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## The Property

### Review

After reporting on our blustery snow in early October in the last edition, winter seemed to reverse itself. It simply vanished, and oddly warm months have followed. That's not good for our ski crowd, as we missed the good snow Thanksgiving and most of the Christmas holiday. It isn't much fun skiing in cold rain! Thankfully, our prayers for snow were answered just as we hit the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. At the last moment, the phones began to ring and the skiers came. Though this unseasonably warm winter has diluted the ski markets, it has helped us get the roof back on the restaurant after the fire this past summer.

Margaret Holder, Marcia Greene and I recently met with Bob and Dan Timberlake and finalized our agreement of the direction of our restaurant due to re-open in May. We will greet you back this spring with a brand new look and expanded lake-view dining room that connects to the outdoor deck. From a substantial change in decor to a great new menu, you will find the best steaks and homegrown nutritious vittles in these hills. We are getting pretty excited since our plans were finally approved by the town and the hammers in Timberlake's began to swing.

Lastly, many of you let us know that you had BIG problems getting through to us on ALL our phone lines, often getting that fast busy signal you hear when there is a problem. We had decided to change over to AT&T and, with much pre-planning, we set the changeover date for January. It could not possibly have been a bigger mess if I personally unplugged the switchboard and shut off all the power! The day of the changeover, AT&T canceled and turned off 17 of our incoming phone lines. The company was inattentive, unresponsive and uncaring to their brand new client. Even after we hired an attorney to get some action, it took more than three months to get these lines reconnected. My apologies go

out to all of you who were unable to get through. If you have any thoughts on how we might spread the word about our personal misfortune, we would love to have them, as it might save others from this type of insensitive, expensive business calamity.

But enough about our winter frustrations. We now look forward to a whiter winter wonderland, with warm fires, steam over the hot tubs and large cups of warm mountain cider (or is that moonshine?).

Kent Tarbutton



# Blowing Rock Winterfest 2012

It may have been snowless, but attendance was the best ever! So much for digging through the ice on Chetola Lake. No snow? No problem!

Winterfest weekend, January 26-29, was practically balmy this year, with the Blowing Rock temperature hitting 46 degrees on Saturday afternoon. We thought last year's Polar Plunge was a record breaker with 67 plungers, but that record was broken this year with 98 plungers! This year's crowd was the biggest yet, and not only for the Polar Plunge but for the Chili Cookoff, the Wine Tasting and Auction, WinterFeast and every event throughout the festival weekend.

Downtown Blowing Rock was crowded with festivalgoers and shoppers on Saturday, looking more like a Fall weekend than the dead of winter. We are so grateful to the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce for organizing Winterfest, the Wine and Food Festival, and many other events that attract visitors to the area during these "shoulder seasons." We also owe a great deal of thanks to the Blowing Rock Tourism Development Authority, which provides the funding for festival advertising campaigns.

Mark your calendars now for Winterfest 2013.....January 24-26!



Winter Feast



Polar Plunge



Wine Tasting



Chili Cook-Off

## The Blue Ridge Wine and Food Festival Is Back!

The **7th Annual Blue Ridge Wine and Food Festival** is scheduled for April 12-15. The festival kicks off with Uncork! on Thursday night followed by a weekend full of fun activities, including The Grand Wine Tasting, Wine Seminars, Cooking Classes, Winemaker Dinners, Grillin' and Chillin', and Celebrity Chef. *Real Housewives of New Jersey* star Teresa Giudice is this year's Celebrity Chef, appearing Saturday, April 14. Her expertise in authentic Italian cooking led to two *New York Times* bestselling cookbooks followed by a third due out in May.

Chetola is pleased to present several festival events this year, including a "Pasta and Wine" cooking class presented by Chef Michael Barbato on Thursday, April 12, and a "green" grapes sustainability seminar on Friday presented by Childress Vineyards. The always popular Childress/Chetola Winemaker's

Dinner takes place on Friday, April 13 in the Evergreen Room. The dinner will sell out early so please call Zak Linkins, our Chetola Concierge, if you would like to make reservations. Zak's direct line is 828-295-5509.

