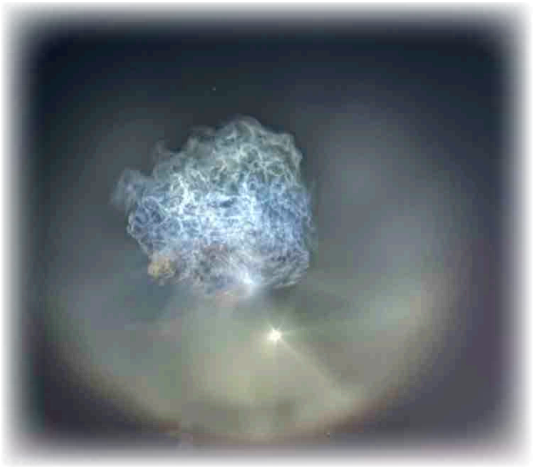


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WHISPERING PINES NEWSLETTER
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PINE LAKES HOA II

Heino Puidak, President

Every fall, HOAII starts their membership campaign. While HOAII represents all homeowners on leased land, we need to increase the number of paid memberships in order to cover our expenses.

The largest single expense for the HOAII is Liability insurance. ELS requires that we purchase this in order for residents to use any ELS property for any activity. Without this insurance, there would be no activities of any kind at the clubhouse, no dances, no billiards, no crafts, no poker, no trivia, no breakfasts, no tennis or pickleball, no horseshoes, no bocce, no pool, no nothing. Even though ELS has insurance, we as an HOA need to purchase our own. All communities like ours have to do this. This is not an ELS demand. The cost of the policy is proportionately split with PLEHOA and our share for 2026 was about $4000. With $20 of each $25 dues paid, we need 200 paid memberships just to pay our share of the insurance.

$5 of your $25 dues goes to our Legal Fund. We have been fortunate that ELS has not pursued development of the French property or made another attempt to change our Prospectus, both of which would require attorney assistance. Current attorney fees run about $400 per hour. 225 x $5 = $1,125. That covers 2.8 hours of attorney fees. Everyone knows that 3 hours doesn't get you much when it comes to attorneys. We need to keep building this fund.

Our other annual expenses include tax return preparation, retainer, Director training, website hosting and office supplies which runs about $1,500.

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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.

In total, we need about 275 paid memberships just to cover expenses. My challenge last year as Membership Director was to increase membership. In 2025, we had less than 190 paid memberships out of a possible 584 homeowners. In 2026, we have about 225. A popular response I heard when I asked people to pay their dues was 'What has the HOA done for me?' In response, it has been the goal of the HOA for 2026 to share more information with our residents

Every month, Minutes from HOA and Liaison Meetings are posted on our website and Facebook groups. Information is also shared at Coffee Socials and Breakfasts. HOAII Membership Meetings occur monthly – no summer hiatus.

So, in a nutshell, 225 or so homeowners provide the funding for the HOA to pay for the insurance and other expenses that 584 homeowners benefit from. Not very fair, is it. We anticipate that insurance will go up again in 2027. If it goes up like it did in 2026, we will need 50 more paid memberships just to be able to afford insurance.

The HOA meets with ELS monthly where we voice community concerns. It is the HOA that pesters ELS to fix things that our members identify as issues. The HOA reports on these meetings at the monthly HOA meeting. Your HOA is your voice with ELS and the more members we have, the stronger we are.

So, c'mon leased land homeowners. Pay your $25 dues, your fair share, and support your HOA that supports all of you.

SYMPATHY NOTES

HELEN DEMARCO



Helen DeMarco passed peacefully in her sleep on September 18, 2026. She had been a resident of Gulf Coast Village (Nursing Home) since 2019.

Prior to that she was a long-time resident of Pine Lakes, where her husband Robert still resides. She made many friends in the Pine Lakes community and cherished them deeply. Please keep Robert in your thoughts and prayers.

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REMINDER FOR USING THE PINE LAKES CLUBHOUSE

Heino Puidak

It has been brought to the attention of the PL HOA Presidents that some individuals and groups/clubs have not been leaving the clubhouse common areas as they found them. This is happening both daytime and evenings.

