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ATTENTION PINE LAKES RESIDENTS

Our rescheduled Veterans Day Ceremony along with our Pearl Harbor Day Program

will take place on

Dec. 7th @ 11am in front of the clubhouse.

Please come out and show your support for our Pine Lakes Veterans.

Thank you.

Tim Mercurio



Veteran's Tree at Clubhouse Entrance

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Pool Noodle/Flip-Flop Tree

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Clubhouse Lobby Tree

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LIAISON MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2020

Pine Lakes Clubhouse – 2:00PM

Present:

Ron Hovet, President HOAII

Dick Loubier, President PLEHOA

Cindy Ahrens, PLEHOA

Betty White, HOAII

Gary Nicolini, HOAII

Joshua Hill, Joshua Tree

Sal Fenia, Joshua Tree

Jeffrey Belle, Pine Lakes Manager

Vianney Lara, Assistant General Manager

GROUND AND MAINTENANCE

• Joshua Tree attended the meeting at request of Jeffrey Belle to address landscaping concerns.

Ron Hovet reviewed some of the past complaints: inconsistency in trimming, maintenance of common areas, cul de sac entrees, tree limbs not picked up, and mowers—complaints on tire tracks and speed.

Joshua Hill noted that these are issues they are attempting to resolve. Jeff Belle responded that ELS has developed good communication with Joshua Tree and feels positive progression on improvements. Joshua Tree attendees left the meeting.

• Status of chain link fence breaches on western border; passed on details of the property owner (not ELS).

The information has been provided to the ELS corporate office as relates to the fence repairs – the issue will be addressed by corporate contacting the property owner.

• Status of paving and road repairs.

1) Due to issues with storm Eta, the date has been delayed. Information will be sent to all affected residents when work begins. Expected dates: milling will begin December 7, with paving beginning the following day and will all be completed on December 9, 2020. Residents only required to move vehicles during the initial milling process; future details will be provided. The only cul de sac to be repaved is #27 Frenchmans Ct.

2) There are orange marked areas on some of the roads (e.g. Circle Pine) – these areas will have pavement repairs done.

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WHISPERING PINES
NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE
Jan. 2021 Dec. 16, 2020

**HOAII and PLEHOA Minutes can be found on
the web www.ourpinelakes.com**

- **Status of sign at the end of path from Eagle Trace warning “water/lake ahead”.**

The sign is being addressed by the same vendor installing other signs throughout the community and should all be completed by next week. The sign will state “Caution Lake ahead Slow Down”.

- **Start date for installation of new Street Signs.**

Start date for installation is the week of November 23.

- **Status of pump replacement for the pool lake fountain.**

Request has been submitted for approval from contingency account and decision was to move ahead with replacement.

- **Tree limbs over Bocce court need to be trimmed.**

Work has been scheduled with Joshua Tree and should be completed 11/16. After trimming, alternative options will be discussed.

- **Bridges need work along with a solution for lights.**

Pine Lakes Management has a solution for the lights as well as areas of the bridge that require work. Lights will be replaced with motion solar lights, not mounted on top but on the side of posts. Plan for the bridge repairs is in process, but future is to replace wood with composite for longer life.

CLUBHOUSE

- **Water heater by the kitchen still needs cleaning up.**

PL maintenance checked the water heater and it was cleaned. Belle will recheck to see if there is an actual issue with the piping that is causing the corrosion.

- **Movable walls – date on delivery and installation?**

The tentative date of delivery is January 29, 2021; however, material is being shipped from Canada so actual delivery date will depend upon when product is released.

- **Status of hot water at the pool area outside kitchen.**

There is a hot water tank that provides the hot water, but the tank is old and inoperable. Hot water heater was replaced today; should be of help for pool parties.

PUB

- **Bathrooms need to be addressed; some repairs have been made but still need more.**

The vanity, new signs for the doors, and faucets for the men’s bathroom have arrived. Awaiting final approval to move with vendor for tile replacement.

POOL/COURTS

- **Drinking water fountain by the tennis and pickle ball courts has the water turned off but compressor appears to be running.**

Water shut off is temporary--Parts have been ordered and Jeff has instructed maintenance to ensure the compressor is not running to cause damage.

- **Are lights by the tennis and pickle ball courts on timer or light sensor? They seem to be on during daylight hours and on until 11PM in the evening.**

While reviewing this issue it was discovered that sometimes lizards are resting on the sensor which causes the lights to come on. There is a timer for the tennis courts, however, the lights should remain off when the courts are not in use. Maintenance will be checking to ensure the timer is set correctly.

[Jeff will locate the master switch and will share location with Hovet & Loubier.]

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Why wasn’t the Silver Alert initiated when a woman was reported missing to the Sheriff?**

Jeff reported that there was an issue with the protocol which has been corrected. This will work as designed in the future.

