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PINE LAKES HOA II

Heino Puidak, President

You've all heard about the plans ELS has announced for the development of the French property, which lies on our northern Pine Lakes border. Their plan calls for 336 home sites, limited amenities, a right turn in and out on Rt. 41, and three access points into and out of that development on Circle Pine. These plans raise concerns with respect to increased traffic and life safety, sharing of amenities, security, legal ownership of roadways and much more.

As I write this in mid-April, to the best of our knowledge and investigation, ELS has not submitted any new or updated plans to Lee County for this development. Plans they submitted in 2023 have expired. We have not been able to find any evidence to support their claims of DOT roadway approvals or plan submissions.

The HOAII and PLEHOA have joined forces and formed a Plans of Action Committee comprised of representatives from both communities and HOA Boards. We are meeting regularly developing a list of concerns based on what we've been told. We have contacted an attorney specializing in manufactured home communities to work with us. We must wait for ELS to formally submit their plans to the county before we can finalize our concerns list and take any action against them. We will hold community meetings as soon as we have more to share.

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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.



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
 Jun, Jul, Aug 2026 Jun. 15, 2026
 Please e-mail your articles/submissions to
yecklund10@yahoo.com



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!

Just a reminder, the HOAII will be holding membership meetings on the third Monday every month. Yes, many residents have gone north, but we're just an email or phone call away and we will post agendas and minutes for all to stay informed.

Happy Mother's Day to all of you that are moms! And as you think of your own mother, remember, you wouldn't be here if it weren't for her. *We're pretty lucky!*



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Yvonne Ecklund

Earlier this week, a horrific accident occurred when a car collided with a golf cart. The impact was so severe that both vehicles sustained significant damage, and emergency responders quickly arrived at the scene to assist our injured friend and neighbor. His injuries were extensive including a brain bleed, broken ribs, collapsed lung, a chest tube had to be inserted, and broken vertebrae in his back. From what I understand, inattentive driving and speed were the result of this accident. In every issue of the Whispering Pines, we ask all to take note of the **20mph speed limit**. Last year our previous HOA president had the LCSO bring in one of their illuminated boards indicating the speed limit and to please slow down. That board was placed in various areas on the perimeter roads. **Did it help, no** – Will this accident wake people up to pay attention and adhere to the 20mph speed limit. I hope so!!! We all must be aware of the importance of safety and vigilance on the roads. **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!**



They are here for a reason!



PINE LAKES ESTATES HOA

Pat Stanley, Secretary

With summer quickly approaching, our meeting held on Monday, April 13 was the last one until fall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12. We hope everyone, snowbirds and year-round residents, have a safe and enjoyable summer. We'll see you in the fall.

At our Board Meeting held on April 13, 2026, Matt Heier presented an update on ELS's development of the "French Property". A Plans of Action Committee ("PAC") was formed including members of both Pine Lakes' HOAs, plus representatives from Lake Fairways. The Committee's primary concerns related to the development of the property are traffic and safety issues resulting from the possible use of our roads during and post construction. To mitigate any negative impacts to our residents, PLEHOA partnered with PLHOAII and plan to retain legal counsel to guide our Plans of Action Committee through the complex avenues of the governmental approval process. The Committee selected an attorney and meetings with representatives from the PAC are expected to begin soon. Updates will be provided during the HOA meetings and at the Pancake Breakfasts and the Coffee Socials once those events resume later this year.

Architectural Review Chair, Brad Colvin, reminded attendees at our April meeting that construction projects should be properly permitted by the County before work begins. Some contractors tell their clients that a permit for the work is not needed. However, if any problems arise involving unpermitted construction that necessitate filing an insurance claim, the claim could be denied, or your insurance company could cancel coverage on your property. If you have any questions about your project, please call Brad. His number is 402-659-4035. And, as always, all projects must also be approved by the Architectural Review Committee prior to commencement of work.

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



CERT

Mike Gloss

Goodbye to all residents that are leaving for the summer, have a safe trip.

Please walk around your house and secure all loose items. Those are items that may become airborne at 155 mile an hour winds and become projectiles that will cause damage to your neighbor's property or lives.