- In the kitchen, items have been left in the refrigerator, sink and on countertops.
- Ceiling fans and lights are not being turned off when people leave.
- Chairs and tables are being moved around, which is fine, but they need to be put back. Most recently, tables were moved and left blocking an exit door.

Please take a moment when you leave to make sure the area you used is left as good or better than when you got there.

PINE LAKES ESTATES HOA

Pat Stanley, Secretary

Our next meeting is on **November 9, 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.

Prior to the conclusion of each of our meetings, we ask residents if there are any concerns or questions about the community. If the concern regards a maintenance issue for which ELS is responsible for correcting, a more effective method to address the issue is to submit an Attention Request Form, which is available at the concierge desk at the clubhouse. ELS receives the original copy of the Form and the HOA also receives a copy of the form. The issue will then be added to the issue log discussed at the monthly liaison meetings. Following the Liaison meeting, the log is updated and discussed at the next meeting (in addition to being posted on ourpinelakes.com website).

As always, **Brad Colvin** is available for questions from estate homeowners about changes or modifications to your home. Before you begin any project, **Brad is a valuable resource to help prevent issues with your project. Brad can be reached at 402-659-4035.**

A DAY OF CARING

Judy Delonge

DID 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 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 your 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

90'S LUNCHEON

Judy Delonge

THE BIG 90
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.

FRIENDS IN SERVICE HERE (F.I.S.H.)

Joann Cline, Secretary

For those of you who might not be familiar with our F.I.S.H. organization here at Pine Lakes, we are a non-profit association of resident volunteers. Our purpose is to provide care and assistance to our neighbors who request help. The kind of assistance offered includes providing transportation to medical appointments, along with the temporary loan of medical equipment from the inventory we have on hand. Our inventory includes an assortment of canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, commodes and shower chairs.

This information along with the F.I.S.H. Line number, 239-479-9957, is available in the 2026 Telephone Directory, page 5. Once a call is made to our number, and necessary information given, coordinators will be contacted to provide help related to your specific need.

With the return of our many snowbird friends, our organization needs volunteers to help us provide these services. We currently have a list of drivers, but, as the saying goes, "many hands make light work". If you would be available to drive someone to an appointment once or twice a month, we could certainly use your help. If you're not a driver, or would be uncomfortable in that capacity, we can still use your support. We are currently in need of call coordinators. A monthly job of monitoring the F.I.S.H. call line and connecting clients with the volunteer drivers.

Although none of these jobs are difficult or time-consuming, our list of volunteers is becoming quite thin. If you're interested in being of assistance to your Pine lakes friends and neighbors, or if you just want more information, please call the **F.I.S.H. line (239-479-9957)** or contact one of our board members. Our president, Bob Konetzny. treasurer, Bridget Heier, or secretary, Joann Cline, would be more than happy to recruit you!





REMEMBER TO VOLUNTEER

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Kim Paulson

Welcome back to the returning snowbirds! Hope you all had a great Summer!

The Beautification Committee is already gearing up for the holiday season. We are working on the big annual **Holiday Sale on Saturday, November 14th from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon** in the Pine Lakes Ballroom. This year we'll have even more space for all the great holiday items that have been collected over the last 12 months! If you are looking for any type of holiday decorations, this will be the place to be! See our flyer for all the details!

The next big event is our **Community Holiday Decorating on Wednesday, November 18th starting at 9:00 AM AND on Saturday, November 21st time TBD. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!** There are things to do for all ages and abilities. Please consider coming out to help decorate the clubhouse on Wednesday and the exterior grounds on Saturday – there are lots of decorations to put up and it really helps to have a lot of hands involved! Help us make the community sparkle for the holidays! See the flyer for details.

We are also working out the final details for the **Starlight & Sparkles Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 6th from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM.** This is an annual favorite and a fun time to tour some of our neighbors' homes that are so beautifully and creatively decorated. Where can you have a better time for a mere $5! Check out the flyer for all the details. Thank you to our 6 neighbors who have volunteered to be on the tour this year!



