

Bocce News

By Kathy Tannenbaum

Our Fall Bocce Season is almost over. With two games remaining there is only one team undefeated. Team #11 (Elliot Doliner and Jean Rourke). Good job Team #11 with seven wins and no losses. Team #7 (Joe Luminello and Andrea Helms) and Team #6 (Bob Williams and Karen Mole) have been playing very well also. These two teams have six wins and one loss. We still have two more games to play and the standings could change before the season ends.

It has been a good season with great weather. Everyone has been enjoying the game and we are happy to report that we have had very few forfeits. Awards will be given out for the Fall Winners at the sign-up for the Winter Bocce Season. We appreciate all the players and hope all of you will be at the Winter Sign-up on January 8th in the clubhouse activity room at 11:00 a.m. We look forward to more of our snow-birds signing up for the Winter Season.

Winter Bocce Season will run from January 15, 2014 through March 19, 2014. Our Bocce Banquet will be held the last Wednesday in March with a White Elephant Auc-

tion. Make plans now to be involved in the Winter Season. For those who have not signed up for the Fall Season, the fee will be \$10.00 for a player and \$5.00 for a substitute player. Come and join your friends on the Bocce Courts.

The Bocce Committee wishes you all a very Happy Holiday and expect to see you on January 8th.

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In 1962, Ed Bolin coaxed him out of retirement to revive Ed's struggling painting business. Within two years the company thrived. Following some poor decisions on the part of Ed's sons, Paul, Sr. and Jack resolved to establish their own painting concern in Columbus - The Jack Davis Painting Company. By 1965 their corporation was known statewide. I apprenticed with this company during high school, and was supervising my own crew by the time I graduated. My father and grandfather retired to Florida in 1983, leaving me to carry on with the skills that they had taught me.

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Nifty Niner News

by Luanne Putnam

Little by little the snow birds are returning and we are getting back to the regular activities of golf on Wednesday mornings.

On October 9th there were only two teams of four. The game of the day was Two Best Balls.....with a twist! The twist was your golf bag could only hold three clubs and a putter! Now doesn't that just make you wonder if the men would be good enough to play with the Niners??

First place honors went to the team of Mabel Wurst, Barb Daley, Shirley Williams and Mary Blesena.

On October 16th we finally got back to the business of playing our individual net after having played games all summer.

Here are the scores:

Ruth Hovet	27
Mabel Wurst	29
Jean Marenda	31
Brenda Loubier	34
Martha Stevens	34
Maryanna McCarthy	37
Robin Hourihan	38
Mary Blesena	39
Luanne Putnam	39
Hat Martin	40
Audrey Jung	41
Shirley Williams	41

On November 13, five foursomes headed out for the Rally for the Cure outing. First place went to the team of Mabel Wurst, Luanne Putnam, Jean Marenda and Marti Oliver with a score of 30. That was followed by a close second score of 31 with Audrey Jung, Robin Hourihan, Shirley Williams and Mary Blesena. The Nifty Niners joined the 18 Hole League after golf for a luncheon in the ballroom.

We'd like to welcome our two newest members to the Nifty Niners. They are Ruth Hovet and Martha Stevens. Welcome ladies!

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Bingo Report

By Dick Loubier

Things are going great. We had 79 people on November 13. The total goes up every week. We have one week left in November and then our next Bingo nights will be December 4, 11, and 18 and then off for Christmas and New Years. We will start up again on January 8. Our last night will be on April 23, 2014. That is a long way off.

On November 6 we had a \$250.00 winner. The progressive jackpot was hit in 53 numbers by Bob McGuinness of Hookset, NH. He was visiting Hayden Wright and Terry Furlong. He had some spending money to use on his way home.

I would like to thank some of the people that work for me. Without them there would be no Bingo. This month the loud voices that call out the numbers are Tom Minahan and Al Olson. They do a great job. Everybody thanks them on their way out.