Thanks to all who attended the Hurricane Preparedness Seminar at Lake Fairways. If you have decided to stay in your manufactured home when a mandatory evacuation has been issued, please complete the enclosed form and deposit it in the "not evacuation box" at the entrance of the Clubhouse and receive a Home/ Ok sign to display at your home, available at the concierge desk. Now is the time to stock up: food, batteries, water, fuel, first aid supplies and medications for at least seven days. Prepare for the electricity, water and telephone to be unavailable, grocery and gas stations closed. Emergency services will not respond until the weather event has passed.

Ron Hendershot and Mike Gloss CERT leaders PL



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Kim Paulson

The Beautification Committee would like to wish all our snowbirds a safe return to their northern homes and to have a fantastic summer! Thanks for a great season!

Our Car Show was held on Saturday April 25th from 12 – 3:00 p.m. The cars and motorcycles were parked in the lot by the Pro Shop and there were tables and chairs set up in that area as well. Hope you had a chance to grab a bite to eat at Horse Eyed Jake's food truck and listen to great music by DJ Brian Willis. There were raffle baskets for you to take a chance on. We thank everyone that participated in making this a fun community event.

The next upcoming event is the **Fourth of July Pool Party**. I'm predicting no rain that day!), so join your neighbors at the pool on **Saturday, July 4th from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM to celebrate America's 250th birthday**. There will be a pulled pork lunch with ice cream treats for dessert and a DJ playing music for entertainment. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by contacting either Becky Gloss at 330.524.5583 or Linda Kerns at 412.780.7150. Get your tickets early!

The holiday decoration collections will also continue throughout the summer months. Donations will be collected on the **second Thursday of each month from 8:30 to 10 AM**. So, as you're cleaning out, please keep these collections in mind. If there are any questions or if you need any items picked up, let Becky Gloss know.

To wrap up this month, we would like to thank everyone who supported our committee this season at our events and to our special volunteers who make all our events happen! We couldn't do it without you!

As always, we continue to look for new volunteers to join us. We are a fun group! The more help we have the easier our events are to put on. Please consider joining us by contacting Becky Gloss.



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Judy Delonge



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join us Wednesday May 6th
in Lake Fairways Club House

12:00 noon NO COST

We will be celebrating Memorial Day
and honoring all who served in the military.

Call Judy DeLonge in Pine Lakes

or

John Donahue in Lake Fairways

if you need assistance or have questions.

consistent drop in depressive symptoms, outperforming walking, jogging, yoga, tai chi, strength training, and even standard medical treatments like antidepressants or talk therapy.

Why is dancing so powerful? Experts say it's the perfect combination of movement, music, and emotional expression. Dancing engages the mind as much as the body, releases feel-good neurotransmitters, and often includes a social component, whether you're sharing a dance floor or just moving at home. This unique blend helps break cycles of negative thinking, boosts mindfulness, and offers an emotional release few other activities can match.

The best part: you don't have to be a professional or even leave your house to reap the rewards. Whether you dance alone in your living room or join a group class, this joyful movement is one of the most accessible and effective mental health tools science has uncovered. Next time you're feeling low, turn up the music, your brain and body will thank you.

Source: Noetel M, Sanders T, Gallerdo-Gomez D, Taylor P, del Pozo Cruz B, van der Hoek D, et al., BMJ 2024

LINE DANCING CLASSES

Linda LeClaire

Tuesdays: Beginners – 10:30 – 11:40 –

Intermediate: 11:45 – 1:00

Thursdays: Beginners – 11:00 – 12:00 –

Intermediate: 12:00 – 1:00



Please do not wear flip flops or open-back shoes

As we come to the end of another wonderful winter season, it's hard to see our snowbird friends leave for the summer. However, those of us who spend the warmer months here still need to keep our bodies moving, and line dancing is a great way to do that, especially in the air-conditioned Pine Lakes ballroom. Line dancing is not only great physical exercise, but also wonderful mental exercise as well, and several studies have shown that it helps prevent dementia. The following article from 'The Learning Loop' tells us that it helps fight depression as well. So, what are you waiting for??? Come and join us. Meet new friends as you exercise your body and mind.