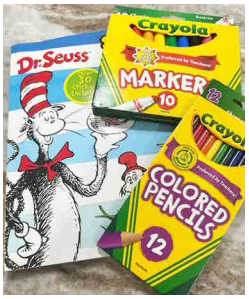
Finally, we are sponsoring a **Holly Jolly Folly dance on Saturday, December 12th from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.** Music will be provided by Trilogy. There will also be a hot chocolate bar to put you in the holiday mood and split the pot drawings. BYOB and snacks. Come dressed in your festive holiday attire and be ready to dance the night away!

To put all of these events together, **WE NEED PEOPLE!** We are always looking for new members to join our group. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let us know. We meet once a month and have fun planning these activities and more! You can contact Becky Gloss for more information.

WRAPPING HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR KIDS AT LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kim Paulson

On Friday, October 9th, a small group of Pine Lakes residents gathered to help wrap coloring books, colored pencils and markers for the kids at Littleton Elementary School, which was organized by Jane Vogel. Jane participates in the Littleton Elementary Excellence in Education Program (LEEEP), which is a non-profit organization of local seniors who have "adopted" our local elementary school to help promote reading. These wrapped items will go into a gift bag along with a book to read and a game to play that each student will receive for the holidays. More pictures, back page from the fun afternoon wrapping session. ***Thanks to all who helped!***



TRIVIA

Tim Mercurio

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 per person with prize money paid each week. Please try to have the correct change. 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.**



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!!***

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Linda LeClaire



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Welcome back returning dancers, and welcome new dancers. If you are returning from up north or maybe have just moved into Pine Lakes or Lake Fairways, and would like to join our line dancing class, we would love to have you join us. Line dancing is great physical and mental exercise, and a fun environment to meet 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.

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.***

CORNHOLE / BEAN BAG TOSS

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!***



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Rick Saniti, President

For those of you who have been Pine Lakes residents for a while, I am saddened to report that Pete Morias, president of the Men's Club prior to Tom Minahan and myself, passed away Saturday, October 10th. Please see the article written by Pete's daughter, Shelley.

We'll carry on though, starting with Bingo every Wednesday evening. The doors open at 5 for the purchase of bingo cards and food from the kitchen. Games start at 6pm. Don't miss your chance to scream BINGO!!

Next, Happy Meredith is selling tickets for our **comedy and magic show on November 21st.** I put the wrong phone number for Happy on the flyer. **Happy's number is 941-505-0351**. Give Happy a call if you can't stop by during "Box Office Saturday's", the Pancake Breakfast or the Coffee Social. Speaking of the Pancake Breakfast, the next one is Saturday November 7th. Serving starts at 8:15am and continues till all have been served.



Then, start planning what decorations you'll need to get your golf cart ready for our annual **Christmas golf cart parade on Friday, December 11th.** We'll serve hot dogs and refreshments before the parade starts and afterward, gather in the ballroom for fellowship, cookies and other sweets, (bring some to share), refreshments and a mystery money envelope for everyone. Make sure your cart batteries are all charged up!

The next Men's Club member meeting is **Thursday November 12th at 6pm.** LCEC will be our speaker and of course, dinner and refreshments will be provided.

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SYMPATHY NOTES

A Farewell to **Pete Morais** — A Lasting Legacy at Pine Lakes

Pine Lakes Golf & Country Club was more than a place to live for Pete Morais. It was home, a community, and a place where he built lasting friendships and left a legacy that will live on for years to come.

For ten years, Pete proudly served as President of the Men's Club. He was instrumental in projects that continue to benefit the community, including the Tiki huts and the Veterans Memorial.

Pete passed away on October 10, 2026, but the friendships he nurtured, the laughter he shared, and the contributions he made will forever be part of Pine Lakes.

He may be gone, but his legacy lives on in the community he loved the friends he cherished, and the memories he leaves behind.

With heartfelt gratitude and love, his family says farewell to the many friends who made Pine Lakes such a special part of his life. Thank you for being part of his journey.



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Linda Baker

We had a great time at the September Meeting! The Purse Exchange and Raffle was a big success!

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, November 5, 2026. Doors open at 6:00**, Meeting starts at 6:30, presentation at 7:00 by The Dubin Center.

