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# Estate Owners' Board of Directors Are Ready to Lead!

By Howard Harrison

On February 9 the home owners of the estate homes of Pine Lakes elected a new board of directors to lead the organization into the future. The picture and identities of the new board accompanies this lead. It will be a big change from the many years that Luanne Putnam was president leading to a definite "comfort zone" for the organization.

Change, however, is good! Charles Matthews is ready to lead the organization as future challenges become apparent.

# Pine Lakes Estate Homeowners' Association, Inc.

By Charles Matthews, President

The Annual Meeting for the Pine Lakes Homeowners' Association was held Monday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pine Lakes ballroom. The auditorium was almost full. It was business as usual, as you review the minutes, with the exception of electing and appointing the board members to positions for the 2015 fiscal year. (The minutes are not published in this issue.)

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L to R: Peter Talty -- Secretary; Peter Williams -- Vice President; Charles Matthews -- President; Charles "BO" Kromas -- Architectural Review Committee Chair; Dick Loubier -- Treasurer

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The following officers and directors were elected: President: Charles Matthews
Vice President:Pete Williams

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Secretary: Peter Talty
Treasurer: Dick Loubier
Architectural Review Bo Kromas

A big "thank you" to Lew Ackley and his staff for the assistance before, during and after the annual meeting. Counting ballots and reporting the results was done efficiently. This was a task that deserves special recognition. (Picture on front cover by Lew)

We can report that we have no vacant properties that require homeowners' maintenance payments. The Association and the Board of Directors work to benefit 281 owners here in Pine Lakes. We will continue to work jointly with the HOA II Board that represents the leased land residents and their prospectus. On a monthly basis and year 'round, we meet together with management in a liaison meeting. This is where we take the concerns of the residents to management. It is important for everyone to take an active interest in your association. It is realized that our agreements with management do not please everyone, however, without these written documents we would have no say in the maintenance or management of Pine Lakes Country Club.

Representation by a Board of Directors is very important. Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the living room from September through May. Our Board will do everything we can to make Pine Lakes the best it can be.

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# Liaison Meeting

By Judy Hale

Pebruary liaison meeting was February 13, 2015.

The meeting started with a discussion about the Pub. Although the quality of the food is very good, the poor service and the tardiness of the catering has been a problem. Also there are issues with customers damaging the railing, shrubbery, and the large flower pot. Julie agreed to address the issues and those attending the meeting felt that the large flower pot should not be replaced as this is a very busy area with a lot of golf carts and delivery trucks.

Garbage was the next area of discussion. The garbage cans by the back of the clubhouse kitchen are continually being turned over and rummaged by animals. Julie will see if maintenance can attach bungee cords to the cans. The speed of the WastPro trucks was discussed. Julie will contact WastPro.

The lack of paper products, garbage bags, and other supplies was discussed. Extra garbage bags will now be stored in the entertainment closet so they are available when groups are cleaning up after an event, but not readily available to those residents who help themselves (read steal) to the clubhouse supplies.

Roads continue to be a high priority item. The contract is in process, and the work is scheduled for first quarter. The stop signs and the lines at the four way stop will be moved closer to the intersection for better visibility. Julie, by way of the newsletter, will remind everyone that golf carts must obey stop signs



#### and blocking the streets to talk to your friends and neighbors is not always the considerate thing to do.

The clubhouse is scheduled to have the air handlers evaluated to improve the consistency of the temperature throughout the building. New stage lights are scheduled to be installed the first two weeks of May. The fire marshal supports the capacity numbers in the prospectus for theater seating. Julie will get their recommendations for cafe seating.

The pool gates are in the final stages of completion. Unexpected modifications were necessary. The new signs have been erected. The smoking policy at the pool continues to be: no smoking under the Tiki Huts; smoking is not prohibited in other areas as there is no state or county restrictions on outdoor smoking. It is hoped that all smokers will be considerate of their neighbors and refrain from flipping ashes or butts in the pool. The water temperature at the pool will remain 84-86°F for the pool and 102-104°F for the hot tub. The radio will be turned off due to the continual complaints. The fountain will be moved further away from the pool when time permits.

The new sidewalks at the tennis courts are complete. Resurfacing of the courts will be included in the 2016 budget requests.

Julie is in the process of finding a suitable location for Pickle Ball.

Julie is meeting with a contractor this month to review bridge repair. It was suggested that the repairs be done this summer when parts of the golf course back nine are closed. The sidewalk from the bridge to Eagle Trace is being evaluated.

The shuffleboard court repair is complete.

Dead and dangerous trees will be removed by ELS. All other tree maintenance is the responsibility of the resident. Trees on common ground are the responsibility of ELS.

Electrical repairs at the front entrance to support more elaborate Christmas decorations are awaiting an estimate from the contractor.





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# HOA II Monthly Board Meeting Minutes February 16, 2015 Pine Lakes Living Room

Submitted by Bob Konetzny, Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Beverly Bynum
Judy Hale
David Sharp
Charlie Schneider
Becky Jacobs
Maura Alexander
Bob Konetzny

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Judy Hale. There was a quorum of Board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted.

Beverly Bynum read the Treasurer's Report. The January month ending Checking account balance was \$11,488.97, within which \$3,505.63 is associated to Pool Party funds and \$163.97 is associated to ADE. Bank of America CD was \$13,141.89 and the Bank of America Business account was \$28,688.88, for a total ending balance of \$53,319.74. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

Judy stated that the 2015 HOA II membership is up to 352, or approximately 66% of total homes. Judy distributed a list of people who are both paid and not paid to cul-de-sac captains in attendance to pursue additional membership before future publication of non-member address appear in the Whispering Pines.

The minutes of the January Liaison meeting were read and accepted.

Maura Alexander spoke on FMO. Maura stated that 192 visits were made in February, and FMO materials were left in tubes consisting of thank you notes to new members, thank you notes for renewals, renewal reminders, and membership packets for non-members. Maura mentioned that we now have 297 members or 34% of the residents. Membership is increasing, but very slowly. The brainstorming canister is being brought to Saturday morning coffee socials, and members and non-members are asked to fill the bucket on suggestions on adding new members. Maura stated that Powerball lottery tickets are being purchased on the first Saturday of the month in February and March for FMO members. More details on this will be included in the next Whispering Pines.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Judy stated that the HOA gave a Christmas gift to Jane and Danny.
- Judy stated that the hearing to verify the Class Action Suit was scheduled for today, but our attorney cancelled the hearing because ELS suggested they would like to settle the case. The four assigned members of the HOA board will meet later this week to discuss the details for negotiation. Judy stated that the cost of the case will be \$50,000 if we move forward.
- Judy commented on the Network for Progress meeting and that people come to say the same things every month. The Select Committee gets a lot more done. Judy stated that Brad Nelson is leaving ELS, and Dale Anthony will replace him. Topics raised at the meeting which will be discussed concern unlicensed caregivers and heirs on leases.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Judy stated that Luanne Putnam is leaving for Arizona tomorrow.
- Questions/Recommendations from the floor:

A resident questioned why the pool was closed. Judy responded that the switch for the temperature needed to be repaired, and it needed cleaning and repair of cracks.

A resident questioned whether there was any money for tree removal in the 2015 budget. Judy stated that with the exception of damaged, dying or dead trees, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove their trees, subject to obtaining a permit if on leased land.

A resident had a question concerning golf cart stickers. Judy responded that obtaining a sticker is voluntary thus no requirement.

