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PINE LAKES HOA II

Heino Puidak, President

A heartfelt welcome back to our snowbirds. There are many projects we're trying to drive ELS to accomplish, but budget constraints hamper progress. But we as a community can directly impact the bad odor we get from the landfill to our north. During the months of March to November, most of our wind is from the east. In the winter months, winds are primarily from the north, and they bring down that odor. The HALO project recently moved into the court system and your help is needed to drive change.

Stop The Stink / HALO Project News - YOU CAN HELP!

Residents who attended PL Coffee Socials and HOAII Membership Meetings since March of this year have heard me speak about the Stop the Stink project. As the effort has become more formal, the project has been renamed to **HALO – Homeowners Against Landfill Odors**.

As you all know, there is a construction debris landfill 8 miles north of us that emits an awful rotten egg like odor. Imagine the strength of the stink at the communities that are closer to the landfill – Tropical Palms, Heron's Glen and Magnolia Landing. HALO was formed to try to correct the problem. Pine Lakes joined the effort and I am our representative.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Report the smell by phone. YOU CAN REPORT EVERY 3-4 HOURS! PLEASE DO IT!

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



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

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NEXT ISSUE ARTICLE DEADLINE
November 2026 Oct. 15, 2026
 Please e-mail your articles/submissions to
yecklund10@yahoo.com



**PLEASE
SLOW
DOWN**

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

With the exception of Fed-Ex, Amazon, UPS, and USPS, residents must call the gate 239-731-2500 to inform them of all visitors, and contractors coming to their home.

Call FDEP (FL Dept. of Environmental Protection) at 239-344-5600. Hit or press '8'.

Leave your name and phone number (*they will not call you back*)

Report the date and time you smelled the odor and your location.

Describe the odor – saying it smelled like rotten eggs is fine.

That's it. FDEP reports how many calls come in and this is super valuable to the case.

Feel free to email me at hpsgffemt@hotmail.com or call me 815-621-3391 if you want more information.

Thank you all very much.



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PINE LAKES ESTATES HOA

Pat Stanley, Secretary

Our next meeting is on **October 12, 2026, at 7:00pm, in the Ballroom**. Our meetings are generally scheduled for the second Monday of each month from October through April. During our meetings, we discuss a variety of topics relating to Estate homeowners including reports from the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Architectural Review Committee ("ARC") Chair. For new Estate homeowners, this is a great opportunity to meet fellow owners.



With the season ramping up and snowbirds returning, this would be a great time to consider joining the PLEHOA Board. Serving on the Board provides you an opportunity to help ensure residents' concerns are heard and remediated by ELS management. Several current Board members' terms will expire in 2027. Although those board members may consider extending his/her term, some may choose to retire from the Board. **The deadline for candidates to apply is Monday, December 14, 2026.** If you have any questions about the process, or about the Board duties, please contact any of the current Board members. *Our annual meeting will be held February 8, 2027.*

SYMPATHY NOTES

Gary Kleffner

The Men's Club and the Pine Lakes community lost another well-known and hard-working individual with the recent passing of Gary Kleffner. You all probably saw him around wearing his trademark muscle T-shirt as he did things for the Men's Club and Pine Lakes residents. Our condolences to Carol and family. Rest in peace Gary, your fight is over.



90’S LUNCHEON

Judy DeLonge

IF YOU HAVE REACHED 90 OR OLDER,
COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON THE FIRST
WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Where: Lake Fairways Club House

When: 12:00 noon

Cost: Free to all who are 90

(the LF Men’s Club provides the lunch)



We will have lunch, dessert, and some entertainment for your enjoyment. It is always a good time. If you need assistance getting there you can call Judy DeLonge at 239-731-3622.

Hope to see you there!

If you have a hidden talent and would like to share with us at one of our lunches that would be great. You can also call Judy.