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 November 12, 8:00-9:30am we are accepting like-new donations of clothing, household items, etc. (no furniture).



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What's Coming Up this month?? **The Craft Fair - November 20. Christmas Tea - November 29, Christmas Party** *(Members Only)* - December 3, tickets available at Men's Club Breakfast (1st Saturday of the month), Coffee Social (3rd Saturday of the month), the Box Office (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month) or by calling Sue Petersen (262-349-3496) for Christmas Tea, or Bev Thoreson (919-303-2666) for the Christmas Party.



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.

VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, **November 3, 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:
Military Family Month - A month to honor and celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of the families of the U.S. Armed Forces.

November 9, 2026 - Gold Star Father's Day (Georgia)
A day set aside to honor the fathers of our nation's fallen service members.

November 10, 2026 - Marine Corps Birthday – (1775)

November 11, 2026 - Veterans Day (*originally known as Armistice Day*) - Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany

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went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. Please join us for our ceremony and free lunch (see flyer).

** 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!

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

** 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

BUD BRUNS US AIR FORCE

William and Barb Bruns parented five kids in Bangor, ME, three girls and two boys. In 1951 Bud became one of them. After a relatively uneventful childhood, he graduated high school in 1970, eligible for the armed services draft lottery, knowing he would be drafted, he wisely joined the US Air Force. Within 2 hours of his joining, a US Marine recruiter knocked on his door. He was impressed with the dress uniform. Good fortune sometimes comes unexpectedly.



He went to boot camp at Lackland AFB, FL. He served as an Air Policeman and was assigned to train patrol dogs in Weisbaden, Germany at the US Army training center. Watching those guys drilling and doing physical training every day, "Yep, I made a good choice."

He flew back to the States in 1972 and married his high school sweetheart. Back in Germany, Amy his daughter, was born in '73. He had purchased an older VW Beetle for $250 from a German. He left it on the streets of Frankfurt, with the keys in it, while he flew back to the States. When he returned two weeks later, it was still sitting there! "Guess nobody wanted it." He did sell it sometime later for more than he had paid for it. Guess somebody did want it.

He was reassigned to McGuire AFB in '73 where he trained drug dogs. He performed other police duties as well. It was great duty. "I really enjoyed my time in the service." He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant E4 in May 1975. While in the service he qualified as Expert Marksman annually with his 38 pistol and the M16 rifle. He also attended the University of Maryland at night school.

He and his first wife moved back to Bangor. His father was a yard master for the railroad and recommended he apply. He was hired by the railroad as a brakeman and conductor for ten years. "That was way too cold, so I started my own business." He continued his education at the University of Maine - GI Bill. After five years he graduated with high honors in Police Science with a minor in horticulture. Three architects in Louisiana State University taught him what they knew and "it was a lot." Students had to prepare a presentation during one of his classes. His project was selected to present to the class!

Bud and his first wife separated. During one evening Kiwanis outing in 2008, he met Debbie, who became his lovely wife. They bought a class A camper. Their explorations led them to Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes. Debbie found the house where they live in Pine Lakes in 2017. After moving in, Bud totally remodeled the interior. It is beautiful.

After Hurricane Ian he began remodeling bathrooms and lanais in our community. See his ad in the Whispering Pines. He serves as a director on the Men's Club board and enjoys acting in our Christmas story play each year. He is also a pretty good golfer. He is a lifetime member of

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Kiwanis and served as Lt Governor of the New England region for three years. He is also a lifetime member of the Anah Shriners – a Keystone cop.



Debbie and he have big plans for October, a river cruise between Amsterdam and Budapest, hoping there is enough water in the Rhine River. Debbie's first trip to Europe. They are being joined by Bob Konetzny and Phyllis.

Besides his daughter, Amy, Bud has a son, Bill, six grandkids and one great grandson.



PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Bill Skinner

As the weather starts to cool down your Pine Lakes Panthers softball team is heating up!! ***Our first meeting is November 18th at 6pm in the living room at the clubhouse.*** Looking for new players that want to have fun! If you haven't played in a while or been playing regularly, we want you!! Basically, there are 4 parts to softball…running, catching, hitting and throwing!! If you can do a couple of those, you'll be like most of us! If you have never played but can run…well, we have a spot for you!! We use pinch runners pretty much every inning. We will show you how to run the bases, and you'll get in every inning !!! We play Mondays and Wednesday at 5:30 up in Punta Gorda at Carmilta Park first game January 4th. For more information contact **Bill Skinner at 603 566 9210**.



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BOWLING

Sharon Rondeau

The Lake Fairways/Pine Lakes Bowling League started bowling on September 11th. There are 18 teams of 3. We have bowled for 5 weeks now. There are 13 bowlers from Pine Lakes.

In the standings Don Proulx is on the 2nd place team and Ann Rasler is on the 3rd place team.

Some have bowled turkeys (3 consecutive strikes in a row). They are:

9/18/26 -- Jeff Czerwinski
9/25/26 -- Tony Birchfield (2 turkeys, 224 game), Shirley Fowler, David Pingel
10/2/26 -- Jeff Czerwinski, Shirley Fowler, Teresa Pingel, David Pingel (2 turkeys)
10/9/26 -- Wayne Arey, David Pingel (2 turkeys)

The strike challenge (buy a ticket for $1, bowl a strike, win the pot):
9/18/26 -- Sharon Rondeau, $70 in the pot, missed the strike • 10/9/26 – Al Gaetani, $176 in the pot, missed the strike
On 10/2/26 Wes Johnson converted the 7-10 split for a spare. Good job Wes! Now that deserves a prize!

If you are interested in being a sub, call John Neth at 585-664-3952. We bowl on Fridays at 2:00.
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Larry Skinner

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- **1st Place: Bob Howland & Judy Nichols**
- **2nd Place: Larry Hyskey & Judie Greene**
- **3rd Place: Rick LaPoint & Deby Hunt**



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 **Larry Skinner at 508-878-5768 or Gil Gabriel at 336-932-7377.**

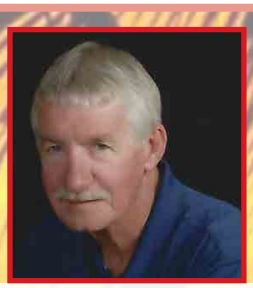


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TENNIS

Frank Tivnan

Imagine spending a leisurely half-hour with an orthopedic surgeon to receive free medical advice specific to older tennis players.

That opportunity is available on Episode 30 of Mike Rogers's excellent YouTube Series, "Insiders Playbook", which is geared to senior tennis players. In this chapter Mike interviews Dr. Will Kang, himself a tennis player who treats many racquet players.

Dr. Kang advises ortho patients to have three basic questions on their fingertips before meeting a surgeon:

1. (If the surgeon is roughly your age): If you were me, would you have this surgery? If the doctor is younger, ask, would you prescribe this surgery for your parents? Sometimes the age of the patient can alter the benefit of the surgery.

2. What are the most common side-effects of this surgery? Example: Surgery for acute tennis elbow can leave numbness in the forearm.

3. Are there any effective alternatives to surgery, such as injections or physical therapy?

Dr. Kang says while steroid injections can be effective, they have short lifetimes and can weaken tissues.

Instead, he recommends PRP (platelet-rich plasma) injections, that last longer and have no known downside. However, they are more expensive and are not usually covered by insurance.

The doctor observed that tennis players are often in better physical condition than their non-athletic peers, and that one of his female patients in her 70's who had long played racquet sports, looked twenty years younger.

Isn't that true of all we players? Just asking!

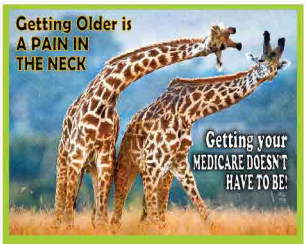
FAIRWAY PINES PICKLEBALL CLUB

Notes from the Kitchen, Ginger Mitchell

Growing up in Alabama autumn was tied to cotton fields ripe for harvesting. Pecans would litter the ground like pennies from heaven just waiting to be picked up and exchanged for a dime or a quarter. At the school Halloween fair there would be sugar cane, homemade cakes and used comic books in bundles of three for sale. All of this is to say autumn was a time for gathering in and putting by things for winter. Living here at Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes I find the gathering in to center around our snowbirds. We are all looking forward to the return of our Pickleball members and their spouses. Eager not only to play with one another but to catch up on how our friends are doing. We look forward to traditions like a community Thanksgiving dinner and golf cart parades. So, until we meet up, stay safe, have fun and join us as soon as you can!





