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residents must call the gate
to inform them of all visitors, and contractors
coming to their home.**

**HOAII and PLEHOA Minutes and Liaison
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**WHISPERING PINES NEWSLETTER
NEXT ISSUE ARTICLE DEADLINE
Jan. 2026 Dec. 15, 2025
Please e-mail your articles/submissions to
yecklund10@yahoo.com**

PINE LAKES HOA II

Gary Nicolini, President

Good day fellow residents. I wanted to say a few things about security in our park. As you know, we have Gate Attendants at our entrance. They are not Security Guards. Also, our community does not have a wall or fencing around it. There are many places that anyone can wander onto our property. This is why we ask residents to be vigilant in our community. Like I've stated before, **if you see something.... say something.** It's great that folks have ring doorbell or cameras on their houses, because they could be helpful if needed. Yes, we have cameras in various areas in our community that are run by ELS, but they are located in some public areas and not throughout the park. We have recently had a few golf carts "disappear". Remember not to leave your key in the ignition of the cart. A lot of carts have a universal key for that make golf cart, so we all might need to consider either a GPS Tracker or Air Tag for the cart. Please do some research on these before you buy one. Some only track for a few hundred yards and others will track any distance on the GPS of your phones. Remember that if there is an issue, call 911. This is what they are there for.

In closing, as always, **SLOW DOWN. THE SPEED LIMIT IS 20 MPH.** Be safe everyone.



**PLEASE
SLOW
DOWN**

**SPEEDING on our Pines Lakes roads is increasing. Why are you in such a hurry?
PLEASE slow down to our 20mph limit
so we can all stay safe. THANK YOU!**

PINE LAKES ESTATES HOA

Pat Stanley

It's that time of year again and our Architectural Review Committee ("ARC") will soon begin their drive-by inspections of estate properties. These inspections are performed periodically to keep our community safe and orderly. To prepare for the January inspections, please ensure your property –

- Plant and flower beds are trimmed and weeded
- House, shutters, and garage door are clean, and paint is not peeling
- Driveway is clean and weed-free
- Shutters and siding are properly attached to the dwelling
- Yard waste and any debris have been removed from the yard

At our meeting on November 10, members expressed concerns that many pole lights are not functional. Since this is a safety issue, please ensure your light comes on at dusk and stays on throughout the night. Installing a dusk to dawn light bulb (the sensors are in the bulb) may be an easy solution.

My first year as a HOA Board member has been a learning experience. Not only have I met many wonderful people, I gained a better understanding of our HOA's responsibilities to our members. At monthly liaison meetings with ELS management and representatives of the PLEHOA and the HOAII Boards, members' concerns are presented and discussed. Concerns are evaluated based on many factors to determine the timing for remediation. Notes from the monthly liaison meetings are posted on OurPineLakes.com under the Homeowners tab and are also discussed at the HOA membership meetings.

Please consider serving as an HOA Board member. *The election will be held at the February 2026 meeting, but the deadline for application is December 15, 2025*, so that all the nominees' information can be included in the printed materials distributed in January. **Contact me (443-966-4147) or any Board member for more information.**

Please be sure *house numbers* are properly placed on front of home. This is essential for emergency services, visitors & package deliveries.

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A DAY OF CARING

Judy DeLonge

Back in 1991 a group of Eagle Trace Court residents started volunteering by sorting canned goods collected on the day of the post office food drive. It was later decided that their efforts would go to raising money and A Day of Caring was born.

Over the years, A Day of Caring evolved into what it is today. The intent has remained the same, to help others in need.

A Day of Caring is a group of three communities (Pine Lakes, Lake Fairway and Tara Woods) raising money for three charities (**Holidays for Heroes, The Rescue Mission and Elizabeth Galeana Center**). The DOC committee has researched these charities and feel they are all worthy and reach a diverse population of needy.

This year's campaign started in October and will end in December. So far, all three communities are doing good. We ask that you look into your heart and see how you can help. **A SMALL KINDNESS can make a BIG DIFFERENCE!**

A Day of Caring Committee

Pine Lakes Pat Dieringer and Judy DeLonge
Lake Fairways Don Webster
Tara Woods Chris Olson

EDITORS NOTE

Yvonne Ecklund

Wishing all our residents & friends in Pine Lakes a **Very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.** May you have peace, health and prosperity in 2026.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Judy DeLonge

Bill Roberts and his crew will once again be preparing Christmas Dinner.

It will be served in the Pine Lakes Clubhouse on December 25, at 1:00 PM.

The meal consists of baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls, butter, coffee, tea and dessert. It is served family style. Each family is asked to bring a salad to share.

The cost for this delicious meal is \$15.00. Tickets will be available at the Saturday morning coffee or from Judy DeLonge at (239) 731-3622.

Bill could also use some additional help, call him at (239) 995-9508.



IN MEMORY

Jeff Czerwinski

Philip A Czerwinski
Sept. 17, 1932

From Bardmoor Court, passed away peacefully on Sept. 1, 2025. Proud Marine of the Korean War, Member of Pine Lakes Men's Club and Veterans Association.

Husband of the late Katherine, survived by Michael, Philip, Jeff and Pam.