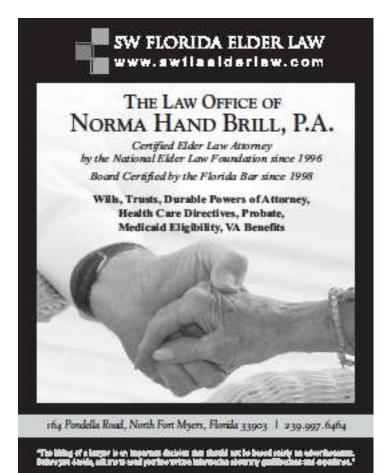
A resident informed the audience that the hot tub temperature is set at 98°. A button needs to be pushed to increase the temperature to 104°. Another resident added that when the button was pushed, water would circulate, but there was no heat.

A resident questioned whether any of the 297 homes that are members of FMO are owned by ELS. Judy responded that none of these are owned by ELS...although some may be vacant.

A resident asked whether we could ask our attorney to come to speak with the HOA II members for an update of the legal case against ELS. Judy responded that she has already updated the membership of the status, and coupled with his cost being \$300.00 per hour, it would not be worth it.

Judy mentioned that Ray Rondeau will no longer be doing the pool parties every other week and Lois Likinay will take over in his place.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.







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# FMO District 7 Meeting Tara Woods February 13, 2015

By Maura Alexander Pine Lakes FMO Leased Land Rep.

Speakers at the District 7 FMO (Florida Manufactured Home Owners, Inc.) meeting were: Attorney Robert Burandt who specializes in manufactured home communities and is the lawyer for PLEHOA and HOAII; John Salvucci, state FMO President; and Jerry Durham, Chairman of FMO Legislative Committee.

All speakers stressed the need for manufactured home owners to have a stronger voice in Tallahassee. Our Strength in the state government is in direct relationship to the number of FMO members.

The legislators can help with our needs if we educate them about manufactured home communities. They must get to know us; we must speak to them by inviting them to our communities. Many legislators have never been to a manufactured home community and simply view it as a trailer park or RV park. The power of Tallahassee is ours if we let our legislators know who we are, what problems we have, and what our communities are like. The future of our community is in our hands.

During this legislative session FMO is supporting Senate Bill 662 and the House version HB307. These bills have been posted on the Club House bulletin board. Your representatives want to hear your thoughts. Both bills are now going through committee hearings and you can urge your representatives to speak with their colleagues to vote in favor of passing these bills out of committees and onto the "Floor". Write, call, or email Rep. Matt Caldwell at Matt.Caldwell@myfloridahouse.gov, 239-694-0161 and Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto at Benacquisto.lisbeth.web@flsenate.gov, 239-338-2570.

A few guick notes from the meeting:

- 6 manufactured home communities in Florida are in the process of closing due to the purchase of the land by developers. FMO is helping residents with relocation problems but it's too late to stop the land purchase.
- The FMO Board and representatives are all volunteers. FMO volunteers receive no reimbursement for FMO expenditures.
- FMO defeated a bill requiring fees for community bingos and FMO was instrumental in passing a bill maintaining our right to have bingo.
- FMO defeated several attempts to place a sales tax on lot rental fees.
- Your FMO dues pay a full-time lobbyist to watch

out for our interests in Tallahassee.

FMO membership gives us all political strength.

FMO gives us a voice -- join now and give FMO a stronger voice.

# Three Strikes! You win!

By Maura Alexander, FMO leased land representative

hree strikingly new ideas have been added to the FMO list of ways to increase membership. Hopefully you will discover that one of these will inspire you to join FMO (Florida Manufactured Home Owners, Inc.). If you already belong to FMO these ideas may encourage you to talk with a friend who does not belong to FMO and add a new member to our FMO family.

Here are the 3 Striking New Thoughts for adding more Pine Lake residents to the FMO team:

**#1 Striking New Thought:** A Florida Powerball ticket will be purchased for the first Saturday of the month drawing in January, February and March. If we win, and we have as good a chance as anyone else, the winnings will be shared by all FMO members in good standing at the time of the drawing. Members in good standing are those on the FMO Pine Lakes membership list, who have not passed their date of renewal. Members in good standing are also those whose paid memberships are in my possession, even though they have not been processed by the FMO office, and also those membership applications that are in the U.S. mail post marked on the day, or prior to the day, of the drawing.

Only the top prize will be shared. If there are lesser prizes the ticket purchaser (that's me) will decide what is to be done with the money.

#2 Striking New Thought: A "Brain Storm" bucket will be brought to Saturday Coffee and HOA meetings and also kept on the porch of Cypress Wood 10K in hopes that residents will fill the "Brain Storm" canister with membership solutions. You do not need to be a member of FMO to give the pail your thoughts. Paper and pens are in the bucket but residents may write at home and bring their suggestions to the bucket. <u>Ideas need not be signed and there are no</u> wrong ideas and non-FMO residents are encouraged to use this bucket. Please step up to the "Brain Storm" canister and fill it with your membership solutions. If you don't belong to FMO there is a chair, a table, a FMO membership application and a pen, so sit for a few minutes while you fill out a membership application.

**#3 Striking New Thought:** FMO Ambassadors from Canada have been named and they are eager to discuss with our Canadian residents the benefits of belonging to FMO. Chuck and Joyce Flower have volunteered to help recruit Canadian FMO members.

Chuck is a retired Canadian Royal Air Force officer and Joyce is a retired nurse. Joyce and Chuck hail from Carrying Place, Ontario and reside on Sugar Mill Court. We had been friends for many, many years before Joyce and Chuck moved to Pine Lakes. If any resident, FMO member or non-member, has an idea concerning bringing more Pine Lakes residents into the FMO Family please let me know.

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# Women's Club Meeting

By Debbie Sawall, Secretary

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Our speaker for the evening was Debra Neely. Debra works with aromatherapy at Dr. Mel's Wellness Spa.

Brenda Loubier reported that Patricia Milbrandt will be collecting the fronts of any used greeting cards. These cards will be delivered to The Lighthouse for the Blind.

Martha Stevens is chairing our annual craft fair for the first time this year. The assistance she's gotten has eased her into enough comfort to volunteer for another year of chairing this event.

Our Salvation Army bell ringing effort raised \$1,502.00. Thank you to all the volunteer bell ringers, and thank you to all that contributed.

A final update was given on our first Charity Rummage Sale. Drivers are lined up to move four garages of treasurs to the Club House. No early sales. Sale starts at 9 am, live auction items at 1 pm. Elizabeth Morris will be chairing this event next year.

Our nominating committee has two veteran officers ready to step up for a return engagement. If any new blood is interested in running either or both of these ladies will step into the background. This is your chance, there will be no reason for you to say, "It's always the same old people, with the same old ideas."

Preparations are underway for the fashion show. It will be as lovely as ever.

The program for March will be "Fashion on a Budget." Volunteer models will shop the local thrift stores for a head to toe outfit, with a budget of only \$20.00. We will also have a clothing swap that night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

# Pine Lakes Cruise Club

By Diana Baughman

January 18th, 67 Pine Lakes residents, family, 🚺 and friends boarded two buses headed to Miami and the Carnival Splendor. The trip went fast with Dianna and MaryAnn providing entertainment. The first stop at Half Moon Cay was diverted to Nassau instead due to a medical emergency. Tours of Atlantis and the island, great beaches and shopping were some of the activities. Next stop was St. Thomas where tours included fantastic mountain top views and mucho shopping. One group missed the north so much they went to an ice palace cave for drinks. Third stop was San Juan where touring the fort and castle were highlights, as well as the Rum Factory and shopping Old San Juan on cobbled streets. Last stop was Grand Turk, where rain didn't stop us from enjoying Margaretaville, shopping, and the half hour of sun we had on the beach. If weather permitted some of us would have enjoyed the excellent snorkeling and crystal clear waters.