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- Discussion on when club activities and meetings will be able to begin.

Management is currently allowing activities and meetings to commence if group provides details on how they will keep in compliance with social distancing and wearing masks. Any committee that is interested in resuming their activities and meetings will need to email Jeffrey Belle directly on the request of the specified meeting or activity and provide guidelines to be followed. Approval will be vetted through PL management and corporate office at this time. Maximum of 75 total people.

COMPLETED ITEMS FROM PL MANAGEMENT

- Cap by pool gate was replaced.
- Some bathroom repairs by the Pub were made.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM ATTENDEES

- Lawn yard waste in maintenance area – who is allowed to dump there? From Gary Nicolini.

Only residents are allowed to use the yard waste area; hours are posted on a gate; no outside vendors or Joshua Tree (except for special approved projects).

- Grand Cypress (32) flooding issue from heavy rain storms. From Ron Hovet.

Jeffrey Belle proposed that storm drains need to be blown out once every year – he will add to maintenance.

- When will the 360's be done? From Dick Loubier.

Belle said he hoped they will be done beginning next week.

- Is there a rule on flags, e.g. MIA flag posted on house? From Dick Loubier.

Response is that a flag like an MIA flag should be respected and flown on a flag pole, beneath the US flag.

- Pool hours question from Gary Nicolini.

The pool is closed once a day for cleaning, usually in the morning.

- First Aid kits in community from Gary Nicolini.

Vianney will schedule meeting with Nicolini to review supplies and update each kit.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by Cindy Ahrens.



BE PROUD TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

By Maura Alexander

That one special person; that one special couple; or that one special group of people, have not yet come forward to lead Pine Lakes' *FMO. I know you are out there!

When you represent Pine Lakes you can be proud of what you are doing. I once read, "The time we live in is our fate. How we handle it is our choice." Representing the Pine Lakes community is your choice and when you join FMO it ensures that many, many Pine Lakes' voices will join with several other manufactured home owners' voices supporting FMO and thus giving a strong voice at the Florida legislation.

If our voice through FMO is weak, and **FMHA's voice is strong, the rights we have under FS 723 will be eroded bit by bit. FHMA will be able to push through legislation that will decimate your protection under FS 723.

The new FMO representative/s to FMO does/do not need to do any of the things that are presently done. They will have the freedom to create their own FMO style. You become an FMO representative because our community is worth it and you are willing to do something to show you believe that. By recognizing and understanding the value of what you do you will discover the difference you make in your own life and the lives of others. You will be able to happily answer the question, "What contribution have I made to the wellbeing of my community?" I know how that question makes us feel but I can happily answer it, and take a rest, knowing I have contributed to the good of so many for so long. Now it's your turn to feel that sense of wellbeing.

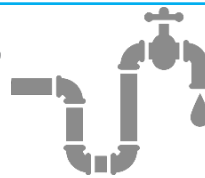
Whoever you are please call Maura at 239-543-9642 and leave your name and number on my answering machine. Or text me at 239-560-4596 or email me at mauralex@aol.com. I'll be waiting for those calls! If no one volunteers, I feel sorry for all of us.

*FMO: Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc. (That's us!)

**FMHA" Florida Manufactured Homeowners Association (that's them, the Park Owners association)



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CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE

Mark your calendars for our annual Golf cart parade, December 17th. Carts will line up at the clubhouse driveway entrance at 5:00 pm and will start traveling thru the community at 5:30 pm. What a great way to spread some holiday cheer! There will be no clubhouse gathering following our cruise this year, but goodie bags will be handed out to all participants! Social Distancing rules will apply and masks are required. Carts can be decorated as you wish, from a simple bow to a decked-out display! Please contact any of the committee members if you have any questions. See you there!

Your Beautification committee: Linda Baker, Phyllis Fulwider, Becky Gloss, Bev Thoreson



PINE LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Zgrzepski

Pine Lakes Women's Club supports the wonderful work that the homeless coalition is doing. We collect blankets to make people in transition feel comfort and support. Our collection box is in the lobby of the clubhouse until January 25th. New and used blankets are welcome.

Thank you for your support. -- Suzanne Warner



YOUR WP STAFF NEEDS A LITTLE HELP

We really appreciate the contributions made by our "correspondents" and can tell by the comments that our readers enjoy them. Reminder to send your typed article (Word or .rtf format) JUST to cindyahrens@netzero.net. DO NOT send to Stinger.

If you are unable to type your article or you do not have an e-mail account--PLEASE ask someone in your group to type (Word or .rtf format) and send JUST to Editor Cindy (cindyahrens@netzero.net). THANKS!