That's it for this month. See you all every Wednesday night. Have a happy Thanksgiving.

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By Nancy Bleser

On September 13, twelve ladies from Pine Lakes participated in the LEGA tournament at Del Tura. In the B flight, Joan Spalik tied for third place and Donna Schneider placed fifth. Angie Teresky placed first in the C flight and Veronica Klimko placed second in the D flight.

We're looking forward to cooler temperatures at the last LEGA of the year to be played at Burnt Store in November. The ladies have enjoyed a good year in LEGA competition.

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Time is Flying by...December is upon us!
Before your Holiday Calendar gets filled...Remember these tennis dates:

What	When	Where
ELS Good Neighbor Tournament & Lunch	December 6, 2013 8-3 pm	Courts & Patio Lunch 11-2pm
Silver Bells Dinner & Dance	December 7, 2013 6-10 pm	Ball Room
New Years Day Party & Lunch	January 1, 2014 Games 10-12pm Lunch 1 pm	Courts Patio

Congratulations to One of our Own!!!

Tennis player Don Halverson was recently notified that his sports legacy is being honored at Holy Cross High School, in River Grove, Illinois. The school is naming their football stadium after him along with an annual scholarship in his name for a deserving student.

Don taught for thirty two years at Holy Cross, an all boys' high school. He served as Head of the Athletic Department in addition to teaching physical education and coaching football, baseball and track.

Prior to teaching, Don lettered in three sports in high school and received a full scholarship to Wayne University, in Detroit Michigan to play football, basketball and baseball. At Wayne, Don lettered in three sports and was named Most Valuable Player in football.

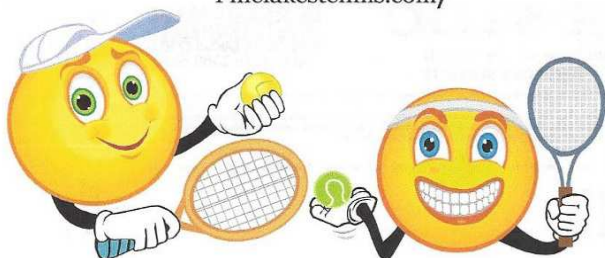
Following college, Don signed a baseball contract with the Kansas City Athletics. Now he plays tennis with us, the great sport his dad taught him at the age of four. We're glad to have you here Don and congratulations to an all-around athlete!



Don and Sue Halverson at the Welcome Back tennis party
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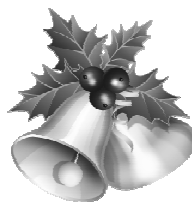
What's the Score you ask...It's still early...

Next month we will have the wins and losses for YTD

Just a note: Some of the teams are operating with a lean roster. The Dolphins have been very short of players. Two of their big hitters return in January. Some other teams are fully "manned and womened" and are coming on strong. Stay tuned and keep cheering for all of our Pine Lakes Teams!

Hearing Bells?? Silver Bells are chiming for all of Pine Lakes!

Good things are coming Saturday, December 7, 2013! Want to immerse yourself in the Holiday Season? Dress nicely and be served a yummy sit down dinner at your table in a beautifully decorated ballroom? Be able to choose between Prime Rib and Chicken Cordon Bleu? Also cocktails (BYOB) served at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, how would you like a little dancing from 7- 10pm with music by Galaxy? If yes is your answer hurry, tickets are scarce.



Pine Lake Neighbors, be sure to sign up for the Silver Bells Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Tennis Association and spearheaded by Connie Dalrymple and her elves. Contact Ann & Ron Reeves 603-7167 or Connie Dalrymple 731-1620.

All this for only \$20 per person. Happy Holidays!

Did you Know?

