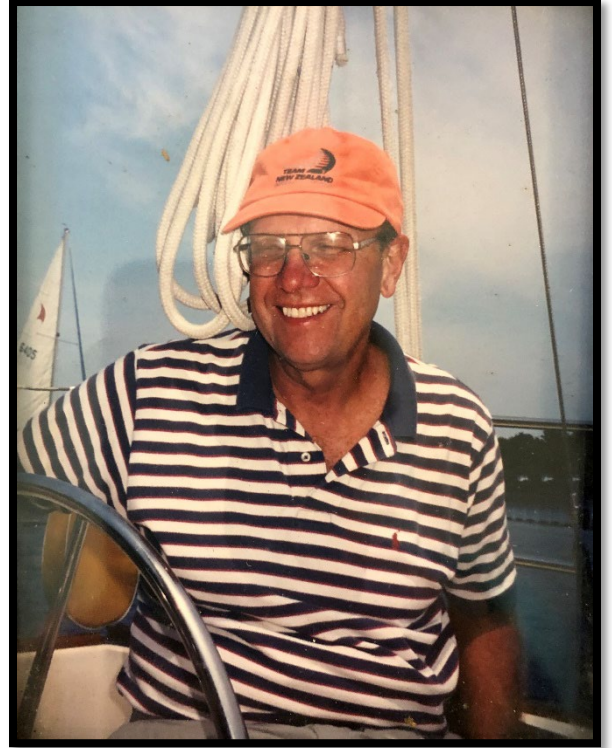


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Jeffrey Wayne Buntin

May 12, 1941 - September 7, 2024

Jeffrey Buntin came to the Belvedere in 1974 as a renter with friends from Nashville. Not only did he and Varina fall in love with the Belvedere, he got into the full swing of the Club. This included midnight runs to the GG, harassing Gang overnights on the beach with water balloons and sailing on his and John McDougall's sailboat, the Summertime. He wrote and produced two Cabarets, served on the Board twice, was President two different times and chaired the Buildings and Grounds Committee for a number of years. Jeffrey was proud that the Committee worked with and supported over thirty owners in expanding and remodeling their cottages. His "what if" mind led to his imagining a number of major Club projects, including the redesign and remodeling of the Office after the fire, renovating the Casino, and restoring the Golf Club House. The Building and Grounds Committee took the initiative in other major projects, including the new golf maintenance building, the expansion of the workshop, the new guest parking at the Golf Club, and the Pro Shop rebuild. He headed the Club's marketing and envisioned the "restoration" of the course in 2017, which led to national recognition and prestige. He created the Golf Club's website, working with Mike Tirico and the Club's national PR firm, and also researched, wrote, designed and published the 100th Anniversary book that he gifted to the Golf Club in celebration of its centennial.



The accomplishment for which he was the most proud was chairing the Search Committee that identified and recruited David Gray and his wonderful family to the Belvedere. David and Jeffrey worked seamlessly over many years and developed a close, close personal friendship.

While these endeavors were important to him, he always had time to enjoy his "greatest place on earth" and his many summer friends. He leaves with the joy of knowing that his wife Varina, and Jeffrey Jr, Kemp, Gaits, Rush, Anne Barnett, Frazer, Tiffany, James, Neely, Varina, Walker, Mary Varina, Pierson and Campbell will continue to enjoy this place he so loved. If anyone is so inclined, please consider donations to the Belvedere Scholarship Fund.