For more information, a complete schedule, and all ticket prices, visit [www.blueridgewinefestival.com](http://www.blueridgewinefestival.com) or call 828-295-7851. You can also sign up for updates on Facebook: 'Like' Blue Ridge Wine & Food Festival at Blowing Rock.



Celebrity Chef  
Teresa Giudice

## Highlands Sports and Recreation Center

### Health and Wellness Programs

The Recreation Center is teeming with kids, thanks to the exceedingly popular child-centric activities dreamed up by Wellness Director Catherine Scantlin and Spa Director Robyn Lindenmuth. From fitness to cooking, the new classes are being embraced by both locals and guests of the resort. To register, contact 828-295-5533 or email [catherine@chetola.com](mailto:catherine@chetola.com).

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<b>Kids in the Kitchen</b>	Mondays, Feb. 20 - March 26	Rec Center	2:45-6:00pm	Grades 3 - 6	\$25 per child*
<b>Kids After-School Fitness</b>	Wednesdays, through May 30	Rec Center	2:45-6:00pm	Grades K - 5	\$25 per child*
<b>Healthy Comfort Foods</b>	Sunday, February 19	Evergreen Room	4:00-6:00pm	Adults	\$50**
<b>Quick and Easy Meals on the Go</b>	March 18	Evergreen Room	4:00-6:00pm	Adults	\$50**

\*\$120 for all 6 classes; \$20 for each additional sibling.

\*\*Includes recipe tastings, printed take-home recipes, one yoga/fitness class and a 10% coupon off spa products.

And just when you thought getting pampered couldn't get any better, we've put smiles on countless faces over the last couple of months with Chetola's **\$99 Spa Day-Cation**. Running through the end of April, this special features your choice of Signature Swedish massage or Signature facial, unlimited use of the pool, Jacuzzi and sauna, use of the fitness center, choice of fitness and yoga classes, lunch by the pool and complimentary drinks at the Swan Bar. For appointments, call 828-295-5531.





## Board Communications By Ed Diaz, Board President

I am pleased to report that we have replaced the sleeper-sofas and loveseats that were installed in some of our units during the major renovation project we began several years ago. This completes our program for upgrading all the sofas and loveseats.

Shortly, you will be receiving information about the application process to run for the board (if you so desire). This will be followed by a separate packet of information regarding the annual meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 23. We hope that many of you will be able to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please return your proxy along with your ballot. You will be voting to fill four slots, each for two-year terms.

We will continue certain exterior maintenance programs, including the replacement of the original roof on the Spruce building. In addition to routine interior maintenance, we will continue to upgrade the units as funding is available. This will include replacing some of the large entertainment centers with TV consoles. Your board will discuss all of these issues at its next meeting. You can also help us by filling out the information forms provided to you when you stay in your units. If you prefer to contact a board member directly, see the contact information at right.

We still have a few fixed and floating weeks in our inventory of foreclosure units, which are being offered at very low prices,

plus closing fees, to you and your friends. For more information, go to the "owner" section of our website, [chetolalakepoa.org](http://chetolalakepoa.org). To purchase any of these units, please contact board member Maggie Gamble (704-561-5218). These units also are available for rent to your family and friends for a three-night minimum of \$100 per night. For more information on rentals, contact Chris Edwards, Timeshare Coordinator, at 828-295-5517, or Clarence Stroud, Property Manager, at 828-295-5500.

Please feel free to contact me or another board member if you have questions or comments about your unit(s) or other matters of interest to you and your family.

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## Timeshare Trades/Sales

Please forward your timeshare trades and sales to be included in the next Chetola Dispatch by April 5. Email them to Allison West at [awest@chetola.com](mailto:awest@chetola.com). For discount rental rates in Chetola Lake POA units, please contact Chris Edwards at 828-295-5517 or Clarence Stroud at 828-295-8664.

**Week #18** For Rent, **Ivy 2**, red week. 2 bedroom ground floor unit. \$750/obo; will also consider sale. Contact Charles Held at 704-965-7932 or [Chetola@charlesheld.com](mailto:Chetola@charlesheld.com).