MEN'S CLUB

Ron Thoreson

PINE LAKES HOLIDAY GOLF CART PARADE –
FRIDAY DEC 12, 4 PM START SERVING FREE
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FRIENDS IN SERVICE HERE (F.I.S.H.)

Joann Cline, Secretary

For those of you who might not be familiar with our F.I.S.H. organization here at Pine Lakes, we are a non-profit association of resident volunteers. Our purpose is to provide care and assistance to our neighbors who request help. The kind of assistance offered includes providing transportation to doctor, treatment center and/or hospital appointments, along with the temporary loan of medical equipment from the inventory we have on hand. Our inventory includes an assortment of canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, commodes and shower chairs.

This information along with the F.I.S.H. Line number, 239-479-9957, is available as an ad in the 2025 Telephone Directory. Once a call is made to our number, and necessary information given, coordinators will be contacted to provide help related to your specific need.

With the return of our many snowbird friends, our organization needs volunteers to help us provide these services. We currently have a list of drivers, but, as the saying goes, “many hands make light work”, if you would be available to drive someone to an appointment once or twice a month, we could certainly use your help. If you’re not a driver, or would be uncomfortable in that capacity, we can still use your support. In the coming months our organization will be doing some restructuring which will include the need for a single Call Line coordinator or multiple coordinators for that line. We will also be asking for volunteers to take on a monthly job of connecting our clients with our volunteer drivers.

Although none of these jobs are difficult or time-consuming, our list of volunteers is becoming quite thin. If you’re interested in being of assistance to your Pine lakes friends and neighbors, or if you just want more information, ***please call the F.I.S.H. line (239-479-9957) or contact one of our board members.*** Our president, Bob Konetzny, or secretary, Joann Cline, would be more than happy to recruit you!



REMEMBER TO VOLUNTEER

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Kim Paulson

Hello Neighbors! Can you believe that it’s November already? I can’t.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Holiday Sale on November 1st. We had a great turnout and sold lots of holiday decor. A big **THANK YOU** also to the **Panthers Softball Team** and the **Men’s Club** for their manpower and use of their trucks to get the goods from storage to the clubhouse. We couldn’t do the sale without you!

We would also like to thank the **Pine Lakes Pickleball Association** for their recent donation to our committee. We will certainly put the funds to good use!

We have the **Pine Lakes Community Decorating day coming up on Tuesday, November 18th.** If you have time to help, please come to the clubhouse at 9 AM. We can use all the help we can get! We decorate the community entry, the clubhouse and a few other areas. There are trees to decorate, lights to put up and garlands to hang. We hope to see you there!

The Holiday Home Tour will be on Sunday, December 7th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. We have five homes on the tour that will be beautifully decorated for the holidays. Tickets for the tour are only \$5! You can contact Susan Miner or Becky Gloss for tickets. Join us to get into the holiday spirit!

Our last event for 2025 will be the Ugly Christmas T-Shirt Dance on Saturday, December 13th. Tickets are now on sale. Please contact Linda Kerns or Yvonne Ecklund for tickets (only \$10!). Tina Soloman will be providing the entertainment, and we will have split the pot and prizes for the ugliest T-shirt. BYOB and snacks for the evening. It will be a fun night!

We are currently working out the events for 2026. It will be another fun-filled year of events sponsored by the Beautification Committee. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Becky Gloss. We are always looking for new members who want to help with our events and with making our community a nicer place to live.

Please see the flyers within this newsletter for details on all the events. Thank you!

CERT

Mike Gloss

Ron Hendershot and Mike Gloss held an AED/CPR demonstration for the pickleball and tennis players. **There are 5 AEDs throughout the community: clubhouse lobby, poolside, between tennis & pickleball courts, outside entrance to the golf Pro Shop, and at the restroom at the 14th green.** If you have a group that would like a class let us know.

Several of our PL CERT members were privileged to serve lunch for the Veterans Day service at PL clubhouse on November 11. We are always happy to have new members join our group. **Contact either Ron or myself. Mike Gloss 330-524-1292**



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Coming on the Pine Lakes Ballroom Stage
By Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways residents

On Sunday, December 7 at 7:00 P.M. Doors open at 6:30 OR Monday, December 8 Matinee at Noon Doors Open at 11:30.

So, come night or day...Tickets are \$10 Available from
Candy Donahue 414-916-0715
Lake Fairways

Or Darlene Sosnowski 847-644-9347 Pine Lakes. Tickets are sold at the door also. No reserved seats except handicap.

OHIO NIGHT

Becky Gloss

Save The Date!! Save The Date!!



Ohio is hosting another fabulous party on March 7, 2026. You don't have to be from Ohio But if you are, you're certain to know the words to 'Hang on Sloopy'!

PICTIONARY

Kathie Needham

We play Pictionary every Thursday night at 6:30 in the card room. It costs \$1.00 to play. We draw numbers for teams. Each team member randomly picks a card with a subject to draw, and their team tries to guess what they are drawing. We have a lot of laughs over some of the drawings! We are all laughing with you, not at you! You don't have to be an artist, none of us are, just come and have some fun. **Must be 16 years of age to play!**



BRIDGE PLAYERS WANTED

Sharon Rondeau

We're looking for bridge players. If you would like to get back to bridge we would love to have you! If it's been a long time, we can give you a refresher lesson. We play *mixed Monday nights and Thursday mornings and ladies on Wednesday afternoons*. If interested, please call Barb at 239-567-2297.



