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WELCOME TO THE NEW PINE LAKES WHISPERING PINES EDITOR



Hello friends & neighbors. My name is Yvonne Ecklund and effective with the January issue, I will be the new editor of the Whispering Pines. I have some big shoes to fill as I will be replacing Cindy to continue bringing you the quality newsletter you are accustomed to reading.

I hail from the Upper Midwest, born in Detroit (Go Lions) and raised in Lincoln Park. Lived in Chicago for 6 years and moved to Minnesota where my husband and I built our dream home. We resided in Scandia MN for 23 years, downsized and moved to Pine Lakes 3 years ago. Our daughter lives in Lake Fairways and we wanted to be closer to her. Found a home on Mangrove Bay Ct that suited our needs and here we are. No more Minnesota winters!! We also have a 23 year-old grandson that lives in Kentucky.

Fully retired in 2020 after a 44-year exciting & interesting career in international logistics, but it was time to hang up my hat and enjoy retirement. I also volunteered for 20 plus years with River Valley Riders, a therapeutic horseback riding & carriage driving program for special needs children and adults which was a very rewarding experience.

You can reach me via email at: yecklund10@yahoo.com or cell 612-718-5143. I look forward to meeting the contributors and neighbors as I take on this new position.



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HOA II BOARD

Gary Nicolini, President

Good day Fellow residents. It's great to see our neighbors beginning to trickle back to Pine Lakes. You'll see that a lot of headway has been made to restore and improve our community, but remember that we still have a way to go. There are still issues with getting some supplies to finish projects from Ian. The other reason is that ELS's 4th quarter budget is also preventing items from being completed. I can assure you that this HOA has been pushing our Manager Kevin to resolve the issues. I can also tell you that he is very receptive to our needs and is also fighting for us, but at some point, his hands are tied. For first Quarter 2024, many of these items will be taken care of, however we will keep pushing Kevin for items to be completed. PLEASE SLOW DOWN....I have received quite a few messages about people speeding in our community. We ask that you remember that the speed limit is 20MPH.

I'd like to see our residents come to our HOAII meetings that are held on the third Monday of the month. Also consider becoming a candidate for our Board. Remember, you could be the one to make a difference.



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.

PINE LAKES ESTATES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Dick Loubier, President

This is a message from your President. I just want to go over some of my duties. I guess the first thing I do is run our Board meetings. Call to order, have all our board members read their reports, at end of meeting take questions from audience and make sure it is done in an orderly manner. My position, like all other Board members is a 2-year term. We have an excellent Board and they work very hard at their jobs – Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and the ARC director. We don't really have any major problems, just info on next door, people maybe doing things to their homes without permission, keeping yards clean, info on Pub, info on Pool, things like that. I get along with the President of HOA II very well, which helps my job. I guess that is all. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me or see me in person.

C.E.R.T.

Pine Lakes residents, if you are completing the "Not Evacuating Form, please note that the deposit box for this form has been moved to the front entrance of the clubhouse. If you have not picked up your OK/HOME sign yet, they are available at the concierge desk in the clubhouse. Be safe! Mike Gloss CERT leader.
330-524-1292



BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Here it is November already (where did this year go?) and the Holiday Sale is only three days away, Saturday, **November 4 at 9:30** in the activity room of the clubhouse. If you have been to our sale before you know what great bargains you can get if you haven't, you're in for a treat. This sale is even bigger and better than last year. We have gently used decorations for the inside and outside of your home. Great stocking stuffers and gifts all for a ridiculously low price.

After the sale come and help us decorate Pine Lakes for the Holidays, **Tuesday, November 21 at 9:30**. We have everything you will need to decorate, and this really gets you in the holiday mood.

The "Candlelight Tour of Homes" is **December 9**. Tickets are on sale at the Saturday morning coffee or by calling Dottie Godek at 407-256-9484 or Becky Gloss at 330-524-5583.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



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.

TEXAS HOLDEM

Pete Morais

We at Pine Lakes play Texas Holdem every Monday evening all YEAR ROUND. We never take a break unless management closes the Clubhouse. Our game is open to men and women and their guests over the age of 18 who live in Pine Lakes or Lake Fairways.

Our game starts at 7:00PM sharp, however we begin taking names, money and placing players at a table at 6:30. So get there a little early. It only costs \$12.00 for an evening of card playing entertainment. Your \$12.00 buys You \$10,000 worth of playing chips. You select your seat by drawing a chip from a pouch which will have the table and seat number where you will sit.

