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HOA II BOARD

Gary Nicolini, President

Good day fellow residents. As you know this winter season has been unusually cool and rainy but hopefully the weather will turn around for the better by the time this issue comes out. Since our last HOA meeting, Ray Walton has resigned his position on our Board so he can devote his time to being VP of the PLGA. Thank you, Ray, for your work and dedication to our HOA.

I can't emphasize enough how your HOA needs your \$25 membership each year. I get asked "what does the HOA do for us". Let's begin by saying that the largest cost for the HOA is the yearly Insurance bill. We pay 2/3 and the Estate HOA pays 1/3. Our insurance covers liability for the HOA sponsored events in our clubhouse. Without this Insurance, each group would need to buy their own insurance for EACH event they have and make ticket prices higher to cover that cost. Your HOA also donates money to groups in your community to promote goodwill.

Did you know that \$5 of the \$25 membership goes to our Legal Fund. Knowing the issues we have had with ELS, the HOA needs to build up our legal funds in case we need to litigate in court. We are the liaison between us residents and the Management of our community. Sometimes items take longer than anticipated, which is discouraging to all of us, but I can promise you that we fight to get things done. Please read the information that I put on social media and our web site, www.ourpinelakes.com. I see a few "Facebook warriors" out there that are quick to criticize but never in line to help or even come to any meetings.

With all being said, I'm asking you to join your HOA. In the next month you will see your Board members coming around to get residents to join. Your HOA Board is here to help so please help us.

WHISPERING PINES
NEXT ISSUE **DEADLINE**
 April 2024 March 16, 2024

HOAII and PLEHOA Minutes and Liaison Meeting notes can be found on the web www.ourpinelakes.com.



With the exception of Fed-Ex, Amazon, UPS, and USPS, residents must call the gate to inform them of all visitors, and contractors coming to their home.

CERT

Mike Gloss

Several Pine Lakes CERT members attended the Fire Wise expo at Herons Glen on February 12th. A wide variety of exhibits were present. Lee County public services were highlighted: the bomb squad with robots, mosquito control with drones, the Forestry Service and North Fort Myers Fire Department's brush fire equipment. The North Fort Myers Firefighters even demonstrated auto accident extraction by disassembling an automobile.

On March 2nd ReUnite will present their program after the Men's Club pancake breakfast at approximately 9:30 AM. Please see flyer. Mike Gloss PL CERT leader. 330-524-1292



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



NOTE: Please abide by the Pine Lakes speed limit of 20mph and try to be aware of walkers and bikers when driving car/truck/golf cart to avoid accidents.

PINE LAKES THIRSTY THURSDAY POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

“Quench Your Thirst” for drinks, food, and fun at the Thirsty Thursday pool party on Thursday, March 21 from 5 to 8 pm. Gates will open at 4:30. You may want to bring a chair as seating is limited. This is a Rain or Shine party. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move inside and rock away! BYOB with **NO GLASS BOTTLES** allowed! There will be a Free Glass of Wine given to each ticket holder. Please bring an appetizer to share with everyone for snacking delights. Split the Pot tickets will be sold and there will be happy lucky winners. Jerry Burton, a great singer, will give us music to eat, drink, and dance to. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from Lora Liptak- 724-984-6029, Sherry Holtz- 716-866-2874 or Jo Orvik- 218-342-2086 *Come and have a great time.*



PINE LAKES POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

The Pine Lakes Pool Party Committee is scheduling March Pool Parties for **March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 24**. As of now there will be a pool party on **March 31**, which is Easter. Time is Noon-3 pm. There will be music, games, Split-the-pot, and food available for purchase. The kitchen closes at 2. Come and have a great time!



BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Jo Orvik

The latest project the Beautification group completed was to paint beautifying stenciling in the pool area with an ocean motif. Make sure you take a look the next time you are at the pool and enjoy the new scenery. Remember we take Christmas items all year long. If you have Christmas items you no longer want or need, please do not put them on the curb- give Becky Gloss (303-524-5583) a call and we will be happy to pick them up. If you are interested in learning more about Beautification we will have a meeting on Thursday, March 14, 5:00 pm in the living room of the club house. Come join us with ideas to help make our community more beautiful.



90'S LUNCHEON

Virginia Davis

Looking for the young at heart 90 years or older to join us for our monthly luncheon:

Wednesday March 6 at noon. It will be held in **Lake Fairways club house.** The men's club with John Donahue and his helpers provide lunch and drinks. A small donation of \$5 or more is appreciated. We plan to have entertainment by Evelyn and a guest. It will be great. Please spread the word!

Information call Virginia 315-456-9059

QUILT SHOW

Pam Wagner

Pine Lakes / Lake Fairways Quilt Class is having its third quilt show on **March 12th 1-3 PM Free admission.**

Displayed are beautiful quilts the class made. We will again have a raffle of 5 quilts, knitted item and picture. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 purchased at show or call Pam Wagner 734-812-6289. Need not to be present for drawing.

One of the auction quilts...below



HAND AND 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.