CORNHOLE / BEAN BAG TOSS

Sharon Rondeau

We play corn hole every Tuesday at 3:00 in the clubhouse ballroom. You don't need a team, just show up. We randomly draw numbers for teams each week. We play best 2 out of 3 and that team moves on to play the other winners of 2 out of 3. If you don't have the stamina to play all games, someone else will play and you can rest. It's all about having fun and getting a little exercise. The men play from 27' and the women play from 23'. It usually takes about one hour to play depending on how many players we have. *We hope to see some new faces!*



90'S LUNCHEON

Judy DeLonge

OLD IN AGE BUT YOUNG AT HEART



If you are 90 or older

Come and have lunch with us. The first Wednesday of the month at the Lake Fairways Club House at noon. The cost is \$5.00 and includes a meal, a beverage and dessert.

Our next lunch will be December 3rd. We will have a great lunch and Holiday Entertainment. Don't miss it, it's going to be a lot of fun.

Any questions or you need a ride call me. I can arrange that for you. Please come and enjoy!

Judy DeLonge • 239-731-3622 • jldelonge@aol.com

HAND & FOOT

Sharon Rondeau

Come play Hand and Foot every Tuesday at 6:15 pm in the card room. If you have never played, it is very similar to Canasta. You don't need to come with a partner, just show up! We play two games a night at \$0.25 per game. Any questions please call Bill Roberts at 239-898-6308.

LINE DANCING CLASSES

Linda LeClaire

Forget the treadmill, if you want to beat depression, just dance. That's a message from a landmark Australian study analyzing data from 218 trials and over 14,000 people. Researchers found that while any kind of exercise helps, **dancing delivered the biggest and most consistent drop in depressive symptoms.**



So, join us for line dancing on *Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Pine Lakes clubhouse*. *Tuesday's class is from 10:30 to 11:40 for Beginners; 11:45 to 1:00 for Intermediate dancers. Thursday's class is from 11 - 12 for Beginners and 12 - 1 for Intermediate dancers.* Many studies have found that choreographed dancing is the best exercise for senior citizens. It combines physical and mental exercise and is a great way to socialize and make new friends.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Rick Saniti, President

Decembers here already! The Men's Club would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It seems way too early to be saying that.

Well, the Men's Club just finished up our November schedule which included a pancake breakfast, followed by a terrific Halloween dance featuring Boomtown Jukebox and all of you dressed in some of the best costumes I've seen yet! It was a great time!

We then presented Eric Richardson as Dean Martin and hosted a Showcase presented by the Hunt talent agency. Unfortunately, by the time this article was due, the last 2 events hadn't happened yet, but I'm confident that Eric Richardson was very entertaining and the Showcase let us see some very talented performers.

Then of course, there's Bingo every Wednesday evening. We've had a lot of bingo players daubing their bingo cards with hopes of being able to yell "BINGO" and win the jackpot for that game. The more bingo players that show up, the more money we hand out to the lucky winners. It's a lot of fun and oh, the kitchen's open for dinner items and snacks. Doors open at 5pm and games begin at 6pm.

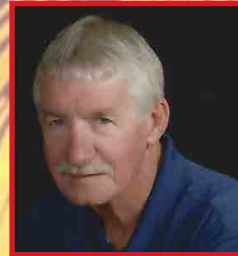
The Men's Club will start December with our pancake breakfast. That will be on Saturday, December 6th. We'll start serving around 8:15am with Pine Lakes event announcements starting at 9am. During the breakfast event, you'll be able to purchase tickets for our January 3rd, 2026, dance featuring that fabulous group Deb and the Dynamics! It's always a great time as the group goes onto the dance floor to really get the party going. John Stanley will be selling tickets at that pancake breakfast and after that, by phone and whenever it's posted on Facebook and other media. John's number is 443-752-7468. Watch for the "Box office is Open" sign too. That means we're up in the clubhouse lobby selling tickets.

Next up is the Christmas golf cart parade which we changed up a bit this year. Starting around 4pm on Friday, December 12th, bring your decorated golf cart up to the clubhouse circle and take your place in line. Be careful though. There'll be lots of Santa's elves wandering about, enjoying a hot dog, some chips, maybe some hot chocolate or a soda, as Christmas music plays in the background.

Meet up with your friends and neighbors and look at all the wonderfully decorated golf carts and probably their drivers and occupants too! The parade will depart the clubhouse around 5 – 5:30pm to entertain every cul de sac resident in our community. After the parade, we'll meet in the ballroom for some prizes and desserts. We're asking anyone who wants to, bring some sort of sweets for all to enjoy after the parade in the clubhouse. **BE SURE TO CHARGE YOUR GOLF CART!!**



Watch for our future events as the Men's Club will be presenting the "Gold Tones", February 7th and "Liverpool Live", a Beatles show, on February 21st. Information on all our events will be available on the display TVs, the "Our Pine Lakes Website", Facebook, flyers in the Whispering Pines and various signage. **Merry Christmas!**



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WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Linda Baker

Our Fabulous Christmas Dinner will be at the December meeting on 12/4/25 (this event is for members only, so join the Women's Club so you don't miss any of the fun). **Don't forget to bring a toy/gift for the kids at ACT.** Doors open at 5:30, Dinner served at 6:00, music and dancing to follow. Tickets are only \$10 and will be available at the Saturday Breakfast and Coffee or by calling Bev Thoreson (919-303-2666).

Ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Publix signup is available! Check our Facebook page for more info. Sign up at the December meeting.

GOT JUNK? Or maybe some **GOOD Stuff?** We are collecting for the Treasure Sale (Coming in February) – the next drop off is **Dec 17 @ 8:30-10:00am** at the RV Lot. Bring your stuff! Also, **volunteers needed at the drop-off event, please come help receive the donations.**



It's almost time! **NEW YEAR'S EVE IS COMING!!** Get your tickets now, \$25 includes Dinner (1/4 chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter) and Music and dancing with Tina Solomon. The great news? Champagne toast at 11:00 (the New Midnight)! Tickets available at Saturday Breakfast, Coffee Social or by calling me – Linda Baker (517)202-6219

We aren't stopping there! January will bring a **Quarter Auction (1/10/26)** and a **Health Fair (1/15/26)**, more information to come.

Pine Lakes owners and renters are welcome to join the Women's Club for a \$5.00 lifetime membership fee. **Hope to see you soon!!!**

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VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

Our next meeting will be held **Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 1:15pm (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME)** in the Activities room of the Pine Lakes Clubhouse. All Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways Veterans are invited.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To everyone that came out for our Veteran's Dance and the Veteran's Day Ceremony and luncheon. We really appreciate all the support. We had great attendance at both events and want you to know how much it means to us.

Important Dates in Military History:

December 1 - Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday (1941)

December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day Called "A day which will live in infamy" by Franklin D. Roosevelt, on this day in 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

December 13 - National Guard Birthday (1636)

December 13 - National Wreaths Across America
An annual laying of wreaths at veterans' cemeteries across the nation.

December 20 - Space Force Birthday (2019)

December 28 - Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant/Religious Affairs Specialist (1909)



** Have you heard of the **Brick Program**? It allows U.S. Military veterans and their families to honor their service by purchasing a brick, which is placed in the Veteran's Memorial. For more information, contact Steve Falck (239-980-9318). This is a great tribute to the Veteran(s) in your life!

** If you know of the passing of a Pine Lakes Veteran, please contact Tim 513-300-7877 or Linda 517-202-6219.

** If you believe you are a member but are not getting the meeting reminder emails, contact me (LLB5775@comcast.net or 517-202-6219) to update your information.

“SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VETERANS”

Denny Miner

Pete Morais

Sergeant First Class US Army

Pete was the first child born in Detroit, Michigan, 1936, to Maryann and Peter Morais. He has two brothers, Edmund and John, and one sister, Maryann. He went to high school at St. Clemens Centerline. His father passed away when he was 17 making him head of household. The possibility of being drafted and shipped away from his family was not acceptable to Pete. So, he joined the Michigan Army National Guard, 1951.

The National Guard sent him to a two-week training program where he became qualified in the Medical Branch of the Army. He served part-time as an administrator and supervisor of inductees for three years and attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. Normally, achieving this rank requires an excess of six years as a full-time soldier. Pete did it in three! Outstanding!! He chuckled as he recalled how some of the big, strapping guys would faint when they saw the needles during in-processing.



He was employed by General Motors as an apprentice die designer. He worked his way to journeyman in the United Autoworkers union (UAW) in short order. He found an interest in the union stewardship and ran for office. Lost. Ran again the next year and won. During his 37 years with General Motors and representing the UAW, he worked his way up through the union organization to eventually becoming the Chair of the local membership in only seven years.

Not being satisfied with only the local union position, he ran for and won the seat of President of the Detroit UAW. The President serves three-year terms. He served two consecutive terms. That was enough. When he decided to retire from GM, he was given a going-away party where over 300 people attended. He and Sandy are very proud of how much he was appreciated by his fellow workers. He said he loved the work, but it was time to retire.

Perhaps, like many of us retired folks, he was looking forward to taking it easy. Fate was not so easily shaken. A job shop of GM retirees had been formed, and they asked him to participate. True to form, he became the supervisor. He recalled that about twenty guys, all retirees, worked for him. After seven years with this group, he decided to finally call it quits.

Pete says he met Sandy at a football game. Sandy says they met at a dance. They agreed that when they did meet Sandy was dating another Pete. Our Pete won her attention, and they were married in Detroit in 1957. They have two daughters, one son, six grandkids and three great grandkids.

When they moved to Pine Lakes circa 2000, Pete joined the Men's club, served on the Board for three years and then ran for office and became President. He served in that capacity for ten very memorable years. Many of the items in the Clubhouse and the Tiki Huts themselves were purchased during Pete's ten-year tenure. He and Sandy recalled how many of the events were sold out routinely, raising money to make the community improvements possible.

They insisted that I list the names of the Board members who were so instrumental in achieving the many things that the Men's club did under Pete's guidance. Tom Minahan, Tom Hare, John Brown, Jack Crotty, Dick Loubier, Chuck Harwood, Al Olsen, Jim Bachman, Ed Delaney, Steve Lagrue, VP Vince Principe and their wives. As a small tear formed in the corner of Sandy's eye, she said, "We were all like family."

