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HOA II BOARD

Gary Nicolini, President

Good day fellow residents. Well by the time you read this we will be into the new year. Hopefully everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah. Let's make 2024 a great year. Know that your HOAII Board will be working diligently to push ELS to complete the issues they put off until the first quarter of the new year. I can assure you that we are pushing our Manager Kevin as much as possible and we have several items yet to be accomplished this year. Of course, we also need your help with filling out Concern Forms and joining the HOA and attending our monthly meetings. Believe me, your input matters. With a 34-year-old property, there will always be items breaking down, however, they are getting repaired or replaced a lot quicker than in the past.

In closing, please attend all the wonderful events that our various clubs have during the year.



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PINE LAKES ESTATES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Cindy Ahrens, HOA Secretary

To all PLEHOA members: If you have recently made any changes to your mailing address in 2023, please make sure you gave ELS your current mailing address. There will be a large and important mailing going to all members in mid-January and the Association needs votes for approval of new totally revised and updated documents. If you will not be able to attend the Annual Member Meeting on February 12, 2024, at 7:00PM in the ballroom, please fill out the Proxy form, drop it off at Dede LaBelle's home (19600 Eagle Trace Ct, 22-B) or mail the Proxy to Dede at her mailing address. The PLEHOA documents were a little "dusty" and needed to be more detailed, so every vote is essential for the HOA to move forward. The HOA Board hopes to see many of you at the meeting to vote in person, or many Proxy ballots from those unable to attend the meeting. Hoping to see a crowded room at the meeting!



BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Phyllis Fulwider

Beautification wishes everyone health and happiness in 2024.

November and December were very busy months for Beautification.

In November, Beautification coordinated the decorating of Pine Lakes. As always, residents stepped up in a big way volunteering their time to accomplish this. Additionally, the support given to Beautification in volunteer hours and donations by the following groups was key this year: Women's Golf, PL Panthers Softball Team, Women's Club, Men's Club, Entertainment Committee, HOAI and PLEHOA. A big thank you to all who helped make Pine Lakes look like Christmas up North - without the snow of course! Volunteers are a critical part of our community and you folks really came through for us. Again, thank you to all who helped.

The Tennis Club did an excellent job of decorating their area. Thank you so much. You sure added to the Holiday decoration and spirit of the season.

December 9, was the "Tour of Homes." We had six beautifully decorated homes inside and out for the tour. We want to thank the following people who opened their homes to us to see how they celebrate Christmas. Thanks, Deb & Bud Bruns, Joy & John Houser, Chris Hovet, Linda LeClaire, Connie & Sherman Riedlinger and Sandy & Chris Tupper. It was a real treat!

Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00am we undecorate Pine Lakes and again we need **lots of help**. Please give us a bit of your time on that. Wednesday.

I want to give a special thank you to Becky Gloss and her husband Mike. Without their dedication to Pine Lakes our decorations would not look as good as they do!

Pictures on Back Cover... & Happy New Year!



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.

MEN'S CLUB

Rick Saniti, President, PLMC

The Pine Lakes Men's Club hopes you all had a very Merry Christmas and a fun and safe time welcoming in the new year. 2024, wow!

January starts a busy month for the Men's Club. Dick Loubier cranks up the **bingo** machine every Wednesday evening with the doors opening at 5 and the games starting at 6. Food and beverages will be for sale prior to the start time. See you there!

Dick Loubier and his wife Brenda are also selling tickets for our upcoming **Comedy show**. The show is on Saturday, January 13th and features comedians Allen Schubowsky and Rich Purpura. Should be a real fun show. You can purchase tickets during the Saturday coffee socials or the Men's Club pancake breakfast. You can also call Mr. Loubier at 207-730-6473 and get them that way as well.

Speaking of the Men's Club **pancake breakfast**, Tom Minahan and his crew will be serving up pancakes, French toast, sausages, scrambled eggs, juices, and coffee on Saturday January 6th starting around 8:30 AM. Come enjoy some good food, meet other Pine Lakes residents, and find out what's going on in the coming weeks.

Prior to the January 6th pancake breakfast, tickets will go on sale for a fabulous group called **Yacht Rock**. You can check them out at <https://www.williamclare.com/yacht-rock-fl> and playing the YouTube video on that page. Select the full screen option to see Yacht Rock even better. Additionally, Deb and the Dynamics tickets will be on sale for their February 3rd performance.

Our Men's Club member meeting will be Thursday, January 11th, starting at 6 PM. Men, if you're not a member yet, come on up to the clubhouse ballroom and sign up. A \$5 donation gets you a lifetime membership. Oh, did I mention that we serve a meal and beverages at every meeting?