Benefits of Dancing (Article from 'The Learning Loop')

Forget the treadmill, if you want to beat depression, just dance. That's a message from a landmark Australian study analyzing data from 218 trials and over 14,000 people. Researchers found that while any kind of exercise helps, dancing delivered the biggest and most

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 about one hour to play depending on how many players we have. *We hope to see some new faces!*



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!!**

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.

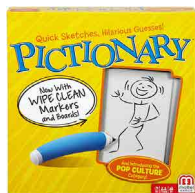


PICTIONARY

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!



MINGLING SINGLES

Lillian De Palma

As of March, our club is going strong. We went to the Nauti Parrot. The music was good and we all enjoyed the food.

Oh, and **our next adventure will be on Thursday, May 14.** We are going to Gilchrist Park, Punta Gorda for a picnic and to listen to the music and enjoy the beautiful sunset.

We will discuss food at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be May 5 at 2 PM in the Pine Lakes living room. All singles from Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes are welcome to join us. Have some fun and bring a friend. If you have any questions, call Bonnie 239-995-1734.



TAI CHI

Dianna Baughman

Part of our Tai Chi group enjoying pizza around our pool. Yes, we have men and many more who are snowbirds. Tony Fettig is our instructor on **Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:30am at PL Clubhouse.** **Beginners can get extra instructions at 9:15am.** Come join us for gentle stretching and our Tai Chi set.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Rick Saniti, President

Hey everyone! Our last event of the season is in the books, and we'd like to thank everyone who participated. We're looking forward to next season already. But whoa, just a minute! We've been invited to join the Women's club in presenting "A Night at the Races" on Saturday, May 2nd. Kentucky Derby Day! There'll be 10 different "live" horse races called by a real announcer. You'll all get the chance to look at the horses before race, pick a winner, then place your bet at the window. We'll have the actual Kentucky Derby on a minimum of 4 TV's and hope to have as many as 6 going. Food and drinks are available for purchase at the kitchen, so dinner is covered. It should be a lot of fun! *Have a great summer and we'll see you next season!*



TOM MINAHAN 1943 – APRIL 6, 2026

Rick Saniti, President

Tom Minahan 1943 – April 6, 2026
The Pine Lakes community and the Men's Club in general, lost a great man, Thomas Minahan, on Monday, April 6th. Tom had been battling health issues for the last 1 ½ years or so, but ultimately, it was too much. My deepest sympathies go out to Trudy and family. Tom loved the Pine Lakes community. I think he knew almost everyone here by name. He was involved in almost everything that went on here. He just couldn't say no. Tom also loved the Pine Lakes Men's Club. Right up until his passing, he wanted to know what was going on and if there was anything he could do. Tom was the Men's Club president from 2015 – 2021. Before that, Tom was vice president to Peter Morais from 2005 – 2015. Tom was the person who came up with the idea of having a Home Show, here at Pine Lakes. January 2026 was its 12-year anniversary. Tom insisted on presenting top notch entertainment and events for the Pine Lakes residents. He and his board spent many hours searching for the right group. He called Bingo for as long as I can remember. Before every session, he'd walk up and down the isles shaking hands and talking with everyone there. What a rock star! When Tom decided it was time to step down as president, I happened to be on the board. He was secretly grooming me to take over. Not a position I

wanted, but, if Tom agreed to stay on as a board member and mentor me through it, I'd agree. He did and I relied on him till the day he died. Rest in peace Thomas, your in-God's hands now. The link to Tom's obituary is below <https://www.newcomeralbany.com/obituaries/thomas-minahan>



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Linda Baker

We had a great meeting on 4/2/26, Swearing in our new Officers – Vice-President - Susan Miner, Secretary – Heather Vetter, Treasurer – Pat Stanley, Membership Secretary – Ann Hartnett, and celebrating the successful season with a Pizza Party. We worked very hard this year and our efforts really paid-off – our Women's Club was able to donate \$10,000 to local charities benefitting women and children. In addition to that, we donated 87 pairs of shoes and 214 pairs of socks and \$245 cash to the kids at the Children's Advocacy Center.

How about something new? We will be co-hosting with the PL Men's Club a **Kentucky Derby Party/A Nite at the Races on May 2**, see flyer for more details.