When the game begins our blinds start at \$100 and \$200 and go up every 15 minutes. (Blinds are like an anti.) At about 8:30 we have a short break and around 9:00 the game is over. We then payout money to the top players and first place always pays \$100.00 or more based on how many players we had on any given night. Additionally, if you run out of chips before 8:30 we let you rebuy another \$10,000 worth of chips for \$10.00. This is strictly your choice. Rebuys allow us to enhance the prize money.

Your \$12.00 admission fee also gives you entry into our ROYAL FLUSH JACK POT which pays the winner a minimum of \$50.00 to a maximum of \$350.00. Anyone getting a hand of 4 ACES wins at least \$50.00 to as much as \$150. \$2.00 of your entry fee goes as prize money to the person with the highest hand of the night so if we have 25 people playing the person with the high hand for night wins \$50.00.

This game is NOT only for men, we have and encourage women to play as well. In the last 2 months our ROYAL FLUSH POT has been hit by Joe Garbino for \$70.00 and Joe Luminello for \$90.00. Meanwhile our FOUR ACES JACK POT has also been hit by Janet Principe for \$95.00 and by Tom Welsh for \$50.00. The players are breaking our pots so often they don't have time to reach their max and that is good.

We have been playing this game in the same Activity Room in our clubhouse for over 15 years. We want to thank The Men's Club for their sponsorship. We wish to invite all poker players to come and join us for a relaxing night of TEXAS HOLDEM. Thank You and see you on Mondays!!



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PINE LAKES LITTLE THEATER

Bruce Wrede, President

Okay, I goofed. The Christmas Show is Sunday, December the 10th, not December the 9th.

The rest is correct. The show starts at three o'clock in the Club House Ballroom. Admission is 5 dollars and a non-perishable food donation for Wake-Up America is requested. The price of the show is low as this is our gift to the community. Auditions for the Christmas Show will be held in early November.

The Theater Group Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner will be held on October 29th in the Activity Room of the Club House at 4:00pm. The Potluck is a get together for everyone interested in participating in Theater for the year. Just bring a favorite dish to share and soda and water will be provided. We need all types of help to have another opening and another show.

The Theater Group can only present shows for the community's entertainment if people who are interested in helping join us. No experience is needed. We have many "roles" for you besides acting on stage. We need stage crew, lighting, costumes and many more functions that you can fill.

More information about the show and the Potluck Dinner will be coming. I hope to see you at the dinner.

Oh, if anyone plays the guitar and does Elvis's Blue Suede Shoes, we would love to have you.

If you have any questions, just call me 201 819-4194. Thanks.



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-- From Editor Cindy

90'S GROUP

Virginia Davis

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PINE LAKES WOMENS CLUB

Bev Mercurio, President

I want to thank you all for your support of our Singo Bingo event. What a fun evening that was for all of us! We will have one more in February and most northerners should be back and able to attend that one. Tickets will go on sale Jan 1st. I promise this one will sell out too, so don't wait to get your tickets.

Women's Club is off to a great season, and we are currently preparing for our annual Craft Fair, chaired by Pat Dieringer. Please give Pat a call for any information that you may need. The date is **Nov. 17th from 8:30-1:00** and lunch is available for purchase. Come out and shop row after row for beautifully handcrafted items, just in time for Christmas gifts!

Immediately following our November meeting (**Nov. 2nd**), the Lee County Sheriff's Office will present a crime prevention program. This will be geared toward women only, basic self-defense techniques, self-awareness strategies, responding with empowerment and awareness to defend ourselves if need be. Destiny Unsworth will be our crime prevention practitioner that evening. All members should try to attend as this is something we as women, need to be aware of. Reminder, this is for women's club members only. If you wish to join the club, you may do so that night as you come in.



December 7th will be our annual Christmas party (members only), complete with a roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and desserts. We will have a "special" Christmas punch for you as well. Dinner will be followed by Fergie the DJ, who promises to entertain us with a variety of music, games, laser shows, etc. Tickets will be on sale at the November meeting or you can call me anytime after Nov. 1st. Tickets are \$10.00. Also, remember that this our toy drive for the children at ACT. Please bring an unwrapped toy with you. They tell us they never get enough gifts for the older teen age kids. So, keep that in mind as you shop.

We are once again ringing the bells at Publix this year. Bridget Heir heads that up and will be taking sign ups at the November meeting. She will answer any questions and hopefully get a lot of you signed up to "ring". It's a fun thing to do and does put you in the Christmas spirit.

