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NEWSLETTER OF THE
MOUNTAIN HOMESTEADERS ASSOCIATION

Editor—Marti Szczur

http://wintergreenmha.org

Winter is snow much fun!!!!

1-2-3, 1-2-3, Whisk!! Promenade!!

Picture a roomful of flowing ball gowns, whirling couples, strong music, and enchanting melodies. The splendor of Vienna will come alive at Veritas Vineyard & Winery on **April 23, 2010** at the "Magic of Music Ball: A Night in Old Vienna" in support of Wintergreen Performing Arts.

From 6:30 pm to midnight, guests will be transported to the ballrooms of the Habsburg Court where they will be greeted with a glass of Scintilla while awaiting the arrival of the Dance Master and his troupe. Following the opening polonaise, the Master's call of "Alles Walzer" will invite everyone to the floor for the first waltz of the evening. 1-2-3, 1-2-3…

Feel your two left feet twitching? Have no fear. In order to enhance your enjoyment of this sparkling evening, friends of Wintergreen will hold **waltz dance lessons** at the very venue of the ball—Veritas. These lessons will be very casual in nature and will be held from 4:30-6:00 pm on five consecutive Mondays beginning March 15, 2010. The cost will be minimal due to the generosity of Andrew and Patricia Hodson who are making Veritas available for the classes. In no time, you will be whisking your partner around the floor in the smooth rise and fall of the "Walzer".

When not gliding to the music, Magic of Music ball guests will feast at a **sit-down dinner** and enjoy the wines of Veritas. At 9:00 pm, auctioneer James Muncey will open the bidding on a unique array of trips, art work and dinners, all the proceeds of which will support the continuing celebration of the glories of Vienna at the **2010 Wintergreen Summer Music Festival and Academy.** Dessert and coffee will follow, and the lights of the court will begin to dim at 11:00 pm with a Fledermaus- Quadrille followed by a gallop. And as you and your partner slowly spin through the last waltz of the evening, The Blue Danube Waltz, you'll know why the three-quarter time of the 17th and 18th centuries is here to stay.

Tickets to the "Magic of Music Ball: A Night in Old Vienna" will cost $125 in advance or $135 at the door and include dinner and two bottles of wine per table. Additional wine will be available for purchase and a cash bar will be open throughout the evening. For further information, please visit www.wintergreenperformingarts.org.

Uh, Oh!

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST 'LINK' …

… if you haven't paid your 2010 annual MHA dues. Use the form on the back page to send in with your dues. Also, please use this form to update any name/address information, particularly email addresses, so we can keep you posted on mountain news.

It's winter on the mountain - snowy days, frosty nights, warm hearts..

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President's Corner

Happy New Year!!!!

What a winter snow storm we had in December. It was great for the resort, and what a way to start the ski season. We had over 30 inches of snow and even made national weather news on FOX. The resort did a great job of keeping the roads as clear as possible. Great job, WPOA!!!

Since I last wrote the Presidents Corner, we have had a Board member change, and Tom Steele will replace Marylou Thibodeau. We wish Marylou good luck and thanks for her brief Board membership.

We are having our first 2010 party, "MARDI GRAS" on **February 27th** and you do not want to miss it. Why? Because my friend Rhett Bunch, who is originally from Baton Rouge is coming to cook his famous " jambalaya." Plus, we will have all of the fixings, and it is only $15.00 per person. Please get your checks in by February 19th.

Regards,

Horace H. Brady, Jr., MHA President
434-325-7930 or bradywareagle@aol.com

Join these Mountain Activities ...

Mountain Women meetings are held the second Friday of each month at 10:00 am. Roadrunners are welcome! Contact: Martha Misker on 325-7585.

Mountain Women Gardeners meet every third Friday at various member's homes. Contact: Vera Jones on 325-9256.

Mountain Women Book Group meets the Monday after the Mountain Women meeting. Contact: Barbara Porter on 325-7314.

Mountain Women Craft Group meets on the 4th Friday of each month. Contact: Sarah Scott on 325-7375.

Mountain Women Epicurious Group meets on the second Thursday of every other (even) month. Contact Sylvia Stafford 325-1439 or 410-268-1681.

Book Clubs: Two book clubs meet each month on Tues evenings. Contacts: Arlo Croxall on 361-0045 or Elaine Davis on 361-1936.

Mahjong meets Mondays at 10:00 am. Contact: Susan Capell on 361-2435.