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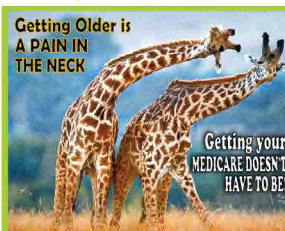
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BOCCE

Jackie Bartilucci

It's hard to believe that the Fall 2025 Bocce Season is almost over! We've had it all – scorching heat where we baked while playing on the “sunny end” of the courts to record breaking cold where we had to wear gloves just to play! Gotta love Florida. Don't like the weather, just wait.

With just a few games left, it's time to think about the end of this season and the beginning of Winter 2026.

The last regular game of this season will be on December 10. If we need play-offs for first, second and third, they will be held on December 17. Play times will be determined at that time, depending on how many teams are eligible for those slots.

The season end pizza party will be held on December 17 at noon at the overhang at the pool. All players from the Fall season are invited. There will be a sign-up sheet with the score sheet for the December 10 games, so we'll know how much pizza to buy.

Winter 2026 Season. Sign-ups will be held from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Please see the form. To help speed things up, you can complete the form and bring it with you to the sign-ups. Please remember to bring the cash payment. The Winter Season will be \$15.00 for a regular player and \$10.00 for a sub.

After the sign-ups close at 10:00 am, we encourage everyone to stay around to enjoy the always entertaining

picking of the teams. That will happen between 10 and 11 am that day.

All teams consist of one male player and one female player. No spouses are allowed to be on the same team. The players pick the names out of a barrel so there's no stacking teams, it's totally random and always fun. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Regular play will start on January 14, 2026. The games normally run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, depending on the number of teams we have. Each game lasts about an hour. The Season consists of ten weeks.

We maxed out for the number of teams at our Winter 2025 season. This year, we will either close registration if we meet our maximum number of players or add an additional day, depending on how many people sign up. New for the Fall season and going forward – our neighbors from Lake Fairways are welcome to join with us and sign up to play bocce. Notices will be posted in the clubhouse at Lake Fairways.

Clinics are offered prior to the start of regular play for people who haven't played before.

Bocce is always fun and extremely entertaining. We're here mainly to have fun and enjoy our beautiful community. No skill needed. We hope to see you there.

BOCCE SIGN UP FORM

BOCCE SEASON ____ FALL ____ WINTER ____ YEAR

NAME _____

____ MALE ____ FEMALE ____ NEW PLAYER?

Complete all contact info. All team contact will be via email.

____ EMAIL _____

____ CELL PHONE _____

____ REGULAR PLAYER- \$15.00 ____ SUB PLAYER - \$10.00

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DATE PAID _____ REC'D BY _____ AMT _____ TEAM NUMBER _____



SHUFFLEBOARD

John Stauffer

Over the summer, Fran Stauffer has tried to find interested residents who might be interested in helping to continue the weekly shuffleboard sessions. As we know, Al and Irene Gaetani have retired from organizing the weekly games after 10 years.

After several weeks of investigating the options, Fran has found 3 individuals who are willing to participate in organizing some of the sessions. These folks are not here year-round, so that leaves shuffleboard still short-handed. Perhaps you could run one or two sessions. There are lots of options.

Current Weekly Tasks to be considered (**October thru May**):

- Time and day – **currently Tuesdays at 7PM – fall and winter**
- Unlock competition equipment in laundry room and bring to courts

- Wax discs (everyone who comes early usually does this)
- Pass out court and partner assignments for each game
- Have everyone sign in if scoring is to continue
- Ensure winners are recorded after each game
- Return all equipment and lock in laundry room
- Updates scores, send to Whispering Pines with small article (if wanted)

The last meeting was in October and then no organized shuffleboard until January! **For more info call Fran on 856-217-2932.**



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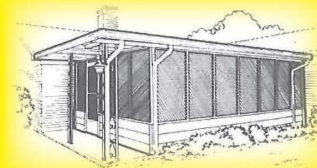
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Tennis, Anyone? Ring a Doorbell

Frank Tivnan

If you are deep into your Social Security checks you might recall an old GM ad with the tagline, “If you are wondering about a Chevrolet, ask the man who owns one.”

So with a generous dose of poetic license, we can apply that advice to tennis.

Anyone flirting with the thought of swinging a racket may harbor a host of beginners’ questions. And active players are good ambassadors of the sport. They may be your neighbors or a familiar acquaintance, and they can offer details that are not available in this column, such as:

As a new beginner will I be welcome? Who do I contact and when can I play? Can anyone give me a lesson?

Where should I buy a racquet? How long does it take to become a decent player? The list goes on.

Printed below are all the names of players who are on the rosters of three teams that play in a competitive league in North Fort Myers.

But all of us play a lot of recreational tennis just for the fun of it and any player can tell newcomers how to work themselves in.