Lastly, to wrap up the month we will have our Christmas Tea. The date to be announced. Chairing the tea will be Jesse Howard and Leslie Tait. Probably mid-December but we will confirm the date soon.

Thanks for your support of our events and as always, we love to see new members! Please consider joining us, once a month, on the first Thursday of the month.

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MEN'S CLUB

Rick Saniti, President, PLMC

Well, hello everyone. The Men's Club would like to thank all of you who supported us by attending our events in October. Bingo started us off with 60 – 70 players yielding daubers, competing to be the 1st person to yell BINGO! Next, we had a Pancake breakfast. Former Men's Club president and now Pancake and French toast breakfast director, Tom Minahan, came up with the idea to add French toast to the selections – a big hit. I guess we should change the name to Pancake and French toast breakfast. The next breakfast will be Saturday, November 4th, at 8:30 am. Next, we had our 1st Men's Club member meeting, which happens the 2nd Thursday of every month. Members are offered food and beverages prior to the actual meeting which starts at 6:00 pm and ends around 7:15 pm, or so. We wrapped the month up with a really fun Halloween dance featuring the band Boomtown Jukebox. Great costumes, great people, and great fun.



November events are Bingo every **Wednesday at 6:00 pm** with the doors opening at 5:00 pm so players can purchase food and drink from the Bingo kitchen for dinner. Next is the **Pancake and French Toast breakfast, November 4th at 8:30 am**. Then, the 2nd Thursday of the month, **November 8th**, there's another **Men's Club member meeting** where we'll be voting for the candidates looking to join the Men's Club board. There are 9 members on the board with each serving a 2-year term. Five of the 9 board member's terms are up. The requirements of a board member are pretty simple. One needs to possess the drive to help create or improve the amenities available to the Pine Lakes community. If interested, please contact any current board member. We need you! The last event will be a dance featuring a very exciting **band from Miami, Florida, Gypsy Lane**. The high-octane Gypsy Lane dance will be Sunday, yes Sunday, **November 19th at 7:00 pm** with the doors opening at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 pp and sold at the Saturday morning coffee socials by Ray Walton. You can also call Ray @ 215-353-3017. Check out Gypsy Lane by searching www.gypsilaneband.com.

Lastly, we need your help. Hopefully you've seen 1 of the 3 Samsung display TV's either in the clubhouse lobby, the Pub, or at the pool. We need someone from the community to help us with inputting the information being displayed. You do not have to be a Men's Club member. Anyone willing to assist would be greatly appreciated.

As always, the Men's Club thanks the great people of Pine Lakes for supporting us.



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VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

We had a great meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2023. We continued discussion and planning of the upcoming Veteran's Day weekend activities.

Veterans Day -- Saturday November 11, 2023 at 11:00am – Ceremony with Lunch provided afterwards. We invite the entire community to come help us honor all Veterans. The ceremony will be in front of the Pine Lakes Clubhouse, seating is provided. Please come early, as the ceremony starts promptly at 11:00am.

Veteran's Dance – Sunday November 12, 2023 6:00pm – 8:00pm – The Suncoast Swing Band will provide the music and a special salute to our Veterans. Contact Tim Mercurio for tickets (just \$10) - 513-300-7877

Important Dates in Military History – November:

National Veteran and Military Family Month - was established in 1996 by the Armed Services YMCA, with the U.S. Government recognizing the occasion every year since. Each November, the President signs a proclamation declaring November National Veterans & Military Families Month, and with hundreds of thousands of service members deployed overseas, recognizing the daily sacrifices made by active duty, Guard, and Reserve military families has never been more important.

Warrior Care Month - In 2008, Secretary of Defense Robert F. Gates announced the creation of programs to address the needs of wounded warriors. Those efforts have resulted in each branch of service offering its own version of help for those sick or injured in the line of duty. The 2008 efforts also resulted in an entire month devoted to raising the awareness of these people, their sacrifices, and their families. Warrior Care Month is observed by the DoD each November with special programs, publications, events, and more.

10 November - Marine Corps Birthday - On Nov. 10th, 1775 the Continental Congress passed a resolution creating two battalions of Marines. According to the resolution, the Continental Marine Corps sought men who were "good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea." Hundreds of men answered the call and mustered under the first Commandant, Samuel Nicholas. His first enlisted men found their way to Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, and the Marine Corps was born.