Our Mother's Day Luncheon will be held Saturday May 9; tickets are \$15 and are on sale now! See the flyer for more details.

Summer Singo Bingo is coming June 13, see flyer for details, get your tickets now!

Treasure Sale Drop off will be Thursday, May 14, 8:30-10:00 accepting like new donations.

We usually 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.

Our next meeting will be on September 3, 2026.

VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, **May 5, 2026**, at **1:15pm** in the Activities room of the Pine Lakes Clubhouse. All Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways Veterans are invited.

Armed Forces Day – 5/16/26 - First observed on 20 May 1950, the day was created on 31 August 1949 as President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank military members for their patriotic service in support of the republic and national interests and as an undeniable fact of American life. Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson announced the creation to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense as part of a modern U.S. Armed Forces. On 19 May 2017, President Donald Trump reaffirmed the Armed Forces Day holiday, marking the 70th anniversary since the creation of the Department of Defense. On 15 May 2020, Armed Forces Day honored the newly established United States Space Force for the first time.

Memorial Day- 5/25/26 - The first national observance of what would become Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868.[5] Then known as Decoration Day, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic – a fraternal organization of veterans – to honor Union soldiers who had died in the American Civil War. The National Cemetery Administration, a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, credits Mary Ann Williams of the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia with originating the idea of an annual date to decorate the graves of Civil War veterans with flowers. Official recognition as a holiday spread among the states, beginning with New York in 1873. By 1890, every union state had adopted it. The world wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1968, Congress changed its observance to the last Monday in May, and in 1971 standardized its name as “Memorial Day.”

** 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.



“SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VETERANS”

Denny Miner

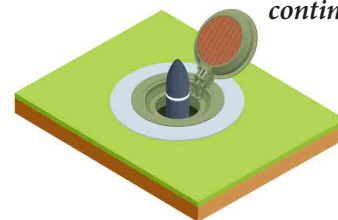
Walter “Walt” Bentsen • US Air Force Veteran

Now living on Eagle Trace with his wife Lynne, Walt – 82 – is still working as a substitute teacher in local K-12 schools and doing odd jobs here in the community. He acts as a handyman for his four “wives”, friends of Lynne. And, again, an interesting life story.

Walt was born to Charlotte and Walter Bentsen on Staten Island, NY in 1944. He has two sisters and one brother. Walt graduated from McKee high school on Staten Island in 1962. His draft notice, “Greetings”, arrived not long after graduation. If you were drafted back then, you went into the Army. However, you had 30 days to report to the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS). Walt, not wanting to be shot at, joined the Air Force during those 30 days. Smart move.

He did his basic training in Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), TX. Shipped to Chanute AFB, Illinois for technical training on the ATLAS ICBM, where he served on the ATLAS launch crew for one month and then trained in the support systems for the Minuteman missile. After training, which included some time at Sheppard AFB,

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TX, he was shipped to F.E. Warren AFB in Cheyenne, WY where he became the Assistant Team Chief of the electrical and mechanical team for the Minuteman missile.

Walt was single at the time, so he accepted numerous Temporary Duty (TDY) assignments to Vandenberg AFB, CA to assist in launching two ATLAS missiles and three Minuteman missiles. Having served his 4-year term of enlistment, Walt was discharged in November, '66, but not before getting married to his first wife. They raised two boys and a girl (adopted) during their time together. They were divorced in 1989.

AT&T Longlines was looking for technicians to work on their telephone switching systems. Walt went to work for them. While working for AT&T, Walt also continued owning and working with one of his brothers building custom homes and remodeling bathrooms and kitchens. At AT&T he worked his way into marketing and building networks for large corporations like Coca Cola, Pepsi, Frito Lay, etc. AT&T would hold quarterly meetings "wining and dining" with their customers and Walt used a travel agency to assist with the endeavor. He met Lynne during these soirees. Since most of his customers were men, he invited Lynn and her girlfriends to attend.

"Are you familiar with the Arch in St. Louis?" I responded yes. "I (AT&T) rented it and the hotel across from it in downtown St. Louis for one of those meetings." The hotel across from it is an Adams Mark.