We enjoyed a panoramic view while dining each night and all enjoyed the excellent selection of food. Some of us ordered two appetizers, two entrees & two desserts. One table confused the waiters each night while changing seats, one had their own dancing queen, one had shots each night, two had a few missing from over indulging the night before, our Canadian friends said they were "dull," but we all know better. A free cocktail party was enjoyed by all and Linda Smith became a celebrity being chosen to dance on stage with the ship's dancers on our last evening. We especially liked the juggler/entertainer from America's Got Talent.

One couple whose luggage was misplaced almost missed the bus, but was spotted while we

were pulling out of the terminal. All made it back in one piece seven days later, although several pounds heavier. Maryann and Dianna are busy planning next year's Cruise and will keep you informed on the bulletin board or call Paula at Adventure Travel 239 -731-7755.

Pictures of the happy cruisers and the organizing team are on page 34.



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# Men's Club Membership Meeting Minutes February 9, 2015

By Tom Clark, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Pete Morais at 6:07PM. There were 92 members in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was held with a special thought for our deceased member Dave Helms.

Meeting suspended for a Submarine sandwich and bean dinner.

Meeting recalled to order.

The guest speaker was Dr. Keith Bennistry of Associated in Dermatology in Ft. Myers. Dr. Ben spoke on the different kinds of skin cancer and how to treat and prevent them. (239)936-5425

The Minutes of our last meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer report was read and accepted. New members: Wayne Tonnon, 39H, Wis,- Byron Shannon, 50L, NJ, -Tommy Jacobs, 40E, Tenn.,-Larry Lepore 26G, Narragansett, RI,- Don Maher 23K, PA and Larry Whittle, 52L, Ont. Canada

Tom Minahan gave a report on our upcoming Home Show. Tom asked for everyone to support the show. Help will be needed to set-up and clean-up.

St. Patrick's Dance is sold out.

Our Sock-Hop will have a Hula Hoop contest.

Dick Loubier gave a very brief Bingo report. There were 119 people and a \$250 winner at the last Bingo.

Dick was congratulated for the great job he did on the Golf Outing.

The membership thought the new chairs we bought were great. We have received donations from some of the other clubs, committees, and ELS to help defray the cost.

The 50/50 had three \$40, two \$30, one \$25 and a \$20 prize. There were two \$50 and two \$25 free drawings.

The March dinner will be a Meatball Sub.

The speaker for March will be Patricia Koelber speaking on Senior vs. Crime.

Meeting adjourned.

# To My Pine Lakes Friends

By Anne Romano

any thanks to the wonderful people of Pine Lakes during my illness. Many thanks to the two Pine Lakers who stayed and cared for me day and night – Beverly McKeone of Circle Pine Road who nursed me days and JoAnn Grabowski of Frenchman's Court who stayed with me nights. If there ever were any angels, these two ladies cared and nursed me back to health.

Thanks for all the prayers, cards and flowers given me during my illness. I will treasure all the good deeds given me by my Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways friends.

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# David Morin Brings Us "A Night With the Legends"

By Donna Morris

Our had the opportunity to attend many shows and a variety of entertainers throughout 2014. By the attendance records, the shows were well received. Thanks to all of you for your participation.

Now, it is 2015 and your Pine Lakes Summer Entertainment Committee has contracted with a variety of entertainers and bands for your enjoyment. For our first show, we are bringing David Morin and his band to Pine Lakes on APRIL 25.

At the age of nine, David came to Florida with his parents from the French Island of Martinique. Since David and his father were both Elvis fans, they went to visit Graceland. He was elated. He began to learn the voice, moves and mannerisms. He is now considered one of the best. But that is not all. Because of his amazing vocal range, he can impersonate many other popular singers in his Night With The Legends Show. You may hear Elton John. the Beatles, Dion, Tom Jones, Ricky Nelson, Neil Diamond, Johnny Cash, Michael Boule, Dean Martin and maybe Marilyn Monroe. AND Elvis.

With his many voices, there may be a few more. You will be treated to a show with lots of energy by David and his TCB BAND.

Please join us on Saturday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening full of music and energy.

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# Review--Tony Pace

By Donna Morris

Thank you
Pine Lakes for joining
us for our Tony Pace
Show. Our Committee talked up this
performer for many
months because we
were certain that
you would enjoy the
talents of this man.

We were not disappointed.

Tony gave us a performance with not only his vocal ranges, but also did impersonations of some of our favorite entertainers. His entire show was performed with lots of energy and audience participation. The standing ovations were indeed earned. Special thanks to Helen and Larry Schaupp who were good sports in assisting Tony. Helen worked with the zipper on his red-sequin vest that just didn't want to work. Larry was asked to dance with Tony-almost cheek-to-cheek and

a few strokes in Tony's hair was a great crowd pleasure.

We purchased one of his CDs and wish that he had had the time to sing more of them for us at the show. There were 20 songs including The Prayer.

We wish safe travels to our friends and neighbors who will be going North for the summer. See you back in the fall.



New England Night, February 6, 2015. Linda Smith providing the "TUNES" as Deejay for an evening of fun!

Pictures on this page by Lew Ackley

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# A Big Thank You, Pine Lakes

By Tom Minahan

I want to thank the many people who made the Annual Home Show a big success. First, the members of the Men's Club and their wives who came out for the set-up and tear down. We could not have done it without them.

Second, the homeowners who came out and visited and made appointments with the vendors. We had over 1,000 people attend.

Third, the officers who made it possible and helped right from the beginning.

Fourth, Janet Principe and her great crew who worked the kitchen. Everyone had compliments on the food and great service.

Fifth, Pete Morais for all his help with the array of paper work needed to get contracts, set-up instruction, ads, flyers he made up – great job, very professional.

Sixth, the vendors who attended the show. They were very happy with the help our members gave them setting up and tearing down.

Last, but not least, my wife, Trudy, who went with me getting vendors and mailing and addressing the hundreds of envelopes we had to do.

**Thank You All** for making a great Home Show a success.

### CANADIANS AND FRIENDS Pine Lakes & Lake Fairways **Annual Golf Tournament** March 15th, 2015 EVENT INCLUDES: Golf: Pine Lakes G.C. and Dinner & Prizes: Pine Lakes Ballroom Flyars and registration forms were delivered to known Canadian addresses. If you wish to be added to our list or if you wish a copy, contact Bill or Dan. CONTACTS BILL SAYLOR DAN PREFONTAINE 239-829-6981 or 239-731-5744

# New Chairs for Clubhouse Purchased by the Men's Club

By Pete Morais

We purchased 350 new chairs for the clubhouse. Julie found some needy souls to pass along the gray chairs to and by noon our maintenance guys had removed all the gray chairs; 80 of them were taken to the Pub and we were good to go. The chairs were due to arrive at 3:00 p,m.; at 1:30 we got a call that they were at the gate. It's hard to believe what we went through on that day.

Oh! I forgot to mention the truck was too big to make the turn into either parking lot so to get them back to the storage room, each pallet was unloaded in front of the Veterans Memorial and wheeled back. There were over ten pallets with 30 shrink-wrapped chairs. Sam, the maintenance supervisor, and several of his men were there on a cold and dizzily afternoon ripping plastic off the chair pallets, inspecting and stacking them to be placement in the hall. I tell you there were at least 15 of us wading through a sea of plastic and cardboard to put the in the hall to keep them dry. Once the chairs were all there, the backed a big trailer into the area and in short order, all the debris was in the trailer and gone. Thank you so much to all who were there to help unload.