**Week #20** For Sale or Rent, **Spruce** deluxe. Contact Wayne or Sharon at 828-263-0507.

**Week #22** For Sale, **Ivy 2**, Prime Red Week, ground-level 2-bedroom luxury condo, occupancy six, close to resort facilities and the lake. \$7,000. Contact Debbie Coffey at Chetola Real Estate office, 1-800-480-9962 or current owner Carlyle S. Hodges at 919-967-3674 or [jcschodges@nc.rr.com](mailto:jcschodges@nc.rr.com).

**Week #26** For Sale, **Birch 2**, 2 bedroom deluxe. Contact Ed and Marie Gibbs at 336-644-9400 or 336-255-5428.

**Week #26** For Trade, **Laurel 3**, upper floor 2 bedroom deluxe, lake view. Will trade week of 6/30/12 – 7/7/12 for any other summer week. Contact Eddie and Dorothy Goodnight at 704-633-4530.

**Week #27** For Rent, **Maple 3**, 2 bedroom deluxe, July 7-14. Contact Robert and Beth Warmuth at 828-322-7467 or email [bigbob@embarqmail.com](mailto:bigbob@embarqmail.com).

**Week #32** For Sale, **Dogwood 2**, 2 bedroom, 2 bath deluxe, sauna, great view and location, renovated. \$7,000/obo; will consider renting. Contact Hal Fleischer at 561-279-0960.

**Week #35** For Sale, **Birch 3**, upper level 2 bedroom, 2 bath deluxe. Sept. 1, Sat. check-in. Great location, nice view, quiet area. Walking distance to pool, clubhouse, restaurant. \$7,600. Contact Sandra Hammer at 561-368-5669.

**Week #35** For Sale, **Dahlia 3**, Prime Red Week, lower-level 2-bedroom luxury condo, occupancy six, close to spa and recreation center, \$7,000. Contact Debbie Coffey at Chetola Real Estate office, 1-800-480-9962 or current owner Carlyle S. Hodges at 919-967-3674 or [jcschodges@nc.rr.com](mailto:jcschodges@nc.rr.com).

**Week #36** For Rent, Trade or Sale, **Maple 1**, 2 bedroom deluxe. Call 704-483-9701.

**Week #38** For Sale, **Iris 2**, Prime Red Week, ground-level 2 bedroom deluxe luxury condo, occupancy six. Original condo model with special features and superb view of the lake. \$7,000. Contact Debbie Coffey at Chetola Real Estate office, 1-800-480-9962 or current owner Carlyle S. Hodges at 919-967-3674 or [jcschodges@nc.rr.com](mailto:jcschodges@nc.rr.com).

**Week #39** For Sale or Rent, **Birch 2**, 2 bedroom deluxe (red). Contact Linda Haney at 336-374-4052 or [lbhaney@surry.net](mailto:lbhaney@surry.net).

**Week #40** For Trade or Rent, **Maple 2**, 2 bedroom deluxe. We will rent this great fall October 6-13 week or trade it for Week #13 or summer Weeks 24-33. Contact Sassy Lojko at 704-807-3356 or [sassydeals@aol.com](mailto:sassydeals@aol.com).

**Week #41** For Sale, **Birch 1**, 2 bedroom deluxe. Contact Ed and Marie Gibbs at 336-644-9400 or 336-255-5428.

**Week #41** For Trade for week #45 (10/27-11/3), **Dogwood 1**, deluxe unit fixed time (10/13-10/20). Contact Nancy Hensley at 863-385-6246 or [gnhensley@embarqmail.com](mailto:gnhensley@embarqmail.com).

**Week #42** For Sale or Rent, **Azalea**. Contact Wayne or Sharon at 828-263-0507.

**Week #44** For Sale, **Dogwood 2**, \$750. Contact Yvonne Shoulders, 704-436-2771 (home; please leave a message and phone number).