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CORNHOLE / BEAN BAG TOSS

Sharon Rondeau

Come join in the fun playing corn hole every **Tuesday at 3:00 in the clubhouse ballroom**. It costs nothing to play. 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'. Depending on how many are there, it usually takes anywhere from one to one and half hours to play. We hope to see some new faces!!



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE – APRIL 12, 2024

Cindy Ahrens

The Entertainment Committee presents The Monsoons band. Sarasota's hippest new band blends the funkiness of New Orleans with good old Rock & Roll with a touch of Blues, Southern Rock & Pop.

The dance will be held in the Pine Lakes Clubhouse, April 12, 2024, from 6-9PM; doors will open at 5:30PM. This is a BYOB (bring your own beverage). There are NO setups. Dance tickets are \$10/person. Split-the-Pot with 10 tickets for \$5.

Tickets go on sale at the Pine Lakes Pancake Breakfast on March 2nd or call Jesse Howard for tickets – 207-735-5812 (after 10AM).

You enjoyed them at the pool party, and we will enjoy their music again in April!!



BOOK OF ACTS BIBLE STUDY

Phil Sosnowski

THE PROBLEM WITH SERMONS!

On March 3, we conclude our study of the Book of Acts. If anybody wants to review this on their own, I can loan you the DVD series & self-study material. *March 10, we will not meet.*

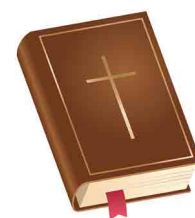
March 17, and for the next 8 weeks, we will entertain discussion of some basic biblical principles that have always eluded most sermons because of time constraints in church. Whether you consider yourself a faithful church-attender for all your life, or are just investigating God, Christianity, and churchgoing, you have all probably heard enough sermons that have left you wanting: wanting clarity, brevity, life application, and relevance to your 21st century existence. You are looking for hope and direction for your future, or perhaps feedback on a family or personal dilemma!

Whatever your take-away, the universal problem with sermons is that you can't raise your hand if you have a question! That all changes now! In this forum, we will discuss.

1. Who made us & to whom are we accountable?
2. What, exactly, is our problem? Are we in trouble, and why?
3. What is God's solution & how has he made it possible to save us from our problem?
4. How do I, myself right now, come to be included in that solution? What makes this good news for me & not just somebody else?

Join us in the **Living Room, at Pine Lakes Clubhouse, each Sunday evening at 6:00pm** as we continue to discuss all things biblical! Study materials provided, along with fun fellowship as we engage in the lively art of conversation of all things biblical. Bring a friend. Bring some snacks to share!

Questions? Phil Sosnowski, 847-274-5407



PINE LAKES LITTLE THEATER

Bruce L Wrede, President

Well, another opening and another show. The Pine Lakes Little Theater will be presenting their Spring show **“A Delightful Afternoon at the Theater” on March 24th at 3:00 pm in the Pine Lakes Club house Ball Room.** The show will be a series of skits in reader’s theater format that are bound to make you think and, have you laughing in your seats.

The tickets are only five (5) dollars, and we request the donation of a can good to be distributed to our local food banks. Tickets will go on sale on March 2nd at the Men’s Club Pancake Breakfast so get them while they last. The tickets are bound to go fast.

In addition, we are always looking for more people to get involved. So, if you think you would like to join us, we have many parts to fill and not just acting. So, if you can read, come try-out for a part. Remember there are no small actors, only a small part. You will find additional information about the show in the flyer insert.

If you any questions, just give me call at (201) 819-4194



PHONE DIRECTORIES ARE COMING!

Jane Vogel

Pine Lakes Men’s Club is pleased to announce that the new 2024 Pine Lakes Phone Directory will be delivered to homes in April by your cul-de-sac captain.

When you receive your book, please review your information for accuracy. If any changes are needed, you can update them online using the link at ourpinelakes.com under the Homeowners and Telephone Directory tabs. You can also email or phone Leslie Tait, Jane Vogel, or Sharon Rondeau to submit updates. Any updates received will appear in the 2025 directories next year.



PL MEN’S CLUB

Rick Saniti, President

The Men’s Club had a pretty busy February. We started with our 1st Saturday of the month Pancake and French Toast Breakfast. Then, that very same day, Deb and the Dynamics ascended the stage for a fabulous show from 7 very talented musicians. We had our normal Men’s Club meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, then had the folks from Secure Shredding come out to shred all your valuable information you no longer need. We had 3 Bingo sessions where we handed out thousands of dollars to all the lucky winners then finished off the month with a Sunday performance from Yacht Rock the band. We’re really looking forward to March. Besides the usual pancake breakfast, bingo, and member meeting, we’ve got our St Patrick’s Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday March 16th. The food will be catered by Mel’s Diner, and you’ll have to decide when purchasing a ticket from John and Pat Stanley, on either corned beef and cabbage or roast beef. The other fixings will be potatoes, rolls, vegetables, and dessert. As always with Men’s Club events, setups will be provided. Doors will open at 4:30 with dinner from 5 – 6:30 and music provided by Tropical Avenue from 7 – 9pm. The band promises to play 2 or 3 Irish songs for us along with their mix of 60’s and 70’s favorites. And we’ll try to put Irish music and video up on the 4 TVs in the ballroom during dinner. Should be a great time!