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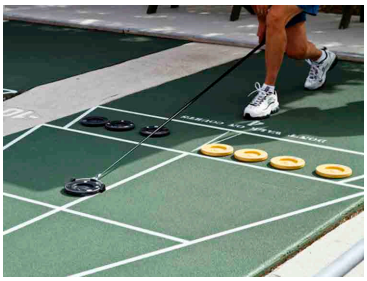

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SHUFFLEBOARD

John Stauffer

Shuffleboard is getting ready to start for the Fall through Winter season. Instead of an October start it will be November 3. All are invited from Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways to participate.

Current Weekly Tasks to be considered (November thru April):



- Time and day – currently Tuesdays at 7PM – Fall and Winter
- Unlock competition equipment in laundry room and bring to courts
- Wax discs (everyone who comes early usually does this)
- Pass out court and partner assignments for each game
- Have everyone sign in if scoring is to continue
- Ensure winners are recorded after each game
- Return all equipment and lock in laundry room
- Updates scores, send to Whispering Pines with small article (if wanted)

To assess the continued interest in weekly shuffleboard competition and come up with a solid plan to organize the coming Fall season, there **will be a meeting held on November 3rd at 7PM** at the shuffleboard courts. At that time, anyone interested in participating in organized shuffleboard (not necessarily running it) is asked to meet on November 3rd to discuss options. We will play after the meeting.

We hope to see all interested shuffleboard players on **November 3rd.** Whether you have an interest in organizing the sport, or just have an interest in participating, we want your ideas. Also starting with this season a co-chair is needed on an occasion when Fran is unable to attend. **For more info call Fran at 856-217-2932.**

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PINE LAKES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Lori Skinner, Secretary

November is here, and the snowbirds are flocking back to Pine Lakes! The golf course is getting busier, familiar faces are returning, and the friendly competition is heating up. Remember, golf is a game of patience, skill, and occasionally pretending you meant to hit the ball that way! Whether your game is in full swing or still on vacation, we're happy to have everyone back!

*******A Friendly Reminder – New PLGA Secretary Email******** **The PLGA Secretary has a new email address:** PLGA.Secretary@hotmail.com All members should now receive emails from this address regarding Board Meeting minutes and other Association announcements. Please take a moment to add this email address to your contacts and check your junk/spam folders to make sure you aren't missing any important communications. If you don't see any emails from the above address, please feel free to contact me or anyone on the board. We want everyone to stay informed and up to date. Thank you!

Welcome Back Tournament & General Meeting – November 6th What better way to kick off the season than with our Welcome Back Tournament on Friday, November 6th! Should be a fun day - good luck to all our participants! Our PLGA General Meeting will take place immediately following the tournament. We encourage everyone to attend and look forward to seeing you there! An email containing a copy of the previous General Meeting minutes will be sent out prior to the meeting for everyone's review. Please be on the lookout for it.

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Tournaments & Events Turkey Trot Tournament – November 21st – Signups begin November 2nd. Before you gobble up that Thanksgiving turkey, come out and enjoy some fun on the course. Ugly Sweater Tournament – December 12th - Sign-ups begin November 30th. It's time to dig out those wonderfully tacky holiday sweaters. Glow Ball is Back! – December 18th – Signups begin December 1st. This is always a fun event!! Happy Thanksgiving! The PLGA would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, laughter, and plenty of good food!!



NIFTY NINERS

Sharol Liepe

After playing in a very hot, humid summer, of Shambles, Scrambles, Cart Path Only and sudden rainstorms, the Nifty Niners are looking forward to the return of our snowbirds and being together once again for the Season.

