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HOA II BOARD

Gary Nicolini, President

Good day fellow residents. I hope 2024 is being kind to everyone. I'd first like to thank our former HOAII Board members from 2023. A huge thanks to Anna Marie Morrissey and Phil Eberhardt for their help and dedication to our board. I'd also like to welcome our new board members Linda Baker and Leigh Ann Southard. They are eager to get started. I have seen on social media and received many complaints about vehicles speeding in our community, and vehicles and golf carts not stopping at the stop signs. I just don't understand why people need to be like this. Think about it... God forbid, what happens if there is an accident with a fatality. Maybe a neighbor, a family member who is visiting, or a friend from another community. Then what? Folks, please slow down and stop at the stop signs. Let's not have something drastic happen in our wonderful community.

Don't Forget...



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



WHISPERING PINES
NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE
March 2024 February 17, 2024

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



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

PINE LAKES ESTATES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Cindy Ahrens, HOA Secretary

A final reminder for all Pine Lakes Estates Homeowners' Association members to either fill out the proxy form, place in the labelled envelope and drop off at Lot 22B or send U.S. mail (with postage); OR SECOND option is to attend the meeting on February 12, 7:00PM in the Ballroom and vote with your ballot. The Board cannot stress how important VOTING will be for this Annual Meeting.

Hope you will take the time to review the revised Governing Documents and plan on attending the Town Hall meeting on Monday, February 5, at 7:00PM in the Ballroom. The HOA Attorney, Colby Keefe, will be present along with the Board to answer any questions about the documents.

Finally, the Board would like to thank all the Court Captains and Cul-de-Sac Captains for delivering the mail packet to most of the Estates properties. This helped us get out the packets early and to save some of the mailing cost. The Board thanks you all, with a special "thanks" to Joann Cline for taking the lead.

Please make sure you mark your calendars with February 5, 2024, 7:00PM, in the Ballroom for the Town Hall meeting, fill out your Proxy or plan to attend the February 12, 2024, 7:00PM in the Ballroom – every vote counts!



PINE LAKES THIRSTY THURSDAY POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

Get ready everybody to "Quench Your Thirst" for drinks, food, and fun at the Thirsty Thursday pool party on Thursday, February 15 from 5 to 8 pm. Gates will open at 4:30. This is a Rain or Shine party. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move inside and rock away in there!

This is a BYOB party with NO GLASS BOTTLES allowed! There will also be a food truck available in the parking lot for hungry partiers if you don't bring your own snacks.

Also bring a chair as seating is limited.

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

Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from Jo Orvik- 218-342-2086, Sherry Holtz- 716-866-2874, or Lora Liptak- 724-984-6029.

There will be a great singer, the SMUDGE KITTEN band's lead singer, Maria, to entertain by singing all the hits, tackling every genre of music, dance, rock, pop, disco, you name it!

Come and have a great time!



NOTE: Please abide by the Pine Lakes speed limit of 20mph and try to be aware of walkers and bikers when driving car/truck/golf cart to avoid accidents.

PINE LAKES POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

REMINDER: We will continue to schedule Sunday Pool Parties and hope the weather starts cooperating. The dates for February are February 4, February 11, February 18, and February 25.

The time is Noon- 3 pm with DJ music for listening or dancing to. May be a good idea to bring your own chair as pool chairs are limited.

There will be hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, brats, pop, chips, and ice cream for purchase but remember the cooking stops at 2 pm.

There will also be Split the Pot tickets so there will be some happy winners. Come prepared to have fun.



NEW EVENT! ART SHOWCASE

Becky Gloss

On Saturday February 24th at 9:30 - after the coffee social - there will be a free Art Showcase in the Pine Lakes card room. What is an Art Showcase? At Pine Lakes it is an event given by your friends and neighbors who enjoy quilting, painting, ceramics, or glass fusion, etc. Please come and support our community creative arts groups. All groups are open to new members of any skill level. There are no tickets to buy, and nothing will be sold.