❑ It's *reminder* time that our 2013-2014 Tennis Association annual fee is due. If you haven't paid already, please write your check. That small annual membership fee underwrites our parties, dances, and events and helps keep those event prices lower. Treasurer Bob Anderson reports that we have 7 new members for 2014 bringing our number to the century mark. If you haven't paid 2014 dues yet, please be proactive and keep Bob from calling you individually. Also, No dues/No/ vote. Think of all the good times you get for only \$20 per person. Let the games begin!!!

❑ Volunteers are welcomed and greatly appreciated at every tennis event. Tournaments, dances, court maintenance, grilling for lunches, decorating for events, 'undecorating' for events, moving chairs and tables for meetings, helping out with our fundraisers. As they say "It takes a village..." Well, we are "a village". Volunteer please.

❑ A large number of our tennis players are singing and acting with the Pine Lakes Theater group & Chorus for their Saturday, December 14, presentation "The Wonders of Christmas". Tickets are only \$5.00 for this lovely, lively show they've been working on this fall. You'll like it, I promise. I'm 'lip-synching' in the second row and those men and women all around me sound wonderful! Jeanine Gorman is our master of music with Sue Halverson playing the piano.

❑ Check out the new tennis court lights. The addition of the new lights to the existing lights has made a huge difference in the nighttime quality of playing. Players have been seen enjoying the cool evenings while hitting with friends instead of being sedentary on the couch. Their comments, "Fantastic", "So much improved". When word gets out we'll need an evening sign up sheet. Heartfelt thanks to Manager Steve and our Tennis Board of Directors. You Rock!

❑ Have you heard this once or twice? Watch the ball into the racquet.

❑ Sylvia Crawford is the wizard behind our new web page. Strong work, Sylvia!

❑ Let's send our prayers to those among us who are facing health challenges in their lives. We are your "home away from home" family and hold you in our hearts.

❑ Racquets, shoes and tennis clothes are great Holiday presents? Hint Hint.

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More light for the tennis courts! Five ladies enjoy the new and brighter lights on a Monday night. Thanks for the Tennis Association and ELS engineering department.

Bowling

By Sandy Antes

The Pine Lakes League has finished with our 7th week of bowling at All Star Lanes. All is going well and we are all having a great time. Next week is Thanksgiving. In the rules we agreed to bowl the Monday before Thanksgiving. However, we will not be bowling the week of Christmas or the week of New Year. The bowling alley has offered a fun game of ten pin tap for those two Monday's if anyone is interested. Just show up at the bowling alley to participate. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

TEAM STANDINGS

1 st	Team #3, G-Men	40 wins	16 losses
2 nd	Team #10 King Pins	40 wins	16 losses
3 rd	Team #5, Lucky Strikes	40 wins	16 losses
4 th	Team #2, 3 Roses & a Thorn	36 wins	20 losses
5 th	Team #1, Optimistics	30 wins	26 losses

Men's High Scratch Game

1 st	Pete Schreyer	267
2 nd	Joe Luminello	247
3 rd	Bob Konetzny	237

Men's High Handicap Game

1 st	Pete Schreyer	274
2 nd	Joe Luminello	273
3 rd	Bob Konetzny	266

Women's High Scratch Game

1 st	Donna Galloway	204
2 nd	Lou Oden	199
3 rd	Sharon Rondeau	196

Women's High Handicap Game

1 st	Kathy Jovanovich	254
2 nd	Donna Galloway	248
3 rd	Peg Ackley	244

Men's High Scratch Series

1 st	Pete Schreyer	669
2 nd	Elliott Doliner	613
3 rd	Bob Konetzny	608

Men's High Handicap Series

1 st	Bob Konetzny	695
2 nd	Pete Schreyer	690
3 rd	Frank Krawczyk	677

Women's High Scratch Series

1 st	Lou Oden	515
2 nd	Donna Galloway	512
3 rd	Carol Fettig	509

Women's High Handicap Series

1 st	Kathy Jovanovich	688
2 nd	Peg Ackley	670
3 rd	Julie Howley	650

Individual High Averages:

Men:	Pete Schreyer	202	Elliott Doliner	177	Frank Krawczyk	175
Women:	Carol Fettig	155	Lou Oden	150	Donna Galloway	146

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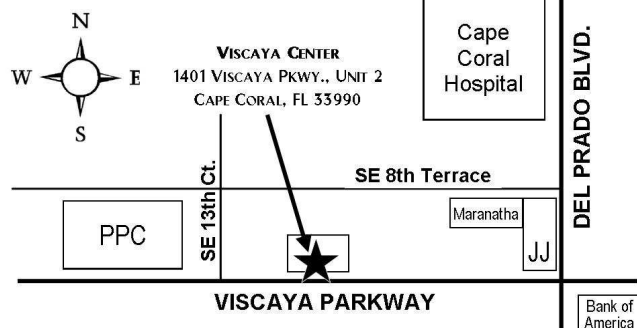
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Men's Golf League

By Dick Loubier

Since my last article, a lot has happened. We had M.E.G.A. here on October 17. Full field of golfers with a nice lunch after we played golf. Don't have the results yet but the Pine Lakes golfers did very well. We also had the Sadie Hawkins Tournament on November 9. Sandy Craig and Roger Hoffman won it last year so they had to run this year's. Roger was ill so Donna Schneider did a lot to help Sandy. We had a great turnout. Great fun with men and women as partners. Here are the results:

Flight 1

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|----|-------------------|----|
| 1. | Carolyn Rouillard | 97 |
| | Charlie Schneider | |
| 2. | Doris Corwell | 98 |
| | Ray Streeter | |
| 3. | Carolyn Copley | 99 |
| | Dick Loubier | |

Flight 2

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|----|-----------------|-----|
| 1. | Donna Schneider | 102 |
| | Ray Rouillard | |
| 2. | Joan Spalik | 104 |
| | David Knotts | |
| 3. | Ronda Owens | 107 |
| | Fred Willis | |
| 4. | Elaine Knell | 107 |
| | John Wetzel | |

Flight 3

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|----|---------------|-----|
| 1. | Rosie Krenn | 101 |
| | Chuck Harwood | |
| 2. | Betty Glasson | 108 |
| | Lou Fontaine | |
| 3. | Trudy Burdo | 108 |
| | Jim Tait | |

Flight 4

- | | | |
|----|---------------|-----|
| 1. | Luanne Putnam | 110 |
| | Bob Wurst | |
| 2. | Jean Marenda | 111 |
| | Don Kusk | |
| 3. | Barb Harwood | 117 |
| | John Maloney | |

Good luck next year to Denise Wright and David Haley who will be running it.

Now for our league play. On October 24 we played total team score

First

- | | |
|---------------|-----|
| Denzie Wright | |
| Dick Loubier | 144 |
| Dennis Cline | |

Second

- | | |
|---------------|-----|
| Roger Smith | |
| Spike Perkins | 150 |
| Dudley Bynum | |

Third

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Charlie Schneider | |
| Pete Williams | 156 |
| Phil Bleser | |

On November 14 we played individual net.

Flight 1

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|----|--------------|----|
| 1. | Don Lacroix | 57 |
| 2. | Ray Streeter | 57 |
| 3. | Rick Tayman | 58 |

Flight 2

- | | | |
|----|---------------|----|
| 1. | Richard Stock | 57 |
| 2. | David Wright | 64 |
| 3. | John Rich | 65 |

Flight 3

- | | | |
|----|------------------|----|
| 1. | Rick Worrall | 56 |
| 2. | Richard Lindgren | 57 |
| 3. | Dick Jung | 67 |

Flight 4

- | | | |
|----|--------------|----|
| 1. | John Mooney | 58 |
| 2. | Don Kusk | 61 |
| 3. | Bob McCarthy | 63 |

We had our second shoot out on November 16.