Next up, the Pine Lakes Men's Club **Home and Garden Show** which happens on Friday, January 26th. Ron Thoreson has been working pretty much nonstop on this event since last season's Home Show. He just never stops! Ron gathered a bunch of vendors who'll be displaying their products and skills for all of us to see. The result is a terrific event that everyone should attend even if you

don't need home or landscape upgrades. The doors open at 9 AM and run till 3 PM.

Our last event of January has us hosting a "Showcase", which features 8 performers, who do an abbreviated version of their entire show. The Showcase is run by Tin Pan Alley Productions. Tickets are \$5 and on sale now for Pine Lakes residents who wish to attend. FYI, Entertainment Committees from other communities will be there as well. The showcase is Monday, January 29, 2024, from 1 PM to about 3 PM. Tickets available at the coffee socials and pancake breakfasts.

Thank you all for attending our Men's Club events.



Pine Lakes Country Club
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HELPING OUR FELLOW PINE LAKES RESIDENTS

Rick Saniti

I'm sure there's a lot of us who have a home or two on our cul-de-sac that's occupied by someone, but the person or people living there are rarely seen. Who are they? What do they do all day? What kind of conditions are they living in? And my big question, do they need help with anything?

Some of you may know my wife Wendy's uncle, Bill Roberts. Bill has suggested that a group be formed that can help people who are alone or in need. This might include a visit or helping with a menial task or helping to find a qualified contractor.

If we can help our fellow residents by making their lives easier or less lonely, we should.

I want to do that too. I really don't know where to go from here. But if you would like to help, call me (952-484-1519) and we'll work together to see if we can find a way to get this program started.

PL MEN'S CLUB

Ron Thoreson

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-- From Editor Yvonne

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BIBLE STUDY

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JANUARY 21 6:00-7:30 PM IN THE PINE LAKES LIVING ROOM

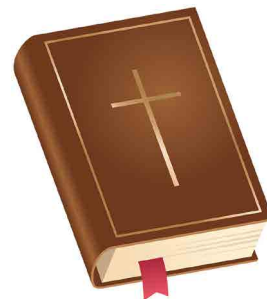
OK-Christmas is past, and the January VISA bill is in your mailbox! It's a new year, and a new year's adventure is ahead! What could be in store for us? Imagine us 2000 years ago, as the apostles, facing life after the death and resurrection of Jesus! Left on their own without Christ, they were about to meet the Holy Spirit to empower them to change the world as we know it...all without a bible to fall back on! (Remember that the bible as we know it is being written during this period in history. What could be so exciting?)

What happened in the first 100 years of Christianity is amazing: In the backdrop of an oppressive Roman Empire bringing the known world under their control, this band of Christ-followers are about to challenge all that is known about God, and to change history forever.

The Book of Acts is that story. Meet Peter, Paul, and others that gave their lives to bring us our message of salvation. Learn of their struggles, and of their fate. We will discuss their journeys, along with anecdotal notes about the politics and cultural challenges of the day.

Bring your bible and bring your spouse (if you have one!) Bring a dessert if you wish. Bring a friend (I know you have one) and have a good time as we watch a DVD and explore the fascinating world of the first 100 years of our Christian faith. We are a fun-loving group exploring all things biblical and how it is impacting our daily lives.

Questions? Call me: Phil Sosnowski, 847-274-5407 (Lot 6Q)



PINE LAKES WOMENS CLUB

Bev Mercurio, President

Happy New Year everyone! I don't know about the rest of you, I love decorating for Christmas, but now I am so ready to take it all down and get our house back to some sort of order. I want to start off by saying thank you to all who attended our tea party and luncheon last month. What a beautiful job, the hostesses did with their tables. Each one was just lovely. Special thank you to Jesse Howard and Leslie Tait for chairing this fun event and of course the kitchen crew who never stopped working! Thank you so much. Lastly thanks to the Men's Club and The Veterans Association for serving our luncheon.

January 4th is our next meeting date. Please mark on your calendar the time for that meeting will be 5:30 instead of 6:30 as we are having our Soup Night for dinner and you ladies really came through volunteering to make homemade soup and breads. We are set with 18 cooks. Thank you. The doors will open @ 5:00 that night. This is for Women's Club members only. After dinner we will have a busy business meeting as we have a lot of ground to cover. Starting with nominations for open board positions I have now. First, Vice President position will be open, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for one of those two offices, please let Jane Vogel know as she is on the nominating committee. Also, we had two officers that were appointed to fill their positions midterm and now they will also have to be voted in and those positions are recording secretary and membership. This doesn't mean the current officers are resigning as they are hoping to remain on the board, but you can run for those positions if you choose. Any questions, call Jane Vogel. Jan. 20th was to be our Fashion on a Dime show, however that popular event has been moved to March 8th, which is a Friday night. Its open to all and yes men are also invited to attend again this year. More details on that as the time gets closer.