HAND AND 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

Come join in the fun playing corn hole every Tuesday at 3:00 in the clubhouse ballroom. It costs nothing to play. You don't need a team, just show up. We randomly draw numbers for teams each week. We play best 2 out of 3 and that team moves on to play the other winners of 2 out of 3. If you don't have the stamina to play all games, someone else will play and you can rest. It's all about having fun and getting a little exercise. The men play from 27' and the women play from 23'. Depending on how many are there, it usually takes anywhere from one to one and half hours to play. We hope to see some new faces!!



90'S LUNCHEON

Virginia Davis

If you are 90 years old or older please join us for our monthly luncheon the first Wednesday of the month!

Lunch will be Wednesday February 7 at noon in the Lake Fairways porch provided by John Donahue and Men's Club.

Please join us. Info: Virginia 315-456-9059
See Back Cover for Pictures.

SAILING CLUB

Jim Lavelle

Fun racing; grandchildren welcome – loaner boats available. **Sunday 2PM. Call Jim @ 810-650-6437**



SYMPATHY NOTES

Anna L. Krismanits (88) has reunited with her loved ones, including many dear friends from our community. She passed in her sleep in August. She loved her 33 years in Pine Lakes. Her children united for a memorial in Davenport, IA.



OHIO NIGHT

Linda Langheld

March 2nd, 2024, Tickets on sale now! Call Tim Mercurio or connect at any of the Saturday morning coffee socials to book your group and buy tickets. *O-H-I-O* We are excited to announce we have a new group this year Paisley Craze! They are a local band with a diverse set list guaranteed to get you on the dance floor. Mark down March 2, 2024, for the party date. Tickets are \$15 per person and will go on sale to Pine Lakes residents first on January 13 at the clubhouse coffee social. Any individual may purchase one or more tickets with a maximum of eight seats per table, however, they must provide a list of Pine Lakes resident's names, so we are able to ensure that people living here get first shot at tickets. Reach out to Tim Mercurio at (513) 300-7877 to purchase. We are providing chicken for the main course along with dessert and three hours of awesome music entertainment. Each attendee is asked to bring a potluck side item to share. This is a community wide event. You do not need to be from Ohio to attend. We will have a split-the pot drawing and trivia during the band's breaks. This event is BYOB without set-ups. We look forward to another exciting fun party this year with you all. *Go Buckeyes*



BOOK OF ACTS BIBLE STUDY

Phil Sosnowski

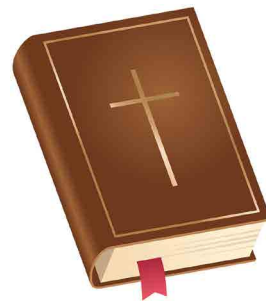
This month's adventure into the travels of the apostles leads us to the spread of the gospel beyond Jerusalem. Join us as we retell how Saul persecutes the Christians, Stephen is the first of many to get martyred, and the fear of persecution pushes Philip into Samaria and Saul/Paul towards Damascus.

Peter heals a paralytic and converts a Roman Centurian... the first gentile conversion. King Herod kills James, and Peter is imprisoned.

The drama is accelerating! Join us in a lively discussion as we explore the saga and the drama as the apostles make their mark in world history. This is the stuff you don't get from the pulpit! Come and see the birth of our faith!

Sunday evenings in February 6:00-7:30pm Pine Lakes Clubhouse, in the Living Room. Bring a friend!

Questions? Call me: Phil Sosnowski 847-274-5407



BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Phyllis Fulwider

Holiday Season is over, and Pine Lakes is back to normal. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped undecorate. Thad and the maintenance group who every year pick up the decorations and bring them to the club house. Then return them to the Beautification shed when all is done.

We would also like to thank the Women's Club for the use of their mobile mini to store our things while our shed was repaired. John Vermeulen of Golden Touch took care of the leaks. Thanks, John, you always do a fantastic job for us.