Bell Telephone started breaking up and Walt retired from AT&T in 1989 after 25 years. He went back to school to become an RN! Lynne also went back to school to become an RN. They were finally married in 2005, but together now for 32 years. They went to Bonaire, an island in the southern Caribbean that is part of the ABC Islands, for their honeymoon and stayed for 15 years. They both became professional divers. Lynne succumbed to Bends during one of her dives causing her walk to be unsteady still today. They spent a couple years in Texas but went back to Bonaire.

They finally came back to the States, bought their home here in Pine Lakes sight unseen and have been residents for five years. When not participating in some of the many activities here in the community, substitute teaching or helping a neighbor with a project, they enjoy sea cruising and camping.



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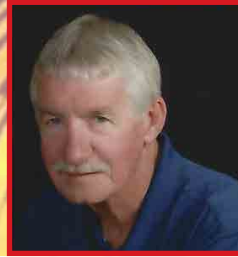


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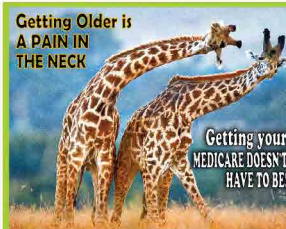
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PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD – 2025-2026 SEASON

Fran Stauffer

Hello everyone. Here are the standings for the first half and second half of our season. I created a total instead of a weekly format for convenience on my part. Everyone did well and had fun in the process. It has been challenging for me as my first time doing set-up, but I have had great help from all of you. Our season is over until October, but you can continue to play with equipment by the pool area. If organized shuffleboard is to continue help will be needed in the Fall. Please think about that over your time away. **Everyone! Have a wonderful summer and hope to see you in the Fall.**

Fran Stauffer.

	Total 10/21/25 to 1/6/26	Total 1/13/26 to 4/7/26	Total
Pegi Jenkins	3	8	11
Floyd Poor	3	0	3
Jeanine Maldonado	3	4	7
Cheryl Poor	2	0	2
Bruce Hirsch	6	3	9
Sharon Rondeau	4	4	8
Barbara Hirsch	6	9	15
Gail Guile	2	0	2
Kathie Needham	2	0	2
Pat Stanley	5	1	6
John White	3	0	3
Joann White	6	0	6
Janae Cyktich	2	6	8
Linda Brice	2	1	3
John Jenkins	0	7	7
Dorian Cyktich	0	1	1
Fran Stauffer	3	3	6
Marlene Trax	1	1	2
Dan Graf	2	2	4
Paul Scannell	0	4	4
Pam Hertel	1	1	2
Jim Hertel	1	1	2
Mike Dregits	0	2	2
Bob Krieger	0	4	4
Mike Gans	0	4	4
Brenda Waggoner	0	3	3
Hal Shelton	0	2	2
Andrea Shelton	0	3	3

FAIRWAY/PINES PICKLEBALL

Ginger Mitchell • Club Notes from the Kitchen

Wowzee, wowzee, woo, woo! This season has been so full of fun, new friends and great game play that I think most of us need a bit of a breather! We had our end of the year celebration complete with a catered dinner, elections and dancing with music by Trilogy. Gail and Ginger continue serving as President and Secretary. We are hopeful some of our members will consider serving on the Board. We meet about once a month from October to May and have a good time finding new ways to promote Pickleball, keeping up with offering free lessons, taking care of the courts and keeping our players safe.

We had a Glowball Tournament and a Poker Hand Play to round out the season. In Poker each competitor plays 5 games collecting 5 to 10 cards depending on their rate of winning or losing. At the end the people with the best four hands win. So even if you're not playing well that day you can still win.

As always may you travel safely, stay healthy and return to us for another season.



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



If you didn't know how to spell
wowzee, wowzee, woo, woo!
Here it is in black and white!

BOWLING

Sharon Rondeau

After 26 weeks we finished our Lake Fairways/Pine Lakes season on March 20th when we bowled position rounds. On March 30th Lake Fairways hosted the bowling banquet and prize money was awarded.

Wes Johnson was on the 2nd place team. Congrats Wes!