I’d like to say thank you to the guys who help in the kitchen during our Men’s Club meetings. The always reliable Vince Bartilucci and Kenny Morash get things going, with help from Bruce, Tom Yaiser, Jack Holmier, James Andrews and Tony Fettig. Special thanks to John Jenkins and Jesse Weiland who helped us out at the last minute as we were a bit short on help.

We’re working on next season’s shows and are putting the finishing touches on the 2024 Phone Directory, due out in April.

Thank you all for attending our events and supporting the Men’s Club as we ponder what to do next, for the great residents of PineLakes.

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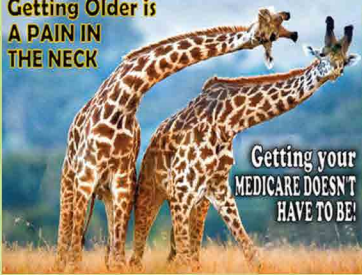
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CRUISE CLUB

Dianna Baughman

Another successful cruise from fantastic entertainment, spa treatments, fun excursions and even a few winners at the casino - all with no handling of luggage from PL Clubhouse to your cabin. Check out our upcoming 11N cruise to Panama Canal Nov. 21 and our yearly Caribbean Cruise going 8N the southern route down to Aruba January 18. May have another meeting soon as have interest in a repositioning transatlantic Voyage to Bermuda, Spain and Portugal April of 2025. Brochures are posted on PL bulletin Board next to gym and info on upcoming meetings on the LF/PL Facebook page. Any questions please call me as phone # in PL directory. *Thanks for another fun cruise!*



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PINE LAKES WOMENS CLUB

Bev Mercurio, President

Hi everyone! Wow, this season has been a fun packed, fast paced whirlwind of activities! There has been so much for you all to support and I want you to know that the Women's Club truly appreciates all the support you have given us.

We just had our first ever senior prom, and it was a lovely evening. Dinner was great, the music was excellent, the crowd was just right, not too crowded where you can hardly move around. The best part of all was seeing all the guests dressed up in their formal wear. Everyone, men and women looked dazzling. Sparkles and sequins and corsages were everywhere! One lucky winner of our money balloons picked the right balloon, and she won the \$100 prize and from her squeals, I think she was thrilled! Congratulations!

Up next, which is probably going on as you are reading this, March 1st is our annual Treasure Sale. We have two completely stuffed storage units of your wonderful donations. You all know this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, as we prepare for our charitable donations to be dispersed.



March 8th (our final event of the year) is our annual Fashion on a Dime Style Show. Women and men will be modeling their fabulous finds that they have found at local, thrift, resale and consignment stores, most outfits are under \$25! Amazing... Wait till you see them. Dinner will be catered by Olive Garden, which was just delicious last year. Tickets are \$25 and yes, the guys are once again invited to attend. They really seemed to enjoy it last year. Linda Baker is your ticket contact so give her a call, don't wait as tickets are selling fast!

The chairpersons are Phyllis Fulwider, Diana Baughman and Suzanne Warner. Feel free to call them if you have any questions about anything.

Our March meeting will be March 7th. The meeting will start at our regular time of 6:30, doors open at 6:00. We welcomed five more members at our February meeting, welcome to you all.

April will wrap up our season and then it's time for a nice long break! We will swear in the new board at our

April meeting and have a nice catered dinner for you all to enjoy.

Remember all meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month. Please always check our Facebook page for updates and changes.

BOCCE BALL

Jo Orvik

The Bocce Ball Winter league is in full swing with the final games in sight. There will be playoffs for the Championship on March 20. Fall and winter players and subs are invited to attend the banquet luncheon on March 27 at noon in the clubhouse. Food, including gluten free items, and drinks will be provided. A sign up sheet for attending will be at the Bocce courts on Wednesdays. Please RSVP. We will also need help with setting up and taking down tables and chairs. We would greatly appreciate volunteers to contact Jackie at jackie.yablonsky@gmail.com

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VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

Have you checked out the Veteran's Memorial in front of the Clubhouse? We continue to add bricks honoring Veterans. You should check it out!

We had a great meeting Tuesday, February 6, 2024. 19 members were able to attend, including 3 new members.

Important Dates in Military History –

Month of the Military Caregiver

During the Month of the Military Caregiver, Americans recognize and honor military caregivers' sacrifices and successes.

- March 3, 2024 - Navy Reserve Birthday (1915)
- March 5, 2024 - Seabee Birthday (1942)
- March 13, 2024 – K-9 Veterans Day



A national effort to make March 13 K9 Veterans Day. March 13, 1942, is the official birthday of the United States K9 Corps, and so it seems only right to annually honor their service on that date. They served to save, and they deserve to be remembered.