CERT

Mike Gloss

So far so good! The first half of Hurricane Season passed us on September 10 with no storms. Keep up your surveillance on local news. Be Prepared. There are All Hazard Guides in the clubhouse lobby to help you prepare.

Mike Gloss • Ron Hendershot, CERT Team Leads

A DAY OF CARING

Judy DeLonge

DO YOU KNOW?

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

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

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

This year’s campaign started in October and will end in December. We ask that you look into you heart and see how you can help. A SMALL KINDNESS can make a BIG DIFFERENCE!

A Day of Caring Committee
Pine Lakes Pat Dieringer and Judy DeLonge
Lake Fairways Don Webster • Tara Woods Chris Olson



NOAA’s National Hurricane Center publishes the official Atlantic name list used when systems reach tropical-storm strength. For 2026, the names run from Arthur through Wilfred.

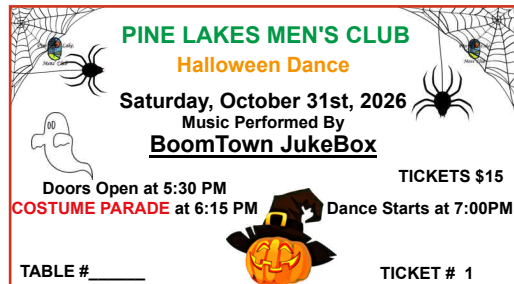
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Fay	Marco	Vicky
Gonzalo	Nana	Wilfred



WHAT IS 'BOX OFFICE SATURDAY?'

Rick Saniti

On Saturday mornings when there is no coffee social or pancake breakfast, representatives from the various clubs who have shows coming up, will be at the clubhouse main entrance selling tickets for their event from 10am – noon. There'll usually be a sign up at the 4-way stop stating, "Box Office Saturday"



Happy Columbus Day

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Kim Paulson

Do you decorate your home for the holidays? If so, we are looking for you! We need a few more homes for the Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 6th. There's not much more you need to do, except open your home that day for a few hours and welcome your friends and neighbors in to gaze at your beautiful décor! There is also a preview tour the evening before for those with homes on the tour and the Beautification Committee members. **If you would like to add your home to the list, please contact Becky Gloss or Susan Miner.** We would love to see your unique holiday decorations!

We are still collecting new and used holiday decorations for the Holiday Sale on Saturday, November 14th. If you are cleaning out and have decorations you no longer want, please donate them to us. You can contact Anna Marie Morrissey if you have any questions. *See our flyer for more details!*



The next big event is the Community Holiday Decorating! Please consider coming out to help decorate the clubhouse and grounds on Wednesday, November 18th at 9 AM. There are lots of decorations to put up and it really helps to have a lot of hands involved! All volunteers are welcome! Help us make the community sparkle for the holidays! *See the flyer for details.*



As mentioned above, **the Holiday Home Tour will be on Sunday, December 6th.** This is a fun time to tour your neighbors' homes that are so beautifully and creatively decorated for the holidays. Let us know if you want to show your home! More details to come!

The Beautification Committee is also sponsoring a dance on **Saturday, December 12th.** Save the date! More details will be coming soon!

As always, we welcome anyone who would like to volunteer with our group. We are a fun group and it's a good way to meet others! Please consider joining us by

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Sharon Rondeau

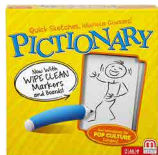
We play corn hole every Tuesday at 3:00 in the clubhouse ballroom. You don't need a team, just show up. We randomly draw numbers for teams each week. We play best 2 out of 3 and that team moves on to play the other winners of 2 out of 3. If you don't have the stamina to play all games, someone else will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



PICTIONARY

Kathie Needham

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



BRIDGE PLAYERS WANTED

Sharon Rondeau

Any Whist players around that want to learn how to play bridge? It's very similar to Whist. We can give some lessons.