Saturday Evening Bridge meets the second or third Saturday of the month, at 7:30 pm. Contact: Kate McIntire at 325-7073

Editor's Note

I'm thinkin' that a trip to the Caribbean is sounding kinda nice right about now. Hey, don't get me wrong. I do love snow, even though I haven't skied in 20 years. And, temperatures in the teens are okay with me. But, yesterday when I went to walk Sadie dog and the wind chill was minus seven … well, that's just plain cold. And, we still have February to … um … enjoy.

What I do love is the feeling when you come back in the house after a stroll in the cold. Yes, the burning sensations of your fingers and nose thawing, extracting ice balls from between the dog's paws, and then settling into the sofa with a fire blazing, patting the cat on your lap and rubbing the dog's belly with your toes. Enjoying a good book and sipping a nightcap. I'm sure these sensations would not be nearly as delectable if the weather was a balmy 20 degrees without a wind. Yeah, who needs the islands.

I've been editor now for three years and my term on Board expires end of this year … anyone wanting to take over editorship? Is the newsletter getting stale? I'd love new ideas, especially when accompanied with articles, photos, and other news fit to print.

Marti Szczur (szczurmar@aol.com)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR!
2010 Mountain Homesteaders Activities

February 27th — "Mardi Gras" Party (Gumbo/Jambalaya Event)

March 27th — "Zodiac" Party (New Member Party)

June 12th —Shrimp Feast

July 4th — Annual 4th of July Cookout

August 7th — Western "Pork and Boots" Party (Ribs & Barbeque Pork) Members Only

Sept. 11th — Lobster Feast

Sept. 25th—Oktoberfest

Dec TBD—Annual Holiday Party

Note: Details about events will be sent by email, be available on website, and posted at Mailbox Kiosk.

Please join the Mountain Homesteaders Association for a

MARDI GRAS PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 5:30 PM

WHERE: TRILLIUM HOUSE

$15 Per Person (Makes Checks to MHA)

Wine will be provided by MHA

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 19th (your check holds your reservation)

TO: Larry Luessen, Route 1, Box 503, Roseland, 22967 325-7864 or lluessen@verizon.net

PS: You may bring guests to this event. It is <u>not</u> a members-only party

Wintergreen Performing Arts News

Come to Vienna ... I mean Wintergreen ...I mean Vienna

Larry Alan Smith, Artistic and Executive Director
Wintergreen Performing Arts

The 2010 Wintergreen Summer Music Festival and Academy will begin in just a little over five months, and as you've come to expect, there will be something for everyone! From Monday, July 5 through Sunday, August 1, there will be music, dance theatre, cooking classes, films, wine tastings, outdoor events, seminars and events for children . . . all connected to our 2010 Festival theme: ***Vienna***. Be sure to spend the month of July in Wintergreen . . . I mean Vienna . . . I mean Wintergreen! As you can tell, the two are becoming one in my mind. What a magical month it is going to be on Wintergreen Mountain!

The complete details of the Festival have not yet been announced, but here are a few of the recent developments:

Bowen McCauley Dance, a modern dance company based in the Washington, DC area, will be with us for much of Week I presenting the works of choreographer and company artistic director, Lucy Bowen McCauley. BMD will present two major performances in the Evans Center (July 8 and 10), and BMD dancers will also be featured on the **Wienerwald Wanderweg** (Vienna Woods Walking Path) on July 10. All three performances will feature the music of Austrian composer and 2010 WSMF Composer-in-Residence Wolfgang Seierl. Mr. Seierl, who is also a prominent painter and guitarist, will be with us for a portion of Week I, as well as Weeks III and IV.

Lucy Bowen McCauley will be our guest speaker at the Saturday Seminar on July 10, and Wolfgang Seierl will discuss his own creative work (and current trends in Austrian music and art) at several of the popular Morning Seminars. Mr. Seierl is the president of MICA (Music Information Center Austria), an organization dedicated to promoting Austrian composers on a worldwide basis. The photo of Wolfgang Seierl was taken during a visit to his studio in January.

We will also be featuring the music of another Austrian composer who happens to be named Wolfgang . . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. He will be with us (in spirit) for all four weeks in a variety of ways. Classics II (July 17 and 18) will feature guest conductor Christopher Zimmerman and the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra performing an All-Mozart program. Kenn Wagner and Steve Larson will be the soloists. There will also be two Mozart Mondays (July 19 and 26).

Oh . . . and what exactly is a **Wienerwald Wanderweg**??? Stay tuned . . .