- March 29, 2024 - Vietnam Veterans Day (First observed in 2012, it honors the US military members who served during the Vietnam War (1955-1975).
- Have you heard of the **Brick Program**? Our brick program allows U.S. Military veterans and their families to honor their service by purchasing a brick, which is placed in the Veteran's Memorial (in front of the clubhouse). If you'd like more information, please 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. We have a special segment during our Veteran's Day Ceremony to honor them and we don't want to miss anyone.
- If you believe you are a member but are not getting the meeting reminder emails, please contact Linda Baker (LLB5775@comcast.net or 517-202-6219) to update your information.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in the Activities room of the Pine Lakes Clubhouse. *All Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways Veterans are invited.* Stop by and get to know your fellow Veterans better. Pine Lakes Veteran's Association Hats and Shirts will be available for sale. *Hope to see ALL Veterans there!*



“SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VETERANS”

Denny Miner

Shelby Greene – Aviation Boatswain Mate 3rd Class

SBorn June 13, 1937, in Oceola, Arkansas. Had one brother and one sister, both deceased. His dad was a sharecropper and unhappy with his pay. The family moved to Michigan when Shelby was 6 so his dad could work in a factory. He and Judie, his wife, were neighbors growing up. Shelby chuckled and said, “I knew her when she was in diapers.” They got married in May 1960 and had one son, Mitchell, who is a four-year Marine vet and lives in Ecuador.

Joined the Navy in March 1956, in Lansing, Michigan. Flew to San Diego for “boot camp” on a Pan Am Constellation. He was impressed with the power and luxuriousness of the plane. After eleven weeks of boot camp, he was assigned to Ream Field, San Ysidro, California, where he worked in communications – radio repair, switchboard operation, repair, and maintenance. Interestingly, this base was considered the helicopter capital of the world at the time.

He liked the duty there because his commander told him and his three comrades that their mission was to keep the switchboard operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and left it to them as to how they wanted to do that. They worked out a schedule where one of them had three days off periodically. Shelby, being industrious, worked part time at a gas station for extra money on his days off. After only one year he was reassigned to the USS Bennington CVA20. CVA stands for Carrier Vessel Attack.

Shelby was one of those guys who hooked the planes to the catapult for launching. If you saw the movie Top Gun, you saw this work performed. It looks sexy, but it is extremely dangerous. The aircraft on this ship were mostly jets with some prop driven. His job was to attach the catapult hook to the plane and then to roll out under the wing and remain clear of the aircraft as it revved the engines and was jettisoned off the ship. All the while being careful not to get in the path of the next aircraft in line.

During training one night, a pilot of one of the prop planes got excited and started revving the engines before the hook was attached. Shelby got the hook attached but had to hold onto it to prevent being blown out under the plane into the next prop plane in line.

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MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Sharon Rondeau

We are half way through our second half/winter season already. We've had some awesome bowling!

After six weeks of bowling the standings are:

1st place (40 pts.):	Bowling Thunder	Fran Stauffer, Michele Ingram, Tony Fettig, Tom Rasler
2nd place (30 pts.):	Headbangers	Linda Langheld, Cheryl Ratliff, Dave Wagnitz, Ann Rasler
3rd place (28 pts.):	Scared Splitless	Irene Gaetani, Tommy K.-Fenton, Carol Kranyik, John Galloway

High Averages:

Men:	175 Dean Hurd	173 Randy Califf	155 Tony Birchfield/Steve Hainey
Women:	159 Irene Hinchley	156 Ann Rasler	137 Linda Wakefield

High Scratch Game:

Men:	256 Dean Hurd	224 Randy Califf	204 Steve Hainey
Women:	192 Irene Hinchley	185 Ann Rasler	184 Fran Stauffer

High Scratch Series:

Men:	583 Dean Hurd	544 Randy Califf	538 Steve Hainey
Women:	518 Irene Hinchley	507 Ann Rasler	469 Fran Stauffer

The following bowlers have bowled a 200 or higher scratch game:

Jan. 22nd	214 Randy Califf
Jan. 29th	204 Steve Hainey
	200 Tony Birchfield
Feb. 5th	238 Dean Hurd
	208 Randy Califf

Fantastic bowling guys!!

If anyone is interested in joining our league, please call Irene Hinchley at 843-300-2730 or Sharon Rondeau at 508-846-3001. *We bowl on Mondays at 2:00 at Bowlero/Coral in Cape Coral (42 Mid Cape Terr.).*

PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD

Irene Gaetani and Elaine Mandeville

The Winter Season has been fun, and the weather, although much colder than we would like, has at least stopped raining every Tuesday night! So, come and have fun with your friends and neighbors!!

No registration is required for league play. It is a social league, and no partners are required. You will be assigned a new partner each week, for each of two games. Scores are kept per person, not team. You can come any Tuesday evening (weather permitting), but the more you play and win, the better your chance at being Champ of the Winter Season!



Two games are played each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM, and the cost is \$.25 (twenty-five cents) for the evening. No physical ability is required, and the courts are wheelchair accessible. Over 20 people have played on one evening or another, and these are the high scores as of February 15th. The winter season will end March 19th .