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MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

By Sharon Rondeau

The first half/fall season is half way over already. We will complete this half (12 weeks) on December 21st and the second half/winter season will begin on January 4th. The standings are as follows:

The standings after 6 weeks of bowling are:

1st place (32 pts.):	Spare Me:	Bridget Heier, Cheryl Ratliff, Irene Hinchley, Bill Hawkins
2nd place (30 pts.):	Strike Bound:	Dottie Godek, Jean Lang, Al Gaetani, Daryl Lang
3rd place (30 pts.):	Strikes Happen:	Trish Bell, Tom Kamensek, Linda Wakefield, Wayne Arey

High Averages:

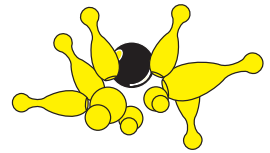
Men:	185 Wayne Arey	177 Randy Califf	176 Daryl Lang
Women:	150 Irene Hinchley	146 Linda Wakefield	143 Ann Rasler

High Scratch Game:

Men:	257 Randy Califf	234 Wayne Arey	216 Daryl Lang
Women:	201 Sharon Rondeau	184 Linda Wakefield	174 Irene Hinchley

High Scratch Series:

Men:	621 Wayne Arey	597 Randy Califf	575 Daryl Lang
Women:	493 Irene Hinchley	486 Ann Rasler	469 Sharon Rondeau



Last week's top scores (11/9):

High Scratch Game:

Men:	257 Randy Califf	216 Daryl Lang	201 Wayne Arey
Women:	170 Peg Ackley	164 Ann Rasler	159 Linda Wakefield

High Scratch Series

Men:	596 Randy Califf	575 Daryl Lang	529 Wayne Arey
Women:	429 Linda Wakefield	428 Ann Rasler	422 Irene Hinchley

On November 9th Randy Califf received a BMA Honor of \$50 on his Passport 2-Fun card for bowling a 257 scratch game with an average of 177 (bowlers with an average of 175+ who bowl a 250+ are entitled to this award.) Congratulations Randy, great bowling!

We welcome bowlers to the second half/winter season. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please call Larry Hyskey at 239-567-0807 or Sharon Rondeau at 508-846-3001. We bowl on Mondays at 2:00 at Bowland in Cape Coral.



JOIN OUR BOWLING LEAGUE

The Pine Lakes Mixed Bowling League will start the second half of our season on January 4th and will end on March 22nd followed by an awards luncheon on March 29th.

We bowl on Mondays at 2 pm (practice starts at 1:45). The cost per week is \$13.00. We are a non-sanctioned handicap league so it doesn't matter what your average is.

We bowl at:
Coral Lanes/Bowland
42 Mid Cape Terr. (off Santa Barbara Blvd.)
Cape Coral (239-772-1661)

Please contact Larry Hyskey at 239-567-0807 or Sharon Rondeau at 508-846-3001 to sign up.

We welcome new bowlers. Come join in on the fun and meet new people.

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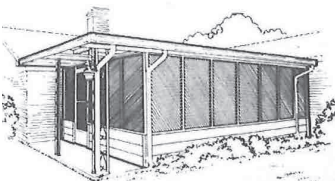
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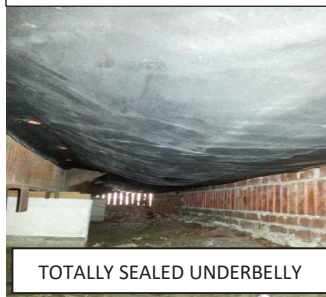
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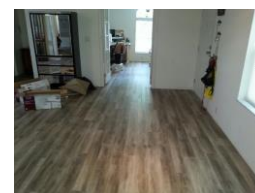
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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

By Dick Loubier

Sun is back out, lakes are full, rain is done for a while, lots of golfers are back and enjoying Pine Lakes and the golf course. We had our first shoot out on 11/7/20. Yea--results later. Had a nice group of followers and things went great. Now for our results from league play. By the way, I would like to introduce our new pro Bill Chapman. Welcome Bill, and nice to see you around and watching how things are done here. I am sure you will have some great suggestions on how to improve some things. Now for our results from league play.