The ladies of Pine Lakes made us proud holding the top 3 places for high average. Congratulations to:

Teresa Pingel 149 average
Fran Stauffer 143 average
Ann Rasler 141 average

The following info is from Connie Reis (league VP) of Lake Fairways:



March 13:	Turkeys:	Tom Kamensek (2) Teresa Pingel Dave Pingel
	50 pins over avg.:	Tony Birchfield (211 with a 159 avg.) Tom Kamensek (225 with a 151 avg.)
	200 games:	211 Tony Birchfield 225 Tom Kamensek

March 20:	Turkeys:	Wayne Arey Teresa Pingel Dave Pingel Don Proulx
	50 pins over avg.:	Don Proulx (200 with a 136 avg.)
	200 games:	200 Wayne Arey 200 Don Proulx 222 Dave Pingel

Time to put away the bowling balls, bags and shoes till September for the beginning of our next season. Some of us will bowl in Bowlero's senior summer leagues.

Thanks to John Neth, president, and Michelle Case, secretary, for their time and effort and for keeping us all on track!



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BOCCE

Jackie Bartilucci

Well, the fall 2025 and winter 2026 seasons are now in the history books. What a great time, both seasons. We have had many players willing to brave either the hot or cold weather to come out and join in the fun. Seem like it was always something with the weather, either 39 degrees or 90 degrees. But we persevered and had great games and great fun.

The Bocce Banquet was held on April 1. Both seasons' players got a chance to spend time together and enjoy a wonderful lunch from Chipotle. We honored the winners from both seasons at the banquet with certificates of achievement and cash prizes.

Congratulations to the following:

- Fall 2025** – 1st place – Vince Bartilucci and Larry Hyskey,
2nd place – Judie Greene and Robert Morrison,
3rd place – Deby Hunt and Jerry Seiwert.
Winter 2026 – 1st place – Kathy Matrese and Vern Hunt,
2nd place – Sharon Forrest and Gil Gabriel,
3rd place – Jackie Miranda and Al Gaetani.

The Fall 2026/Winter 2027 seasons are in the planning stages. We will have more information on dates for sign-ups and play by August. Everyone who has played in the last two seasons will be notified via email. If you are a new player, you can contact us at: pinelakesbocce@gmail.com for more information about the fall or winter season.

Lots of fun things are in the works for the upcoming season. And as always, everyone is welcome. Bocce is a wonderful way to get out and see friends and meet new people. *See you in the Fall. Have a safe summer.*



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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|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Arthur | Hanna | Omar |
| Bertha | Isaias | Paulette |
| Cristobal | Josephine | Rene |
| Dolly | Kyle | Sally |
| Edouard | Leah | Teddy |
| Fay | Marco | Vicky |
| Gonzalo | Nana | Wilfred |



TENNIS - OLD DOGS and NEW TRICKS

Frank Tivnan

We have all heard the cliché: “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks”, but we know that is a falsehood whether applied to canines or people.

After arriving here many seniors have learned tennis, pickleball, bridge, golf etc.

That is why YouTube offers many instructional videos on senior tennis doubles, and one of the best is Episode 22 of Mike Rogers’ Series “Insiders Playbook”.

In this video Will Bocheck, a premier instructor who now concentrates on teaching senior doubles, lays out this lesson:

Analytics confirm that at all levels 70% of all points in doubles occur within the first four strokes, and most of these points are settled by errors, not winners.

He says half-seriously that if we just get the first two balls over the net - - our share of four - - we should win most (not all) games and matches.

He states at length (as do other video coaches) that tennis is a game of errors, not winners, of narrow margins and slim majorities (only two points to win after deuce) and that Roger Federer only won 54% of all the points he played.

Long rallies ending with a flourish are thrilling and memorable but quick rallies of four strokes or less are far more numerous and decisive. He adds players should therefore practice angles near the net more than baseline bashes.

“Don’t beat yourself up” he warns if you lose a point or a match, especially when your best shot of the day is turned into a loser by the returner. Accept it. That’s tennis.

Frank Desantis, the prominent instructor at Heron’s Glen, who conducted drills for the White and Gator Gals Teams in March, agrees with Bocheck.

Postscript: Pine Lakes players are welcome at “summer tennis” offered by Lake Fairways at 9:30 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, starting May 1st.