FIRST	LAST	TOTAL
Paul	Scannell	8
Al	Gaetani	7
Ruth	Rickard	7
Bill	Schmidt	7
Jackie	Miranda	5
Pegi	Jenkin	4
Jeanine	Maldonado	4
Floyd	Poor	3

FAIRWAY PINES PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

Ginger Mitchell

Notes from the Kitchen

Our club is going full tilt with club play in the mornings, free lessons for beginners and ladder tournaments. All for a \$10 membership. Speaking of which, we currently have 128 members. Having access to two additional courts several days a week with the use of tennis court #3 has made it so much easier.

Our first ladder tournament ended on Jan. 31 with refreshments and socializing in the parking lot. The following were the division leaders Elby Alfonso, Frank H, Ed Dukes, Pegi Jenkins, Pat Seifer and Paula Monnin. A second ladder tournament is currently underway and our last one of the season will start in March. Check the message board if you are interested in playing or contact Steve Seifert at 574-876-7532.

Glow Ball will be returning soon and we hope to offer it several times as it was a big hit last year. Again, check the message board for updates or contact Steve S.

In conjunction with the Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways Tennis Clubs we sponsored a Smashing Fun Dance that was very well attended. The music was provided by Beat Street Band who kept us rockin'. There were drawings for prizes and free glowing jewelry and an opportunity to make new friends. You might even say it was a Smash hit.

Please note that our end of year celebration will be on March 15. In addition to a fabulous meal, we will have plenty of time to visit with one another. Details will follow.

Until next time, see you on the courts!



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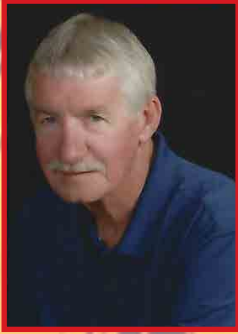
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PINE LAKES SOFTBALL

Ed Huether

Well, Mother Nature finally gave us a dry night to get game 3 played two weeks late. We seem to have drawn some additional fans which were nice to see. It was a good close game with plenty of offense by both teams. Joe Cuifalo was 2 for 2 with a single and a triple. Del Keyes hit a home run, with hits contributed by most of the players. Del and Larry Skinner drove in 2 runs each. The score was tied after 6 and a half innings and the Buccaneer were up in the bottom of the 7th and managed to drive in the winning run. A heartbreaker of a loss for the Panthers 9, Buccaneer 10.

Game 4 was played on a beautiful night and the stands for both teams were full. The Panthers were playing Del Turo Amigos (Div A). It was a close game with good defense after 5 and a half innings with the Panthers leading 6 to 5. Then the Amigos stopped the Panthers and went on a tear for the next two innings scoring 10 runs. Tom Liptak was 3 for 2 with a home run and an RBI. Larry Simms was 3 for 2 and Steve Falck was 2 for 2. Del Keyes was 3 for 1 with an RBI. Sean Simms drove in 2 runs with Matt Heier and Larry Skinner both driving in 1 run each. Amigos 15, Panthers 6. A good action game, I hope you didn't miss it.

The Panthers played their archrivals Lake Fairways (Div A) in game 5. It was a chilly, breezy night which accounted for few Panther fans coming to the game. The Panthers had a number of players that were on the disabled list but just had enough to man the field. The game itself was well played with numerous lead changes. The big hitters were Tom Liptak 3 for 3, Joe Cuifalo 3 for 2 with 2 RBIs, Dave Joseph and Jim Holobrough, 3 for 2 driving in 1 run each and Tom Holtz was 3 for 2. Norm Smith hit a home run driving in 3 runs. Bud Gehring was 2 for 2 with 1 RBI and Steve Falck was 2 for 1 with 1 RBI. After 5 full innings of play the score was Lake Fairways 10, Panthers 9 the umpire called the game due to the field lights not coming on. It was very disappointing to the Panthers because even though they were shorthanded their game play was good enough to win the game especially since they were the home team. Well, there will be another day.

Game 6 although the weather was a little chilly and breezy the stands were half full of fans, and they were bundled up. The Panthers were hosting the Del Turo Diablos who scored 2 runs in the first inning. The Panthers counted with 5 runs. It looked like they were going to produce a

lot of offense in this game. But after that it was as if they went home, the Diablos shut them down. Brian Willis was 3 for 2 with 2 RBIs, Del Keyes was 3 for 1 with 2 RBIs and Bill Skinner was 3 for 2 with 1 RBI. Tom Liptak went 3 for 3 again, Norm Smith 3 for 2 and Larry Simms was 2 for 2. The only inning the Panthers held the Diablos from scoring was the 4th.

Game 7 was ugly for the Panthers. Fan attendance was down. The Panthers looked like they were going to be tuff by scoring 5 runs in the first inning. Unfortunately, that was the end of their scoring drive until the 7th inning when they drove in 1 more run. Magnolia Landing, however, scored in every inning with the game ending Magnolia 20, Panthers 6.