OCT 15TH WE PLAYED A GOLD BALL

1. PHIL EBERHARDT	
TIM MERCURIO	77
DAVID GLUCK	
BLIND DRAW	
2. BILL BRUNS	
ED ST PHILLIPS	79
SHERMAN REIDLINGER	
RAY WALTON	
3. TIE BOB FILLION	
GEORGE CHITTUM	80
NICK PASSARELLA	
BLIND DRAW	
3. TIE CHARLIE SCHNEIDER	
KEN TOMPKINS	80
RAY ROUILLARD	
RICHARD THIBODEAU	
4. MIKE HAYES	
JEFF PENDERS	81
DARYL LANG	
ROGER HOFFMAN	
5. CHRIS TUPPER	
JOE DEMKOWICZ	82
DOUG THOMAS	
FRED STEWEART	

ON 10/22/20 WE PLAYED A SCRAMBLE

1. MIKE HAYES	
JOE DEMKOWICZ	49
JIM STEINKE	
FRED STEWART	
2. TIE MIKE KIMBRO	
BILL STRUEVE	50
RAY ROUILLARD	
PETE WILLIAMS	
2. TIE PHIL EBERHARDT	
JACK SULLIVAN	50
RAY WALTON	
BOB CISZEWSKI	

3. BOB FILLION	
DARYL LANG	51
TOM MINHAN	
DAVID GLUCK	
4. TIE CHARLIE SCHNEIDER	
JOHN DIERINGER	52
SHERMAN REIDLINGER	
BOB KONETZNY	
4. TIE BILL BRUNS	
CHARLES YEDINAK	52
DOUG CONNER	
NICK PASSARELLA	

ON NOV 5 WE PLAYED LOW NET IN FLIGHT AND S.O.Q.

FLT 1	
1. JOHN DIERINGER	57
2. KEN TOMPKINS	59
3. TIE PHIL EBERHARDT	62
3. TIE CHARLES YEDINAK	62
4. BILL STRUEVE	63
C.T.P. RON COOK	

FLT 2	
1. DARELD SCHICK	56
2. DICK LOUBIER	59
3. TIE ED CLEVINGER	64
3. TIE JEFF PENDERS	64
3. TIE BILL SKINNER	64
4. TIE TIM MERCURIO	65
4. TIE CHARLIE SCHNEIDER	65
4. TIE LARRY SIMS	65
C.T.P. TIM MECURIO	
FLT 3	
1. ROGER HOFFMAN	60
2. PETE WILLIAMS	62
3. FRED STEWART	63
4. RAY ROUILLARD	67
C.T.P. FRED STEWART	

**NO
Hole in 1ers**

AND NOW FOR OUR 1ST SHOOT OUT ON 11/7/20

A. PLAYERS

1. DON LACROIX 2. JOHN DIERINGER 3. BOB FILLION

B. PLAYERS

1. DICK LOUBIER 2. ED CLEVINGER 3. RAY WALTON

These six along with six more from December shoot out, and then four more from January 2021 shoot out and then four more from February shoot out will play in the grand shoot out on February 20, ten from A flight and ten from B flight will go at it. The top five from A flight and top five from B flight will play in the mixed grand shoot out on March 19th. More to come on all this happening in later Whispering Pines. We have the President Cup tournament coming up December 16 and 17. Be sure to sign up--last day to sign up is December 14th. We also have the Men's Member-Member coming up on January 12 and 14. Two-day tournament, lots of fun. Then on January 18, we can start signing up for our Club Championship. Hope the virus is gone by then. Please be safe and careful, and don't go out unless you have to and always wear a mask. I guess that is all for now.



TEE TIME

Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

By Joann Cline

Along with all the other cancellations this year, I've been told Christmas gifts are cancelled! Apparently, you told Santa you've been good all year.....he died laughing!

At least for the time being, our list of golf activities Allowed is longer than the list of those Cancelled. Top on the list for the end of October was the two-day Sadie Hawkins Tournament. A huge **THANK YOU** to Eileen Sims and Chris Tupper for their hard work to pull this off amid all the new rules and restrictions. Congratulations to all the winners, especially first place – Sadie (Irene) Hinchley and her Abner (Bill) Hawkins. Also, since the winners get to run next year's tournament, **GOOD LUCK** to Irene and Bill!

Another event that made it to the “not cancelled” list was the Halloween Tournament played on the 31st. As advertised, it was a fun time and we want to say **THANKS** to Linda Wakefield and Barb Willis for organizing these holiday tournaments. We're looking forward to what they might have “cooked up” for the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot scheduled on November 21.

SPECIAL THANKS to Brian and the Pub staff for going the extra mile to help us have a good meal and a good time following our tournaments. Also, a big **THANK YOU** to our Director of Golf, Bill Chapman, for all his input and enthusiasm.

Saturday, November 14, started out a little cloudy, a little misty, but it was still a good day to be in Pine Lakes. With so many of our social activities being put on hold, it was great to have the entertainment provided by our lady golfers during the first of our winter shoot-outs. With some hard shots made and some easy shots missed, it was a good time for participants and spectators alike. Congratulations to the winners, Marilyn Hayes, Joyce Reetz and Irene Hinchley. Our fall meeting scheduled for November 11th had to be postponed, not because of Covid but because of Eta. This year, it seems like if it's not one thing, it's ten, but plans are to go ahead with the meeting on Wednesday, November 18th. Readers will have to watch for a report on the agenda in the January issue of the Pines.