11 November – Veterans Day - Veterans Day is observed every year on Nov. 11. Veterans Day evolved from Armistice Day, which was proclaimed in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. Armistice Day recognizes the end of World War I, when fighting ceased at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918. (Nov. 11th at 11 A.M, 1918). On Nov. 11, 1947 Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized a "National Veterans Day" parade in Birmingham, Alabama, to recognize veterans of all wars, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. According to the Emporia Convention and Visitors Bureau official site, "In 1953 Veterans Day was organized and celebrated in Emporia, Kansas; one year prior to the first nationwide observance on Nov. 11, 1954." These celebrations may have influenced Congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize veterans of all U.S. wars. President Dwight D. Eisenhower made Nov. 11 the official national observance of Veterans Day after Kansas Congressman Ed Rees (who was from Emporia) proposed the bill in Congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. According to History.com, Veterans Day wasn't always held on Nov. 11. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, moving Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October beginning in 1971. But, in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned the observance to Nov. 11. **Remembrance Day**, also known as **Armistice Day** or **Poppy Day**, is technically meant to honor the end of World War I, which occurred at 11 am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. But Remembrance Day has long been a time to pay respect to the fallen from all wars. Traditions used to observe Remembrance Day include the wearing of poppies, and a two-minute silence at 11 AM on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Although **Veterans Day** is observed in the U.S. on Nov. 11, Remembrance Day functions elsewhere in the world more closely related to **Memorial Day** in May.

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** 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, **November 7, 2023** in the Activities room of the Pine Lakes Clubhouse. **All Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways Veterans** are invited. Please attend if you can, as this will be the last meeting before our Veteran's Day weekend events. 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!

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Jesse Howard and Cindy Ahrens

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Tickets are \$10 and go on sale November 1. Call Jesse Howard (After 10:00AM) 207-735-5812.

Make sure you also watch for the December Whispering Pines for information on The ‘Barstool Rodeo’ Band on January 27, 2023

There is always a fun evening at Pine Lakes even in the Caribbean vibe at the Entertainment Caribbean dance on September 23 with everyone on the dance floor.



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These traditional foods of Thanksgiving are a way to remind us of living off the land (farm life) and that we really are dependent on the land even today to survive whether we realize it or not in this modern millennium. People today eat these foods as a way of universally joining together to worship and give thanks (much alike the Last Supper in the bible). When an entire nation is presumably eating the very same thing on the same day, it is a way of symbolically becoming one. And it also helps renew our ties with working the soil.

Ironically, the first Thanksgiving probably didn't have any pumpkin pie as we know it today. Why? The pilgrims didn't really have many ingredients to make pastry back then. Stuffing wasn't probably eaten due to lack of flour and bread. They weren't going to waste their bread stuffing it inside a turkey. They'd simply eat it as a loaf.

Corn on the cob wasn't eaten back then because Indian corn is different (harder) and all they ate was probably just cornbread from cornmeal. Sweet potatoes were not even common to our area. No one had heard of them back in 1620. And potatoes were probably boiled, let alone mashed. Forget gravy also.

What might they have eaten? Fish like cod, bass and herring. Of course there were crabs, lobsters, oysters and mussels. For meats they had the turkey, but also partridge, moose, venison and ducks. They also had nuts available as well as some vegetables and edible roots.



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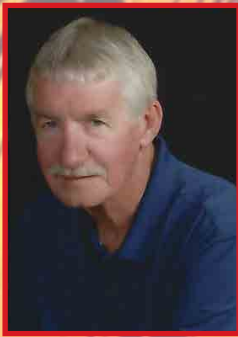
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MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Sharon Rondeau

The fall league has begun! We had a pre-bowling meeting on September 25th. After the meeting we bowled an optional 9-pin no-tap (if you bowl a 9 on your first ball it counts as a strike) with prize money awarded. The Gaetani's kicked butt!!

Men: 1st place Al Gaetani
2nd place Don Sweet
3rd place Randy Califf

Women: 1st place Irene Gaetani
2nd place Linda Wakefield
3rd place Cheryl Ratliff

It's always fun to play this game!

We welcome back all previous bowlers and extend a warm welcome to all new bowlers! We started on October 2nd and have ten teams of four!