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



TRIVIA

Tim Mercurio

TRIVIA TRIVIA TRIVIA TRIVIA TRIVIA

Pine Lakes Trivia is held every Tuesday @ 6:30PM. in the club house. Teams are no more than 8 to a table. If you don't have 8 you can play with 6, 4 or 2. Cost is \$3.00 person with prize money paid each week. After week 6 we have a chicken dinner at no cost to players. So come out and learn some useless information. You will have a great time. Everyone is welcome. **For info call Tim Mercurio 513-300-7877.**



HAND & FOOT

Sharon Rondeau

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



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LINE DANCING CLASSES

Linda LeClaire

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Line Dancing Classes

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12:00 – 1:00 Improver/Intermediate

Please do not wear flip flops or open-back shoes!

Join us in the Pine Lakes Ballroom for a fun time dancing and meeting new friends. Studies have shown that line dancing helps prevent dementia, so you're never too young or too old to start getting more physical and mental exercise. Any questions, **call me 239-849-0459**. If I don't recognize your number, I probably won't answer, but if you leave a message, I'll call you back.



CARD MAKING

Joan Puidak

Do you need beautiful, creative greeting cards to send to family & friends?

Do you like to spend time with friends crafting & visiting?

Come to Card Making Class, Mondays at 2:00pm at the Lake Fairways Clubhouse.

We make 2 cards/week - I provide all materials & instruction...Cost: \$8.00

***Please call or text me the week before you want to attend as I prepare materials for each class.

I look forward to introducing you to a fun afternoon of crafting with friends! **Joan Puidak 815-403-8526**



THEATER IMPORTANT CHATTER

Barbara Demaree, Crew Member

HO, HO, HO, AND JOLLY GOOD TIMES AHEAD

It's getting close again to the gatherings of all folks for celebrations. With Christmas "around the corner" and the theater season starting, it is hoped you will come and join us in the activities that we love. Last year we became a joint group of Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways residents. We want to meet many new friends as well as gather our faithful members to discover what theater is all about for the season of 2026-2027.

Everyone is invited to our Annual Meet and Greet Meeting, which is a Potluck dinner, held on October 9th from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Pine Lakes Ballroom. A "jolly good time" will be had with all bringing a favorite dish to share. Set up at 4 p.m. Our director, Marjorie Newton, and crew will present what is ahead for 2026-27 as well as explain what is needed to make the year successful. There are numerous parts to the whole for a play to happen..... actors, set design and builders, hospitality, costumes, music with choir, programs, tickets, and many others. We welcome volunteers in many areas and look forward to seeing you there.

Tryouts for the Christmas Play, "Christmas Traditions" are set for October 22nd and 23rd from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

They will be held at the Pine Lakes Clubhouse. Rehearsals are set for mid-afternoons: Mondays 1-3; Wednesdays and Fridays 2-4 beginning November 2nd. Show dates are December 18, 19, and 20. We need actors for speaking and non-speaking parts, choir, and many crew members.

Co-directors will be Marjorie Newton and Maryanne Hudson.



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Linda Baker

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 1, 2026. Lots to discuss, so don't miss it.

COOKBOOKS are available at all Women's Club meetings and events, as well as Pancake Breakfast and Coffee Social \$15. Get yours before they are gone!



TREASURE SALE DROP off will be Thursday October 08, 8:00-9:30am we are accepting like-new donations of clothing, household items, etc. (no furniture).



WHAT'S COMING UP? We have a lot of fun activities scheduled for the upcoming year! Fall Dance - October 17. Craft Fair - November 20. Christmas Tea - November 29. Christmas Party (Members Only) - December 3. NYE (Joint event with Men's Club and Beautification) - December 31. Health Fair - January 21. Singo Bingo - January 30. Quarter Auction - February 13. Treasure Sale - February 27. Spring Dance - April 3. Kentucky Derby - May 1. Mother's Day Luncheon - May 8. and maybe a few surprises along the way!