Even though it's been recommended that our holiday festivities be kept to a minimum, it looks like December could be a very busy month for our golfers. If all things remain a “GO” we can look forward to our Christmas Luncheon and Santa Scramble, not one but two shoot-outs, and our two-day President's Cup Tournament. Fingers crossed that these all take place and you can read their reports in January.

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

November 14th - Shoot-Out

1st Marilyn Hayes

2nd Joyce Reetz

3rd Irene Hinchley

October 21st - Low Net in Flight

Flight 1

Bev Bynum net 55

Debbie Hamilton 63

Irene Hinchley 66

Cyndi Parks 69

Flight 2

Linda Wakefield net 63

Joann Cline 66

Sandy Tupper 67

Connie Riedlinger 68

Flight 3

Linda Knotts net 61

Joyce Reetz 64

Leah Tompkins 64

Nadine LaCroix 74

Donna Schneider 74

October 28th - Sadie Hawkins



more results next page...

November 4th - Low Net in Flight

Flight 1

Judy Emmons	net 60
Irene Hinchley	62
Linda Wakefield	62
Marilyn Hayes	64
Lori Skinner	64

Flight 2

Leah Tompkins	net 61
Sandy Tupper	62
Joann Cline	68
Becky Monteleone	69

Flight 3

Joyce Reetz	net 60
Donna Schneider	61
Char Lopez	63

Important Dates in December:

5th Repeal Day (Prohibition Ends)
 6th St. Nick Day
 7th Pearl Harbor Day
 9th Santa Scramble & Christmas Lunch
 12th Ladies' Shoot-Out
 14th Deadline Prez. Cup sign-up
 16th & 17th President's Cup Tournament

18th Ugly Sweater Day
 23rd Festivus
 24th You know you're getting old when
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NIFTY NINERS

by Pat O'Connell

Today, October 21, was a Drop Out Scramble again. There were 2 teams of 4 and we were really close at the end. Helen, Jane, Shirley and Libby (welcome back Libby) won with a score of 31. Team two, Ruth Pat D. Pat O and Veronica, were really close at 33 but “they” made us count the 7th hole (still closed) with 3 more strokes (we had tried to forget it but Nooooo). Now all summer we did not count that hole since we didn’t play it (or I took a hole in 1) but now we are officially in League golf. And, by the way, the course looks better except where they were mowing where we had to deal with occasional clumps of cut grass (just like our own lawns).

Wednesday 10/28 was the first day of the Sadie Hawkins Tournament. There were 7 nifty niners, Barb, Pat D, Janice, Ruth, Brenda, Shirley and Jean, competing with their invited partners for 2 days of 18 holes of golf but when you add 2 together plus the single score of the day 2 scramble then multiply times 2 and divide by 3 and add in the hours it took them to finish, the scores are multi-digit results and really overwhelming. I’m not sure the scores were as important as having a good time so, in the end, everyone wins. And for those who had the lower scores and thus did not get their money’s worth, they did get some money back and Shirley was one of those on Wednesday (didn’t pay attention to the rest as I only report on Wednesdays). BTW, I spent the days on the sidelines writing this riveting story about others playing golf!

Wednesday November 4 was theoretically the end of the election cycle and the better part was a golf day. We played another game (good thing I never grew up as I continue to play games) that was a Shamble or best ball on the odd numbered holes and a Scramble on the even numbered holes. Several of us played this on Monday to practice keeping score, you had to keep reminding yourself as to the hole number. Today my team finally appeared in the won-money column, along with one other team that tied us. My team was Jacquie (welcome back), Janice and me; the other winning team was Helen, Veronica, Libby and Jane. We each received \$2.00 that will be placed “on the books” in the ProShop. The last group included Shirley, Ruth, Pat D and Joanne. They didn’t win money but just played for fun or frustration!

Wednesday November 11, Veterans Day dawned rainy and mostly stayed that way. What this means was that Golf was cancelled as the course was closed. Also cancelled that day was the Veterans Memorial ceremony but it has been rescheduled for December 7.

Well, of course, I have to make some kind of comment on the lack of these events. The most obvious is Mother Nature is getting revenge. Remember the commercial about “It’s not nice to fool Mother Nature” well she’s had enough and is taking revenge. The year 2020 will long be remembered as a tough year for everyone. And the most recent challenge of the year is Mother Nature’s requirement that we learn the Greek alphabet. Don’t give one iota about learning anymore of that alphabet!

Stay well and keep your distance. Mask when necessary.



WACKOES

By Ron Zamoider

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

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GOLDEN OLDIES GOLF

By Betty White

Well folks, Golden Oldies is alive and well. After a Summer hiatus, we have resumed our Friday morning 9 holes of play.