For more information and to obtain tickets, be sure to visit WPA's website at www.wintergreenperformingarts.org.

The new season is here. Welcome to Vienna!

It all seems like a bad dream, now, but back at the start of the new year, we had a little water problem (like Blackrock mountain folks having none. as in nada, zip, zero, for almost forty eight hours) and everyone on the mountain having disruptions and low pressure issues. Doesn't really sound like such a big deal, now, but we were all curious about the "Why?"

The Mountain Women group invited George Miler and Tim Costello from the Nelson County Service Authority to attend their January meeting. Miler/Costello shared information on the current water situation at Wintergreen (both the New Year's weekend issues and subsequent outages). In summary, extreme weather caused breaks/leaks, and, along with record population, placed unprecedented demand on the potable water supply. The Authority searched for leaks and made repairs as needed. The problem with leaks on the mountain involves older infrastructure, the lack of accurate schematics, and the fact that some leaks do not appear on the surface, but rather go down through the rocks. If you notice a visible leak, please call the Service Authority at **434 263-5341**.

In 2010, under a $2.5 million grant, the Service Authority will expand its water treatment plant to increase its output from 485 gallons per minute to 885 gmp. Some water interruptions can be expected during 2010 as replacement of equipment is made in underground pressure-reducing systems, but the upgrade should solve the water supply problem.

MOUNTAIN TREASURES

by Sue Carlson

Helen Eisenhart's sunny kitchen overlooking her snow covered yard was warm and inviting as we spoke together over a cup of tea. She and her husband Don built their comfortable home on Deer Springs Lane in January 1990. They were both retired, although Helen continued to serve some of her customers in the DC area until 2009.

She and Don were both raised in York, PA. After graduating from high school in 1941, Helen attended Thompson Business School. She worked for five years in the legal profession in York followed by 25 years working for Williams and Connolly, tax attorneys in Washington DC. She worked as a legal assistant and occasionally as a paralegal, although she hadn't officially trained in that field. "I enjoyed my work" she explained. " Many of our clients were in the entertainment business. As part of my work, I met many celebrities including Frank Sinatra, Howard Cosell, Sonny Werblin the owner of the New York Jets, John Charles Daly, Earl Warren the Supreme Court Justice, John Riggins, Karl Malden, Jackie Gleason, and Andrea Mitchell."

She and Don met on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend In January 1947. They were married November 20, 1949. They moved to the DC area in 1963, first living in Alexandria and later in Fairfax county. In York, while Don was working for the military, he was sent to Endicott NY to be trained in computer technology by IBM. In DC, he worked for the Food and Drug Administration as Director of Programming.

They raised two daughters, Roxy who lives in Alexandria and Jeanette, who passed away in June 2007. Helen has 4 grandchildren, one great grandchild and is expecting another great grandchild this year.

Don and Helen came to Wintergreen in 1985, just to look around. "We saw a sign at the gatehouse directing visitors to the real estate office. We thought that was a requirement, even though we weren't interested in purchasing anything. Bo Newell captured us and took us around to look at property", Helen laughed. "Although we kept protesting that we were only looking around, he showed us condo after condo. The next day, we called him to say we wanted to buy a condo he had shown us in Fairway Woods! The condo was on the lowest level to accommodate our children, who loved Wintergreen as much as we did."

After they built their home on Deer Springs Lane, they moved here and became involved in the community. They joined and were active in the Rockfish Presbyterian Church, joined Boggs, and played golf, skied, and played tennis. Don was the secretary of the Fairway Woods Association and served on the ARB for 7 years. Helen volunteered for a variety of Wintergreen organizations, and was active in the Investment Club. Currently she plays Mah Jong with Diane Crannis, Lois Armel, and Patti Roupe. She still plays 9 holes of golf, acts as a ski host, and participates in Mountain Women.

Don became ill and passed away in January 2002. Helen remained in her home. "I enjoy the peace and quiet here as well as the supportive community. Whenever I travel to Washington DC to meet with my clients, I am happy to return to this lovely place." She began taking care of certain clients, one of whom was Earl Warren, when she worked for the tax attorneys. After she retired, his widow asked her to continue looking after her papers. Her first responsibility was to prepare Judge Warren's memoirs for the publisher. He had written them by hand. She continued to work for Mrs. Warren and then her widowed daughter until both passed away. "Judge Warren was a wonderful man and his wife, who lived to be 100, and his daughter, who was married to John Charles Daly, were sweet women", Helen remembered.