We kept 90-some gold chairs in the clubhouse for our bigger events. So far, Bob Mansen, president of the Theater Group, gave us \$1,000 towards what Judy Hale has dubbed the chair fund; Linda Roberts donated \$200 from the coffee social, and Judy has promised the money she receives from the inspections that requires cleanup, thus far amounting to \$300. Our manager has promised between \$500 and \$1,000; we are waiting to see what she comes up with. We expect more to come from other committees. I will acknowledge them and Julie's donation as they are received.

The new chairs have added to our enjoyment of the clubhouse, and we have received countless praises. Thanks to the clubs and committees for their support in helping with the fund; we did have a sample chair at a meeting, and about 20 representatives from various committees attended. Although it was the Men's club that spearheaded the purchase, Tom Minahan lead the charge when we bought them.

Everyone uses and enjoys the chairs and we are very grateful for the help you are providing in supporting the purchase. Thanks for a job well done.

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# Bingo Report

By Dick Loubier

We had 119 people two weeks ago and had a \$250.00 winner. Judy Lootten of 10095 Turnbury Isle Court won the progressive jackpot which was a cover-all in 61 numbers. It goes to show you it can be done.

Our hot ball numbers have been hit for the last three weeks in a row. Food is good, lots of people, giving away a lot of money, so see you there.

# Paper Shredding

By Pete Morais

The shredding of personal papers for our residents was on February 16. They filled four large garbage can type containers. They came in their cars; they came in their golf carts. We are happy to provide this service to you and know you appreciate it.



# Note of Appreciation

From Judith Kerivan Workman

I would like to thank the person who has been leaving a flower at my husband's memorial (John Workman). Unfortunately, Hospice no longer permits flowers to be placed on their garden walking path.



### Monument Bricks Sale

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will hold the next winter sale of commemorative bricks on Tuesday, MARCH 17 7:00 pm, in the LIVING ROOM.

Questions? Call Jim Todd at 599-8424 or Len Gorman at 731-1174.

# **Chorus Sings Country**

By Darlene Topp

Hang on to your cowboy hats and dust off your boots because the Pine Lakes Chorus is on the trail of good old country music.

This is a first for us and we are so excited to be singing different kinds of songs than we have done in the past. I have always wanted to try this type of show, but because it is very difficult to get four part music, I just didn't pursue the thought. But, I found a couple of music houses that did offer four part music and the rest is history. So, we are doing some newer songs as well as the standard classic country.

John Denver music is so much fun to sing and challenging at the same time. We are doing a medley of his music. Johnny Cash gave us three great songs like "Ring Of Fire" and "I Walk the Line." Do you love Patsy Cline and Hank Williams songs? Oh, we have them, too. We have many solos and specialty numbers by members of the chorus who are aching to break your hearts or tickle them with the lyrics. We have arranged to have two great, great guitar players who play in many country bands, our all time wonderful pianist Sue Halverson, and the drummer we have had for two years, Carmine Lombardo.

You can get your tickets at Saturday coffees or from chorus members. We hope to have two sellout nights on Friday and Saturday. March 20 and 21. The show is titled, "We're A Little Bit Country," and will start at 7:00, with doors opening at 6:30. Such a deal at only \$7.00!

Hope to see you tapping your boots, snapping your fingers, and wishing you could be up there on the stage with us. Hey, looking forward to seein' y'all!





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# **PLT Spring Play**

"Whose Wives Are They Anyway?"
By Michele Nauyokas

"Whose Wives Are They Anyway?" is the 2015 spring production put on by the Pine Lakes Theater.

The production dates are: Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, at 7:00 P.M. Sunday, March 29 is a matinee at 2:00 P.M. Doors open ½ hour before the show. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at Saturday coffee, or call Jackie Harrigan (731-1462).

A lot of time and effort goes in to any theatre production. Although it's the cast you see on stage, many others have helped to make the production a success.

May I introduce you, again, to the cast of Wives:

John Baker
Peter Talty
David McGachen
Bob Margrett
Tina Wilson
Laura Nicoson
Karly McGachen
Linda Smith
Mrs. Carlson
Barbara Hood
Fred Weber
D.L. Hutchison
Ronda Owens
Laura Baker

Jan Talty

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!! Also goes out to the people behind the scenes:

Producer: Bob Mansen
Director: Michele Nauyokas
Stage Manager: Phyllis Mansen
Assistant Stage Manager: Joe Luminello
Lights: David Sharp/Ron Slack
Sound: Steve Donaldson/
Stu Paterson/John Stanley

Sound & Set Construction: Kass Klapec

Set Construction: Lew Ackley/Ron Brandau,

Erl Carlson/Orlo Coots/ Jack Crotty/ Bob Nauyokas/ Jay Nicoson/Bill Pickett/ Bob Rottman/David Sharp/

Charlie Wakefield

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Kudos to all!! Hope to see ya' all on the 27th

through the 29th.



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### **Bocce News**

By Kathy Tannenbaum

Bocce is over halfway through the Winter Season with three teams still undefeated. Team #22 (Dick White & Bonnie Weller) is in first place with Team #3 (Pete Talty & Margaret Ahrens) in second place and Team #15 (Popcorn Jeka & Judie Greene) in third place.

It has been a really fun Winter Season with so many teams playing so well. We have three teams with six wins and no losses and three teams with five wins and only one loss.

With only four games left in the season we invite you to come out to the courts on Wednesday and watch the games. The competition has been very exciting.

Check our Pine Lakes website

<u>Ourpinelakes.com</u> for updates and standings. Thanks to Carol Matthews for the weekly Notes on the website.

We are looking forward to our Bocce Banquet on March 25th. Be sure to mark you calendars.
See you on the courts.

### Horseshoes

All residents of Pine Lakes are welcome to participate in open horseshoes. Players should show up at the horseshoe pits every Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. to register. Play starts at 9:00 a.m. A \$2.00 contribution is requested. A barbeque is scheduled at the end of March.

Open Pine Lakes Horseshoes Results as of February 18, 2015:

	Wins
Bob Hendershot	11
Tim Lumsden	9
John Owens	8
Bill Hercek	8
Jerry Schulz	7
Roy Roberts	7
Doug Schulz	7
Larry Lepore	6
Bob Konetzny	4
Dan Leone	4
John Feeley	3
Ricky Hamm	1



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# Billiards

By Bill Hercek

The following are the billiard standings in the North Fort Myers Senior Pool League as of February

#### Overall Standings

1.	Pine Lakes 1	133
2.	Tamiami Village	118
3.	DelTura 2	104
4.	Six Lakes	101
5.	Buccaneer	94
6.	Pine Lakes 2	84
7.	DelTura 1	78
8.	Horizon-	76
9.	Heron's Glen 2	62
10.	Heron's Glen 1	60

#### Conference A Standings

1.	Pine Lakes 1	51 of 70 (.728)
2.	Six Lakes	43 of 84 (.535)
3.	DelTura 2	33 of 70 (.471)
4.	Tamiami Village	25 of 56 (.446)
5.	DelTura 1	37 of 98 (.377)

#### Conference B Standings

1.	Horizon	40 of 70 (.571)
2.	Buccaneer	29 of 56 (.517)
3.	Pine Lakes 2	36 of 70 (.514)
4.	Heron's Glen 2	33 of 70 (.471)
5.	Heron's Glen 1	38 of 84 (.452)

# Nifty Niners News

By Ruth Hoyet

THE PRO SHOP has been busy! There are all the shoot outs, Member/Member tournaments, LEGA, guests, and the many, many events (and match play seminar) leading up to the Club Championship and Interclub Championship in March. Thanks Jim, Bob, Sandy and Roger for working with us

Member/Member: Fourteen Niners competed in the Member/Member games on January 26 and 28. On Monday we met in the clubhouse lobby for coffee, juice and coffeecake. We bought mulligans, received score cards and checked out the game play of One Best Ball of a 2-Person Team. The weather report threatened showers with temps in the 60s, but by 8:30 it was declared a golf day. On Wednesday we kept our jackets on for the 2-Person Scramble. Winners were announced at the "It's All About the Birdies" luncheon February 5.