The standings after 2 weeks of bowling are:

1st place (14 pts.): Headbangers
2nd place (12 pts.): Lane Disease
(12 pts.): Bowling Thunder
(12 pts.): Dreamers

Linda Langheld, Cheryl Ratliff, Dave Wagnitz, Ann Rasler
Penny Coufal, Linda Wakefield, Don Proulx, Randy Califf
Patti Booth, Fran Stauffer, Tony Fettig, Tom Rasler
Trish Booth, Jean Lang, Chris Eibling, Dean Hurd

High Averages:

Men: 172 Ron Thoreson 171 Daryl Lang 161 Don Sweet & Dean Hurd
Women: 155 Irene Hinchley 144 Fran Stauffer 138 Linda Wakefield

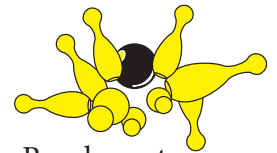
High Scratch Game:

Men: 211 Daryl Lang 197 Ron Thoreson 182 Don Sweet
Women: 174 Irene Hinchley 168 Fran Stauffer 162 Linda Langheld

High Scratch Series:

Men: 559 Daryl Lang 524 Ron Thoreson 521 Randy Califf
Women: 465 Irene Hinchley 456 Fran Stauffer 419 Linda Wakefield

The following bowlers have bowled a 200 or higher scratch game:
Oct. 2nd - Daryl Lang bowled a 211 *Great job Daryl!!*



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 Coral Lanes/Bowland in Cape Coral.



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NIFTY NINERS NEWS

Pat O'Connell

September 20: Today was 3-3-3, 3 games Scramble, 3 games on your own and 3 games shamble to complete 9 holes. There were 2 teams who went with the program: Ruth, Jane, Brenda, Nancy with a total score of 43; team 2 included Joyce S, Joyce R, Janice with a total score of 38. Now the third team kind of lost their way and mostly didn't go with the program. Team 3 included Sarol, Kathy and me and we were just ugly!

September 27: Drop, drop, fizz, fizz oh what a relief, oops, harkening back to an old catchy tune ad. Drip, drip on my head what have I did. Another non-starter. It was raining this morning hard enough to cause me concern of getting wet so I called and cancelled my play and the ProShop finally followed my lead and closed the course. So, this is to let you know that I have no scores to report today (in case you were looking for some new scores).

October 4: Our own games today or Low Net In Flight, play you own game and use your own score. The results reflect the use of the handicap, making the scores look much better. The results are: Joyce R – 28 =1st place; Tied for second place were Joyce S - 32; Jane – 32; Ruth – 32; Kathy – 32. The rest of the Niners fell in behind with scores more than 32. In order of score were: Veronica, Linda, Brenda, Janice, Pat D (welcome back), Nancy (who celebrated her 90 birthday), Sherol. If you need their real scores, they are posted outside the ProShop. And if you're missing me, I was having a baaad day – 2 inadequate shots on 7, one of which landed in the deep grass near the shore and one very inadequate shot on 8 which sealed my determination not to finish, AKA DNF. I did come back for birthday cake!

October 11: Four teams at the starting gate and we're raring to go (I really don't "rare" anytime, I'm not sure about the rest of the league!) It was a Scramble so we were always looking for the best shot. Our play was not really "bad" and I'm not sure about other teams, but my team was miraculously able hang 4 balls 1" from the hole without going in, begging us to hit them again on almost every hole! The winners were: Team 1 – Ruth, Joyce S, Jane, & Veronica =31; 2nd place – Sharol, Joyce R & Kathy = 38; 3rd place Janice, Nancy & me =40; 4th place – Pat D, Linda & Brenda = 42

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Dick Loubier

WELL, IT WILL BE NOV WHEN YOU READ THIS. HOLY MOLY, TIME FLYS. SADIE HAWKINS WILL BE ALL DONE. HOPEFULLY AN ARTICLE WILL BE IN NEXT WHISPERING PINES WITH THE RESULTS. STARTING TO GET A LITTLE COOL IN THE MORNINGS. FEELS GOOD. LOTS OF GOLFERS RETURNING FROM UP NORTH. LAKES STILL FULL. RESULTS OF FIRST WINTER SHOOT OUT LATER. NOW OUR RESULTS/