We began again on November 6th and have a total of 7 teams of four playing each week. Again, we alternate our play between Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways. The roster contains individuals from both communities. We are basically a group of golfers playing for the fun of it. Those of us who are not serious golfers find this the perfect setting to get out onto the links and enjoy the beautiful courses, weather and scenery. Although, on the other hand, we have members who take their games very seriously. Teams have been chosen in advance for the duration of November and into December. There has been a very positive response for resuming the group.

Thanks to Linda Green who takes the time and makes the effort to coordinate all of this so that we can continue to play. We have had a lot of laughs and it is good to interact with people we haven't seen in a while. Look for the statistics in future Whispering Pines for the teams that rise to the top each week. Great golfing everyone and HAVE FUN.



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Hello to all Pine Lakes Residents. I trust that you all had a nice Thanksgiving with a great dinner. Different from other years but still a lot to be thankful for.

We can feel good that we collected enough money and gave each of the three charities (The Fort Myers Rescue Mission/Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities/Wake Up America) \$3,000 that was put to good use feeding the needy. The sad part of this is that we fell short of what we did other years while the need is so much greater this year. We have been told that the number of families requesting help has more than doubled. With that in mind, we are

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEWS

We are very thankful for all the volunteers who worked to make our community holiday ready. Seeing lights, trees, candy canes give all of us a feeling of good cheer! Our volunteer base here in Pine Lakes is truly exceptional, Thank You!

Mark your calendars for the community Un-decorating event, **Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 10 am.** We will meet in the clubhouse lobby and have small groups work on the different areas to be un-done. Please join us for a sweet treat (COVID-19 approved) in the clubhouse once the tasks are completed.

We ask all volunteers to contact one of the committee members to inform us of your plan to help with this event so we can assure social distancing. Please remember your masks!

The committee wishes all a healthy, happy holiday season and all the best in 2021.

Committee members:

Linda Baker

Becky Gloss

Phyllis Fulwider

Bev Thoreson



still collecting money that will be distributed before Christmas. So, if you can find it in your heart to make a donation, envelopes are available at the desk in the clubhouse or they can be given to the committee members. We appreciate any and all donation.

Remember: Kindness changes everything, so let it start right here in our community....

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PINE LAKES MEN'S CLUB

By Tom Minahan

I can't believe that I have finally have some news to put in the Newsletter. First, I hope this finds everyone well and all had a safe and great Thanksgiving Day dinner under the present circumstances. I know this has everyone out of sorts with all that's going on. I believe things are going to get much better as we enter the New Year.

The Men's Club Board just presented a check for \$2,000 to The Day of Caring. We realize that many are not back and the needs have not changed so please help and send your donation to Sue O'Donnell at 10841 Meadows Ct, or call her at 239-731-0819.

The Men's Club is going to try to get things going in the community again. You know we had to cancel all the dances and shows for this season. The good news all the shows we had booked we will have back, including the start of the Halloween Dance in October and continuing with all shows that were going to happen in November and right through with two shows in January and the Chicago Show in February 2022. And hopefully we will continue with the Home Show in February and St. Patrick's Dance in March.

As far as now we are going to start Bingo the third week on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Doors will open at 5pm and calling will start at 6pm. Soda and chips will be available. You can bring your own if you wish, **face masks will be mandatory and temperatures will be taken** when you arrive. We will be playing the same games as in the past. At this time, we can only allow 75 players, but that might change according to state mandates at that time, we will keep you posted--signs will be placed on bulletin boards and temporary signs will be placed coming into the community.

The Men's Club will have a General membership Meeting on the second Thursday in March 2021 starting at 6pm and hopefully we will have a speaker. Food will be served catered by outside vendor or the Pub, we will let you know in future articles in the Newsletter.

The Board would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy Christmas season and New Year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any Board member. And as always, *Thank You for your support of the Men's Club.*

PINE LAKES WELCOME COMMITTEE

Our mission is to reach out to new homeowners shortly after their closing to extend a warm welcome to our community. Sponsored by HOA II, we welcome new homeowners in both HOA II and PLEHOA, as well as those homes purchased by ELS and then marketed as leased land home sites.

Pre-COVID, committee members made appointments via phone calls with the new homeowners and then met informally with them at their residence. These meetings not only allowed us to provide general information about our community, but also provided an opportunity to present valuable coupons to be used within Pine Lakes to facilitate our new neighbors' involvement in our great community. Some examples would be a free Men's Club pancake breakfast, one free ticket for an event sponsored by the Entertainment Committee, 18 holes of golf, and a gift certificate for lunch at the Pub!

Now, due to the pandemic, our method of greeting new folks has been drastically changed as we no longer go to individual homes. We now meet once a month with new homeowners in a group setting in the clubhouse ballroom following COVID protocols. Our meeting dates this season are currently the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Tentative dates at this time are:

- December 16 • January 20 • February 17 • March 17

Please help us spread the word to any new neighbors you may have in your cul-de-sac.