MEETING SCHEDULE - We meet on the first Thursday of each month, September through April, in the Pine Lakes Clubhouse Ballroom. All women (Pine Lakes owners and renters) are welcome to join the Women's Club for a \$5.00 lifetime membership fee.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Rick Saniti, President

The Pine Lakes Men's Club is back in action this month. Starting on October 3rd, we'll have our first pancake breakfast of the season. We'll begin serving pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs and a beverage at 8:15am and continue till everyone's been fed. Meal tickets are sold at the ballroom entrance. Then stick around for some quick announcements from various clubs. There might be a few good jokes too.

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BINGO starts Wednesday, October 7th. Doors open at 5:00pm. Basic game packages are \$10. For the professional daubers, additional game sheets can be added to as you move on down the line. The kitchen will be selling hot dogs, chips, chicken salad sandwiches, candy, soda, ice cream and who knows what else!

For our Men's Club members, our 1st meeting will be **Thursday October 8th, beginning at 6:00pm.** We'll have refreshments and a little bite to eat followed by a business talk from the president and other board members. At the November meeting, 4 board positions will be open for anyone interested. Let us know during the October meeting.



On Saturday, October 10th, tickets go on sale for our **November 21st Comedy and Magic show.** See the flyer in this Whispering Pines.



The next event will be **Wednesday October 14th when Walgreens will be in our ballroom administering Flu shots.** That'll happen from 9:30am to 11:00am. I'd have your Health Care card available just in case.

And finally, we'll be hosting a **Halloween costume party and dance on Saturday, October 31st.** Doors will open at 5:30pm. The costume parade will start at 6:15pm. Music by BoomTown JukeBox will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets only \$15 and are on sale now and at the pancake breakfast October 3rd, Saturday box office days, Coffee Socials and by calling Mike Gloss at 330-524-1292. Put on your neatest costume and we'll see you there.



VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

Our next meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 1:15pm in the Activities room of the Pine Lakes Clubhouse.** All Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways Veterans are invited. See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Veterans Dance – November 7, 2026, See enclosed flyer
Veteran's Day Ceremony and Luncheon – Wednesday November 11, 2026 See enclosed flyer

IMPORTANT DATES IN MILITARY HISTORY:

October 13 marks the birthday of the U.S. Navy, which traces its roots to the early days of the American Revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet of privateers could attack British commerce and offset British sea power.

The "Spotlight on Our Veterans" article needs volunteers to be interviewed. Please let us know if you are interested in sharing your story.



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

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

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

The Pine Lakes Veteran's Association meets the first Tuesday of the month from **September to May at 1:15 pm in the Activities Room of the PL Clubhouse.** All Military veterans in Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways are invited to participate.



“SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VETERANS”

Denny Miner

John Donahue US Navy

John and Candy moved into Lake Fairways in 2019 during COVID. John works as an engineering support person for a firm in Germany. Candy works as a new employee trainer (about 100 folks weekly!) for a marketing company. John's job is with the same company he joined after his discharge from the Navy. More later.

John was born July 15, 1969, in Brooklyn, NY. Graduated from high school in 1987 and went directly into the Navy. He did well on the entry tests and was sent to Orlando, FL for boot camp. Most of his first year in the Navy was in nuclear engineering school, 48 weeks of intensive education and training to receive the equivalent of a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering! The washout rate was around 70%. He still found time to meet his future bride, Candy, while attending this school.



His first duty assignment was aboard the nuclear-powered USS Roosevelt. The Navy flew him from NY, where he had taken some leave, to Italy. He waited one day for a supply aircraft to ferry him to the carrier ship. His third flight in an airplane included a landing on an aircraft carrier. This ship was deployed to Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort. They were ordered to cross the Atlantic, normally a 12-day trip, and prepare for combat just four days prior to the attack. The ship made it to their station the day before the attack commenced. Three days to cross the Atlantic! He was in awe as to how the ship successfully navigated the Suez Canal – looking down from on deck, “you saw land! That is how narrow the Canal is. Fortunately, the hull is narrower and was able to fit.”