ON SEPT 28TH E PLAYED A SCRAMBLE WITH A DEVIL BALL

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| 1.GREGG MULLINS | |
| JOE DEMKOWICZ | 80 |
| SCOTT DELONGE | |
| KEVIN DOBBS | |
| 2. MIKE HAYES | |
| CHUCK RHODES | 83 |
| BOB BENNETT | |
| DAVE MALMBERG | |
| 3.TIE DAVE SHADLE | |
| FRED KLINE | 84 |
| JEFF PENDERS | |
| RAY BURROWS | |
| TIE DARYL LANG | |
| RON PESSA | 84 |
| JACK BORGES | |
| HAPPY MEREDITH | |
| 4.JOHN DIERINGER | |
| JOHN WESTFERE | 85 |
| RICHARD THIBODEAU | |
| PAT EMANUELE | |

ON OCT 5TH WE PLAYED INDIVIDUAL NET

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|--------------------------|----|
| <u>FLIGHT 1</u> | |
| 1.TIE PHIL EBERHARDT | 61 |
| BOB KONETZNY | 61 |
| DOUG ROUND | 61 |
| 2.BILL STRUEVE | 62 |
| 3.ED ST PHILLIPS | 63 |
| 4.TIE DAVE SHADLE | 64 |
| KEN TOMPKINS | 64 |
| 5.CHARLIE SCHNEIDER | 66 |
| C.T.P #14 ED ST PHILLIPS | |

FLIGHT 2.

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| 1.TIE RON COOK | 61 |
| DICK LOUBIER | 61 |
| SHERMAN RIEDLINGER | 61 |
| JIM STEINKE | 61 |
| JEFF PENDERS | 61 |
| 2.TIE MIKE DEMKOWICZ | 62 |
| TIM MERCURIO | 62 |
| 3.HAPPY MEREDITH | 63 |
| 4.JOE DEMKOWICZ | 64 |
| C.T.P. #7 DICK LOUBIER | |

ON OCT 12TH WE PLAYED

2 BB OF 4

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1.DARYL LANG | |
| BILL DEMOULIN | 89 |
| DICK LOUBIER | |
| RAY REETZ | |
| 2.DAVE WRIGHT | |
| CHARLIE SCHNEIDER | 91 |
| SCOTT DELONGE | |
| HAPPY MEREDITH | |
| 3.LARRY HURLEY | |
| JOE DEMKOWICZ | 92 |
| ED CLEVINGER | |
| FRED STEWART | |
| 4.TIE BOB KONETZNY | |
| SHERMAN RIEDLINGER | 96 |
| RICHARD THIBODEAU | |
| JACK SULLIVAN | |
| TIE JOHN DIERINGER | |
| STEVE HAINEY | 96 |
| TIM MERCURIO | |
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WE HAD OUR FIRST WINTER SHOOT OUT

A FLIGHT

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|------------------|
| 1.KEN TOMPKINS |
| 2.JOHN DIERINGER |

B FLIGHT

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|----------------|
| 1.JEFF PENDERS |
| 2.DICK LOUBIER |

THAT IS ALL FOR NOW SEE YOU NEXT MONTH.

**NO
Hole in 1ers**



Thank You



TEE TIME Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

Joann Cline

Some good news about aging: It's when "not giving a crap" starts to be mistaken for "quiet wisdom".

October's "Important Dates" included our second Ladies' Shoot-Out on the 7th, but most of us are aware that didn't happen. Instead, because we only had two golfers sign up, Laurie Pellerin and Denise Wright returned to number 9 tee after golf on Wednesday the 4th, to play a very short version of our regularly scheduled shoot-out. After twice tying the hole and going back to the tee, the match ended with a chip-off between the two. **Congratulations** to Denise for a very nice chip that was just a bit closer to the pin than Laurie's. Along with the September winners, even though this was a very abbreviated shoot-out, these two ladies qualify to move on to the Grand Shoot-Out the end of January, and the Super-Duper Mixed Grand Shoot-Out in March.

Also listed as an important October date, was our league's fall business meeting on the 11th. Along with President Laurie Pellerin, Vice-President Denise Wright, and Treasurer Joann Cline, fourteen of our league members discussed business for our up-coming fall and winter season. Included in that business was Khris Clevenger's report on the season's L.E.G.A. events and the Member-Member Tournament scheduled for early January. In the absence of Eileen Sims, who had been her co-chair, Khris asked for a volunteer to help with these tournaments. A HUGE Thank You to Marilyn Hayes for stepping up to co-chair these events with Khris. A quick congrats to Denise Wright for being the "last golfer standing" and winning the big bucks to end our meeting.

The remaining important October activities will have taken place after the deadline for this issue of the Pines. Watch December's issue for the results of the shenanigans that took place when our resident Sadies and Abners, and then our frightful ghosts and goblins took over our Pine Lakes course.