Now the season starts where the teams play only teams in their division. There was a good showing of fans for game 8 and it was a slug fest by both teams. Both teams hit some long balls and the Panthers got 29 hits in the game. Perfect hitters in the game were Brian Willis 4 for 4 with 2 triples and 6 RBI's, Allen Kerns 4 for 4 with a home run and 4 RBI's, Tom Holtz 4 for 4 with 3 RBI's and Dave Joseph 3 for 3 and 2 RBI's. Other big hitters were Tom Liptak with 3 hits and 1 RBI, Larry Simms and Bill Skinner with 2 hits and 1 RBI each and Joe Cuifalo with a hit and RBI. Panthers defense needed to be tighter, but they kept the team in the game The Panthers turned 2 double plays, Joe to Norm and Tom Liptak to Joe. Panthers 19, Rookies 13.

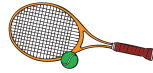
Game 9 was a romp by Magnolia Landing. The Panthers bats were quiet, only getting 14 hits and 3 runs. There were a few good defensive plays. Both Tom Liptak and Joe Cuifalo caught a couple of hard-hit line drives and Allen Kerns made a nice diving catch in right center field. The Panthers turned 2 double plays Tom Liptak to Joe and Brian to Joe. Magnolia Landing 15

Stats on Back Cover...



TENNIS TIMES / WHAT A BLAST!

Sandy Milley



Who was the most convincing when declaring that they were having the most fun; the tennis players or the spectators? What do you think?

On January 20th and 21st over 45 players took to the five courts between Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes to once again take part in an ELS Good Neighbor Tennis Tournament. The players showed that they were thrilled to be playing with and against fellow friends and tennis players. There was certainly a lot of humorous banter going back and forth across the nets between players. The men were definitely more vocal than the women. But, not to be left out, the spectators would often join in and the laughter would continued. Please don't think that the matches were anything short of first rate, with all the good times being had. The play was also serious, with top notch skills being displayed. The volunteers, who kept the matches proceeding smoothly, and the many spectators appreciated the amazing serves and the long rallies. Everyone had a blast. All of the excitement helped to keep everyone warm.

After the final matches on Sunday afternoon, everyone gathered in the Pine Lakes Activity Room for pizza, and prizes. The smiles continued, especially when the winners of the five divisions took to the olympic style podiums to receive either a gold, silver or bronze medal.

So who had the most fun? Hard to say, so let's just end by saying everyone had fun and everyone was a winner for taking part in two wonderful days of tennis here at Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways.

The next ELS Good Neighbor Tennis Tournament will be taking place on Saturday February 24th and Sunday February 25th. Hope to see you there!

After one night's rest following the tournament weekend, the Pine Lakes Tennis Association was back at it again. This time providing another venue for socializing and fun- on the dance floor. The PLTA, took the lead and jointly hosted a tennis dance for the Fairway/Pine Pickleball Association and the Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes tennis associations. The three groups came together and had a "SMASHING" good time. (That was the name of the dance). The dance featured the "Beat Street Band," who kept everyone on the dance floor for hours. It was the first time for such an event to be held and all agreed that putting it on the entertainment schedule for next year is a must!



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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Dick Loubier

HERE WE GO, CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES HAVE BEGUN. LADIES PLAYING TODAY AND MENS ELITE 8 PLAY TOMMORROW. THEN THE FINAL FOUR ON MONDAY THE 19TH. OF COURSE WHEN YOU READ THIS, THEY WILL BE ALL OVER THEN THE INTER CLUB MATCHES. AFTER THIS, IF WE HAVE ENOUGH PLAYERS WE WILL HAVE MEMBER GUEST RESULTS IN NEXT WHISPERING PINES. ONLY 2 RESULTS TO REPORT BECAUSE OF RAIN AND TOURNAMENTS.

ON JAN 18TH WE PLAYED A SCRAMBLE

1. TIE. MIKE KIMBRO
MIKE LAJINESS 53
DOUG CONNER
TIM MERCURIO
FRANK CHIEPPA
STEVE HAINEY 53
DICK LOUBIER
BILL KLAMER
2. TIE. DAVE SHADLE
FRANK HOLZSHU 54
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DEL KEYES 54
LARRY SIMS
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ON FEB 1ST WE PLAYED INDIVIDUAL NET

1. RAY REETZ 61
2. LARRY HURLEY 62
3. CHRIS TUPPER 63
4. GEORGE CHITTUM 65
5. MONTE GILLILAND 66
6. MIKE KIMBRO 67
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THESE TEN ARE IN THE MIXED GRAND SHOOT OUT ON MARCH 22 AT 12.30PM. THEY WILL BE PAIRED WITH 10 LADIES SHOOTOUT WINNERS. LOTS OF FUN AND USUALLY HAVE A BIG SHOWING OF WATCHERS. PAIRINGS WILL BE IN MARCH WHISPERING PINES. DONT FORGET INTER CLUB TOURNAMENT ON MARCH 8TH AND 9TH. 8TH AT LAKE FAIRWAYS AND 9TH HERE AT PINE LAKES. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL BOTH DAYS.

ON FEB 17 WE WILL HAVE OUR GRAND SHOOT OUT FOR A PLAYERS AND B PLAYERS. A PLAYERS ARE PLAYERS WITH A HANDICAP OF 9 AND BELOW AND FROM BLUE TEES. B PLAYERS ARE PLAYERS OF A HANDICAP OF 10 TO 27 AND PLAY FROM WHITE TEES. THE TOP FIVE FROM EACH GROUP WILL PLAY IN THE MIXED SHOOT OUT, THAT IS WHERE YOUR PARTNER IS A WOMEN. LOTS OF FUN AND USUALLY HAVE A BIG TURN OUT TO WATCH, WILL HAVE RESULTS IN NEXT WHISPERING PINES.