THE GATOR GALLS:

Jan Banks, Brenda Bower, Jill Brush, Connie Dalrymple, Maggie Garcia, Ann Hartnett, Darinka Kamensek, Mary Loll, Patti Loll, Sandy Milley (Captain), Pat Stanley, Donna Stouffer

THE PINE LAKES LAKERS:

Steve Boire, Terry Brush, Rick Coats, Mike Hartnett, Terry Obie, Irwin Peters (Captain)

THE PINE LAKES BULLS:

Ed Dukes (Captain), Frank Farina, Kent Freeman, Ron Garcia, Dave Gunderson, Bernie Loll, Steve Moore, Paul Scholl, Rick Severson, John Stanley, Frank Tivnan, Norm Wheeler

Frequent faces are usually found on the court who do not play on teams:

John Seiler, who at 98 is the legendary dean of Pine Lakes tennis: Annette and Hayes Harp, whose twenty-seven years of high-end tennis at Pine Lakes gives them almost emeritus status here: Susan Grant, Lucille Leone, Randy Markham, Kathy Wilder-Paterson, Ruth Sarno, Cully and Joe Swinford, Rick Tipmore, Terri Wilkin, Joy Urban

So, ring their doorbells. It could change your life.



PINE LAKES SOFTBALL

Bill Skinner

Practice has started for your Pine Lakes Panthers softball team!! Our first game is on **January 5th at 530pm at Carmilta Park in Punta Gorda**. Our friends from next door, Lake Fairways, will be in the other dugout! This is sure to be a fun game with a lot of fans!

The team has a couple fundraisers in the next two months. We are selling tickets for **January 24th** for the ballroom. A fantastic band called “**41 South**” will be entertaining us. This is a 7-piece band that will have you moving all night. There is a rumor that the softball team may even get up on stage for a rendition of “Take me out to the ballgame”!! *We are also very fortunate that a fan donated a brand new 3900-watt Generac generator for us to raffle off.* We are only selling 300 tickets...10 dollars for one, 20 dollars for 3. We will pull the raffle at intermission on Jan24th. See one of the members of the team for tickets to both or call Bill Skinner at 603-566-9210. We are looking forward to a fun season with the best fans! See you at the ballpark!!



FP PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN

Ginger Mitchell, secretary

Here we are in November, a transitional month if there ever was one. Summer is truly over, and autumn will clearly give way to winter. Now is an opportunity to focus on matters close to the heart through reflection, gratitude and connection.

As a club we have a lot to be grateful for. Demand for lessons has been high. Currently there are 18 students, many of whom know the basics and are ready to focus on improving their skills. Because it was requested classes are being offered at times that fit for those who are still in the workforce.

Steve Seifer- our executive vice president in charge of fun has organized a new type of tournament for us based on poker. 20 participants play 5 games. Winners of each game get 2 random cards and losers get one. When the tournament is over the player who has the best poker hand wins.

Speaking of members, to enjoy the classes, tournaments and dedicated club time play you must be a current member. Please fill out the membership form and give it to our treasurer, Louise Rutherford, with \$10. Our goal is to build community through respectful play. Remember to wear shoes and a shirt and never allow your pet to be on any court.

We want to thank ELS for improving our spectator area by laying brick in front of the benches as well as sod with irrigation in the surrounding area. This will help protect our courts from damage and make us more comfortable as we cheer each other on. We also want to thank John and Peggy Jenkins and Gail Guile for power washing our extra chairs.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and see you on the courts.



Students at Pickleball



Seifer at Pickleball

NIFTY NINERS

Sharol Liepe

Any member interested in joining us on Wednesdays should call Donna Russo, Nifty Niner President, for details. The Nifty Niners are all about good golf, fun, laughter, and friendships. Please join us!



On **Wednesday October 15th** the Niners' graciously surrendered our Tee times to the Sadie Hawkins Tournament. We are proud of our members who chose to participate in the 2-day Tournament ~ 18 holes each day ~ way to go ladies!

Wednesday, October 22nd was a busy fun day for the Niners' it started with golf and ended with a wonderful Lunch at Karen Proulx house and a big **THANK YOU** to this wonderful lady. Recapping the day - it started with golf ~ 1st Place winners with a score of 39 were Donna Russo and Cindy Penfield. The 2nd Place winner was Carolyn Bonnell with a score of 40 and 3rd Place was tie between Joyce Sloan and Veronica Klimko with a score of 41. After a wonderful lunch, a meeting was held and new Officers were elected ~ they are President Donna Russo, Vice-President Pat Dieringer, and Secretary Sharol Liepe, with Karen Proulx continuing as Treasurer. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering.

October 29th play was 3 teams of 3 and coming in 1st place with a score of 34 were Karen Proulx, Carol Listermann, and Ruth Hovet ~ great play, ladies. The second-place team with a 38 score was Carolyn Bonnell, Donna Russo, and Joyce Sloan. November 5th TBA as I was out sorry. Last play for this round was November 12th, and the game was "Low Net". Winner with an amazing score of 25 was Lee Simon, in second place with 28 was Jacquie Yedinak and third place was Donna Russo with a 32. **Come join the fun on Wednesdays!**

PINE NINERS Mens Nine Hole Golf League

Don Russo

Pine Niners is Pine Lakes Nine hole men's golf league. We are part of the Pine Lakes Golf Association.