Remember we take Christmas items all year long. If you have Christmas items you no longer want or need, **please do not put them on the curb**, give either Phyllis Fulwider (720-415-4263) or Becky Gloss (303-524-5583) a call and we will be happy to pick them up.

If you are interested in learning more about Beautification we will have a meeting on Thursday, February 8, 6:00 pm in the living room of the club house.

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PL MEN'S CLUB

Rick Saniti, President

Wow! Did January fly by or what! An incredibly busy month packed with shows and activities like Wednesday evening Bingo, a Pancake Breakfast, a Men's Club member meeting, a comedy show, our big Home Show, and a Showcase presenting various future entertainers. Oh! We sold tickets for our upcoming shows as well. *While all this was going on, we started gathering information for the 2024 phonebook.* A hardworking team consisting of Gary Walkling, Sharon Rondeau, Jane Vogel, Leslie Tait, Rick Saniti and Bud Bruns, started putting all the pieces together to make the phonebook as accurate as possible. But we need your help too. Please use the online form to correct or add any information that relates to you. **SEE NEXT ARTICLE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION.** 2024 phone books will be distributed to all homeowners in April.

February brings another busy month. We'll have Bingo every Wednesday except February 14th. A triple event on Saturday the 3rd of February beginning with tickets sales for the St Pat's dinner/dance, then a delicious Pancake Breakfast and later that evening, a fabulous performance from Deb and the Dynamics. You can check out Deb and the Dynamics at www.debandthedynamics.net.

We'll have a Men's Club Meeting February 8th and then on Sunday February 18th, yes, Sunday February 18th, we'll feature the high energy band Yacht Rock. Check them out at www.Williamclare.com/yacht-rock-fl. Wednesday, February 21 we'll have the people from Safeguard Shredding up at the clubhouse parking lot from 10am – noon to securely destroy any of your old confidential documents.

St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance event happens on Saturday, March 16th and will be catered by Mel's Diner. They'll feature corned beef and cabbage or pot roast, with green beans, potatoes, and dessert. The band will be Tropical Avenue. Doors open at 4:30, dinner from 5 – 6:30 and the dance from 7 – 9. Tickets prices are yet to be determined as I haven't gotten a price back from Mel's yet. They're waiting on the price of corned beef to give us an accurate quote. This is a costly event and Mel's is about the only place around that can cater to this large number of people. Last year tickets were \$25 per person. We'll have a solid price by February 3rd one way or the other.

I thank the Men's Club board for their help with these events and I thank the fine residents and guests of our Pine Lakes Community for supporting all our Men's Club events and shows.

2024 PINE LAKES PHONE BOOK

Jane Vogel

Pine Lakes Men's Club Telephone Directory Committee is hard at work on updates for the 2024 Pine Lakes phone book which will be delivered this spring. **PLEASE REVIEW YOUR INFORMATION!** Do you need to make updates?



- Easily submit changes and updates via the update form at www.ourpinelakes.com. Click on the three lines in the upper corner of the home page and then click "Homeowners." Scroll down to "Telephony Directory" and click it to bring up "Use the update form here."

- If you're not a computer person, contact Jane Vogel, Sharon Rondeau, or Leslie Tait for assistance.

- If you are a new resident, you are entered into the directory spreadsheet after you have a visit from the Welcome Committee.

Did you know the alphabetical listing in the first half of the book lists just one phone number and that number is for the first person in the listing? For example, if the listing reads "Johnson, John and Betty" just John's phone number is listed in the alphabetical listing.

- If Betty has provided her phone number, an asterisk appears after John's phone number. To then locate Betty's number, look in the back half of the book in the cul-de-sac listings.

You can also find email addresses listed in the back of the book in the cul-de-sac listings. Please help us out by reviewing your information for accuracy.

- If you choose to provide an email address, this becomes public information for members of our community.