The committee will continue to call new residents to invite them to the next meeting, but also hearing about it from you, their neighbor, would be great! Thanks for your support!

~ Committee Chairperson: Jane Vogel 651.252.9495

~ Committee Members:

Betty White 518.260.9312

Cindy Ahrens 612.790.1913

Elaine Mandeville 617.459.2120

Rich and Pat Pacewic 815.341.2777



PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD – THE SEASON IS FINALLY STARTING!!!!

By Elaine Mandeville and Irene Gaetani

Our Fall Season got off to a slow start with a rain cancellation on the first week, Tuesday, November 10th, at 7PM. But we picked right up the following week. To give folks some extra play time, we played the week of Thanksgiving and will also play the week of Christmas and New Year as well. Remember, this year there will be no weekly charge of 25 cents (and no ten cent winners either!!). Also, as we want to continue the downward trend of COVID-19, we have adjusted our rules slightly.

- All participants **MUST WEAR MASKS.**
- Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available for anyone who would like to use them.
- Each person should use the same cue stick for the entire evening. (Sticks are unused for a week and should be fine by the next game.)

We're hoping with these small adjustments we can continue on our well-deserved move into a COVID-19-free future. Anyone can join shuffleboard, singles or couples for one game or all. So - put on your mask and join us for an evening of fun. You don't need to know how to play. We can teach you how to play in just a few minutes and will team you up with someone who has played before. It is a lot of fun!!!!

For those of you who celebrate Holy Days in December, Happy Chanukah and Merry Christmas - I hope you all have a wonderful and Blessed Holiday! And those who don't – just celebrate life in our snowless little piece of paradise!!

BOCCE

By Betty White

Greetings Pine Lakers, can it be that the holidays are upon us??? It seems like we just began the Fall season and we have already completed five weeks of play. We had one week of soaking rain from Eta and had to cancel one week session.

The standings as of then are as follows:

Vying for **1st place** are three teams: Linda Green and Bud Caputo, Peg Ackley and Al Gaetani, Judie Greene and Dick White.

Vying for **2nd place** are four teams: Bonnie Budac and Lew Ackley, Larry Hyskey and Lou Canci, Karen Rastrelli and Tony Fettig, Carol Fettig and Jeff Furnia.

In the next few weeks, the results will change and we will know who the winners will be and will announce them in January.

Sign-up for the Winter Session will be held on Wednesday, January 6th in the ballroom of the clubhouse.

We will begin at 9:00AM with sign up. Please enter the clubhouse by the front doors, come in and sign up and exit the building. Masks are required inside the clubhouse. Following sign-up, the team names will be selected and you will be notified by e-mail or phone (if you don't have e-mail) to let you know your team partner and your schedule.

Since Covid is still upon us, please make sure you are wearing your masks in the court area. Also, be sure you arrive to play 15 minutes before your scheduled match!! Spectators will need to be distanced outside of the courts and may need to bring their own chairs.

We can again make this our usual fun season if we all adhere to the guidelines. Look forward to seeing you on the courts. Have fun! If there are any questions, please direct them to: Irene Gaetani at 508-561-8108 or Jim Rastrelli at 563-505-5591.

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From Cindy Ahrens, Editor of Whispering Pines

Many of the photos that I've been including recently have been pulled from Facebook posts! I always contact the photographer to request permission for possible inclusion in the Whispering Pines. I can tell there are many of you taking and sharing some terrific photos! PLEASE SEND THOSE PHOTOS DIRECT TO ME at cindyahrens@netzero.net so I can add to the Whispering Pines photo file to fill our color covers. There may not be space for all photos, but I will pull from that file as needed to include on our covers in color. THANKS TO YOU ALL!

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By Bev Mercurio

We unfortunately don't have any exciting information to bring you at this time regarding shows. We just want to take a moment and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Let's all hope and pray that 2021 is a much better year than this one has been. Stay safe everyone!

Your Entertainment Committee: Jesse Howard, Wayne Cox, David Berridge, Linda Smith, Nita Connor, Jane Vogel and Bev Mercurio

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By Dick Loubier

I am sure Mr. Minahan mentioned in his article that Bingo will be starting up on January 20th, 2021. I don't know if he mentioned that we will need volunteers from about 5pm to 6pm to help sell Bingo material. Very easy to do. The volunteers have to be Men's Club members. If interested please call Dick Loubier, John Brown, or Tom Minahan. Thank you all, be safe please.