- * Do you like to play golf?
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We play every Thursday, at 12PM. If interested in joining us, call or text Ron Hovet at 419-602-0348, or Bob Godek at 407-209-6532 for additional information.

The course is in Great condition, thanks to the efforts of Scotty and his crew, and, Dan, John, and Steve's efforts in the Pro Shop!

Kudos to our weekly winners: (Top 3 Teams)

OCTOBER 30th

Game: Scramble

TEAM:	SCORE:	TEAM:	SCORE:
Joe Salerno		Ray Charest	
Don Russo	-3	Ron Hovet	-1
Al Gaitani		Larry Hurly	
Ken Hunt		Jay Nicoson	

Scott King		CLOSEST TO PIN WINNERS: Hole 7:
Mike Gloss	-2	Dale Mobley 10'6", Al Gaetani 11'1", Ron Hovet 16"10",
Dale Mobley		Ray Charest 19', Darold Schick 20'9"
Gil Gabriel		

NOVEMBER 6

Game: Scramble

TEAM:	SCORE:	TEAM:	SCORE:
Mike Gloss		Bob Godek	
Dareld Schick	-5	Rick Hargrave	E
Paul Proulx		Rich Pacewic	
Ray Charest			
		Dale Mobley	
John Clark		Jack Roberts	+1
Jay Nicoson	-1	Larry Hurley	
John Houser			
Gil Gabriel			
Don Russo	E		
Ken Hunt			

We moved our time up to 12 Noon this year to accommodate our growing league. This will give us more flexibility, less stress, and the ability to continue to grow.
NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to new members this year: Rich Pacewic, and Paul Proulx.

We are saddened by the loss of long-time member Don Weigand, who passed away this past summer, he will truly be missed.



TEE TIME Ladies 18 Hole Golf League
Joann Cline

I've been told Christmas gifts have been cancelled this year. Not because of the economy, but apparently you told Santa you've been good all year He died laughing.

In October, our Sadie Hawkins Tournament gave us plenty of opportunity to laugh, but fortunately, unlike Santa, no one died. Congratulations to our Sadie Hawkins winners, Bev Bynum and Joe Demkowicz. Good luck running the tournament in 2026!

Not much laughing at our Fall League Meeting, only some very serious business. Most important was the announcement by President Laurie Pellerin and Vice-President Denise Wright, that they would not continue in their respective positions for the 2026-2027 season. Linda Kantz and Bev Cook agreed to serve as a nominating committee for those interested in running for office. Other discussions and announcements included: Member-Guest Tournament moved from January 14, 2026 to April 1; Pine Lakes L.E.G.A. event will be held March 18, 2026; agreement to reverse the spring vote determining procedure to break a tie on hole #9 during shoot-outs and revert back to what is described in the PLGA Information and Schedule booklet; and our ability, now, to sign up for league day golf through Golf Genius.

**Congratulations Ladies' League Winners
L.E.G.A. at Burnt Store on October 23rd**

Marilyn Hayes 1st in Flight 1 • Linda Wakefield 2nd in Flight 2
Linda Kantz 3rd in Flight 2 • Bernice Furnia 1st in Flight 4

October 18th Shoot-Out

Linda Wakefield 1st Place • Bernice Furnia 2nd Place • Bev Cook 3rd Place



October 22nd League Play 1,2,3 Best Ball

Team Score 142

Lori Skinner
Laurie Pellerin
Bernice Furnia
(draw)

Team Score 148

Marilyn Hayes
Linda Wakefield
Deb Kimbro
(draw)

Team Score 155

Irene Hinchley
Bev Cook
(draw)
(draw)

Team Score 172

Bev Bynum
Linda Kantz
Denise Wright
Jean Lang

October 29th League Play Scramble

Team Score 57

Marilyn Hayes
Linda Kantz
Joann Cline
Jean Cusack

Team Score 58

Linda Wakefield
Sandy Tupper
Khris Clevenger
Bernice Furnia

Team Score 60

Eileen Sims
Bev Cook
Denise Wright

Team Score 62

Laurie Pellerin
Bev Bynum
Sandy Craig
Sue Hunt

November 5th League Play Low Net

Flight 1

Laurie Pellerin net 59
Linda Wakefield 61
Eileen Sims 66
Linda Kantz 66

Flight 2

Bernice Furnia net 59
Khris Clevenger 68
Bev Cook 73
Joann Cline 75



**A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL
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November 12th League Play Scramble to Putts

Team Score 67

Lori Skinner
Khris Clevenger
Irene Hinchley
Bernice Furnia

Team Score 72

Marilyn Hayes
Laurie Pellerin
Deb Kimbro
Linda Kantz

Team Score 74

Linda Wakefield
Eileen Sims
Jean Lang
Joann Cline

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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Scott DeLonge



Welcome Back Guys! Thanks to all who played and congrats Winners.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!



IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES

February Shootout February 2nd not February 13th (TBA)
Grand Shootout February 28th not February 27th (TBA)
General Meeting and Elections Plus Lunch on February 26th after golf.