A Flight

- | | |
|----|-------------------|
| 1. | Tom Paschke |
| 2. | Charlie Schneider |
| 3. | Roger Jung |

B Flight

- | | |
|----|--------------|
| 1. | Dick Loubier |
| 2. | John Maloney |
| 3. | Dave Wright |

Congratulations to the first two places. They are now in the Grand Shoot Out in March. Three more chances guys. Good Luck! Next up will be the President's Cup on December 6 and 7.

We had two hole-in-ones. They were: Dick Jung on October 15 on Hole #1 with a 5 iron and Paul Machado on November 15 on Hole #9 with a 9 iron.

That's it for now. See you next month with the President's Cup results.

Tee Time

By Becky Monteleone

We never know what the weather will be in sunny Florida!

The ladies found out on Wednesday, October 23. Yes, we had rain, and most of us only finished six holes.

Our shootout was held on the front nine on Friday, October 25. Very exciting as always. First place, Donna Schneider; Second place, Cyndi Park; and Third place, Helen Machado. Congratulations and thanks to those that participated in the event.

Pine Lakes was closed during the week of October 28. No golf was played at Lake Fairways on October 30 with our Club.

On November 12, Bev Bynum, Ginny Nichols, Ronda Owens and Lindy Worrall signed up to play in Seven Lakes Invitational. Ginny and Bev were among the winners. Appreciate your representing Pine Lakes. Because of the lack of participation from the other Golf Clubs, Pine Lakes no longer organizes one.

On November 13, we had our Rally for the Cure Tournament. The game was a scramble with one tee shot per person. First place with a score of 51 – Debbie Hamilton, Sandy Craig, Betty Glasson and Veronica Klimko. Second place with a score of 55 – Carolyn Copley, Ginny Nichols, Flo States and Evelyn Glen. Also with a score of 55 – Ronda Owens, Lindy Worrall, Angie Teresky and Jean Ebersberger. The tournament and fund raiser dance raised \$3390. The committee thanks everyone. Please read Donna Schneider's article for further information on this great charity. Donna and her staff did a fabulous job in making this tournament a success. Many thanks to all that made a difference.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Interesting Tidbit Pre-Tax Time

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's first tax return, listing an income of 154 pounds was mailed back to him with a note: "Not satisfactory." He returned it with the addendum: "I agree entirely."



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Paul Tanner and His Orchestra to Perform February 9

By Donna Morris

The Perfect Equation: One fabulous entertainer plus his orchestra — "A Romantic Evening with Paul Tanner and His Orchestra" on February 9, 2014.

After nearly two years of negotiating a date and contract, the Summer Entertainment Committee is proud to present Mr. Paul Tanner and his orchestra. The live music and great musicians are sure to add to the great entertainment of the show. We've seen a short version and can tell you that there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Singer impressionist Paul Tanner has amazed audiences from Las Vegas to Broadway and around the globe. At the age of 7, Paul did his very first impression. But it was his classical training at the Juilliard School of Music coupled with his natural ability that turned Paul Tanner into a must-see sensation. His show is jam-packed with impressions from the worlds of celebrity, comedy and music and has often been compared to the Man of Many Voices, Danny Gans.

The ladies will swoon as Paul Tanner brings the likes of Elvis, Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdink to life to serenade them. No doubt others will enjoy the extraordinary impressions of Neil Diamond, Barry Manilow, Roger Miller, Nat King Cole, Julio Iglesias, Willie Nelson and many others.

We can assure you that this is the very best impressionist you have ever seen or heard.

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"Re-Creation" Booked By Men's Club

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Nathan Olweiler, General Manager of "Re-Creation" writes, "We're excited to be at Pine Lakes Country Club on February 22, 2014! and are thrilled to be with your community and share our music and mission."

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A Tiny Suggestion

By Claire Webb

Why not have a column in the back of "Whispering Pines" titled something like "Just Thoughts ..." It would be an opportunity for our neighbors to submit a few sentences on anything rather insignificant but staying on their minds. NO .. not politics or name calling. Merely some little thought. Good for community relations, methinks.