Our Feb. meeting will feature a fun activity for us. I have hired a couple who teach square dancing! They teach at Heron's Glen and some of our members take lessons from them and highly recommended them. So, plan on stepping out of your comfort zone that night and dosey doe and twirl around the room. They will teach us a couple of squares and I am as new to this as some of you may be. Anyway, we will have a lot of laughs and some fun after our February meeting. I will post more on our Facebook page as the time gets closer.

PROM TICKETS are now printed and ready to go. The price is \$40.00 per person with a fabulous prime rib or

chicken marsala dinner. This is not a buffet; you will be served at your table. Shrimp cocktail will be served as well. I'm going to list the entire menu so you can see what great value this is and a wonderful way to spend Valentines Day. No date-no problem! Just no excuse not to attend! Formal dress is welcome, but not required. If you happen to have your old prom pictures from many years ago, we would like to put a collage together to share with everyone. What fun that will be to see what we looked like and what we wore!!! So please call me (513-746-8181) if you happen to have any pictures you would like to use.

Menu: Shrimp cocktail served at your table, Prime Rib – Hand carved by the chef, Chicken Marsala, Ceasar Salad, Oven roasted potatoes, Green bean almondine, Rolls and Butter, Desserts

The fabulous Speak Easy Band

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Call Linda Baker for tickets and they will also be on sale at the Pancake breakfast Jan. 6th. If you are new to Pine Lakes, why not join the Women's Club. We meet once a month on the first Thursday and usually the meetings are at 6:30. Times do change depending on the schedule we have for the evening. There is a one-time life membership fee of \$5.00 to join. That's it, no dues etc. Just come on in and see the membership team which will be at a table by the entrance. We would love to have you.

I almost forgot one super popular event, **SINGO BINGO** and dance party. This will be held Feb. 22nd. I promised all my snowbird friends I would have one while they were all here as previous Bingos were held in the summer and the fall. So now is your turn to see what all the excitement is about. Feb. 22nd, doors open at 5 pm, BYOB and snacks for your table. Tickets are just \$10.00. This is open to everyone and yes, a lot of men do attend. Have fun playing bingo and singing along with the oldie tunes most of us grew up listening to. Win cash prizes, two sessions followed by a dance party till 9pm. This is not your typical Bingo, DJ will explain the rules and you just sit back and have a blast. Call me (Bev) for tickets @ 513-746-8181, starting Jan 1st. Tables seat 8. Questions call me or just ask anyone who has attended Singo Bingo Before. They will be happy to tell you all about it.

Thanks everyone!

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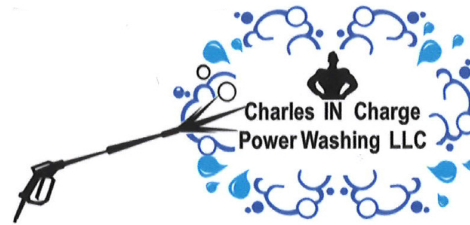
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POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

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This is a BYOB party with NO GLASS BOTTLES allowed! Please remember this!

There will be a great band- The Monsoons- to entertain and get people dancing. Sarasota's hippest new band blends the funkiness of New Orleans with good old rock n' roll. Add a touch of blues, southern rock, and pop, and the conditions are perfect...

Time for a Monsoon party!



There will also be a food truck available in the parking lot for hungry partiers if you don't bring your own snacks.



Also bring a chair as seating is limited.

Split the Pot tickets will be sold and there will be some lucky winners.

Tickets are \$10.00 and you can contact Jo Orvik 218-342-2086 to get one. Come and have a great time!

REMINDER- There will be a Luau themed pool party on January 7th from Noon to 3. We want to start off the new year with a great party. Wear your luau gear and come have some fun. We'll have Hawaiian themed music mixed with dancing and listening to music. We'll have hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, brats, pop, chips, and ice cream for purchase but remember the cooking stops at 2 pm. Come prepared to have fun.

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OHIO NIGHT 2024

Linda Langheld

The committee for Pine Lakes CC, the famous “Ohio Night” met on December 14 and are very excited about the opportunity to build upon what has already become one of the must-do events on our community’s social calendar. We are excited to announce we have a new group this year Paisley Craze! They are a local band with a diverse set list guaranteed to get you on the dance floor.