I can't finish this article without mentioning the wonderful almonds that Helen served with our tea. After purchasing the raw almonds, Helen prepares them as a treat for company. Although I wrote down her directions, I am going to keep Helen's secret. If anyone wants to taste this delightful snack, then go visit Helen!

After enjoying the five years that I have been writing about so many interesting and entertaining people who live on the mountain, I have decided to leave the Mountain Treasures column for someone else to continue. Hopefully someone will take my place and have as much fun as I have had, identifying and interviewing the folks who are indeed Mountain Treasures.

Although Wintergreen is a beautiful place to live, the mountain itself wouldn't be as special without those who devote their time and talents to create the community we have. The amenities such as Performing Arts, The Nature Foundation and Mountain Women, as examples, are only here because someone had the vision and made the effort to develop them.

I want to thank all those who let me into their homes and

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Thinking Ahead

by Joan Stemmler

Who wants to think about the time when you can't respond resiliently to coping with snow-storms and icy roads, bringing in wood, building fires, dealing with power and water problems? In two words, no one. But we are realizing that maybe we better consider seriously, "Wouldn't it be great to be in town? In a cozy apartment where someone else takes care of all that."

And then, suppose you hear about a furnished efficiency in town, one that you can rent for two weeks. One from which you can test the reality of town living. Try out: walking to the Mall, shopping, going to doctor appointments, movies, concerts without driving fifty miles and back, being close to those restaurants you hear about at Italian or water-color lessons (both in town). Try out NOT: building fires, gathering kindling, digging out, putting crampons on to get to the car, cleaning up floods and mold.

Well, here we are in that rental unit at the end of January, looking out the floor length window over Charlottesville towards the mountains. We didn't really remember what it is like sleeping in a double bed, a very nice double bed indeed. But a bit small, just as we had forgotten exactly how small 700 square feet is and that we do miss TV. And did you know that radios don't work well in buildings with steel girders. Ours doesn't.

When it snowed Friday night after we got "home" from Mas Tapas (really good food) we found out when we woke that snow did look pretty from a few stories up. But we also remembered that driving in the city where the other drivers don't have 4-wheel drive experience in the snow isn't safe. Nor is walking. Yesterday, we cooked breakfast and lunch in a strange kitchen, read some, worked on our computers some, listened to tapes, did the crossword puzzle, napped. I got ready for a water-color class on Monday. The inevitability of being shut-in a confined space hit. No stores, no restaurants, no museums, no explorations. It turned out to be okay for reasons most things turn out—nice people. Shut-in neighbors invited us to join them in a pot-luck Snow Soup party. Even when we explained that we were only temporary lessees and not new tenants, they persisted, so we had an unexpected treat.

We are still talking amicably to each other today. The experiment will remind us of what we enjoy about being in the city (when we can get out). But most of all, it prompts us to remember how much we love our real home and Wintergreen – its people who are equally hospitable and its beauty that cannot be surpassed.

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their lives. Because you did agree to be interviewed, you provided the readers with the history of our community, your insights into its development, and hopes for the future. You are the ones who conserve our environment, lead our committees, organize our social activities, greet resort guests, provide us with music, raise money to support the various programs, develop our hiking trails, and offer assistance to neighbors and their pets when needed. You protect the wildlife, feral cats, and the native plants, serve on boards, and conserve water. You house musicians and wounded warriors, make yellow ribbons, and serve on the rescue squad and fire department. We are all richer because you are here.

Sue Carlson

Note from Editor: Thanks you so much, Sue, for writing the Mountain Treasure column over the past five years. It has been a wonderful way to learn more about some of the mountain homesteaders who have … well … been homesteading the longest. Sooo … anyone interested in stepping in and picking up the column and/or have an idea for a new column. I'd love to hear from you.

New puppy alert!!

You might question the sanity of Vera and Chuck Jones … but only until you've seen Maddie, their new standard poodle pup! She is adorable. If you need a pup fix, you know who to call.

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation

MHA Editor's Picks from TWNF Calendar

(check out details and other events at http://www.twnf.org)

Thanks to the January 30th snowstorm, the first of the Winter Lectures was postponed until **February 13th** and the second lecture will be rescheduled. The theme is **Louisiana: Constitution vs Commerce**. These lectures are presented by individuals in costume presenting historical local perspectives and facts about Jefferson's presidency related to the Louisiana Purchase and westward exploration. Might want to invite grandkids to spend the weekend with you and have fun with history.