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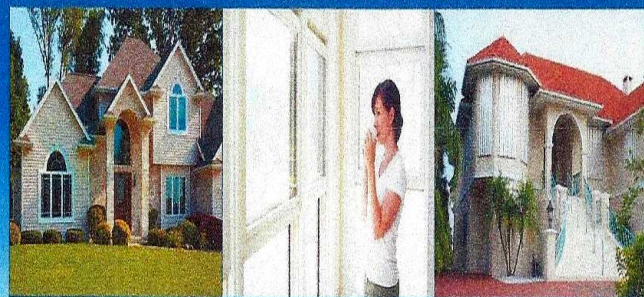
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Tuscany & the Amalfi Coast

By Jim & Marta Trump, Long-time Winter Residents

Where should the Trumps go in 2013? We had been to Italy (Rome, Venice, Milan, Genoa and Pisa) in 1984. During that sojourn, we were struck by the beautiful Tuscany landscape. Also, we had never been south of Rome. So, when we discovered a tour entitled "Tuscany and the Amalfi Coast", we were off!

After spending the first night in Osia (near Rome), we departed for Tuscany with its wonderful hills and beautiful valleys. Our base for the next seven days was to be Chianciano located high on a hill overlooking a stunning valley. Our first venture would be the Orcia Valley to view the rolling hills and rich pallet of colors that creates the typical Tuscan landscape. The views are breathtaking as we wend our way to Radicofini, which lays in the shadow of a medieval hilltop fortress. Here, about 1000 people live in what can only be described as a rabbit warren composed of stone and brick homes connected by one-way, cobblestone streets. We have truly returned to the Middle Ages.

Then, it's off to the "Casato Prime Donne" Brunello of Montalcino winery where we have a light lunch and a wine tasting bonanza. The vineyard is totally staffed by women and is world famous for its Brunella wine. Ah, Tuscany! Sipping wine amongst beautiful scenery. It's what we do best.

Firenza (Florence), on the banks of the Arno River, is our next encounter. Florence came into its own in the 13th century when merchants and tradesmen organized guilds that commissioned works of art to adorn churches and palaces. This amazing outburst of art and architecture completely changed the face of Tuscany. Names such as Dante, Boccaccio, Fra. Angelico, Donatello, Botticelli, da Vinci and Michelangelo define Florence. Dante is actually known as the father of the Italian language.

Here we viewed such structures as the Duomo (and its magnificent dome), the Babtistry, the Town Hall and a host of others. The Gates of Paradise, two impressive bronze doors, intricately depict scenes from the bible.

Another great event in Florence was the pick-pocketing of Jim Trump. He lost his cards to a thief who managed to extract his wallet from a very deep, Velcro-fastened front pocket. That guy was good!

Finally, on the way home, we made a very special stop at the Florence American Cemetery and War Memorial, where

4,398 crosses commemorate the deaths of American soldiers in WW II. This is actually US soil ... on permanent loan to the USA. Yours truly and three others were allowed to lower and fold the American flag as taps played in the background. Today is 9/11/13 !

Ah, Siena, a wondrous medieval city with its stupefying Duomo and the head and thumb of St. Catherine. That's right ... the head and thumb! At one time, Siena's prominence rivaled that of Florence until the plague devastated it in the 14th century. Later, the Medeci's conquered it and brought it down.

Today, Siena is famous for its Palio: two horse races that take place in "Il Palazzo Pubblico." This giant plaza becomes a race course twice a year as various city communities vie for bragging rights. Here, a horse can win without his jockey on board.

Next, we find ourselves in Pienza; followed by Assisi, Cortona and Orvieto. All are wonderful in there own way. St. Francis is forever linked to Assisi as, in our minds, Andre Rieu is linked to the Piazza della Repubblica in Cortona. Go get the CD, "Andre Rieu in Tuscany" and you'll know what we mean.