1st Place Shirley Kubie & Barb Daley 2nd Place Tie

Jacquie Yedinak & Ruth Hovet Norma Downie & Donna Cunningham 3rd Place

Nancy Hurley & Joanne Gluck

Co-chairs, Maryanna McCarthy and Ruth Hovet certainly appreciated the contributions of all the committee volunteers and supporters of the tournament. (It wouldn't have happened without every one of you!) Martha Stevens and her table of prizes made it so nobody walked away empty handed and our newest member, Pat Dieringer, went home with "The 19th Hole" prize.

A cheerful/ tearful farewell and remembrance was given to Luanne Putnam as she and Dan move to their new home in Arizona. Safe travels to you.

Club Championship: Eleven Niners started the elimination process for the Club Championship. At Whispering Pines deadline time, the Final Four playing were Norma Downie, Barb Daley, Jacquie Yedinak and Shirley Kubie.

Follow the leader board to keep up-to-date and join us February 27 and 28 to cheer on the finalists and March 13 and 14 for the Interclub Championship with Lake Fairways.



Nifty Niners Member-Member winners Shirley Kubie and Barb Daley (L to R center) with co-chairs Ruth Hovet (L) and Maryanna McCarthy (R).

Picture submitted by Ruth Hovet

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# Tee Time

By Becky Monteleone

The Ladies Member-Member "MARDI GRAS" Golf Tournament kicked off on Monday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 21, 2015. We have a total membership of 50 ladies and 46 signed up to participate. Unfortunately two ladies had to withdraw because of injuries and 4 had the flu. The ladies played their own game with 100% handicap both days. The weather was a little chilly to start but warmed up as the day progressed.

The winners are as follows:

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Had closest to the pin:

A Flight Hole #17 Beverly Bynum
B Flight Hole #7 Becky Monteleone
C Flight Hole #10 Barb Harwood
D Flight Hole #5 Louise Ittner



CONGRATULATIONS to our OVERALL WINNERS!! Elaine Knell (L) and Carol Listermann

Fantastic rounds of golf!! Carol left after our luncheon for a cruise with her family. What a way to celebrate!!

On January 28th a scramble was played. First place with a score of 56 - Darlene Topp, Carolyn Lubitski, Ann Klamer and Candy O'Rourke. Second place with a. score of 58 - Becky Monteleone, Joann Cline, Joyce Reetz and Louise Ittner. Had twentyeight ladies play - a good turn out since we just finished member-member.

Our Member-Member luncheon was held on Thursday, January 29 in the ballroom. This event would not have been possible without the following committee members: Beverly Bynum, Jean Ebersberger, Evelyn Glen, Stasia Fisher, Linda Knotts, Don LaCroix, Cyndi Parks, Joyce Reetz, Donna Schneider, Joan Spalik, Angie Teresky, Darlene Topp, and Barb Willis.

Our luncheon was based on the theme -New Orleans Style. Jason from the Pub did an excellent job with food. Everything was delicious!! Jean Ebersberger made our dessert - also delightful!!

This year we had a giveaway - a basket full of goodies- which was donated by Jean Ebersberger. Jean placed a candy kiss in one of the pieces of cake - unknown to anyone. Whoever had it had to yell FAT TUESDAY! The winner was Ann Klamer.

Some of the ladies came dressed for the occasion. See picture on next page.

I believe a fun time was had by all!!



On Saturday, January 31, ten ladies who had finished first or second on our last five shoot outs played in the Grand Shoot Out. As always it was very exciting. Chip shots going in off the green. Long putts being knocked into the hole, long tee shots. A great game of golf was played by every participant. Coming to the 9th hole and again it was tied by Barb Willis and Doris Corwell. So back we go to tee off again. Unfortunately, Barb's tee shot went into the water and Doris almost had a hole-in-one!! What an exciting finish. The weather was 50 degrees when we started, but had the warm sun on the finishing hole.

Congratulations to all the players that made it to the shoot out.

Congratulations to Doris for a first place finish and Barb for second place. The tournament was great to watch.

The ten ladies will participate in the Mixed Shoot Out on Monday, March 23 at 1:00pm with the men.

On February 4th the ladies played a practice round of match play. A couple matches did extend to 19 holes.

Our sweet sixteen matches for Club Championship started on Wednesday, February 11, elite 8 on February 18 and the final four was played on Monday, February 23rd. The tournament begins on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, 2015. Debbie Hamilton, Vice President of the Golf Association, willbe in charge of this event.

Please make a note that the Inter Club is Friday, March 13 at Pine Lakes and Saturday, March 14 at Lake Fairways. A meet and greet gathering will be held at Pine Lakes on Tuesday, March 10 at 3:00 pm,

Please support this tournament by volunteering or cheering the players on!!

On February 11 we had two ladies that were in sweet sixteen. Ann Klamer and Janet Perkins went to nineteen holes to determine the winner.

Congratulations to Ann Klamer. Great game of golf ladies!

The rest of the league played a scramble. First place with a score of 54 - Ronda Owens, Lindy Worrall, Joyce Reetz and Janice Ciccone. Second place, with a score of 57 - Annette Maloney, Jennifer Shacket, Naomi Davis and Evelyn Glen.

Our general meeting with elections of new officers will be on Wednesday, March 18 after golf. Please plan to attend. Also our spring luncheon is on Thursday, March 19 at Palmetto Pine Country Club in Cape Coral. Hope to see everyone there for a fun time.

Results of the Club Championship and Inter Club will be in future issues of Whispering Pines.

Please support the Inter Club by wearing your green and white at Pine Lakes on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at Lake Fairways.

Good luck to all the players that are participatina in this tournament.

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### **LEGA**

By Joan Spalik

On January 14, 2015 Linda Knotts and Joan Spalik co-chaired the Pine Lakes LEGA golf tournament comprised of 72 golfers from senior and LEGA clubs.

Our Pine Lakes ladies did us proud with the following wins:

A Fligh	t	Net Sc	ore	
	1st Plac	ce	Ronda Owens	54
	6th Pla	ce	Bev MacNeal	57
B Flight				
	2nd	Jan Kie	etz	54
	4th	Becky	Monteleone	54
	8th	Lindy V	Vorrall	59
	9th	Annett	e Maloney	60
C Fligh	t			
	2nd	Doris C	Corwell	55
	7th	Joann	e Cline	60
D Flight				
	1st	Evelyn	Glen	53
	3rd	Angie	Teresky	56
	4th	Elaine	Knell	57

Our thank you to Linda for setting up our coffee hour and also doing a great job working with our Pub Manager, Jason, for a delightful lunch; we all raved about dessert!!

Special thanks to our Pro, Jim McManus, for his guidance and his wonderful Pine Lakes guys who handled the golf club transfers for the ladies.

For your information, our LEGA representatives will meet on February 2, 2015 to establish the upcoming future LEGA tournament schedules for the 2015 year.

LEGA is great fun – come and join us!