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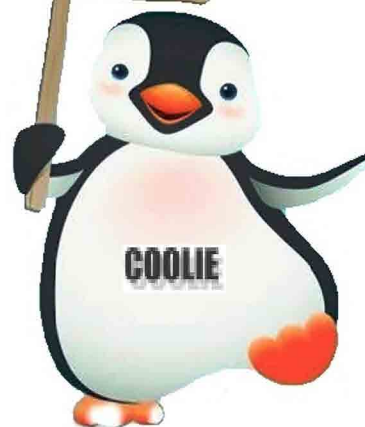
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Our next Veterans meeting will be Dec. 2nd @ 7PM in the clubhouse lobby. Please attend. The topic of discussion will be the Veterans and Pearl Harbor ceremonies. We now have a quantity of our golf shirts. The cost is \$30. It would be nice if we all could wear them for our programs, but not mandatory. I also have plenty of green light bulbs if you need one for your lightpost. Please call me if you have any questions, purchase a shirt or need a lightbulb.

Thank you,
Tim Mercurio, 513/300-7877



PINE LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL

By Wendy Huether

Welcome back those of you that have been away. We are looking forward to a great new season! Games will start in January, at Camilita Park in Punta Gorda starting 5 pm. Please come to cheer our team on again.

Some information: our can collections last month we had one person donate a thousand cans. And our good friend Brian keeps giving on a regular schedule. These are just two of the wonderful people that help us. The largest part of this job is Dave Gluck. He goes around collecting cans from many destinations. He sorts, cleans and packs these into his car. Then drives a bit of a distance to the recycle place to get a pittance for the cans. Saves it up to offset fees for field use, equipment, anything the ball team needs. A lot of work. Please help us out by saving your cans to add to the collections!

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		Ann Barrett Bill Bixby Roxanne Canfield Margie Heavey Bill Smith	1	Donna Cunningham Stasia Fisher Roger Hoffman Pauline Proulx	2	Ellen Nocks Mick Rhodus	3	Susan Bleachler Jack Burke Emil Schweikert	4	Lisa Kemp	5		
Deb Gallinger Donald Hawking Raymond Mayotte John Weakley	6	Edie Czerniak Kathy DeMoulin Toni Enders Bob Hoy Jan Martin	7	Jill Brush Terry Edwards Linda Knotts Pete Williams	8	Dottie Godek Gene Knisley	9	Sam Blevins Renee Smith	10	Chris Velasco	11	Sylvia Crawford Jerry Phillips Diana Sjogren Edward Smith	12
John Galloway Gary Nicolini	13	Randy Allen Bill Boden Sandy Craig Sharon Pickett Bill Schmidt Ray Walton	14	Nancy Bradley JJ Healy Peggy Matthews Peg Tarantole	15	John Dieringer Barbara Ravenna Robert Zgrzepski	16	Carolyn Bonnell Penny Bostik Steve Coy Linda Fazioli Brenda Loubier Betty Miller	17	Lanny Baughman Robert Button Francis Guenther Rheta Piazza	18	Karen Ano Randal Califf Ray Charest Dave Duffy Phillip Sosnoski	19
Kenneth Planke George Raico Don Scott Mabel Wurst	20	Debbie Kimbro Trudy Minihan	21	Gerry Kerwin Fran Mastin	22	Carol Booth Ray Dunlap Robert Konetzny Jean Marena Patricia Stephenson	23	Carol Kosloske Randy Markham Fred Weber	24		25	Wayne Larson Kristin Mellott Laurin Stanley	26
John Highfill Susie Holden Rosie Krenn Charlene Richards	27	Sue Hunt Karen Hyskey	28	Tom Joy John McCann	29	Kent Freeman Lynn Johnson Debby Steele	30	Jan Gilmor Jill Hudson Tom Rasler	31				

**The Celebration Calendars are maintained by Jane Vogel.
If you have changes or have been missed, please contact Jane so she can update her files.*

December Anniversaries

		Steve & Cindy Boire	1		2	Gerald & Kathleen Schulz '71	3	Phil & Gina Eberhardt '81	4		5		
Bob & Lynda Hayter	6		7	Frank & Marilyn Dunnett '78 Jack & Diane Van Ingen	8	Craig & Kathleen Greskoviak '83	9		10	Christiansen Rene & Nancy Noble Raymond & Linda Streeter '65	11		12
	13		14		15	Bill & Pam Wagner '66	16	Larry & Nancy Hurley '55	17	Mark & Pam Justice '76	18		19
	20	Albert & Kay Gursky '63	21	Larry & Esta Dow	22		23		24		25		26
Marc & Diane Gauthier '75	27		28		29	Vincent & Jacquelyn Bartilucci	30	Ken & Deanna Stokes	31				

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February 15, 2021	March 2021
March 17, 2021	April 2021
April 17, 2021	May 2021
June 4, 2021	June/July/August 2021
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August 17, 2021	September 2021
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