Mark down March 2, 2024 for the party date. Tickets are \$15 per person and will go on sale to Pine Lakes residents first on January 13 at the clubhouse coffee social. Any individual may purchase one or more tickets with a maximum of eight seats per table, however, they must provide a list of Pine Lakes resident’s names so we are able to ensure that people living here get first shot at tickets. Reach out to Tim Mercurio at (513)300-7877 to purchase.

We are providing chicken for the main course along with dessert and three hours of awesome music entertainment. Each attendee is asked to bring a potluck side item to share. This is a community wide event. **You do not need to be from Ohio to attend.** We will have a split-the- pot drawing and trivia during the bands breaks, this event is BYOB without set-ups.

We look forward to another extra fun party this year with all of you
Go Buckeyes!

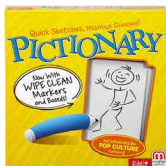


PICTIONARY

Kathie Needham

Come join in on the fun of playing the game of Pictionary. 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. Because none of us are artists we have a lot of laughs over some of the drawings. We are all laughing with you not at you!

We play every Thursday at 6:30 in the card room. It costs \$1.00 to play as prize money. There will be no play in December, but we will start up again January 4th.



90’S LUNCHEON

Virginia Davis

The 90’s luncheon will be Wednesday January 3rd at 1pm. We will be meeting at LF porch for lunch catered by Kim for \$10.

We are unable to have it at Sandtrap because management will not let us save tables or move tables. Happy New Year. Info: Virginia 315-456-9059.

CORNHOLE / BEAN 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!!*



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VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker & Denny Miner

First and foremost, I really dropped the ball on my "Thank you's" last month. I neglected to thank Bev Thoreson for all her help in the kitchen all day Friday, cooking the meat and making the (very excellent) cole slaw! Thank you so much Bev! I'd be lost without you, my friend! Secondly, I neglected to thank the CERT team for serving our delicious lunch!!! It's really very special that we (the Vets) can sit and enjoy the meal with our friends, families and neighbors and we couldn't do it without CERT! Thanks so much!

We had a great meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2023. 22 members were able to attend. We had a great discussion on how the Veteran's Day weekend activities went and what we want to do in the future.

** 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, January 2, 2023 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!

Welcome to our new section "Spotlight on Our Veterans" – created and written by Denny Miner. In each edition of the Whispering Pines, Denny will highlight one of our members for the community to get to know better.

Chief Joseph F. Landry

Born 1929 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island – First born of eleven, six sisters and four brothers.

Graduated from High School in 1947 and joined the US Navy. He trained for 3 years in a hospital in the Great Lakes. Most of Joe's career was spent working with radiology equipment, either taking X-rays or fixing the machines.

- He got married in November 1950. His son, Dennis (not me), was born in 1953 and his daughter, Colleen, was born in 1955. In June of 1956 his son, Brian, was born. Patrick, 1961. Kevin, 1964. Michael, 1970.

- As you might expect, he was assigned to a variety of ships during his career. In 1955 Joe was assigned to three different MSTs (Military Sea and Transport Service) ships in the Mediterranean. He made port in Italy, Greece, Turkey, Libya, Morocco, England, and Germany during this tour of duty.

- In 1966 he was assigned to the Marines in DaNang, Vietnam, where he worked in a field hospital in Hue. He was promoted to Chief, E7, during this tour. After this tour he was assigned to Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California and finally to Camp Twentynine Palms (Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center) in California (still the world's largest Marine Corps training base) as the Medical Supply Chief. From there he retired and moved to Indiana where he worked for Bethlehem Steel in their hospital clinic for 22 years.

- Bethlehem Steel hired him as a manager of the clinic. He didn't like that much and when the Xray technician left, he took that job – medical machine technologist – for the entire department.

- Joe moved into Pine Lakes in 1993 when the community still had gravel roads. He still proudly wears his uniform whenever called upon. He led the Navy's group of veterans in the 2023 Veterans' Day ceremony here in Pine Lakes.

- When asked about some old memories, Joe spoke of a Naval Medical Officer who was his Commander on the USS Yosemite. Fifteen years later Joe served under him again at a different command post. The unusual thing about this was that the Commander remembered him! He also recalled a Hurricane in 1938 (he was 9 years old) when he had to walk home from school. The wind blew down his tree. His tree? The one he had planted and cared for all by himself.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Jesse Howard and Cindy Ahrens

How about a **WESTERN NIGHT at Pine Lakes!** Now, get those cowboy boots out along with the 10-gallon hat, as we welcome the 'Barstool Rodeo' Band on January 27, 2024, playing mostly traditional country as well as some 50s, 60s, and 70s music. Not only is this a great band, but this event is a potluck dinner dance. Fried chicken and apple pie will be supplied, please bring a dish to share. Tickets will be available on Saturday January 6 Pancake Breakfast or call Jesse Howard (after 10am PLEASE) at 207-735-5812 -- these tickets will go fast!