# Men's Club Golf Tournament

By Dick Loubier

We had our first golf tournament and had a full field with 20 four-man teams. It was a little wet but everybody showed up. We played a scramble and everybody made up their own teams. We had some good scores. Jason did a great job with lunch after we played. Also, Jim McManus did a good job getting us a date to play and Bob Shaw did the scoring. Thank you guys. We will be having another tournament next year. Here are some results:

1st	Norm Smith Larry Lapore John Dieringer	51
	Fred Weber	
2nd	Tom Hare	
	Bob Fillion	52
	Gary Hull	
	Gary Walkling	
3rd	Don LaCroix	
	Chuck Yedinak	52
	Bill Davis	
	Marv Shacket	
4th	Charlie Schneider	
	Joe Demkowicz	55
	Dave Wright	
	Ray Rouillard	
5th	Rick Tayman	
	Ray Streeter	55
	Spike Perkins	
	Fred Willis	

I would like to thank everybody for playing and hope you all had a good time. See you all next year. Also, thanks to all the people who donated door prizes – Big Tom Power Washing, D&G Pest Control, Dave Gluck, Men's Club Board, Terry Kretz, and Julie Flake.



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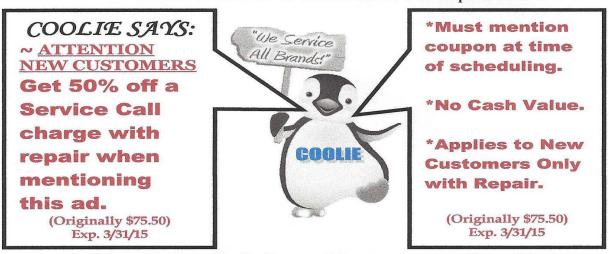
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# Tennis Update: Nite at The Races

By Bob DeMarco

As usual, the night to have fun locally and not spend an enormous amount of money, look toward Pine Lakes Race Night. Everyone seemed to enjoy the night and a lot of people won money. This, along with pizza, sodas and, of course, free beer contribute to the fun.

Thanks are due to Sable Springs, Heron's Glen and a group of great cooks from Cape Coral (every year) for reservations of groups from 10, 20, 28 people.

Also, thanks as usual to our expert staff, kitchen, ticket sellers, 50/50 sellers, buy-a-horse table, runners, daily double, light staff, projector operator, payoff table and many more dedicated staff members for table set-up, ladies members for tablecloths, etc.

A good time was had by all based on good comments received. See you next year.

# **Tennis**

By Kathy Paterson

Lots has been happening on the tennis courts since our last reporting. January and February have been packed with activities, tournaments, social and competitive tennis as well as some fun and frolicking off the courts.

#### Winter Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance

The winter annual meeting was held on January 19th followed by the dinner/dance on January 22nd. The dance proved to be a huge success, thanks mainly to the efforts of the organizing committee headed by Sharon Reed with Sandra Schafer, Jill Brush and Paulette Shaw lending their helping hands. Attendees sported their finest tropical wear, in keeping with the "Fun in the Sun" theme, with Morgan Schafer and Kathy Paterson winning first prize for the most colorful outfits. Jason and the pub provided a scrumptious buffet featuring chicken cordon-bleu and pork osso buco, both crowd pleasers.

The band "Side by Side", a husband and wife duo, were a big hit due to their obvious talent and their selection of music which had everyone up on the dance floor. They will definitely be kept in mind for future events

#### A Nite at the Races

For the eighth consecutive year, the Tennis Association hosted "A Nite at the Races".

Bob DeMarco officiated at the event, color-commenting on the races and announcing the winners, as a record crowd of over 300 cheered on their favorites. The Cape Coral regulars attended, bringing their array of potluck dishes to their table. The usual pizza and free beer added to the entertainment value of the races, as well as the moneys that went to the winners and the owners of the winning horses. See pictures on back cover.

#### **ELS Tennis Tournament**

Sixty participants from Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes participated in the ELS tournament held February 13th and 14th. There were a record number of tiebreakers, always a sign of good tennis play. Sunny weather, a great lunch provided by the pub on Friday, hot dogs grilled to perfection by Tom Kamensek on Saturday, followed by a post-tournament celebration under the tiki hut all contributed to a successful event. The winners were as follows:

Women's Flight 1 1st place - Ruth Sarno 2nd place – Kathy Paterson

Women's Flight 2
1st place - Carol Hartwell (LF)
2nd place - Nancy Constantine (LF)
3rd place - Alice Swift (LF)
4th place - Maggie Bishop

Men's Flight 1 1st place - Steve Coy 2nd place - Stu Paterson

Men's Flight 2 1st place - Terry Brush 2nd place tie: Ron Stevens

Men's Flight 3 1st place - Tex Verheyen 2nd place - Ken Yeager

The Association wishes to thank John Davis and Stu Paterson for the days they spent setting up the pairings and court scheduling for the tournament. Appreciation also goes the court captains, the cooks, and numerous other volunteers who contributed to an enjoyable and successful tournament.



Morgan Schafer and Kathy Paterson sport their prize sunglasses after winning the most colorful costumes at the Sun in the Fun tennis dance.



Winners of the ELS tennis tournament (L to R): Ken Yeager, Maggie Bishop, Terry Brush, Nancy Constantine, Steve Coy, Ruth Sarno, Kathy Paterson, Tex Verheyen, Carol Hartwell and Stu Paterson.

Pictures by Stu Paterson

# Tennis Leagues

Pine Lakes has four teams that compete with other tennis communities in North Fort Myers. Pines Lakes Panthers, captain Dixie Shaw, is battling with Lake Fairways to hold its third place standing out of the eight teams in the Swift Women's League. Their last match is March 5th at home so be sure to show your support and cheer them on.

There are three men's teams competing at various levels. The men's Red team, captain John Davis, is coming on strong, winning five of the six sets in the last match against Tara Woods. The pressure is on to take third place standing, currently held by Del Tura. In the White League, the Ospreys, captain Bob DeMarco, are in 6th place. currently ranks out of nine teams in the league. Bill Roberts, the captain of the Blue Gators, reports that the team is currently in 7th place but is making a last month charge for the middle of the pack.

Sign-up sheets for inter-community teams have been posted for next year's teams, with a cut-off date of February 28.

As for intramural tennis, organizer Linda Roberts reports that the four teams are in full swing, playing Fridays from 8 to 11 am. Two teams are tied with 17 wins, one led by Bill Roberts, the other by Prudy Jaromin with co-captiain Jacquie Yedinak. Ken Stoke's team has 15 wins, followed by Rick Shaw's team with 11 wins. The season's not over yet though, so anything can happen!

Drop-in tennis, known in the tennis community as "Whatever," is scheduled for play three times per week. This popular format combines varied skill levels and allows players to play for any length of time without having to sign up in advance.

Anyone wishing to join the Tennis Association should contact a board member for information: Ruth Sarno, Bill Roberts, Terry Brush, Nikki Todd, Stu Paterson, or Ken Stokes. For those who would like to be introduced to the game, Morgan Schafer (731-5503) volunteers his time to instruct beginners. Don't be shy – it's a great sport and a fun group of people!

#### **Upcoming Events**

Pool Party - March 7 - Hosts Mary Ann Coy and Joann Cline Spring Fling Tennis Tournament - Week of March 16 PLTA AGM - March 23 Elections and Dinner/Dance - March 24

# Men's Golf League

By Dick Loubier

Another month gone by. Don't know where and how fast time goes by. Here are some results along with the member-member results.

On January	/ 29 we	played	a scramble.