Our very own mountain homesteader, Jan Thompson, will be conducting another **Trivia Night** on the mountain — this time as a fundraiser for TWNF. This is a popular event and lots of fun. Heavy appetizers and wine will either help your mental recall or make losing much easier to handle. **February 24th** is the night and register early, as space is limited.

Plan now to join The Wintergreen Nature Foundation on a 3-day, 2-night vacation to **Southwestern Virginia**, **June 15-17**. Sounds like loads of fun with a "perfect combination of active adventures and sit-down relaxing and entertainment. You'll enjoy a hike around Mount Rogers guided by a local naturalist, an easy bike ride down the old railway bed of the Virginia Creeper, a behind-the-scenes tour of and a play in the historic Barter Theatre, shopping in local boutiques, exploring historic downtown Abigdon, Virginia, and amazing food!"

Doug Coleman, TWNF Director, is leading a trip to the **Rocky Mountains** from **July 5th to 11th**. Focus will be on wildflowers of the Rockies and will also touch on the cultural history of the region. Doug has been teaching Central Rockies flora to teachers and park service staff every summer for awhile, so you'll be getting the low-down from an expert.

Don't forget to save the date for the **Spring Wildflower Symposium**, which is always an educational and fun event. This year's date is **May 14—16th**.

BEAR SMART NEWS

by Stu Harvey

Bear sightings--based on Police reports and Wintergreen Nature Foundation information there have been three sightings in the last two months at the Mountain Inn loading dock,one sighting at the Black Rock Market, bear tracks in Stoney Creek, and one sighting on Catoctin at Devils Knob. No property or car intrusions have been reported.

It is obvious that the bears did not get the memo telling them to hibernate after December 1st. Be aware that they are around and active. Although we announced that bird feeders were OK after Dec 1st, be aware that your bird feeder may be a threat to you and your neighbors.

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will have an article in the February issue of their Virginia Wildlife Magazine on the Wintergreen Bear Smart Program.

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Secrets from a Chef's Recipe File

"BLT" Soup

Serves 8-10

Chef Ellen English (Rosa-Ellen@verizon.net, 325-2012)

Ingredients

- 1 pound bacon (or turkey bacon)
- 3/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- ½ cup sliced or diced celery
- 1-2 cloves garlic, pressed or chopped
- 1 28oz can petite diced tomatoes, including juice (can also use 2 smaller cans, in which case use 1 can of the petite diced tomatoes + 1 can "Diced Tomatoes with Mild Green Chilies")
- 4 cups strong chicken broth (homemade or use "Better Than Bouillon" soup base)
- 1 cup V-8 juice
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- ¼ tsp ground cumin
- Fresh ground black pepper
- 1-1 ½ Tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 Tablespoons cream
- 3-4 cups mixed lettuce (such as red leaf, baby romaine and arugula-or even iceberg)
- 2 T chopped parsley

Croutons:

- Harris Teeter's La Brea Bakery Cheese Semolina bread; cubed
- Melted butter
- Olive oil
- Dry Ranch Dressing mix

To make soup:

Remove bacon from package, set on cutting board and slice the block of bacon by cutting across the stack of strips, spacing your cuts ½ " wide (or use kitchen shears to cut it.) Drop bacon into a large (3-4 quart) stock pot, breaking it up as you go. Cook over medium to med-low heat, stirring frequently to continue breaking it up, until bacon is fully rendered and very crisp. Remove bacon, drain well on paper towels and reserve. Remove most of bacon grease and discard, leaving bacon "sediment" in bottom of pan and apx 3 T of bacon fat. Add green peppers; sauté 2-3 min, stirring frequently. Add onions to green peppers; sauté 5-6 min. Add celery to other veggies; sauté apx 2 min. Add garlic, sauté 1 min. Add next 8 ingredients (tomatoes through sugar) and simmer over low heat apx 25 minutes. Turn off heat (can be made to this point one day ahead: cool, cover and chill.) Stir in cream, lettuce, parsley and cooked bacon and serve topped with croutons. Check for salt ("Better Than Bouillon" soup base is plenty salty and you want to use a concentrated dose of it so you should not need to add any additional salt.) Add more water or V-8 or chix broth to achieve desired balance of broth and "chunkiness."