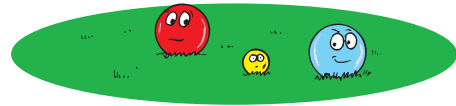
BOCCE

Rich Pacewic

The fall bocce season has come to an end. Thank you to all who participated in our Fall season.

The winter bocce sign up will be on January 3, 2024 from 9:00m-10:00 in the Clubhouse Ballroom.

At 10:00 we will have a short meeting and draw teams. Donuts and coffee will be served.



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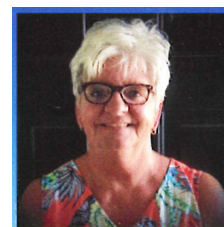
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FAIRWAY PINES PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

Ginger Mitchell

Happy New Year and welcome to our 2024 season of Fairway Pines Pickleball!!!

Club dues are \$10 for the season and will be collected beginning in January. Forms will be available at the courts. As a member you will receive a name tag and we encourage all players to wear theirs.

For members who are beginners there are free lessons available. Lessons with Jay Schofield will begin on Jan. 2, from 8-9:30 am on Tuesday and Thursday for 6 weeks.

To accommodate as many members as possible sign-up sheets will be posted on Sunday mornings with slots offered for weekday play in the mornings from 8-9:30 and 9:30 - 11. Please choose one time and sign up for as many days as you wish. If you find you cannot make it, please do your best to remove your name so another may play.

There will also be sheets with time slots to reserve courts outside of morning club play.

We have a wonderful group of players here of varying ages and skill levels. By playing with respect for one another we can learn more and have more fun as well.

See you on the courts and off!

PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD

Elaine Mandeville and Irene Gaetani

The Fall Season will have ended by the time this issue is sent out. The season will have ended after the deadline for submission for the January edition of Whispering Pines. The final season results will be reported in the February issue. We wish everyone luck in the final game.

Play will resume on the first Tuesday in January at 7PM. Scoring begins again for the new year, so everyone has a chance to dethrone this year's winners!! 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. Scores are kept per person, not team. You can come any Tuesday evening, 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 and the cost is \$.25 (twenty-five cents) for the evening. No physical ability is required, and the courts are wheelchair accessible.

Current top contenders:

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Ron	Phillips	12
Fran	Stauffer	9
Irene	Gaetani	7
Pegi	Jenkins	7
Ruth	Rickard	7



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Dianna Baughman

Countdown is on! Thursday, Jan. 18th, 4pm Cruise Mtg. PL Ballroom - a Bon Voyage Party for our Jan. 28th sailing on Celebrity Reflection. We have 2 full buses leaving from the Club House at 9am. Let the fun begin! Our 11N Panama Canal & Caribbean Cruise on November 21-December 2 is next on our agenda which is on Norwegian Gem. If you're even contemplating about our annual January '25 8N Southern Caribbean Cruise get your refundable \$250 deposit in NOW. Space is filling up fast! All are welcome at the meeting January 18th, questions will be answered, and you can sign up for our future cruises then, PL and LF peeps sure know how to have fun!



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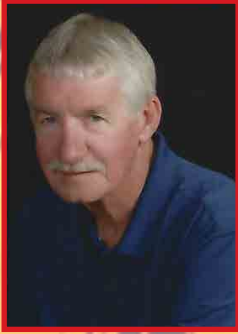
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PINE LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Sandy Milley

Let the GAMES, (SET and MATCH) Begin
(A fitting title, as 2024 is an Olympic year.)

The Pine Lakes competitive tennis season began at the beginning of November. Three teams, the men's blue division (The Bulls), the men's white division (The Pine Lakes Lakers), and from the women's league (The Gator Gals), represent our Pine Lakes community throughout North Fort Myers.

The Pine Lakes Lakers official season started on November 14th with a fantastic start, a 5 - 1 win. All the players played their "A" game ... which set them up nicely for the weeks to follow.

The Gator Gals first match of the season also resulted in a victory, with a 4- 2 win. The Bulls are playing exhibition games until the new year, with many games resulting in wins. The future looks bright for our Pine Lakes Teams.

During the last week before the deadline for publishing, each team played excellent matches which delighted the spectators. The Pine Lakes Lakers played on Tuesday and set the tone for the Gator Gals on Thursday. Interestingly enough both these teams came away with the same results, so that in some households (with both the husband and wife playing,) bragging rights could not be claimed. During these matches, a spectator was heard saying, "That shot was so close, it was almost spectacular." Another fan declared that "today's matches showed that this team has a lot of talented players. The season looks bright."