	On January 29 we	played a scramble.
1st	Chuck Yedinak	
	Fred Willis	52
	D. A. Martin	
	Dave Gluck	
2nd	Joe Demkowicz	
	John Dieringer -	57
	Joe Curley	
	Ken Hunt	
3rd	Bob Wurst	
	Chuck Harwood	57
	John Lopez	
	Bill Klamer	
4th	Bob Konetzny	
	Stan Carr	57
	Dudley Bynum	
	Tom Hare	
5th	Ray Rouillard	
	Ray Reetz	57
	Bill Nye	
	Bob Fraser	
	On February 11 we	also played a scramble.
1st	Bob Fillion	, ,
	John Dieringer	52
	George Wertz	
	D. A. Martin	
2nd`	Bob Wurst	
	Bill Nye	53
	Joe Monteleone	
3rd	Don LaCroix	
	Joe Kennedy	53
	Marv Schacket	
	Dick Lindgren	
4th	Joe Demkowicz	
	Rick Worrell	54
	Dudley Bynum	

And now for our member-member tournament. We had 62 members and used five flights. Every flight was very competitive and everybody had a great time. Two days of fun golf. First day was both drive then swap balls after drive and play into bottom of hole. It was different and some liked it and some didn't. Ray Streeter and Bob Fillion were the overall leaders after first day with a score of 121. In second place overall was Ray Reetz and Dareld Schick with a score of 122. The second day we played alternate shot with one person teeing off on odd holes and the other teeing off on even holes, then alternating shots until in hole. Everybody

Jim Tait

seemed to like this. Our overall winners were Ray Streeter and Bob Fillion with a score of 177. They received jackets which were donated by ELS. We also had \$25.00 nearest the pins – two each day – and \$50.00 hole-in-one, which nobody won.

Here are flights winners:

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Flight 1 1		Pay Strootor	177
	•	Ray Streeter Bob Fillion	1//
2	,	Bill Davis	188
	•	Fred Weber	100
Flight 2			
1		Joe Demkowicz	186
0		Dudley Bynum	107
2	<u>'</u> .	Joe Curley	187
		Rick Tayman	
Flight 3			
1	•	Bob Konetzny	182
		John McCann	
2		John Dieringer	187
		Larry Hurley	
Flight 4			
1		Ray Reetz	179
		Dareld Schick	
2		Dave Gluck	186
		Bob Fraser	
Flight 5			
1		Lou Fontaine	191
		Les Desmond	
2		Joe Monteleone	192
		Mel Gautieri	

We had a great banquet put on by Jason and his crew. We also had over 40 door prizes and a 50/50. It is a lot of work but well worth it. A special thanks to Jim McManus and the Pro Shop for doing the scoring for us.

We had our last shootout on February 7 and the winners were:

A Flight

- 1. Bob Fillion
- 2. Bob Konetzny

**B** Flight

- 1. Chuck Harwood
- 2. Tom VanHorn

These four will be in the grand shootout which will be held Saturday, March 7.

We had one hole-in-one. On January 27,

Gary Hull on hole #11, used a sand wedge.

We have the club championship coming up which will be in a separate article next month.

We also have the mixed shootout on March 23. The new board members for the golf league are:

President Joe Demkowicz
Vice President Dick Loubier
Treasurer Dennis McCarthy
Secretary Lou Fontaine

# **Bowling**

By Sharon Rondeau

We are seven weeks into the second half of the bowling season and still going strong. Everyone is having a good time. Currently, the standings are as follows:

#### **TEAM STANDINGS**

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Busted Pins (Kathy Jovanovich, Dave Rotthoff, Charles Wakefield, Mike Jacquard)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pin Seekers (Dick White, Tom Kamensek, Phyllis Mansen, Tony Fettig)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bowling Bags (Linda Smith, Robert Nauyokas, Lou Oden, John Galloway)

Men's High Scratch Game					Men's High Handicap Game					
1 st 2nd 3rd	Larry Hyskey Frank Krawcz Elliott Doliner	yk	247 224 223		1st 2nd 3rd	Larry Hyskey Dennis Studdard Dave Rotthoff	300 258 252			
Women's High Scratch Game				Women's High Handicap Game						
1st Sandy Antes 2nd Loretta Wojtalewicz 3rd Blanche Scalise		218 203 201		1st 2nd 3rd	Sandy Antes Juls Lohnes Blanche Scalise	278 260 254				
Men's High Scratch Series					Men's High Handicap Series					
1 st 2nd 3rd	Frank Krawczyk Elliott Doliner Larry Hyskey		600 556 554		1st 2nd 3rd	Larry Hyskey Dennis Studdard Jay Nicoson	713 671 665			
Wome	en's High Scratc	:h Series	<b>3</b>	Wome	Women's High Handicap Series					
1st Sharon Rondeau 2nd Betty White 3rd Andrea Helms		527 515 492		1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sharon Rondeau Sandy Antes Betty White	659 659 647				
Individual Averages										
<b>Men:</b> Frank Krawczyk 172		Elliott Doliner		170	Jay Nicoson	158				
Women: Betty White 146		Sharon Ronde	au	146	Peggy Ackley	145				



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# Home Show

By Pete Morais

Preparations for a venture of this magnitude requires a vast amount of work. We want to thank the 20 volunteers who were there at noon Thursday putting tablecloths and skirting on 50 tables and setting up 100 chairs while we waited for the curtain company to start setting up the booths. It was like clockwork. They worked so hard and fast we were done in about 45 minutes. This was record time. Amazingly, these same guys and gals came back to help us clean up the mess when day was done. The hall was looking good in short order thanks to all of you and you really did more than we expected. Our gratitude goes beyond words.

The weather conditions have been brutal throughout the country and although Florida has been relatively warm, it seems as if we have had our share of what is for us some very cold days. The morning of our home show found a very good parking crew led by Dick Loubier, Tom Hare and Bill Smith, bundled up in jackets, sweaters and long pants unloading their vehicles which our vendors appreciated because at other venues, they unload by themselves, then they ushered cars and trucks from the clubhouse to a parking area on Circle Pine Blvd. You could see vehicles parked from Saddlebrook Ct. to beyond Summer Tree Ct. We had golf cart limousine drivers escorting merchants in 45 degree temperatures without a single complaint. Our men's club volunteers were out there in what were severe conditions and they are to be congratulated for their service. It was remarkable. They provided parking arrangements for 1,000 visitors and all of the vendors. Many kudos to the parking crew. What a job, you guys did great!

Len Gorman and my next door neighbor, Dan Murphy, our resident Sheriff's patrol volunteers were on duty all day with patrol car lights flashing to lend safety to our traffic conditions. Along with our added security at the gate there were no problems out front. Dan was also one of those helping us at days end with cleanup. What a guy! Thanks loads.

At the front table Trudy Minahan's team of ladies keep a community tracking sheet to give us an idea which community the people were coming from. Trudy's team also gave visitors a free raffle ticket, checked them off on the tracking sheet so we could tell by the ticket numbers how many came through the doors and where they lived. Unfortunately we had no idea that some of our Pine Lakers were coming in through the craft room door unaccounted for and consequently they got no free ticket. Our ticket count let us know that we had given out 1,001 free tickets and the tracking sheet told us people came from 22 different neighborhoods from as far

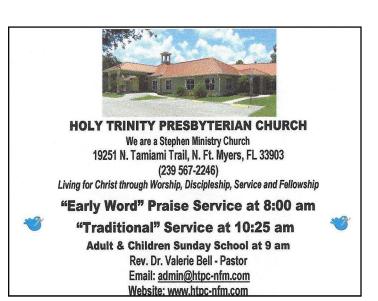
away as Cape Coral, Buccaneer and Tropical Palms, while we didn't have one person come in from across the street at Magnolia Village. Doesn't that seem odd? Our overwhelming patronage was of course from Pine Lakes where we registered 428 not counting those who came in through the back door. We thank you for your support for without it we have nothing. You're the reason we go on. If you don't come the vendors won't either.