Now, we must say "Goodbye" to Tuscany with its valleys, hills, cypress trees and medieval towns and cities! We also say "Goodbye" to the duomos and cathedrals. Every time there was a miracle in Italy, they built a church. Sorrento, get ready for us.

Sorrento is built on the slopes of many steep hills facing the Bay of Naples. Here, our hotel is VERY 5 star and our room is gigantic ... with a wrap-a-round veranda facing Naples and the bay. After an orientation walk, Marta found a Laundromat at a major traffic intersection. For the next hour, we were entertained watching the organized chaos of autos, trucks, scooters, cycles and bikes navigating and intermingling without crashing. No traffic lights required here!

We had heard about the Amalfi Coast with its narrow, steep roads and hairpin turns. What a thrill as we navigate these roads and view the rugged, stunning shoreline decorated by majestic rock formations and colorful fishing boats. After a stop in Amalfi, situated at the mouth of a steep gorge, we head for Scala, the oldest town on the coast dating back over 1000 years. Here, at 1200 feet above sea level, our restaurant provides an incredible view ... along with great swordfish and veal.

Today, we head to Pompeii and a "home-hosted" lunch. Pompeii is truly amazing! Totally buried under 50 to 60 feet of ash by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79, it was not discovered until the 17th century ... and then by accident. The

site is vast and you can really get a good “feel” as to how the residents lived, built their homes and conducted business ... even in the brothels. Truly amazing is the viewing of bodies lying where they died!

Our “home hosted” lunch at the farm of a Sorrento family turned into a bacchanal. Way too much pasta, meat and wine, along with lemonchello and other sundry liqueurs. High above the Bay of Naples, this small farm contained animals, numerous fruit trees and a resident ostrich. Those eggs are BIG!

Finally, the enchanting Isle of Capri! Sitting like a gem in the Bay of Naples just opposite of Vesuvius, this fabled isle has been a popular destination since ancient times. Many Roman emperors made it their destination. The island abounds with hills, cliffs, grottos and garden terraces that all overlook the Amalfi Coast. Unfortunately, it also abounds with tourists, which greatly reduces its charm.

While there, we took a jitney up the “Mama Mia” road to Anacapri, the highest point on the isle. Under no circumstances would I drive up that so called “two lane” road. But, what spectacular views! We finished the day with a boat trip around the isle that brought us to the White Grotto and the famous Faraglioni Rocks jutting out of the water. Here, we go through and around these gigantic behemoths.

On the road to Rome, we drove up to the Abbey of Montecassino. Founded by St. Benedict in 529 AD, it is one of Europe’s oldest monasteries. This stunning abbey has been destroyed and rebuilt many times over the centuries. Most recently, it was completely devastated by the Allies during WW II, but the statue of St. Benedict, dating from 1736, remained intact. It has now been carefully reconstructed following the original plans. It is difficult to believe it was ever destroyed.

And then it ends with an evening in Roma with time to mull over our adventure. What were the highlights? How about the following:

- The gorgeous Tuscany landscapes. Nothing like it that we know of.
- Sipping wine while viewing magnificent vistas and watching Italians and traffic.
- Touring those incredible medieval towns that haven’t changed in centuries.
- The heart-stopping Amalfi Coastline and the wondrous Isle of Capri.
- The amazing Pompeii and the slumbering Vesuvius.
- The absolute best tour guide we ever had! Witty, charming, knowledgeable, and speaking perfect English, she enchanted us all.

Fundraising Starts for Veterans Wall

By Brenda Barbosa, Staff Writer, *Charlotte Sun*, October 25, 2013

Fundraising efforts have begun for the construction of a Vietnam Memorial Wall in Punta Gorda’s Laisley Park honoring the men and women who lost their lives serving the nation.

The Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida committee, a grassroots organization comprised of local veteran groups and interested citizens, kicked off a campaign Thursday to raise some \$400,000 for a new memorial to be built in Laisley Park that will resemble the original Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.