The highlight of this past week of play took place during the last set of the last game, here at Pine Lakes on Thursday afternoon. The Bulls were playing Heron's Glen and were down. The score was 1- 5 for the visitors. Can you guess what happened? Correct! To the thrill of everyone, the two Steves turned it around and won the next six games in a row to win the match, 7-5!

If you would like to be part of exciting of tennis, come on down to the courts to see firsthand how your fellow Pine Laker's are representing Pine Lakes. You won't be disappointed. Mark these home match dates on your calendar for the first two months of the new year.

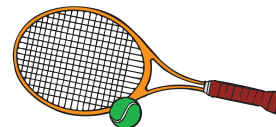
The "Pine Lakes Lakers" — Tuesday afternoons @1:00 on Jan. 9th, Feb. 6th, and Feb. 13th.

The "Gator Gals — Thursday mornings at 10:00 on Jan. 18th, Feb. 15th, and Feb. 29th.

The "Bulls" — Thursday afternoons at 1:00 on Jan. 11th, Jan. 25th, and Feb. 15th.

Maybe you would like to be a tennis player as well. Tennis is a sport for everyone no matter their level. Playing competitively may not interest you, but the social element of tennis is a big draw as well. Looking for a place to start, join the social tennis group on the courts at 8:00 am from Monday to Friday. These social tennis times have been very popular. It is drop-in tennis that is where people arrive, follow a rotation, play with a variety of partners, all while having a few laughs.

Let your joy of tennis begin. Cheers!



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PINE LAKES SOFTBALL

Ed Huether

Happy New Year Pine Lakes! Well, it's January 2024 which means another exciting season of **Pine Lakes Panther Softball!!!**

Opening day game for the season is on Wednesday the 3rd. Games will be played on every Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the Carmalita Recreation Park in Punta Gorda. The Panthers first game is against Herons Glen Eagles at field #4, always an exciting game to watch.

The January game schedule is as follows:

Date	Visitor	Home	Field
1/8	H.G. Rookies	Panthers	3
1/10	Panthers	Buccaneers	1
1/15	Panthers	D.T. Amigos	1
1/17	Lake Fairways	Panthers	5
1/22	D.T. Turos	Panthers	1
1/24	Magnolia L.	Panthers	1
1/29	T.B. Determined	Panthers	3
1/31	Panthers	T.B. Determined	1

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Come on out, have some fun and support your team.

Thank you to everyone that donates cans, they help the team keep costs down. Please hang your cans on your mailbox Tuesday mornings. Please keep those cans coming.

See you at the game.



NIFTY NINERS NEWS

Pat O'Connell

November 22: Shamble is the game, everyone drives on each hole, then we choose the best shot and then everyone is on their own. The results reflect as to how close we all are score-wise. There were 4 golfers in first place. These included Ruth, Kathy, Jacquie & Nancy with net scores of 27. The rest of the players include Pat D, Pat O, Joyce, Donna, Janice, Veronica, Sherol, Libby and Laura.

November 29: Devil Ball scramble day. This game has 4 of 9 holes designated as Devil Ball holes and every golfer has one of these holes assigned to them. If this is your hole, you alone are responsible for one of 2 scores for that hole. The rest of the team plays a Scramble. Thus 2 scores are recorded for the Devil Ball Holes. The rest of the game is a Scramble. Results are as follows: First place went to Janice, Joyce, Veronica, Helen with a 53; 2nd place with 55, was Pat D, Linda, Pat O; 3rd place included Laura, Libby, Ruth, Nancy; wrapping up the league were Donna, Sharol, Kathy with a 61.

December 6: Scramble day with 4 teams and again, very close scores. First Place 2 teams tied for the honor. Team 1 Pat D, Jacquie, Linda Brenda and Donna, Helen Pat O with scores of 34. Second place teams included Laura, Libby, Joyce R and Ruth, Sherol, Veronica, Nance with 35's.

December 13: Everyone gets to play their own game, not my favorite as I must be serious about golf. Fortunately, for me, I was not feeling well so I bailed, but got all the scores. Winner in first place was our Prez, Ruth, net score 29; 2nd place Joyce R, net score 31; 3 tied for 3rd place Kathy, Pat D, Jacquie with nets of 35. The rest of the Niners league were all fairly close with the scores. The rest of the Niners include: Janice, Kathy G (new to the league and welcome), Sherol, Nancy, Linda, Libby, Donna, Brenda and Laura. Congrats to all.



MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Dick Loubier

BALLS ARE FLYING EVERYWHERE. GUST OF WINDS UP TO 40MPH. GETTING LOTS OF RAIN THIS WEEKEND. HOPE ALL IS WELL. LOTS OF GOLFERS RETURNING FROM UP NORTH. MEMBER TOURNAMENT IS JAN 9 AND JAN 11. THE RESULTS WILL BE IN NEXT MONTHS WHISPERING PINES. OUR 3RD SHOOT OUT WAS ON DEC 23RD SO OUR 4TH SHOOT OUT WILL BE IN JAN. NOW FOR OUR RESULTS.

NOV 16 WE PLAYED A STABLEFORD.

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|-------------------------|----|
| 1. ALAN THIBODEAU | 54 |
| 2. TIM MERCURIO | 48 |
| 3. TOM HARE | 45 |
| 4. TIE DARYL LANG | 41 |
| RAY REETZ | 41 |
| CHUCK YEDINAK | 41 |
| 5. TIE KEVIN DOBBS | 40 |
| JEFF FURNIA | 40 |
| MIKE KIMBRO | 40 |
| 6. CHARLIE SCHNEIDER | 39 |
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NOV 30TH WE PLAYED 2 BB OF 4

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|--|-----|
| 1. CHUCK YEDINAK | |
| JEFF PENDERS | 110 |
| JIM STEINKE | |
| TOM HARE | |
| 2. JOE LEBLOND | |
| CHARLIE SCHNIEDER | 118 |
| DARYL LANG | |
| BILL KLAMER | |
| 3. MIKE HAYES | |
| DAVE WRIGHT | 119 |
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DEC 14 WE PLAYED A STABLEFORD

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| 1. R. DESANTIS | 52 |
| 2. TIM MERCURIO | 50 |
| 3. BILL KLAMER | 45 |
| 4. CHARLIE SCHNEIDER | 42 |
| 5. JOE LABLOND | 38 |
| 6. RICHARD THIBODEAU | 37 |
| 7. TIE KEVIN DOBBS | 36 |
| MIKE LAJINESS | 36 |
| 8. JEFF FURNIA | 35 |

THAT IS ALL FOR NOW. HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR, 2024.

Hole in 1ers

12/4/23

John Dieringer

Hole #11

Hole in 1ers

12/8/23

Rich Phillips

Hole #3

Happy New Year

TEE TIME Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

Joann Cline

Last January when I was making my new year's resolutions, **I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd wake up early in the morning to exercise turned out I was right!**

Wishing you health and happiness in the new year, and good luck with your 2024 resolutions!

Ladies' Christmas Luncheon, **check**. Ugly Sweater Tournament, **check**. Ladies' Shoot-Out, **check**. Men's Shoot-Out, oops, **not checked**. At the time of writing this article, the Men's December Shoot-Out, scheduled for the 16th, has been postponed until the 23rd. Wind, rain, and temps in the 60s don't make for the best weather for playing in this competition, much less for standing around watching.

Many thanks to Marilyn Hayes, Sandy Tupper, and Lori Skinner for the very fun Christmas Luncheon. The tables were decorated beautifully; Magnolia Landing, as always, served up a great lunch; the gift swap was a lot of fun; and the special gifts, homemade by Marilyn, were a nice surprise. Thank you all for sharing your time and talents.

A big **thank you**, also, to Dan and his staff for the very fun Ugly Sweater Tournament. A great time was had by all. Along with all the other December thank you, our Ladies' Golf League wants to say thanks to all the committees, clubs, and individuals who helped make Christmas 2023 so very festive. **Special thanks** to the Beautification Committee for all their hard work, not only in organizing and helping to put up the decorations, but also for their efforts, throughout the year, to raise funds to be used to make Pine Lakes a very special place to live.

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

December 9th Shoot-Out: Winner Sue Hunt Runner-Up Marilyn Hayes 3rd Place Donna Schneider

November 22nd League Play Low Net

Joann Cline	61	Khris Clevenger	67	Marilyn Hayes	68
Laurie Pellerin	66	Linda Kantz	67	Irene Hinchley	69
Linda Wakefield	66	Jean Lang	67	Ann Klamer	69

Closest to the Pin on #11 Khris Clevenger

November 29th League Play Scramble with Lake Fairways ladies at Pine Lakes

Team Score 55	Team Score 57	Team Score 58	Team Score 59
Carole Andrews LF	Karen Pierce LF	Sung Kingston LF	Laura Broad LF
Nancy Munro LF	Lu McEwen LF	Irene Hinchley PL	Sandie Gordon LF
Lori Skinner PL	Laurie Pellerin PL	Gloria Craven LF	Cathy Reid LF
Gaye Goguen LF	Pat Hutz LF	Khris Clevenger PL	Denise Wright PL