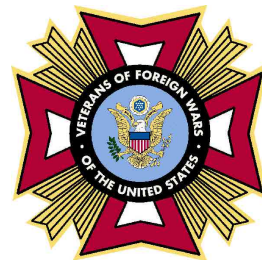


John was a member of the nuclear reactor team. His shift was five hours on, 10 hours off. This team underwent regular testing where a system would be taken offline

and the team had to diagnose the problem and quickly take the appropriate corrective action. “I loved it.” John was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his perseverance and leadership for reactor Electrical Division emergency repairs and expert troubleshooting.

After the war he was stationed in Virginia Beach. He and Candy had been married in '91. He was honorably discharged as an EM3, Petty Officer 1st class in March, '93 and moved to Wisconsin – Candy's home state. John interviewed for a temporary job with Kronos, a German manufacturer of automated bottling equipment. He went to the interview in a suit and tie. His interviewer (soon to be boss) handed him a schematic. He sat down and built the circuit board. He ended up working the rest of the day building circuit boards from schematics. His job required a lot of travel until a recession in Germany caused a staff reduction from 450 to 150 employees. He was moved into a newly created position of engineering support – much less travel.

While working for them, John and his family moved to Antioch, Ill where they raised three sons – John V (33), Robert (29), and David (23). When John and Candy moved to Florida, the three boys took over the house and continue to live and work there together.



Candy's dad encouraged John to become involved in the VFW. From '96 to '98 he earned the Wisconsin all state Post Commander Award. They both enjoy tennis and bowling. John has taken up pickleball, is the President of Lake Fairways men's club, and participates in TOPs (take off pounds) which he credits for his losing 85 pounds. “Looking forward to retiring in five years.”

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PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Bill Skinner

Won't be long before the fans gather to watch another exciting season of Pine Lakes Panthers softball! We open the season on January 4th at 5:30pm in Punta Gorda at Carmilta Park. If you came to the games last year you know we have the best fans in the league...the other teams will attest to that! ***Our first meeting will be November 18th at 6pm in the clubhouse living room.*** We are always looking for players! If you have been playing thru the years or haven't played in years, we want you! First practice will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving ... time and place to be determined! We play Mondays and Wednesday thru the 3rd week of March. If you have any questions, **call Bill Skinner at 603 566 9210.** Look forward to meeting new players and reconnecting with old! Did I mention this is a coed league! Only requirement is you must be 50 years young by January 4th 2027.



GATORZ BOCCE

Larry Skinner

Come for the Game, Stay for the Fun!

Get ready for another fun-filled four-week session of GatorZ Bocce, starting Monday, October 12th! The deadline to sign up is Saturday, October 10th. The cost is just \$7 for the full session, and all cash received will be awarded back as cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious to try something new, everyone is welcome to join the fun!

If you're interested in participating in our next session, please call or text **Larry Skinner at 508-878-5768 or Gil Gabriel at 336-932-7377.**



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BOCCE

Jackie Bartilucci



The 2026 fall season started with a bang on September 30. If you are new to Bocce and would like to play – here's some quick pointers on how to start:

The courts are open to everyone except for the day of scheduled League play. The Pine Lakes Bocce League plays every Wednesday.

There is Bocce equipment in the “mailbox” and under the mailbox for everyone to use. There are two sets of four colored balls and a small different colored ball, either yellow or white, along with paddles to use to show who has the point for that throw.

Start the Game: The game kicks off with deciding who will throw first. The winning team will throw the small ball, known as the ‘pallino’. The teams split up, one person from each team on each end of the court.

Throw the Pallino: The pallino should pass the center line to count as valid.

Throw the Bocce Balls: After throwing the pallino, the same team throws one of their bocce balls. The goal is for it to come to rest close to the pallino without touching the backboard.