**Week #52** For Sale (late December, include New Year's), **Iris 2**, 2 bedroom unit near Rec Center and Lodge. Contact Steve at 954-258-8587. \$7,500 or may Trade for Week #1 unit.

## Newsletter Update

### The Dispatch Goes Green!

We are pleased to announce that your quarterly newsletter is making its online debut starting with this issue. This edition will be the last printed issue that is mailed out to association members. The printed version is being discontinued due to several factors: expense, turnaround and delivery time, and a need to be more environmentally friendly.

This current issue is available in both the printed version and online. To view this and future newsletters online, visit [www.chetola.com](http://www.chetola.com), scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on POA Newsletter. You will also be able to view archived newsletters on this page as we move forward.

We hope you enjoy the new format of the *Chetola Dispatch*. Happy reading!

# Calendar of Events

## FEBRUARY

- 17 **Punch Brothers featuring Chris Thile**, 8pm, \$20 adults, students (ages 6-18) \$11, ASU students \$10, children (5 and younger) \$5, Farthing Auditorium, Boone, 800-841-2787. [www.pas.appstate.edu](http://www.pas.appstate.edu)
- 19 **Healthy Comfort Foods**, Cooking class, 4-6pm, \$50, Chetola Resort, Evergreen Room, Blowing Rock. 828-295-5533. [www.chetola.com/fitness](http://www.chetola.com/fitness)

## MARCH

- "What Draws You Here?"**, Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, 828-295-9099. Through March 2012. [www.blowingrockmuseum.org](http://www.blowingrockmuseum.org)
- 18 **Quick and Easy Meals on the Go**, Cooking class, 4-6pm, \$50, Chetola Resort, Evergreen Room, 828-295-5533. [www.chetola.com/fitness](http://www.chetola.com/fitness)
- 21 **Lunch & Learn: 9th Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition**, Bring your lunch and enjoy a lecture, Noon-1:00pm, Free, Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Boone, 828-262-3017. [www.turchincenter.org](http://www.turchincenter.org)
- 22 **Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet performing Moulin Rouge: The Ballet**, 8pm, \$20 adults, students (ages 6-18) \$11, ASU students \$10, children (5 and younger) \$5, Farthing Auditorium, Boone, 800-841-2787. [www.pas.appstate.edu](http://www.pas.appstate.edu)
- 31 **Easter Egg Festival and Hunt**, Free, Memorial Park, Blowing Rock, 828-295-5222. [www.blowingrock.com](http://www.blowingrock.com)

## APRIL

- 7-8 **33rd Annual Trout Derby**, Saturday 6am- 5pm, Sunday Noon-4pm. Cash and prizes awarded Sunday at 4:15pm. Broyhill Pond, downtown Blowing Rock. 828-295-4636. [www.blowingrock.com](http://www.blowingrock.com)
- 12-15 **Blue Ridge Wine and Food Festival**, downtown Blowing Rock. VIP Gala, UnCork!, Celebrity Chef Teresa Giudice (Real Housewives of New Jersey), Winemaker's Dinner, Grand Tasting, Cooking Classes & Seminars, Grillin' and Chillin', and more. 828-295-7851. [www.BlueRidgeWineFestival.com](http://www.BlueRidgeWineFestival.com)
- 13 **Tweetsie Railroad 2012 Opening Day**, Adults (age 13+) \$35; Children (ages 3-12) \$22; Kids 2 & under free, 9am - 6pm, 300 Tweetsie Railroad Lane, Blowing Rock, NC, 800-526-5740. [www.tweetsie.com](http://www.tweetsie.com)
- 13 **Childress Vineyards Winemaker's Dinner**, Chetola Resort, Evergreen Room, 6:30pm. \$120 per person including tax and gratuity. RSVP to Zak Linkins, 828-295-5509.
- 15 **Celebrity Chef Teresa Giudice**, Blowing Rock. 11am, \$40. *Real Housewives of New Jersey* and *Celebrity Apprentice* star/cookbook author Teresa Giudice cooks, chats and celebrates her Italian heritage. 828-295-9627. [www.BlueRidgeWineFestival.com](http://www.BlueRidgeWineFestival.com)

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