On October 7th we were to begin our more competitive playing with a low net game only to be driven off the course after only four holes by a rainstorm. A trip to the Pub ended our morning as we continue to look forward to better playing conditions. Nifty Niners welcome new members who want to play only nine holes of golf. Please contact Joyce Sloan at 614-638-8266 if this sounds like your kind of golfing.





TEE TIME Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

Lori Skinner

Our 2026-2027 golf season has officially begun and as November rolls in, it's the perfect time to reflect on all the things we are thankful for – good friends, beautiful Florida weather, and the opportunity to spend our Wednesdays on the golf course. Of course, we're thankful for those occasional great shots that keep us coming back for more

Congratulations, Ladies League Winners September 30th Scramble Results First Place Team Score: 57 Lori Skinner Laurie Pellerin Marilyn Hayes Second Place Team Score: 61 Linda Wakefield Irene Hinchley Bernice Furnia Bev Cook

Upcoming Shootout #2 – November 28th Mark your calendar! Our second Shootout of the season is scheduled for Saturday, November 28, 2026. Even if you're not participating, please come out and cheer on your fellow league members! A little encouragement from the sidelines goes a long way, especially when the pressure is on, and that little white ball suddenly seems to have a mind of its own! **Happy Thanksgiving!** Golf is a lot like Thanksgiving dinner — there's always a little slicing, a little scrambling, and at least one person wondering where their ball went! Thankfully, in golf, we can blame the wind instead of the cook! Happy Thanksgiving, ladies! May your turkey be moist, your putts be short, and your golf balls always find the fairway!

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Tim Mercurio

MEN'S SUMMER GRAND SHOOTOUT

1. Tim Bowers
2. Mike Hayes
3. Scot King
4. Charlie Schneider
5. Joe Demkowicz

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 - RED, WHITE, BLUE SCHAMBLE

1. Mike Hayes, John Cusack, Bob Desantis, Rick Tayman	87
2. Tray Steward, Scott DeLonge, Randy Califf, Happy Meredith	91
3. Bill Skinner, Chris Tupper, Kevin Dobbs, Jeff Penders	96
4. Scott King, Charlie Schneider, Sherman Riedlinger, Blind	100

Closest to the Pin #3 Chris Tupper #17 Daryl Lang

SEPTEMBER 24 2026

Stableford

1. Sherman Riedlinger	42
2. Chris Tupper	40
3. Scott King	38
T4 Scott Delonge	37
T4 Joe Demkowicz	37
6. Ed St Phillips	35



OCTOBER 1, 2026

LNIF-SOQ	To Par Net	Total Net
1. Bob Kingsley	-4	57 (29/28)
2. Turner Dorton	-3	58 (30/28)
T3 Scott Delonge	+1	62 (31/31)
T3 Sherman Riedlinger	+1	62 (31/31)
T5 Tray Stewart	+1	62 (31/31)
T5 Bill Skinner	+2	63 (32/31)
T7 Daryl Long	+2	63 (30/33)
T7 John Cusack	+3	64 (27/37)
T7 Scott King	+3	64 (32/32)
10. Randy Califf	+4	65 (33/32)

Closest to the Pin #1 Tray Stewart #10 Bob Kingsley

OCTOBER 8, 2026

1 BB of 2 Blind Draw	To Par Net	Total Net
T1 Mike Hayes & John Cusack	-11	50 (24/26)
T1 Tray Stewart & Mike Oliverio	-11	50 (25/25)
3. Charlie Schneider & Jeff Furnia	-10	51 (23/28)
T4 Dennis McGee & Faryl Lang	-8	53 (27/26)
T4 Randy Allen & Rixk Tayman	-8	53 (25/28)

Closest to the Pin #3 Charlie Schneider #17 Charlie Schneider

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Men's Shootout

Group A

1. Tray Stewart
2. Ron Cook

Group B

1. Joe Demkowiz
2. Bob Desantis

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Joe Demkowiz

Hole #10



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PINE NINERS MENS 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE Don Russo

Welcome to Pine Niners, Pine Lakes nine-hole Men's Golf League. As we begin October our winter golf season has begun. Welcome back to many of our members from their northern hibernation!! The weather is beautiful! The course looks great!!