To make croutons:

Spread bread cubes on baking sheet; drizzle generously with butter and olive oil; sprinkle lightly with dry Ranch mix (I used maybe ¼ of a packet for 1 whole loaf of bread. For 8 people, do apx 2 slices bread and apx 1/2 teaspoon dressing mix.) Bake @ 350 til crisp and golden brown-apx 18-20 minutes.

What is a good natural squirrel repellent? Here are some ideas ...

1. A dog
2. Peppermint oil or left-over candy canes
3. Cayenne pepper or hot peppers
4. Apple bitter or lemon juice
5. Mothballs
6. A baffle over feeder
7. grease on the baffle and pole

OR ...

... do nothing and just feed the little critters.

To stay in the mountain news loop, be sure to subscribe to the **Wintergreen Friends Bulletin Board**. The Wintergreen Friends Bulletin Board is an e-mail version of what you might find on the wall in a community center, grocery store, or other place where people pass frequently. The idea is to provide to everyone in Wintergreen and surrounding areas a way to ask for help, get a recommendation, give away items no longer needed, etc.

To submit a request or recommendation or ask to be put on distribution list, send note to WintergreenFriends@Gmail.com. When you send us a request or a recommendation, try to make it as concise as possible and please don't forget to include your name and e-mail address and/or phone number in the text of your e-mail. Thanks to Barbara Marker, Ellen Hampton and Ginger Fries for maintaining this useful e-service.

Wintergreen Police Update

By Chief Stan Olah

The 2009/2010 ski season is well on its way with plenty of cold and snow for everyone, including the police department. The major snow storm in December was both a blessing and a curse. Being a blessing for the resort in getting the ski season off to a busy start and a curse for the department with many hours of overtime dealing with traffic concerns both on and off the mountain, especially on Route 664 heading up to the mountain. All the emergency departments in the county were being pushed to their limit attempting to provide services to everyone needing assistance. Our police officers alone worked 144 hours of overtime to keep up with the demand for services during and immediately after the snow storm. Some officers left home and arrived during the night before their shift because they were afraid they would not be able to get here in the morning; others stayed over after their shift sleeping on the couch or floor in the Community Offices Building, worked double shifts without showers to cover for officers who could not get to work, and some officers worked their days off because they lived close enough to get here and help. This is just an example of how dedicated the officers of the police department are and shows their concern for the safety and well-being of the community and their fellow officers.

The police department is also finishing its second year as the first and only accredited private police agency in the Commonwealth. Each year we must provide a report to the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission providing randomly selected standards and proofs of compliance. This task has just been completed. Sgt. John Ellwood, the department's accreditation manager, deserves much appreciation and recognition for his constant diligence in keeping all 187 standards, comprising of 541 items, for compliance up to date and in compliance as required. Needless to say, such a task requires daily review and research into department operations.

In the last 4 months the department has also hired three new patrol officers. Two of these officers have just retired from other agencies and bring to our department another 60 years of combined law enforcement experience. In fact, the number of years of police experience per officer in our department now averages 26 1/2 years. Dispatch personnel average over 9 years of service. In this day and age, the high numbers certainly indicate individual dedication to their chosen profession. Several employees of the department have worked for WPOA for more than 10 years certainly indicating what a great place it is to work, but also showing the value WPOA places on long term worker relationships.

In closing I believe this department is the best it has ever been in both personnel and equipment necessary to provide the services you expect and deserve. We thank you for the opportunity to be of service to each of you, for your belief in us as your department and for the resources to provide police services with a commitment to excellence. We are here 24 hours a day 7 days a week and just a phone call away. Reach us anytime at 325-1106 or 911 if it is an emergency.

SAVE THIS DATE
May 15 and 16

Mountain vs Valley Golf Shootout

Contact Steve Marianella for details
smsales1@aol.com or 434-325-2281

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN!!!

The Rescue Squad and Fire Department are always looking for new volunteers. 24 hours per month are required, and all training is provided in-house. What a great way to help out your community!

This season is already breaking the backs of our volunteers. They are screaming for help. Any interests can be directed to me at 325-8536 or CurtisSheets@gmail.com

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2010 RENEWAL DUES

2010 WINTERGREEN MOUNTAIN HOMESTEADERS ASSOCIATION

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EMAIL ADDRESS _____

_____ **Do not include our email in the directory**

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_____ **If you live at Wintergreen part of the year, but also have another primary mailing address, check here and provide us with a calendar and 2nd address.**

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Membership Chair, Wintergreen Mountain Homesteaders Association

Rt. 1, Box 508, Roseland, VA 22967

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