Thanks for helping us provide the most accurate directory we can! **Deadline for changes is February 15.**

CERT

Mike Gloss

Welcome to our newest member Ron Hendershot. Ron completed the Basic CERT classes in January. His experience as a paramedic and ham radio operator will be a valuable addition to our team. Thanks, Ron, for volunteering!

The North Fort Myers Fire Department had asked all local communities to supply a map of their community with possible hazards and evacuation routes. We have supplied them with a marked map of propane usage and evacuation routes.

At our last CERT leaders monthly meeting we were instructed on how to complete forms to report volunteer's hours to FEMA to apply for Federal grants.

Anyone interested in joining our Pine Lakes Community Emergency Response Team, please call me for more information. Mike Gloss (330)524-1292

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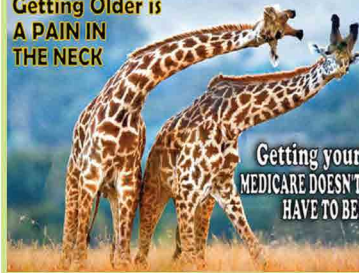
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PINE LAKES WOMENS CLUB

Bev Mercurio, President

Hello everyone! February is going to be a very busy month for Women's Club. We have our Valentines Day Senior Prom, followed the next week by the very popular Singo Bingo and shortly after that the Treasure Sale (March 1st),...a lot of fun activities that we are all looking forward to.

Prom tickets are on sale now, at Saturday morning coffee, or by calling Linda Baker. She will be happy to help you with your reservation. For Singo Bingo, give me a call as I am selling those.



We are scheduling weekly drop offs for treasure sale donations, they will be Wednesdays from 11-12, weather permitting of course. Bring your donations to the sheds in the RV lot in the back across from the driving range. For those who are new please give me a call for any questions you may have. Also, for new members, please remember to join our Facebook page. That is where you will find the latest information regarding our events. Go to Facebook.com and search for Pine Lakes Women's Club and ask to become a member. Please answer the security questions (only 2) or I will not approve your request.



We are having signups for volunteers for the Treasure Sale at the Feb. meeting which is Feb. 1st. I realize a lot of you are going on the cruise and won't be here to sign up. Several have posted on Facebook where they would like to work that day and that is fine. Otherwise, please give Phyllis Fulwider or me a call to be assigned to a department. Thank you in advance, our volunteers are the best! Shaping up to be a great sale, lots of exciting goodies to search through, remember the date is March 1st. Our setup and presale as always are the day before.

March 8th will be our annual fashion show dinner. Spring fling, featuring fashion on a dime. Outfits from local thrift and resale stores. The guys are in the act again this year, also modeling and presenting fun fashions to you along with the girls. Dinner will once again be catered by Olive Garden. Don't have the exact menu yet, stay tuned for that. Yes, we will provide some gluten free selections as well. Tickets for this event go on sale at the Feb. pancake breakfast or by calling Linda Baker. Special thanks go out to Linda Baker. She is the best ticket salesperson ever!

I also want to thank Linda and Jane Vogel for volunteering to be our nominating committee for Feb. We will have a couple of new faces on the board next year. Some officer's terms were "up" and so they decided to go ahead and step down which created the two openings.

It is that time of year when we start thinking about our charities. Please, if you still have suggestions of any new organizations that could use our help, give Lynne Bentsen a call asap! I think we are all aware that Wake Up America is no longer, so we are looking to replace that donation with another organization as soon as we can.

I believe I have covered everything. I am working on a 24/25 calendar of events, any suggestions welcomed!

Our meetings are the first Thursday evening of the month. Times can vary, depending on the activity we have planned. Our usual start time is 6:30. Doors always open a half hour before. We are thrilled to have welcomed so many new members this year. We have averaged about 5 a month! Now I have to make a point to meet each one personally and welcome you to the club. We are a very busy, active, social and fun group! We do fundraisers to support our local community charities.