The free tickets passed out to our visitors, were used to conduct a raffle where we gave away many valuable prizes. Many donations came from the vendors, but we were especially thankful for the 12 bottles of wine donated by Annie Romano, a Pine Lakes resident and we want to thank her for such a generous gift to the Men's Club.

We had raffles every hour. John Brown, board member and paint & wallpaper vendor, donated enough tee shirts to give one away each hour. Our guests were awarded many prizes including the preparation of a last will and testament donated by Dorsey Law Firm, 2 tickets to a Broadway Palm dinner show. \$100.00 worth of gift certificates to Applebees and 2 Ghirdelli chocolate filled baskets were donated by Sharon Taylor our resident home realtor for leased land. Thanks Sharon. Many other very nice gifts were also awarded. We had 4 or 5 prizes every hour.

Janet Principe was in charge of an outstanding kitchen crew who did a great job of keeping the dining area filled. Not only were the visitors delighted with the kitchen's food, the vendors told us how they enjoyed the food. Janet had a cleanup crew working there as well and they left the kitchen spic and span. Janet and Tom Minahan also spent Thursday morning traveling around buying the food needed for the Show. Thank You!

I have to tell you, the whole idea of a Home Show was Tom Minahan's and the hours he put into



this project are unimaginable. A special tribute goes to Tom's wife, Trudy, for all the help she has given her hubby in this effort. She was always there for him. All the board member wives are to be commended for supporting our efforts.

The show took place in February and Tom was sending out vendor letters in October. Tom & Trudy went to home shows at Harbor side and other venues soliciting vendors and checking out their layouts. Tom is a dynamo, a train that goes non-stop from one station of his destination to another to finally arrive at the show we witnessed that day. It was superbly organized, he had terrific vendor participation, a very well laid out floor plan with signage and advertisement developed to do the job of gathering in our guests. Well done Tom. We are very fortunate to have your talents on our board.

Tom Clark was my right hand that day. Whatever I needed he was Johnny on the spot. Thanks Tom. Gene Stevens is new on our board and is a very hard worker who responds immediately when needed and we put him and his wife Martha to work that day. Thanks to both of you, we appreciate your efforts. Our advertising specialist, Steve Lagrou does an excellent job of creating our flyers. Thanks Steve.

Our vendors were very satisfied with the turnout and we thank them for their participation. Many of them may be found advertising in our paper and phone book and we thank them for that as well. Last but not least, our thanks to all those who gave up their exercise classes and their card games, so we could have the hall at noon on Thursday and all day Friday. God Bless.

# This is priceless!!!!

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags are not good for the environment.

The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that she was right -- our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. The older lady went on to explain: Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day. Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribblings. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags. But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

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Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small
screen the size of a handkerchief (remember those?),
not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the
kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we
didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.
When we packaged a fragile item to send in the
mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion
it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then,
we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to
cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't
need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that
operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have
the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing." We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint. But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

Please forward this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in conservation.

We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off... especially from a tattooed, multiple-pierced teenager who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much it should be. (from the Internet)



# March Birthdays

the 1st

Tyler Daigneau Ann Faubel

the 2nd

Denise Wright Rose Wood David Kelleher Barbara Grabowski

the 3rd

Barbara Caputo Reinhard Matzkuhn Paul Zahner James Varner Eunice Grossack

the 4th

Ellen Rose Richard Shaw Barbara Demaree Gen Rokosh

the 5th

Scott Perry Linda Coulombe Flo Domings Edgar Doull Flo Domings William LeClerc

the 6th

Bob Olbrich Dianna Pecic Mike Shearer Wayner Tonnon

the 7th

Ron Zamoider Mary Zoeller Norman Wheeler Judith Martin Thomas Kamensek the 8th

John Hurynowicz George O'Neil Donald Russo

the 9th

Kathleen Baranowski Chuck Flower Camille Butka Kathy Jovanovich Camille Butka Amarite

the 10th

Judy Jacquard Marilyn Healy Nita Conner Jim Dalrymple Michael Halloran Kenneth Bolhuis

the 11<sup>th</sup>
Shela Walas
Florene Johns
Carol Gilman
Susan Berman
Teresa Sparks
Gaile Liddle
Larry Hyskey

the 12<sup>th</sup>
Judy Hale
Bob Seiy
Gloria Sale
Kathy McClellan
the 13<sup>th</sup>

Marie Provencher

Nancy Phillips

the 15<sup>th</sup> Al Olson Jane Lyle the 16th

JoAnn Scott Rey Tait Jeanette Brandau **the 17**th

Wally Huebner Joe Luminiello

the 18th

Ronald Kasmouski Elaine Hill Linda Baker

the 19th

Judie Greene Harry Finnegan Sam Lieb

the 20th

Elaine Knell John Brown Ann Lentowicz John DeRose Nettie Latuhihin Linda Beamis

the 21<sup>st</sup> Bev Malsky the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Marjorie Alexander

the 23rd

Norma Westerhoff Nancy Cuifalo

the 24th

Helen Varasdi Brenda Morse

the 25th

Cheryl Carrera Andy Aguiar the 26th

Charles Matthews Velma Habiger Howard Meserve

the 27th

Ray Liddle Arlene Lieb Patricia Schmitz

the 28th

Michelle Eby Gerry Ragen Laverne Engel Patricia Schmitz Gordon Knauer Kathy Paterson Conrad Letendre the 29<sup>th</sup>

Gregory Robertson **the 30**<sup>th</sup> Alice Eliason

Patricia Tremblay/ Odom Betty Novillis Donna Dunlap

the 31st

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the 1st

Charles & Kathleen Kromas Dennis & Joann Cline '69

the 2nd

Mike & Janet Hawley '68

the 3rd

Arnold & Beth Willis '45 Kent & Paula Freeman '84

John & Barb Seiler '85

the 5th

Tom & Judi Lawton '60 Robert & Claudia Button

the 7th

Charles & Eleanor Davis '53

the 8th

Ricky & Cathy Hargrave '90

the 9th

Mickey & Valeme Radford '89

John & Nancy Kelly

the 10th

Don & Flo States '51

the 11th

Jerry & Sharon Phillips '96

the 16th

Bill & Trudy Ewart '96

David & Joanne Gluck '57

the 17th

Daniel & Karen Nobles '84

the 21st

Bill & Judy Habingreither

the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fred & Barb Willis '69

Donald & Lorraine Gorman '97

Richard & Debra Wyka 2003

David & Sandra Haley '58

the 24th

Howard & Roseanne Beaudoin '94

the 26th

Klaus & Sharon Sohns '61

Dennis & Elizabeth Jankowski '88

Norman & Nancy Wheeler 2008

the 29th

Russell & Linda Neff





Pine Lakers on a January cruise enjoying a pre-dinner cocktail party on the Carnival "Splendor."



January cruise organizers Dianna Baughman and Mary Ann Coy. "Let The Good Times Roll!!"

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Tom Minahan, the boss!



Hat Martin enjoying recliner



Trudy Minahan & BRENDA LOUBIER giving out free tickets.



Alan Friermuth, Bob Knell & Chuck Harwood having lunch in dining room.

Home Show pictures by Pete Morais

#### **MEN'S CLUB 2015 NITE AT THE RACES**



It was a full house at the Nite at the Races, with bettors lined up to collect their winnings in the background.

Picture by Stu Patterson