Team Score 59	Team Score 60	Team Score 60	Team Score 60
Dede Martin LF	Brenda McGuire LF	Cathy Burns LF	Val McIntosh LF
Marilyn Hayes PL	Cindy Asaro LF	Lisa Bell LF	Judy Chase LF
Joann Cline PL	Linda Wakefield PL	Dawn Warner LF	Sandra Warner LF
	Jo-Anne Shortt LF	Linda Kantz PL	Sue Hunt PL

Team Score 62	Team Score 68
Paula Morrison LF	Ann Souza LF
Sue-Kay Hunt PL	Shirley Beaton LF
Lynne Festa LF	Carol Listermann PL
Jean Lang PL	

more results next page...



December 6th League Play Low Net

Lori Skinner	59	Linda Kantz	63	Marilyn Hayes	65
Sue Hunt	60	Linda Wakefield	63	Khris Clevenger	66
Denise Wright	60	Irene Hinchley	65		

December 13th League Play Santa Scramble

<i>Team Score 57</i>	<i>Team Score 60</i>	<i>Team Score 60</i>	<i>Team Score 61</i>
Marilyn Hayes	Irene Hinchley	Bev Bynum	Sue-Kay Hunt
Lori Skinner	Linda Kantz	Sandy Tupper	Denise Wright
Carol Listermann	Joann Cline	Sue Hunt	Jean Lang
		Bev Cook	

Closest to the Pin on #3 Jean Lang – on #7 Lori Skinner – on #11 Irene Hinchley

- 1st New Year resolution “More Golf!”
- 8th Ladies’ Member-Member Tournament
- 10th Ladies’ Member-Member Tournament
- 11th Hot Toddy Day
- 17th Hot Buttered Rum Day (do you sense a theme?)
- 19th Nat’l Popcorn Day
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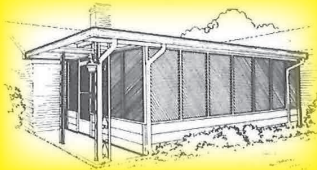
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Dennis Serra	Virginia Davis Jean Gray Karen Proulx		Fran Marino Joe Swinford Barb Willis	Shirley Diaz Jeanne Lavelle		Antoine Matthews Bev Mercurio Denny Miner Tom Snider
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Linda Streeter	Michele Roomet	Dorian Cyktich Kevin O'Rourke Jack Van Ingen	Marilyn Notarpole	Karen Brennan	Carol Kleffner Fred Stewart Sonny Weinstein
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Jamine Kretz Frank Porter Terri Wilkin	Irene Gaetani Ed Huether Steve Payne	Nancy Kelly	Sherry Burke Irwin Peters	Jimmy Johnston Christine Mattia	Jeffrey Langheld
28	29	30	31			
Steve Boire Monte Gilliland Joe Salerno Mary Tivnan	Larry Burkett	Elliot Doliner Mo Keary Alan Notarpole John Warner	Nancy LeBlond			

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January Anniversaries

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Jim Black & Karen McGee '20 Paul & Nancy Truman		Steve & Sandra Cook			Rich & Pat Pacewic '80
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Peter & Jeni Vellucci '13					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Kevin & Beverly Dobbs '16		John & Kay Brown '64 Tim & Bev Mercurio '17	Luis & Sharon Garcia '85 David & Bonnie Wright '73	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Tony & Barbara Grabowski '56		Ron & Darlene Kasmouski				Larry & Shirley Diaz
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September 2024	August 16, 2024
October 2024	September 16, 2024
November 2024	October 16, 2024
December 2024	November 15, 2024
January 2025	December 15, 2024



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From Yvonne Ecklund, Editor of Whispering Pines

Many photos that have been included recently have been pulled from Facebook posts! There are many of you taking and sharing some terrific photos! PLEASE SEND THOSE PHOTOS DIRECT TO yecklund10@yahoo.com so I can add to the Whispering Pines photo file to draw from. 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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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
1/13/2024	Men's Club	Comedy Night
1/18/2024	Pool Party	The Monsoons
1/20/2024	Women's Club	Fashion Show
1/26/2024	Men's Club	Home Show
1/27/2024	Entertainment	Potluck Dinner with Barstool Rodeo
2/3/2024	Men's Club	Deb and Dynamics
2/14/2024	Women's Club	Prom Party
2/15/2024	Pool Party	Island Hoppers
2/18/2024	Men's Club	Yacht Rock
2/22/2024	Women's Club	Singo Bingo with Dance Party NEW
2/24/2024	Veteran's Association	Horse Races
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
4/13/2024	Men's Club	Open Date
4/20/2024	Entertainment	Open Date



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