Oct 9th

CTP #5 Scott De Longe
1 Chris Tupper
4 Boomer De Santis

#11 Sherman Riedlinger
2 Scott DeLonge
4 Shaerman Riedlinger

2 Joe Demkowicz
4 Ray Walton

Oct 15th & 16th

Sadie Hawkins Winners

A FLIGHT
Phil Eberhardt
Sandy Craig

B FLIGHT
Joe Demkowicz
Beverly Bynum

C FLIGHT
Scott De Longe
Pat Dieringer

Oct 23rd

CTP #9 Rick Tayman
1 Phil Eberhardt
John Cusack
Jeff Penders
Rick Tayman

16 Schneider
2 Mike Kimbro
Ed Clevenger
Boomer De Santis
Bob Kingsley

3 Bill Skinner
John Dieringer
Charlie Schneider
Kevin Dobbs

Oct 30th

CTP #3 Jim Steinke
1 Jeff Furina
2 John Dieringer

12 Ed St Phillips
2 Ed Clevenger
4 Mike Kimbro

5 Daryl Lang
5 Phil Eberhardt

Halloween Tournament

Nov 1st

A Flight
1 Scott De Longe
Boomer De Santis
Mike Hayes
Marilyn Hayes

2 Phil Eberhardt
Dan Thess
Eileen Sims
Sandy Craig

Flight B
1 Ray Walton
Charlie Schneider
Linda Kantz
Joyce Sloan

2 Chris Tupper
Mike Kimbro
Sandy Tupper
Deb Kimbro



more results next page...

Nov 6th

CTP Ed Clevenger

1 Bob Konetzny

2 Daryl Lang

Jim Steinke

3 Jerry Beamer

3 Mike Hayes

5 Scott DeLonge

Welcome Back Tournament

CTP Scott King

Lori Skinner

A Flight

1 Bill Skinner

Ray Walton

Bernice Furnia

Jean Lang

B Flight

1 Mike Gloss

Jack Robers

Linda Kantz



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December Birthdays

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7 Bob Hoy Kim Lotz	8 Jill Brush Kathy Franz Linda Knotts	9 Dottie Godek	10 Darleen Parini Renee Smith Terry White	11 Happy Meredith Chris Velasco	12 Sylvia Crawford Jerry Phillips	13 John Galloway Gary Nicolini
14 Randy Allen Sandy Craig Sharon Pickett Bill Schmidt Ray Walton	15 Nancy Bradley JJ Healy Peggy Matthews Peg Tarantole Gaylord Taylor	16 John Dieringer Lisa Heflin	17 Steve Coy Scott Franz Betty Miller	18 Bob Button Frank Guenthner Rheta Piazza	19 Randy Califf Ray Charest Sheldon Green Wayne Ladd Phillip Sosnoski	20 Kenny Planke Don Scott
21 Karen Brunton-Gleich Debbie Kimbro Trudy Minihan	22 Gerry Kerwin	23 Carol Booth Bruce Jacoby Robert Konetzny Patricia Stephenson	24 Randy Markham	25	26 Wayne Larson Kristin Mellott	27 John Highfill Rosie Krenn
28 Steven Hainey Sue-Kay Hunt Karen Hyskey	29 Deanne Beaupre Tom Joy	30 Debby Steele	31 Jan Gilmore Tom Rasler			

**The Celebration Calendars are maintained by Kim Paulson.*

If you have changes or have been missed, please contact Kim at 724.732.5331 or email kimba626@verizon.net.

December Anniversaries

	1 James & Denise Bashore '89 Steve & Cindy Boire	2 David & Teresa Pingel '13	3 Gerald & Kathleen Schulz '71	4 Phil & Gina Eberhardt '71	5	6 Bob & Lynda Hayter
7 John & Carol Clark '84	8 Frank & Marilyn Dunnett '78	9	10	11	12 Bud & Cathy Gehring '70	13
14 Jerry & Sharlene Beamer '02 John & Jean Cusack '91	15	16	17 Larry & Nancy Hurley '55	18 Frank & Dorothy Binetti '54	19 Ron & Bev Cook '20	20
21 Albert & Kay Gursky '63	22	23	24	25	26 Marc & Penny Coufal '13	27
28	29	30 Vincent & Jacquelyn Bartilucci	31 Ken & Deanna Stokes			



Cruise Club

Dianna Baughman

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UPCOMING SHOWS/EVENTS FOR 2025/2026 SEASON

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
12/06/2025	PL HOAII	Beat Street Band
12/07/2025	Beautification Committee	Holiday Tour of Homes
12/07/2025	Theatre Group	Spirit of Christmas Returns
12/08/2025	Theatre Group	Spirit of Christmas Returns
12/12/2025	Men's Club	Golf Cart Parade
12/13/2025	Beautification Committee	Ugly Sweater Dance
12/25/2025	Bill Roberts	Christmas Dinner
12/31/2025	Women's Club	New Years Eve Party
01/03/2026	Men's Club	Deb & The Dynamics
01/30/2026	Men's Club	Home Show
02/07/2026	Men's Club	Gold Tones
02/21/2026	Men's Club	Liverpool
03/07/2026	Ohio Night	Ohio Night
03/14/2026	Men's Club	St. Pat's Dance
03/21/2026	Veterans Group	Veteran's Appreciation Dance
04/17-04/18 2026	Theatre Group	TBA
05/02/2026	Veterans Association	Kentucky Derby
05/09/2026	Women's Club	Mother's Day Tea



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