Pine Lakes Blue Team Bulls

NIFTY NINERS

Linda LaMonica

Spring has been a very busy time for the Nifty Niners Ladies Golf League. In February, we held our Club Championship with Joyce Sloan and Cindy Penfield playing a tough game. Through 8 holes they were tied with Joyce ultimately winning with a birdie on the 9th hole. We also welcomed Jean Cusak, Linda Knotts and Ann Klamer who previously played with the 18-hole Women's League.

Our popular Member-Member Tournament chaired by Donna Russo and Pat Dieringer was played over two days. Day 1 was an Alternate Shot game followed by Day 2 a Scramble. Donna and Pat took the title with a 39 and 31 for a net score of 70. Second place went to Karen Proulx and Jean Cusak with a score of 74. A celebration of our members following the tournament was held under the trees by the golf course.

The following day we had an Awards Luncheon at Blossom & Brie where the winners were recognized, and each member received a Pine Lakes Beverage Cup and other gifts.

Elections were held in March as well with President: Joyce Sloan; Vice President Pat Dieringer; Treasurer, Karen Proulx; Secretary, Jean Cusak.

Nifty Niners want to thank Dan in the Pro Shop for helping us with downloading the GHIN and Golf Genius apps. His patience is well deserved. If you have always wanted to play golf, take a few lessons, go to a driving range, then practice a bit and join the Nifty Niners. We welcome golfers who want to play for fun, a challenge, exercise and friendship.



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TEE TIME Ladies 18 Hole Golf League
Joann Cline

Our 2025-2026 golf season has come to a close. Starting the first of May and running throughout the summer, there will be no organized league play with shotgun starts. Members can independently set tee times and play friendly competitions on their own.

A huge THANK YOU to Dan and his staff for keeping things running smoothly throughout the season.

On Friday, April 10, our ladies' league helped to end the season with one last hurrah! Joining forces with the Pine Lakes Panthers Softball Team, we sponsored the **Champions' Challenge**, pitting the Pine Lakes Club Champions against their counterparts at Lake Fairways. With Lori Skinner paired with Jim Wilson, and Carole Andrews paired with Nick Martinello, providing the entertainment, the Panthers providing adult beverages, and our ladies providing a picnic supper, it was a great way to end the season. THANK YOU to everyone involved.

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY SUMMER TO YOU ALL!

Congratulations Ladies' League Winners

Pine Lakes L.E.G.A.

1st Flight

Darlene Topp 4th place tie
Linda Wakefield 4th place tie

2nd Flight

Laurie Pellerin 7th place

4th Flight

Sue Hunt 2nd place

Thank you, Khris Clevenger and Marilyn Hayes, for chairing this event.

April 8th Low Net

Darlene Topp net 59
Marilyn Hayes 61
Janice Wilson 62
Cindy Penfield closest to the pin on #3

Bev Cook net 64
Sue Hunt 64

Darlene Topp longest putt on #18



April 15th Scramble

Team Score 60
Lori Skinner
Bev Bynum
Joann Cline

Team Score 62
Darlene Topp
Bev Cook
Cindy Penfield
Bernice Furnia



*Champions' Challenge
Jim Wilson, Lori Skinner,
Carole Andrews, and Nick Martinello*



PINE NINERS MEN'S NINE HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

Don Russo

As we approach the end of another fantastic golf season, I want to give kudos to our league President, Ron Hovet. Who, through his efforts, has put together a competitive yet fun experience for anyone who wants to play golf, but wants to limit their play to nine holes. If you'd like to play fun golf with a great group of guys, but feel 18 holes is too much, come out and join the Pine Niners. Pine Lakes nine-hole golf league. We added 5 new members so far this year!

If you are interested in joining the Pine Niners, call Ron Hovet at 419-602-0348.