One-time lifetime membership fee of \$5.00 and you sign up at the meetings. Purchase your Womens Club shirt for only \$20 and wear it proud with the rest of us at our meetings and activities.



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VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

We had a great meeting Tuesday, January 2, 2024. 18 members were able to attend. We had a great discussion on which charities we want to support. Lunch was planned for Wednesday 1/10/24 at the Punta Gorda American Legion.

Important Dates in Military History –

National Salute to Veteran Patients – week of February 12 - The National Salute To Veteran Patients pays tribute to just under 100,000 patients a day that receive medical treatment in VA medical facilities as well as the nine million U.S. veterans who get care every year.

Coast Guard Reserve Birthday – February 19 - Officially set-up in the late 1930s as a “civilian reserve” operation, it was non-military in nature. The Coast Guard Reserve Act of 1939 was the earliest incarnation. The Reserve soon evolved into something much greater than the original authors of the law had envisioned.

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

** If you know of the passing of a Pine Lakes Veteran, please contact Tim 513-300-7877 or Linda 517-202-6219. We have a special segment during our Veteran's Day Ceremony to honor them and we don't want to miss anyone.

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

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in the Activities room of the Pine Lakes Clubhouse. All **Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways Veterans** are invited. Stop by and get to know your fellow Veterans better. Pine Lakes Veteran's Association Hats and Shirts will be available for sale. Hope to see ALL Veterans there!

“SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VETERANS”

Denny Miner

Airman Robert Leroy Hendershot

Born 1936 in Johnsonburg, NJ. Has one brother, Joe, a Navy vet. He married Jean in 1975 and they have two children, a son, Billy, and a daughter, Connie. Billy has been in the Air Force for 29 years and Connie is a very special government employee helping veterans with suicidal tendencies. Bob and Jean are very proud of them.

Graduated from High School in 1954. Wasn't sure what he wanted to do but saw that famous sign “Uncle Sam wants YOU” one day when he had gone for mail and decided to check out the opportunities offered by all the services. The Air Force looked the best, so he signed up in 1955.

Testing results led to his career field as an Air Policeman. He was sent to Parks Air Force Base (AFB) in California for 16 weeks of unarmed defense training. After graduating 25th out of 87, he received orders to report to Burtonwood, England following 10 days leave at MacGuire AFB (New Jersey). He recalled his flight over the Atlantic - first stopping in the Azores then Newfoundland. A particular memory of the flight was when the aircraft banked to approach the airport, he saw all the bombed-out buildings from WWII and thought “it looks like a warzone.” It was only 10 years after the end of the war.

His assignment at Burtonwood was as a mobile-patrol airman, guarding the B-50 aircraft on the flight line. His unit served alongside and supported the Royal Air Force (RAF). He remembers being selected for the color guard. They would use white shoe polish on their white hats, which turned out to be a bad idea – it rains a lot in England.

During his tour there, he was assigned to work with a German shepherd dog, Bucky. He enjoyed that work. It was not unusual to fly to France or Germany to pick up prisoners and process them out of country back to the states. To acquire his international driver's license, he was required to drive every vehicle on post before driving outside the base. “All that left hand stuff was tricky.”

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MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Sharon Rondeau

Our second half/winter season started on January 8th. We did not add any teams as we had a few bowlers that had to drop out for personal or health reasons. We welcome the seasonal bowlers who filled in the gaps.