If you like to play golf, we play every Thursday. 8:30 Am now but will be changing to 12PM once our weekly participation grows. If interested in joining our league please call or text Ron Hovet at 419-602-0348, or Bob Godet at 407-209-6532 for additional information.

Each week we play a different type of game, making it fun, low-pressure, and interesting golf with a great bunch of guys.

WEEKLY PLAY:

OCT 1 GAME SHAMBLE

TEAM	To Par Gross
Mike McCue	Nelson Courtemanche
Ray Charest	Dale Mobley
Jack Roberts -6	Gil Gabriel -3
Jay Nicosin	
Cameron Penfield	John Houser
Ron Hovet	Bob Godek
Paul Proulx -4	Al Gaetani -2
Mike Lerach	Rich Pacewic

OCT 8 GAME SCRAMBLE

TEAM	To Par Gross
Cameron Penfield	
Mike Gloss	-5
Gil Gabriel	
Rick Hargrave	
Mike McCue	
Nelson Courtemanche	-1
Dale Mobley	
Ray Charest	
Jay Nicosin	
Ron Hovet	E
Matt Papini	
Bob Godek	
Al Gaitani	
Rich Pacewic	+2
Paul Proulx	
Mike Leach	

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Bob Godek Vice President
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CRUISE CLUB

Dianne Baughman

By the time the November Whispering Pines comes out Cruise Club will have decided our 2028 Cruise. Check out the bulletin board to see where! Our Bon Voyage Party date for our upcoming cruise will be published in the December issue. Looking forward to our 9N Voyage on Celebrity Eclipse to St Johns, Dominica, Martinique and St Maarten January 8-17. Come join your neighbors, family and friends on our next Voyage for a hassle-free way to travel. Always a bus to the docks from Clubhouse for a nominal fee with no baggage handling! Questions - Dianna 419-234-6754

November Birthdays

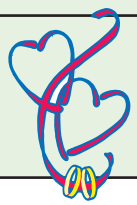
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8 Frank Farina Elaine Johnson Sebastian Lonigro Sue Petersen Todd Quien	9 Wesley Johnson Walter D. Kazmierczak Bill Roberts Norm Smith	10 Mike Hawley Del Keyes Wendy Saniti John Zahner	11 Bobbi Jo Soule	12 Judy Kusk	13 Phil Eberhardt Robin Legg Frank Ragasse Jerry Seiwert Vickie Simpson-Weikert	14 Dave Gluck Craig Millison Joanne Penders
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22 Frank Dunnett Joe Fernandes Nancy Freidline	23 Albert Gursky Pat Stanley Linda Wakefield	24 Jerry Ama	25 Mary Boffa Carol Charest Joanne McCann Maria Seiy	26 George Hampson Cathy Hargrave Tim Mercurio Dan Miller Sharon Reid Eula Webb	27 Mike Kimbro Ann Salerno Ken Tompkins	28 Kathy Margenau
29 Tony Birchfield Michael Dhayer John Easton Larry Skinner	30 Sue Baughman Bud Bruns Nilda Monks Darlene Sosnoski Diane Van Ingen					



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

November Anniversaries

1	2	3 Lester & Nancy Perry '73	4 Jim & Marilyn Wilson '78	5	6 Mike & Gloria Craven Joel & Janet Lembo	7
8 Michael & Kathryn Lajiness '68	9	10	11 Gil & Joni Eastman '61 David & Cathy Joseph '72 Wayne Ladd & Linda Kantz '11	12	13	14 Steven & Colleeen Cipriano '76
15	16 Tom & Karen Brennan '85	17	18	19	20 Steven & Lana Fletcher '10	21
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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
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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	Comedy & Magic Show
11-29-2026	Women's Club	Christmas Tea
12-06-2026	Beautification Committee	Holiday Home Tour
12-11-2026	Men's Club / Ron Thoreson	Golf Cart Parade
12-12-2026	Beautification Committee	Holiday Dance







the fun afternoon wrapping session





Louise Rutherford & Jon Valentine at the Kitchen Line