LEAGUE PLAY

MARCH 5 GAME: 2 BEST BALL SHAMBLE

SCORES:

T1 Ray Charest 29	T2 Sam Williams
Don Russo	Rich Pacewic 33
Jay Nicoson	Jack Roberts
Ken Hunt	
T1 Mike Gloss	3 Cam Penfield
Bob Godek 29	Gil Gabriel 35
Dareld Schick	Al Gaetani
	Mike Lerach
T2 John Clark	4 Ted/Ed Bonnell
Joe Salerno 33	Scott Franz 36
Rick Hargrave	Mo Morrison
Paul Proulx	



MARCH 12 GAME: SCRAMBLE WITH DEVIL BALL

SCORES

T1 John Clark	T3 John Houser
Bob Godek +13	Ed/Ted Bonnell +17
Don Russo	Jack Roberts
Mike Lerach	Bud Gehring
T1 Mike Gloss	T3 Sam Williams
Rick Hangrave +13	Jay Nicoson +17
Al Gaetani	Dareld Schick
Scott Franz	Paul Proulx
	5 Gil Gabriel
	Rich Pacewic +18
	Ken Hunt
	Mo Morrison



more results next page...

MARCH 19 GAME: SCRAMBLE

1 John Houser George Chittum Mo Morrison Al Gaetani	-2	3 Gil Gabriel Jack Roberts Jay Nicoson Dareld Schick	E	5 Don Russo Mike Gloss Rich Pacewic Joe Salerno	+2
2 Ray Charest John Clark Rick Hargrave Paul Proulx	-1	4 Scott Franz Joe Salerno Bob Godek Ken Hunt	+1		

MARCH 26 MEMBER/MEMBER TOURNAMENT

The last major tournament of the season. This was a fun 2-day tournament.

	Day 1 2 Man Shamble Score	Day 2 2 Man Scramble Score	Total
1 John Houser Mike Lerach	57	31	88
2 Ted/Ed Bonnell Bob Godek	57	32	89
3 Rick Hargrave Al Gaetani	58	33	91
4 Ray Charest Bud Gehring	61	31	92
5 Gil Gabriel Ken Hunt	64	31	95
6 Ron Hovet Scott Franz	64	32	96
T7 John Clark Dareld Schick	66	31	97
T7 Joe Salerno Don Russo	64	33	97
9 Jay Nicoson Rich Pacewic	67	32	99
10 Jack Roberts Paul Proulx	68	37	10



**Flag Day
June 14th**

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Scott DeLonge

Thanks to everyone. Hope everyone has a great summer!

GRAND SHOOTOUT 3-13

A Flight

- 1 Phil Eberhardt
- 2 Tray Stewart
- 3 Scott King

B Flight

- 1 Craig Greskoviak
- 2 Joe Demkowicz
- 3 Ken Tompkins



Hole in 1ers

3/26/26

Tom Hare

Hole #11

MIXED GRAND SHOOTOUT 3-20

- 1 Craig Greskoviak
Marilyn Hayes

- 2 Scott King
Sue Hunt

- 3 Tray Stewart
Kris Clevenger

3-12

CTP #9 Happy Meredith

- 1 Bill Skinner
Jeff Penders
Rick Monnin
Mike Craven

- 2 Del Keyes
Joe Demkowicz
Frank Holzshu
Jeff Furnia

#16 Dave Moss

- 3 Gary Hull
Sherman Riedlinger
Randy Califf
Terry Simon

3-19

CTP #3 Steve Hainey

- 1 Terry Simon
Mike Hayes
- 3 Craig Greskoviak
Tom Hare

- 2 Del Keyes
Larry Sims
- 5 Scott DeLonge
Monte Gilliland

#17 Frank Chieppa

- 3 Boomer DeSantis
Randy Califf
- 5 Jerry Beamer
Frank Holzshu

MEMBER/MEMBER 3-26

A Flight

- 1 Tray Stewart
Scott King

B Flight

- 1 John Dieringer
Mike Gloss

C Flight

- 1 Frank Holzshu
Monte Gilliland

D Flight

- 1 Denny McGee
Sherman Riedlinger

MEMBER/GUEST 4-2

A Flight

- 1 Tray Stewart
Nick Martinello

B Flight

- 1 George Whitaker
Earl Barrett

C Flight

- 1 Scott DeLonge
Larry O'Brien

4-9

CTP #7 Phil Eberhardt

- 1 Happy Meredith
- 4 Jerry Beamer

#14 Scott King

- 1 Jeff Furnia

- 1 Bob Kingsley

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May Anniversaries

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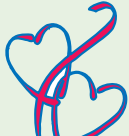
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