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

September 23rd Shoot-Out: Winner Linda Wakefield Runner-Up Irene Hinchley
October 4th Shoot-Out: Winner Denise Wright Runner-Up Laurie Pellerin

September 20th League Play Low Net

Irene Hinchley Net 65
Bev Cook 66
Linda Wakefield 66 Closest to the Pin on number 3: Irene Hinchley

September 27th League Play Rained Out

October 4th League Play Low Net

Linda Wakefield Net 64 Denise Wright Net 73
Laurie Pellerin 66 Irene Hinchley 73
Joann Cline 70 Closest to the Pin on number 5: Linda Wakefield



October 11th League Play Scramble

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|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Team Score 57 | Team Score 58 | Team Score 59 |
| Bev Bynum | Marilyn Hayes | Irene Hinchley |
| Laurie Pellerin | Linda Wakefield | Linda Knotts |
| Bev Cook | Sandy Craig | Denise Wright |
| Joann Cline | Carol Listermann | Jean Lang |

Important Dates in November:

11th Veteran's Day Thank you for your service. 18th Turkey Trot Tournament
11th Ladies' Shoot-Out 23rd Happy Thanksgiving





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FAIRWAY PINES PICKLEBALL CLUB

Virginia Mitchell

Welcome back to all our Fairway Pines Pickleball Club members and a special welcome to our new members for our 2023-2024 Pickleball season. It is great to see familiar faces again and get to know our new pickleball enthusiasts!

For more information about our pickleball club please visit our website. You can find this information at: www.ourpinelakes.com. Click on Clubs & Activities. Scroll down to Sports Clubs, click and you will find a list of all sports and fitness activities. Click on Pickleball and then Learn More and you will find information that may be helpful to you.

Our pickleball courts are available for use 7 days/week. At this point, people wanting to play in the morning can just show up at the courts and line up your paddle to play. To facilitate maximum numbers and minimal wait times between games your executive board will implement signup sheets in January when our membership has increased. Last year we had 108 paying members.

A big thank you to your pickleball executives who have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we have a good start to our season. They are:

Gail Guile-President (603)723-1393

John Jenkins-Vice President (989)370-021

Steve Seifer-Executive VP (574)876-7532

Penny Jock Treasurer (518) 483-3079

Ginger Mitchell Secretary (703) 944-8050

Your board looks forward to serving you this season and we hope you will reach out to us with your questions, ideas and suggestions for club activities.



PINE LAKES SOFTBALL

Ed Huether

Well, it's fall and that means it's time to get ready for the 2024 softball season. If you would like to play softball or get more information about the team, then come to our sign-up meeting and meet the team and your Pine Lake neighbors. The meeting will be held in the **Pine Lakes Library at 7:00 pm on Tuesday November 14th.**

Qualifications to join;

Must be 50 years of age or older

Must be a resident or renter in Pine Lakes

EVERYONE is welcome to join

Don't forget, library, 7:00 pm, November 14th. See you there.



PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD – TUESDAY EVENINGS 7:00 PM!!

Elaine Mandeville and Irene Gaetani

The official Fall Season opened on **Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 PM.** Although the turnout was light, everyone who participated had a fun time! Our Canadian friends should be coming over the border starting November 1st!! It will be lots of fun having them back. Many of them play shuffleboard so we are expecting to see an increase in numbers once they arrive.

The evening weather is just beautiful and allows us to get together and have fun playing shuffleboard. Please join us any Tuesday. No need to know how to play. It's easy to learn and lots of fun. You do not need to come as a couple, everyone can play. The cost is 25 cents for the evening and you can win 10 cents for each of the two games played!! Very little pressure, and lots of laughs as we have a fun evening.

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The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier had only the unidentified soldier from WWI in it for many years. Then in 1958, two more unidentified American soldiers who died in WWII, and one from the Korean War were buried next to the soldier from WWI. Now 3 unidentified soldiers were in the tomb.

Technically, the Viet Nam War wasn't a declared war. It was a conflict. But, in 1973, a law was passed giving internment of an unknown American soldier who died

in the Viet Nam War. But because our technology has advanced so much in identifying the deceased, it wasn't until 1984 that this unidentified soldier was buried in the tomb with the others.

However, due to the advancements in science with DNA testing, in 1998 the unknown soldier from the Viet Nam War was identified as Michael Blassie, 24 yrs., Air Force pilot shot down in May 1972 near the Cambodian border. His body was then disinterred and reburied by his family in St. Louis, Missouri.