We are two weeks into the season at the time of this writing. The standings are:

1st place (14 pts.): Gutter-Done Terri Wilkin, Jill Pray, Rocky Early, Tom Kamensek
 2nd place (10 pts.): Headbangers Linda Langheld, Cheryl Ratliff, Dave Wagnitz, Ann Rasler
 3rd place (10 pts.): Bowling Thunder Fran Stauffer, Michele Ingram, Tony Fettig, Tom Rasler

High Averages:

Men: 187 Dean Hurd 179 Randy Califf 153 Steve Hainey
 Women: 165 Irene Hinchley 150 Ann Rasler 143 Sharon Rondeau

High Scratch Game:

Men: 256 Dean Hurd 224 Randy Califf 190 Tom Kamensek
 Women: 181 Irene Hinchley 169 Sharon Rondeau 168 Linda Wakefield/Ann Rasler

High Scratch Series:

Men: 573 Dean Hurd 544 Randy Califf 514 Chris Eibling
 Women: 518 Irene Hinchley 466 Ann Rasler 444 Linda Wakefield

The following bowlers have bowled a 200 or higher scratch game:

Jan. 8th 227 Dean Hurd
 224 Randy Califf
 Jan. 15th 256 Dean Hurd
 205 Randy Califf

Awesome bowling Dean & Randy!!

If anyone is interested in joining our league, please call Irene Hinchley at 843-300-2730 or Sharon Rondeau at 508-846-3001. We bowl on Mondays at 2:00 at Bowlero/Coral in Cape Coral (42 Mid Cape Terr.).



*Final 1st half Bowling
 L-R Trish Bell, Dean Hurd, Jean Lang, Chris Eibling
 (Dean and Chris are in the back)*

PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD

Irene Gaetani and Elaine Mandeville

The Fall Season ended before the last issue went to press. We now have the final Fall 2023 Season winners:

FIRST	LAST	TOTAL
Al	Gaetani	21
Ron	Phillips	13
Irene	Gaetani	9
Fran	Stauffer	9

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

The Winter Season has resumed, but mother nature has been unkind, and rain has chosen Tuesday to get us out of our drought in SW Florida! So, come and have fun with your friends and neighbors as soon as this damp weather slows down!!

No registration is required for league play. It is a social league, and no partners are required. You will be assigned a new partner each week. Scores are kept per person, not team. You can come any Tuesday evening (weather permitting), but the more you play and win, the better your chance at being Champ of the Winter Season!

Two games are played each Tuesday night, and the cost is \$.25 (twenty-five cents) for the evening. No physical ability is required, and the courts are wheelchair accessible.



FAIRWAY PINES PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

Ginger Mitchell

Notes from the Kitchen

The Pickleball courts have been in heavy use since the season got underway. Membership dues of \$10 entitle you to free lessons for 6 weeks (beginners only), a magnetic name tag, sign up for league play in the mornings, and to take part in ladder tournaments. Applications are available at the courts and can be given along with payment to our treasurer Penny for processing.

The addition of two part-time courts is having a big impact on allowing more people to play more frequently. The ladder tournament on Monday and Wednesday afternoons takes less time to complete due to having 4 courts available. Jay Schofield is using the extra courts for teaching, thereby leaving our permanent courts available for league play.

Speaking of classes- Jay teaches on Tues. and Thu. mornings from 8-9:30 on tennis court #3. These classes are for members only and geared to beginners. While you can join at any time, the next series will begin on Feb.13.

Paddle Pals continues to be a fun option on Sunday afternoon. Friendly play with music begins at 3pm and continues until dusk. That's when everyone brings out their beverages and a snack to share. Sometimes there is dancing. Come join the party!

Keep checking the message board for Glow Ball and other fun events that will be added during the season! Your officers are always interested in hearing from you. Feel free to reach out to us.

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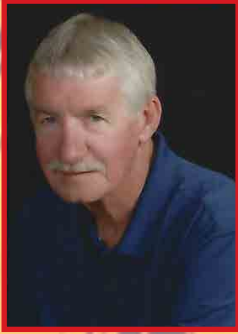
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PINE LAKES SOFTBALL

Ed Huether

The first game of the season of course had to have some glitches, but it just added to the excitement. An inning and a half was played, it was getting dark, and the field lights would not come on. After a half hour of trying to get them to work the umpire had both teams and fans move to another field where we waited for the lights to warm up. Finally, the game continued. We had a good crowd cheering on the team, and they took the glitches in stride. The game was very close, up until the 5th inning when the Eagles had a very good inning scoring 5 runs. The Panthers turned two double plays, Del Keyes to Tom Liptak to Norm Smith. Tom Holtz was the big hitter with 3 hits for 3 at bats. The game ended Eagles 11, Panthers 2.