*I GUESS THAT IS ALL FOR NOW
SEE YOU NEXT MONTH*



ON 2/17/24 THE MEN HAD THEIR GRAND SHOOT OUT HERE ARE THE RESULTS

A FLIGHT HANDICAP 0 TO 9.

1. CHRIS TUPPER
2. PHILE EBERHARDT
3. ED ST PHILLIPS
4. CHARLIE SCHNEIDER
5. JOHN DIERINGER

B FLIGHT 10 TO 7 HANDICAP

1. DICK LOUBIER
2. STEVE HAINEY
3. FRANK HOLZSHO
4. JEFF FURNIA
5. ROB DESANTIS

Hole in 1ers

12/22/23

Fred Baldwin

Hole #11

Hole in 1ers

1/11/24

Chuck Harwood

Hole #12

Hole in 1ers

2/6/24

Al Thibodeau

Hole #3

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One of the big events in January that hadn't been reported on because of Whispering Pines' deadlines, was our Ladies' Grand Shoot-Out. The first and second place finishers in each of the last five months' competitions took to the course on the 27th to determine the best of the bunch. Congratulations to Denise Wright our Grand Shoot-Out winner, and to Irene Hinchley the runner-up.

The ten ladies who took part in this competition will represent us in the Super Duper Mixed Grand Shoot-Out on Friday, March 22nd. This alternate shot event pairs each of our ladies with their counterpart from the Men's Grand Shoot-Out. With this competition taking place late in March, "Pines" readers will have to wait until the May issue to "read all about it!" Better still, spectators are welcome, so come out to the course and cheer on your favorite couple. Rumors have it there will be a 'bookie' on hand to accept your bets on the pair of your choice.

At the time of writing this article, the qualifying matches leading up to our Club Championship are just getting underway. The final winners from each flight will move on to compete against their Lake Fairways' counterparts in the Interclub Championship on March 8th and 9th. Historically this event brings out tons of Fairways' spectators, but, sadly, not so many Pine Lakers! All are welcome to come watch the matches, cheer on the golfers in blue, and show some Pine Lakes pride!

***** CONGRATULATIONS LADIES LEAGUE WINNERS *****

January 23rd Six Lakes L.E.G.A.: Loris Skinner, Flight 2, 3rd Place. Linda Kantz, Flight 3, 5th Place.

January 20th Ladies' final regular shoot-out:

Winner Annette Maloney 2nd Place Eileen Sims 3rd Place Bev Cook

January 27th Ladies' Grand Shoot-Out:

Winner Denise Wright Runner-Up Irene Hinchley 3rd Place Annette Maloney

January 24th & 25th President's Cup:

Winner Linda Kantz Runner-Up Khris Clevenger

January 17th League Play Low Net

Linda Kantz	Net 60	Khris Clevenger	Net 66
Eileen Sims	65	Laurie Pellerin	66
Linda Wakefield	65	Marilyn Hayes	68
		Denise Wright	68



January 31st League Play Shamble 2 Best Balls of 4

<u>Team Score of 93</u>	<u>Team Score of 97</u>	<u>Team Score of 103</u>	<u>Team Score of 105</u>
Laurie Pellerin	Sue-Kay Hunt	Marilyn Hayes	Bev Bynum
Khris Clevenger	Denise Wright	Annette Maloney	Linda Kantz
Barb Harwood	Lynda Adam	Connie Riedlinger	Carol Listermann
Irene Hinchley	Sue Hunt	Jean Lang	Linda Knotts

more results next page...

February 7th League Play Low Net

Linda Kantz	Net 55	Marilyn Hayes	Net 63
Lynda Adam	2	Khris Clevenger	64
Denise Wright	62	Eileen Sims	65

Bev Bynum closest to the pin on #5

February 14th League Play Scramble

<u>Team Score 60</u>	<u>Team Score 60</u>	<u>Team Score 60</u>	<u>Team Score 61</u>
Linda Wakefield	Lynda Adam	Darlene Topp	Irene Hinchley
Carol Listermann	Denise Wright	Laurie Pellerin	Marilyn Hayes
Jean Lang	Ann Klamer	Bernice Furnia	Khris Clevenger
Sue Hunt	Barb Harwood		Joann Cline

Important Dates in March:

8th Interclub at Lake Fairways	22nd Super Duper Mixed Grand Shoot-Out
9th Interclub at Pine Lakes	27th Member-Guest Tournament
10th Spring Ahead (Day light saving)	29th Good Friday
13th League Spring Meeting	30th Ray Streeter Tournament
17th Happy St. Pat's Day	31st Happy Easter!