Opponent's Turn: Now, the other team starts throwing their bocce balls until one comes to rest in a spot closer to the target ball than the other team's closest ball.

Continue: Teams continue throwing their balls, alternating turns, until all balls are thrown.

Scoring: After all balls are thrown, the team that possesses the ball closest to the pallino scores. The scoring team gets a point for every ball they've thrown closer to the pallino than the opposing team's balls. Frames continue as described in above steps.

The End of the Game. The game isn't over until a team reaches the pre-agreed point limit. There's a board at the end of each court to use to record your scores.

Bocce Ball Rules: What Are the Rules of Bocce Ball? A copy of the Pine Lakes Bocce League Rules and Regs are kept at the bulletin board at the courts. That will give you a more in-depth idea of how to play and to answer any questions you may have while you play.

If you want to join the Pine Lakes Bocce League, the Winter season sign-ups are on January 6 and play starts January 13. More info on that will come your way soon.
Hope to see everyone on the courts!



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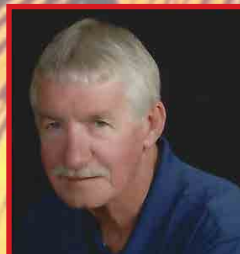
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PINE LAKES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Lori Skinner, Secretary

Rain, Rain, Go Away... We Have Golf to Play! Mother Nature certainly seems determined to test our patience lately! While we're all anxious to get out there and enjoy the course, please check your email before heading to the course or driving range for any updates or restrictions. We all need to do our part to keep our course looking its best. If the course is cart path only, it really does mean cart path only.

Mark Your Calendars Sadie Hawkins Tournament – **October 14 & 15 Our Sadie Hawkins Tournament** will be played on October 14th and 15th, followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m. on October 16th. We hope everyone has a great time!



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Welcome Back Tournament – November 6 Sign-up for our Welcome Back Tournament begins October 19th in the Pro Shop. The deadline to sign up is October 30th, and the tournament will be played on November 6th. Please remember to bring a check for your tournament fees when you sign up!

LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Flight #1 1st Place – Bob Fillion & Laurie Pellerin
2nd Place – Scott King & Charlie Schneider
3rd Place – George Whitaker & Michael Stubbs

Flight #2 1st Place – Scott Delonge & Bob Desantis
2nd Place – Joe Demkowicz & Bev Bynum
3rd Place – Chris Tupper & Ray Walton
3rd Place – Charlie & Linda Wakefield
3rd Place – Randy Califf & Iren Hinchley
Congratulations to all the winners!

Flight #3 1st Place – Jay Nicoson & Mike Lerach
2nd Place – John & Jean Cusack
3rd Place – Daryl & Jean Lang

The next PLGA Board Meeting will be held on October 20th at 2pm in the Living Room of the Clubhouse.

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PINE NINERS MENS 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

Don Russo

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

The course is in great condition, thanks to the efforts of Scotty and his crew.

Each week we play a different type of game, making it fun, low pressure, and interesting golf.

We moved our tee time up to 12 noon last year, to accommodate our growing league. This has given us more flexibility, less stress, and the ability to continue to grow.

NIFTY NINERS

Sharol Liepe

Summer is coming to an end!



The Whispering Pines started back up in September, and this is a sort of welcome article. **Nifty Niners will continue to play every Wednesday** and to keep up with tee time call Joyce Sloan or the golf office.

It's been a fun, hot-hot, humid, raining couple of months. Every Wednesday, there were brave Nifty Niners who showed up and showed up to play. No money was collected and the games were just for fun. Remember the Nifty Niners are all about fun, friendship, and playing 9 holes of golf ~ everyone who played was a winner.

There were plenty of laughs and once the Pub opened many met up to share their fun and scores. We look forward to fall coming and more players every joining each week.