“This will be a 60% replica of that wall,” said Kim Lovejoy, executive director of the Military Heritage Museum at Fishermen’s Village in Punta Gorda. “It will have all the names on it that are on the official one, and there will be room on it just as there is on the official one for additional names to be added as missing-in-action soldiers are found and returned.”

The wall will be built behind the Veterans Garden Gazebo at Laisley Park and will measure “296 feet from end to end, and 6 feet high at the apex,” Lovejoy said.

Charlotte County Veteran Services officer and fundraising committee chair David Donohew said the project would take roughly a year to complete. So far, though, there is no set date for when construction might begin, he said. “It’s whenever we raise the money,” Donohew said.

One thousand donation envelopes will be distributed throughout the community as well as corporations and sports organizations, Donohew said. The funds will be administered by the Charlotte Community Foundation.

Punta Gorda City Councilman Tom Cavanaugh, who was instrumental in the site selection for the structure, said the wall would be a tremendous benefit to the city. The city has agreed to contribute engineering and design services with regards to the monument’s installation.

“It would provide a wonderful site for (veterans) to go and remember their comrades who were lost in Vietnam,” Cavanaugh said. “We’re excited about it.”

According to Donohew, there are 25,181 veterans in Charlotte County. “That’s about one out of every 6.3 persons in Charlotte County is a veteran,” Donohew said. “Plus, we have 1,652 Military retirees.”

Currently, there are five traveling walls crisscrossing the U.S., three other fixed replica walls, and the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., constructed in 1982.

In 2009, when one of the traveling walls was brought to Punta Gorda, the response was tremendous, officials said.

“It had 80,000 to 100,000 visitors, which was the best showing, the best number of visitors that this particular wall has ever received,” said Lovejoy, recounting the comments made by the Melbourne, Fla., man responsible for bringing the wall to town. “And he’s been all over the country.”

If YOU WANT TO HELP by making a tax-deductible donation, you can make a check payable to the Charlotte Community Foundation, write “Vietnam Wall of SWFL” in the memo section, and mail it to: CCF, PO Box 512047, Punta Gorda, FL 33951.

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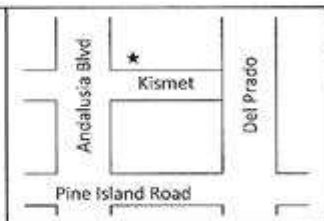
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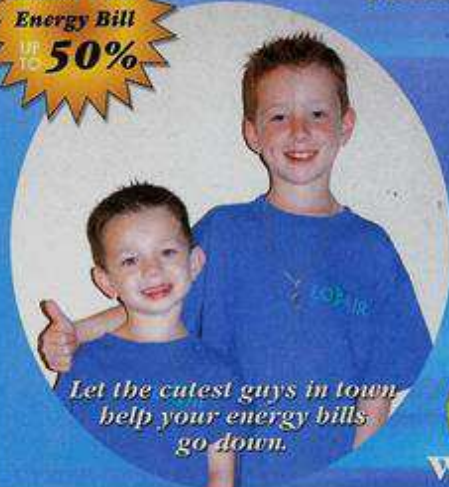


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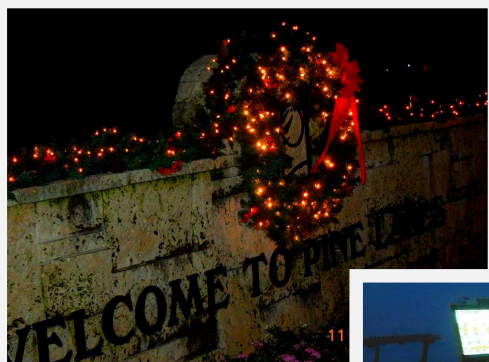


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Part of the PL Men's Club delegation watching the Miami Hurricanes win by four points on November 17.



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