NIFTY NINERS NEWS

Pat O'Connell

January 25 2 Day President Cup Tournament: Both days were "play your own game", the unexplained twist for the Niners was that the second day was on the back 9, not frequently played by the Niner league. Winner of the 2-day tournament was Joyce S with a 73; second place Donna with 76; 3rd Linda with 79; 4th was Kathy W with 80. Other players in the tournament included Ruth, Pat D, Lee, Kathleen G, Carolyn; scores ranging from 81 to 97. Congratulations to all!

January 31: Today's game was a trial for the Club Championship then the Interclub Championship against Lake Fairways. We did Match Play meaning we each had a partner and an opponent, and each hole was considered a game. Winner was who ever won the most holes/games wins the over game.

February 7: Today was play your own game AKA Low Net in Flight. Results are as follows: First place Joyce S with 29; 2nd Linda 30; 3rd a tie 32 each between Jane & Kathy W; 4th, tie between Doris & Ruth, 34; Janice, Veronica, Libby, Joyce R, Laura, Nancy, Helen & Caroline with scores from 35 to 45. There were 2 more golfers, Donna & me, who were DNF, or went home early to warm up!

For the next couple of weeks, the Club Championship will be in process. I'm not playing so I do not know what info I will receive.



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SYMPATHY NOTES

Kay Brown

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3	Paul Teal James Varner Paul Zahner	4	Barbara Demaree Gen Rokosh Rick Shaw	5	William LeClerc Vicki McDonald Scott Perry	6	Thomas Keenan	7	John Hauser Thomas Kamensek Lynn Walker Ron Zamoider Mary Zoeller	8	Don Russo Bryan Winkel	9	David Grover Tom Sager
10	Kenneth Bolhuis Nita Conner Jim Dalrymple Jerry Richards	11	Larry Hyskey Gaile Liddle	12	Kathy McClennan	13	Penny Coufal Neil Grobman	14	Kevin Dobbs	15	Al Olson	16	
17	Joe Luminiello	18	Linda Baker Ronald Kasmouski David Pingel Donald Robinson Douglas Round	19	Debbie Bruns Judie Greene Ann Hartnett	20	Nettie Latuhihin	21		22	Tracy Andrews	23	Nancy Cuifalo Norma Westerhoff
24		25	Cher Carrera	26		27	Greg Weickert	28	Michelle Eby Laverne Engel Charles Matthews Kathy Paterson	29	John Brekelmans	30	Frank Binetti Betty Novillis Eileen Wrede
31	James Andrews Eric Baum Sharon Garcia Sandy Tupper												

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March Anniversaries

			1	Denny & Joann Cline '69 Nick & Jackie Pinto	2	Mike & Janet Hawley '68							
3	Kent & Paula Freeman '84 Steven & Dawn Hainey '79 John & Barb Seiler '85	4	James & Marilyn Wilson '78	5	Robert & Claudia Button	6		7	Nicholas & Valerie Passarella '71	8	Ricky & Cathy Hargrave '90 Thomas & Dorothy Keenan '69	9	John & Nancy Kelly Mickey & Valerie Radford '89
10	Kent & Yvonne Ecklund '89	11	Jerry & Sharon Phillips '96	12		13		14		15		16	Earl & Linda LaFollette '85
17		18	Anthony & Mary Lato	19	Robert & Diane Anderson '60	20		21	Daniel & Carol Miller '09	22	Fred & Barb Willis '69	23	
24		25		26	Klaus & Sharon Sohns '61	27		28		29		30	John & Jill Heim
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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
2/29-3/1/2024	Women's Club	Treasure Sale
3/2/2024	Ohio Night	Paisley Craze Band
3/8/2024	Women's Club	Fashion on a Dime Show
3/16/2024	Men's Club	St Patrick's
3/17-24/2024	Theater Group	Play
3/21/2024	Pool Party	Third Thursday
4/12/2024	Entertainment	The Monsoon
4/13/2024	Men's Club	Open Date
4/20/2024	Entertainment	Open Date
5/11/2024	Women's Club	Mother's Day Tea
6/15/2024	Entertainment	G Men
8/10/2024	Entertainment	Beat Street Band
12/06/2024	Entertainment	Richmonds

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Tom Liptak	28			14	3		1	5	18	.643	.643
Norm Smith	26		2	12	1		1	8	14	.538	.615
Tom Holtz	27		1	17	1			10	18	.667	.704
Del Keyes	15			5		1	1	3	7	.467	.467
Dave Joseph	25		2	14				5	14	.560	.640
Joe Cuifalo	22 - 1		3	5	2	1		5	8	.364	.478
Sean Simms	10	1		3	1			4	4	.400	.400
Brian Willis	16 - 1			7	3	2		11	12	.750	.706
Ed Huether	14			4				4	4	.286	.286
Matt Heier	7			2	1			2	3	.429	.429
Allen Kerns	25	2		9	2		1	7	12	.480	.480
Jack Simms	17			8					8	.471	.471
Larry Skinner	19			6				4	6	.316	.316
Steve Falck	14		1	8				2	8	.571	.643
Jim Holobrough	17			9				2	9	.529	.529
Larry Simms	15	3		8				1	8	.533	.533
Bud Gehring	7			1	1			1	2	.286	.286
Bill Skinner	11	1		5				2	5	.455	.455