Game 2 the Panthers put on a hitting tutorial with 25 hits. Norm Smith was 3 for 3 with 5 runs batted in. Brian Willis was 2 for 2 with 3 runs batted in. Tom Holtz and Sean Simms were 3 for 2 scoring 2 runs each. Tom Liptak, Joe Cuifalo, Allen Kerns and Larry Skinner scored 1 run each. Defense was tight and the team turned 1 double play, Sean to Joe to Norm. Panthers 16 and the Herons Glen Rookies 6.

Well, once again bad weather postponed game 3 until Wednesday 1/17. If Mother Nature cooperates, we hope to see all of you there. Due to bad weather on Tuesday 1/9 that flooded the ball fields, Wednesday's game was postponed until Monday 1/15.



PINE LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Ed Duker

It was a very windy warm afternoon with a tornado warning and the Pine Lakes Lakers had a tennis match against the Sable Springs Stingrays. January 9th was the only home match in January, so our fans came out to watch in force. Randy Markham, Irwin Peters, Cam Thomson, and Terry Obie had 3 hard fought sets on court One with Irwin and Cam taking their set to a 6 to 6 tie breaker. Second court had Terry Brush and Terry Obie winning 6 games to 1 and Steve Coy and myself winning 6 games to 2. Steve Coy is an awesome doubles partner!! Teammates Captain Rick Coats and John Davis were on the injured list for this match. As always, a cold beer or soda(pop) and potato chips and pretzels with both teams enjoying friendship under the cabana by our pool after the match. Just another beautiful tennis day in Pine Lakes.



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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Dick Loubier

58 DEGREES OUT THERE AND WITH THE BREEZE MADE IT FEEL A LITTLE COLDER. MEMBER MEMBER TOURNAMENT OVER RESULTS A LITTLE LATER IN ARTICLE. PRESIDENTS CUP UP NEXT. NICE 2 DAY TOURNAMENT. NOT MANY RESULTS BECAUSE OF RAIN PLUS MEMBER MEMBER TOURNAMENT. HERE WE GO.

ON DEC 21 WE PLAYED A DEVIL

BALL SCRAMBLE.

1. TIE JERRY BEAMER DEL KEYES	87
GEORGE WHITAKER RICK TAYMAN CHRIS TUPPER ED CLEVINGER	87
KEVIN DOBBS RON DESANTIS BUD BRUNS LARRY HURLEY CHUCK HARWOOD JOE DEMKOWICZ	87
2. MIKE HAYES MIKE LAJINESS CRAIG GRESKOVIK JEFF FURNIA	89
C.T.P # 9 ED CLEVINGER # 17 CHUCK HARWOOD ON DEC 14, NEAREST THE PINS WERE # 5 DAVE WRIGHT # 11 RAY REETZ,	

LEFT OUT OF LAST MONTHS

WHISPERING PINES, MY ERROR

ON JAN 4TH WE PLAYED INDIVIDUAL NET IN FLIGHT FLIGHT 1.

1. CRAIG GRESKOVIK	59
2. DEL KEYES	64
3. CHARLES WAKEFIELD	65
4. FRANK CHIEPPA	70
5. TIE. JERRY BEAMER MIKE LAJINESS	71
C.T.P # 12 BLUE TEES, DEL KEYS	

FLIGHT 2.

