone call” button.
- * The computer calls your telephone.
- * Answer your phone. If you want to let the visitor in, push 9 on your keypad. The gate will unlock.

You can practice this even when the gate is open!



Tom & JoAnn Stevener - 736 Harrier Court
Susie Smith - 641 Falconcrest
Leanne & Dion Cantu - 2182 HLD
Deborah & Charles Braband—5749 Owls Perch

Jen's Corner

Pool hours for children is a hot topic around the neighborhood again this year. At their meeting on March 24, the Board of Directors decided to seek resident input on the subject.

This year, the Board will consider residents preferences when they vote to establish children's pool hours, and that schedule will become permanent. In April, you will have an opportunity to vote for your preference of children's hours. More information will be published as details are finalized.

Committee volunteer opportunity. Would you like to promote HHR sports other than golf, swimming or exercise classes? The Board is looking to create a Sports Committee and we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in serving on this new Sports Committee, please stop by the office.

Please make sure the office has your current contact information (Email/Phone). The best way to through the Instant Church Directory. If you can't do that, you can call the office and we will update it for you.



Good To Know

Hawk Ridge Golf Club: Preparing for an Exciting Season Ahead

We've had a glimpse of golf season in recent weeks, but the official start is just around the corner—April 1st! We're excited to kick off another fantastic season, and there's plenty to look forward to.



To help you stay up-to-date with all the upcoming events, we've posted the league start dates and event schedules both on the golf section of the HHRLifestyle webpage and around the Pro Shop. Don't forget to sign up for the **Spring Warm-Up Tournament**, taking place on **Saturday, April 26th**, by visiting the Pro Shop.

Additionally, **Happy Hours** will be returning to Mondays on **April 1st** from **4pm to 6pm**. All are welcome to join us for great deals and a relaxing time to kick off your week.

Golf Cart Registration Reminder: For those of you with personal golf carts, please ensure that you've renewed or registered your cart before you head out on the course to avoid any last-minute rushes. We have forms available in the Pro Shop, but please remember to bring your current insurance coverage and a recent photo of your cart when registering.

Course Etiquette & Maintenance: As always, we kindly ask that players fix their ball marks on the greens to keep the course in top condition. When driving your personal cart—or a rental—please keep all four wheels on the cart paths, particularly near tees and greens, to protect the integrity of the course.

Online Booking for Members & Residents: If you haven't yet explored the online booking options for the golf course, now is the perfect time. Whether you're a member, a resident, or even bringing your grandkids, you can easily reserve your tee times through the website.

Pro Shop & Hawkeye Grill Hours: The **Pro Shop** will be open daily from **7am to 6pm**, and the **Hawkeye Grill** will be serving up delicious meals from **11am to 6pm**.

We truly appreciate the support from all of our members and residents, and my team and I are ready for an exciting and successful season ahead. Thank you for being such an integral part of this community!

Looking forward to seeing you all out on the course or in the Pro Shop!

Warm regards, Gabbe & Staff



Thursday, April 10
at 3:30pm

Kyle from St. Charles Ambulance District will be here to offer a CPR class. Come learn the newest, simplified version so that you are always prepared.

**Call the office to register
in advance.**

THANK YOU to CARE AND CONCERN

As we continue to improve and beautify our community, the Golf Committee would like to thank the Care and Concern committee for funding the new flower pots on the patio at the Pro Shop. Walters Management has paid for the flowers and the soil. The Golf Committee is very excited to have this additional outdoor space for the community to enjoy. Please join us for lunch, dinner, or just a visit with your neighbors.



HHR Golf Committee Corner – April 2025

Since the HHR Golf Course is a big part of our community, your HHR Golf Committee is always looking for feedback and suggestions. If you have a suggestion or comment, please pass your thoughts on to one of the Committee Members: Barb Rogers (Chairperson), Sally Paland, Gary Dyrek, Beth Beckfeld, Cheryl Castagna, Charlie Haas, Matt Weick, or Mike Feldewerth (alternate).

The 2025 Calendar of Golf Events can be found on the [HHR Golf Web Page](#).

The first event of the year will be the Spring Warm-Up on Saturday April 26th. Check-in at 4:00, shotgun start at 4:30 with dinner afterward. This will be a 4 person / 9-hole scramble. This event is open to HHR residents only. Sign up begins on Saturday March 22nd. The event flyer is posted at the Clubhouse, the Pro Shop, and available on the HHR Golf Web Page

The second event of the year will be the Mother's Day Golf Outing on Saturday May 10th. Check-in at 1:00, shotgun start at 1:30. This will be a 2 person / 9-hole scramble. This event is open to HHR residents and one invited guest. Invite your son, daughter, niece, nephew, cousin, or friend that you would like to celebrate Mother's Day with you. Sign up begins on Saturday March 29th. The event flyer is posted at the Clubhouse, the Pro Shop, and available on the HHR Golf Web Page.

Following is information for this year's leagues and groups:

Men's Saturday Morning Group will start on April 5. Check-in at 8:30 am, play begins at 9:00. Players need to sign up each week in the Pro Shop by noon on Thursdays.

Men's Monday Morning Group will start on April 7. Check-in at 8:30 am, play begins at 9:00.

Wednesday Night Men's Golf League will start on April 9. Check-in at 4:30 pm, play begins at 5:00.

[Monday Evening Ladies Fun Golf](#) will start on Monday May 5. Check-in at 4:30 pm, play begins at 4:45.

There will be a kickoff meeting for all players on Monday April 21, 3:00 pm at the Pro Shop.

Tuesday Ladies of Leisure (LOL) will start on May 13. Check-in at 9:00 am, play begins at 9:30.

Wednesday Lady Hawkes Golf League will start on April 2. Check in at 9:00 am, play begins at 9:30.

[Friday Couples Golf](#) will start on May 2. Check-in at 9:45 am, shotgun start at 10:00.

Friday Night Resident Golf will start on May 2. Check-in at 4:00 pm, play begins at 4:30. Players need to sign up each week in the Pro Shop by noon on Wednesdays.

For more specific details about each of these golf leagues and groups, please refer to the February HHR Golf Committee Corner either online or in the February Putterings.