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On August 19, 2023, we lost my son; his wife Pamela lost a husband; his sister Kathleen lost a great brother; his nephews lost a great uncle. Most parents think their children are special but Joey Monks was a special person who could make you laugh or cry at the drop of a hat. He lived with and overcame his blindness for 22 years, and taught himself guitar with the help of his best friend, Billy. He skydived, bungee jumped, and he won awards for his movie 'The Bunker'. He rode a mechanical bull, was a graduate of Fordham University where he won a gavel for his debate team.

He read at the age of two which amazed his dad and me. When he was young, he played hockey without a helmet and became a legend at Barrett Park in Valley Stream. Joey loved the NFL. He'd call plays before the ref. I don't know who had the dirtiest mouth, Joey or me. Joey loved roller coasters and would travel to Coney Island just to ride them.

Joey and Pam got married in our clubhouse. He and Pam helped his dad by making photo buttons for the Candlelighters. He rang bells with his sister and nephews for the Salvation Army which we did under the banner of Pine Lakes.

Joey loved Oreo cookies and Taco Bell. Joey was diabetic. That's how he lost his eyesight and became a pin cushion until he went on an insulin pump to keep him alive. His favorite holiday was Halloween and he would lay in his coffin and scare everyone who came by. So far over fifteen hundred dollars has been raised for his favorite charity - Dog and Cat Shelter. He loved his dogs and cat.

I miss him every day. I'd like to thank everybody for their compassion, caring, and love. The tears I shed will not stop. He will be my Joey forever- loved, cherished, and never forgotten. God called Joey Home because something worse was going to affect him and for that I am grateful. Thank you all who cared enough to come to his funeral. A special thank you for keeping my family in your prayers. Hug and love your children everyday because you just never know.

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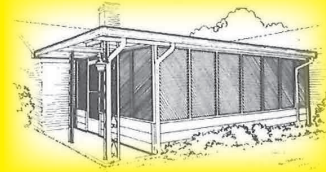
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| 5 Dennis Wujastyk | 6 Susan Clifford Susan McCullough Ron Thoreson | 7 Steve Eby Maria Kellas | 8 Frank Farina Elaine Johnson Sebastian Lonigro Trudy Olson Sue Petersen | 9 Wesley Johnson Walter D. Kazmierczak Bill Roberts Norm Smith Frank Stoneham | 10 Mike Hawley Delmont Keyes Wendy Saniti John Zahner | 11 Bobbi Jo Soule |
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November Anniversaries

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Lester & Nancy Perry '73 | 4 | |
| 5 | 6 Mike & Gloria Craven Joel & Janet Lembo Paul & Janie Teal '71 | 7 | 8 Ric & Pam Gregson '18 Michael & Kathryn LaJiness '68 | 9 | 10 | 11 Gil & Joni Eastman '61 David & Cathy Joseph '72 Linda Kantz Wayne Ladd '11 Bruce & Eileen Wrede |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Steven & Colleen Cipriano '76 | 15 | 16 Tom & Karen Brennan '85 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Steven & Lana Fletcher '10 | 21 | 22 | 23 Sanford & Lizabeth Boles '79 Al & Trudy Olson | 24 Gerald & Laura Grob '73 Sebastian & Nola Lonigro '98 Mike & Kathy Tannenbaum '00 | 25 |
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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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UPCOMING TENTATIVE SHOWS/EVENTS FOR 2023-2024 SEASON

| DATE | SPONSOR | EVENT |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| 11/4/2023 | Beautification | Christmas Sale |
| 11/12/2023 | Veteran's Association | Vets Dance |
| 11/16-17/2023 | Women's Club | Craft Fair |
| 11/19/2023 | Men's Club | Gypsy Lane Band |
| 11/21/2023 | Beautification | Community Holiday Decorating Day |
| 12/1/2023 | Entertainment | Dance with Beat Street Band |
| 12/9/2023 | Beautification | Holiday Tour of Homes |
| 12/9-10/2023 | Theater Group | Christmas Show |
| 12/15/2023 | Men's Club | Golf Cart Parade |
| 12/21/2023 | Pool Party | Christmas Karaoke |
| 12/25/2023 | Ballroom-Residents | Christmas Dinner |
| 12/31/2023 | Entertainment/Beautification | New Years Eve CANCELLED |
| 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 |
| 2/14/2023 | 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 | Open Date |
| 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 |