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Scott DeLonge

18 Hole Men Summer Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways

August 13, 2026 SHAMBLE

Pos. Foursome

- 1st. Charlie Schneider, Fred Dissmeyer, R. Beals, Rick Tayman
2nd. Jim Mantini, Ron Faria, Scott DeLonge, Will Aubut
3rd. Mike Hayes, Randy Allen, Rick Thibodeau, Rawson Beals

Total Net

89
91
93



August 20, 2026 SCRAMBLE WITH DEVIL BALL

Pos. Foursome

- 1st. Steve Hurley, Randy Califf, Ray Walton, Scott DeLonge
1st Tad Lague, Mike Williams, Sherman Riedlinger
2nd. Ron Pessa, Fred Dissmeyer, Rick Thibodeau
2nd. Mike Hayes, Ed St. Phillips, Bob Kingsley
3rd. Ron McManus, Charlie Schneider, Jeff Penders, Rawson Beals
3rd. Scott King, Ron Faria, Bob Desantis, Rick Tayman

Total Gross

116
116
117
117
118
118

Closest to the pin.

Hole # 1 Bob Kingsley Hole # 16 Sherman Riedlinge

August 27, 2026 SCRAMBLE

Pos. Foursome

- 1st. Scott King. Tad Lague, Rick Tayman
2nd Steve Hurley, Mike Williams, Bob Kingsley
3rd. Mike Hayes, Ron Pessa, Bob DeSantis
3rd. Tray Stewart, Rick Thibodeau, Rawson Beals

Total Gross

49
52
55
55

September 3, 2026 LOW NET FLIGHT PINE LAKES

Pos. Player

- 1st. Turner Dorton
2nd. Scott DeLonge
3rd. Charlie Schneider
4th. Sherman Riedlinger

Total Net

52 26/26
56 26/30
57 30/27
59 30/29

Closest to the pin

Hole #3 Tray Stewart Hole #11 Randy Allen

September 10, 2026 SCRAMBLE WITH DEVIL BALL

Pos. Player

- 1st. Mike Hayes, Turner Dorton, Rick Tayman
2nd. Chris Tupper, Sherman Riedlinger, Ed St. Phillips, Rick Thibodeau
3rd. Scott King, Randy Allen, Bob DeSantis, Bob Kingsley

Total Gross

113 57/56
114 54/60
115 57/58

Closest to the pin

Hole #5 Sherman Riedlinger Hole # 12 Mike Hayes



TEE TIME Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

Lori Skinner

Welcome Back, Ladies! It's time to dust off those clubs, find all the golf balls we swore we didn't lose over the summer, and get ready for another fun season of Pine Lakes Ladies Golf League! We're looking forward to seeing everyone back on the course for plenty of golf, laughter, and friendly competition.

Our 2026–2027 season officially kicks off on Wednesday, October 7th, with Low Net in Flight. Please meet at the clubhouse no later than 8:00 a.m. so we can get everyone organized for our 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The cost to play is \$5.00, and we'll also be having a 50/50 raffle, so be sure to bring a little extra cash.



FAIRWAY PINES PICKLEBALL CLUB

Notes from the Kitchen, Ginger Mitchell

Welcome back! I'm going to start by thanking all our lucky stars for a record breaking El Niño. Sure, we had another sweltering summer but those of you who come in the fall will be returning to communities who are in one piece and more green than we have seen in several years.

As usual there were the Faithfuls (no nod to The Traitors) who played steadily through the summer. There were a few who played in local tournaments including MarLon MonCada. *See picture back page.* Tom and Lora Liptak played in tournaments and helped advertise one for their local YMCA. Mary Valentine seems to have played nonstop, so she is more than ready for Snowbird season.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of you and hope you will be in touch with your ideas for a good time this season.

Take care,
Gail Guile President • John Jenkins Vice President
Steve Seifert Exec. Vice President
Louise Rutherford Treasurer • Ginger Mitchell Secretary

FIRST SHOOTOUT – OCTOBER 24TH

Our first Shootout of the season will take place on Saturday, October 24th. The entry fee is \$2.00. Sign-up will begin on the Wednesday before the Shootout and will remain open until the morning of the event. The shootouts are limited to 10 participants. Even if you aren't participating, come out and cheer for your fellow golfers. A good gallery always makes the Shootout more fun!

GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 28TH

Our first General Meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday, October 28th, immediately following league play. Please plan to stay and join us as we get the new season underway. We're excited to have everyone back and are looking forward to another great season of golf, friendship, and fun. See you on the course!



Tom and Lora Liptak win first place in a tournament in Waynesburg PA



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TENNIS

Frank Tivnan

TENNIS - - A Legend Retires At 99

Some sports legends leave the field awash in applause.
(Tom Brady)

Others just fade away.

When Jack Nicklaus retired in 2005, he stood on the footbridge on the “Old Course” at St. Andrews in Scotland and waved back at all the golfers on tour waving from the clubhouse balcony in tribute to him.

(A Memory: I stood on the same footbridge two weeks later and waved to an empty balcony. No one cared).

And Ted Williams, one of baseball’s iconic hitters, in his final at - bat in 1960, heroically homered into right field at Fenway Park. A fictional - style finale.

(For years the joke in Boston was that only 12,000 loyalists showed up in the stands to see Ted’s last game but there are more than 100,000 liars who swear they were there).

For Pine Lakes’s John Seiler, himself a legend who played a dozen sports, a softer farewell. Last month two dozen of his fellow racqueteers, neighbors and friends from our park and Lake Fairways, greeted him at a surprise clubhouse reception on his 99th birthday.

The celebration teemed with love and respect and was generously conceived and executed by Kim Koehler and Joann Cline.

But the salute also served as the unofficial retirement of John from tennis, a sport he loves deeply and played here for 23 years until his buzzer finally sounded.

“I was only 75 when I started playing here,” he told me.
“And 98 when I finished”.

In July of last year, John played his last game, expecting to return after a brief recovery. We all expected him back, but his time had expired.

Last Spring, as I stood in his garage, John told me with a catch in his throat, that he would never play again. His eyes were glistening. Mine were too.

He visits now to watch us play and share old memories.
He will always be my standard for living long and well.



October Birthdays

				Steve Falck Ralph Jeka Marlon Moncada	Judy Hardy	Sandy Boles
Paul Proulx Dave Segal	Sharon Rondeau Jim Vandehei	Debbie Ardis Jim Guelcher Nancy Hurley Eileen Reese	Mary LeClerc	John Cusack Carol Guenther	Andrew Lampkins Tim Niceswander	Peggy Bowers Yvonne Ecklund Lucille Eldridge
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**The Celebration Calendars are maintained by Kim Paulson.*

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

October Anniversaries

				Alfred Solvang & Mary Boffa '94		
	Jack & Fran Stauffer '68 Tyson & Faith Whitaker '96				Mike & Raylene Blankenship	
Dick & Michelle Scaletti	Charlie & Linda Wakefield '91 Leonard & Pamela Casey '08		Marlon & Martha Moncada '94	Gwendolyn & Richard Lutke '66 Ed & Wendy Huether '05		Andrew & Tisha Lampkins
		Joe & Mary Belfi '01			Jim & Barb Vandehei '10	
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December	November 15, 2026
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February 2027	January 15, 2027
March 2027	February 15, 2027
April 2027	March 15, 2027
May 2027	April 15, 2027
June / July / August 2027	May 15, 2027
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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
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10-31-2026	Men's Club	Halloween Dance
11-07-2026	Veterans Dance	Veterans Group
11-11-2026	Veterans Day Ceremony/Luncheon	Veterans Group
11-14-2026	Beautification Committee	Holiday Sale
11-18-2026	Beautification Committee	Community Decorating
11-20-2026	Women's Club	Craft Fair
11-21-2026	Men's Club	TBD
11-29-2026	Women's Club	Christmas Tea
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