1. DICK LOUBIER	59
2. SHERMAN RIEDLINGER	60
3. STEVE HAINY	61
4. TIM MERCURIO	62
5. TIE. CHUCK HARWOOD HAPPY MEREDITH	63
TOM MINAHAN	63
JIM STEINKE	63
6. RAY REETZ	64
7. CHARLIE SCHNEIDER	65
C.T.P. WHITE TEES. # 16, FRANK HOLZSHU	

WE HAVE 2 MORE SHOOT OUTS TO REPORT ON 12/23 WE HAD OUR 3RD SHOOT OUT

A. FLIGHT	
1. MIKE LAJINESS	
2. MIKE HAYES	

B FLIGHT

1. KEVIN DOBBS	
2. JEFF FURNIA	

ON JAN 4, 2024 WE HAD OUR 4TH SHOOT OUT

A FLIGHT

1. DEL KEYES	
2. CHARLIE WAKEFIELD	

B. FLIGHT

1. FRANK HOLZSHO	
2. ROB DESANTIS	

ONE MORE SHOOT OUT TO GO
THEN ALL 10 ARE IN THE GRAND
SHOOT OUT

AND NOW FOR THE RESULTS OF OUR
MEMBER MEMBER TOURNAMENT.
WE HAD 50 PLAYERS AND 3 FLIGHTS.
THE FLIGHTS WERE BY HANDICAP.
ON JAN 9TH WE PLAYED A SHAMBLE
WITH BOTH SCORES COUNTING.
FLIGHT 1 LEADER WAS GEORGE
CHITTUM AND BUD BRUNS. WITH
A SCORE OF 119. FLIGHT 2's LEADER
WAS CHARLIE SCHNEIDER AND
DAVE WRIGHT WITH A SCORE OF
117. FLIGHT 3 LEADER WAS FRED
STEWART AND NORM SMITH WITH
A SCORE OF 130.. C.T.P FOR THIS DAY
WERE # 3 FRED STEWART # 16 MIKE
KIMBRO

NOW FOR DAY 2, FLIGHT 1 LEADERS
AND OVERALL, WINNERS WERE
GEORGE CHITTUM, AND BUD BRUNS
WITH A SCORE OF 189 CONGRATS
TO BOTH OF YOU. REST OF RESULTS
WERE AS FOLLOWS

FLIGHT 1.

1. GEORGE CHITTUM BUD BRUNS	189
2. JOHN DIERINGER MIKE GLOSS	203
3. MIKE HAYES ED CLEVINGER	203
4. DAN BEAMER PETER CALDAROZZI	206
5. BOB FILLION KEN TOMPKINS	213

6. MIKE KIMBRO JOE DEMKOWICZ	213
7. BILL STRUEVE CRAIG GRSKOVIK	217
8. DOUG CONNER BOB KONETZNY	225
9. RON COOK CHUCK YEDINAK	226

FLIGHT 2.

1. CHARLIE SCHNEIDER DAVE WRIGHT	208
2. CHRIS TUPPER RAY WALTON	219
3. DICK LOUBIER MIKE LAJINESS	219
4. DEL KEYES SCOTT DELONGE	227
5. JEFF PENDERS RICK TAYMAN	228
6. DARYL LANG CHARLES WAKEFIELD	231
7. RAY REETZ JOHN CUSACK	231
8. MIKE DEMKOWICZ BILL DEMOULIN	232
9. HAPPY MEREDITH RICHARD THIBODEAU	237
10. KEVIN DOBBS TIM MERCURIO	239
11. TOM HARE FRANK HOLZSHU	243
12. JEFF FURNIA LARRY SIMS	243

FLIGHT 3.

1. LARRY HURLEY STEVE HAINY	215
2. FRED STRWART NORM SMITH	224
3. BILL KLAMER KEN HUNT	232
4. CHUCK HARWOOD TOM MINAHAN	235
5. RANDY CALIFF DAVE KNOTT	250
C.T.P THIS DAY WAS # 5 CHARLIE SCHNEIDER # 14 DAVE WRIGHT..	

WE ALSO HAD A HOLE IN ONE
THIS DAY ON # 12, CHUCK
HARWOOD.

TEE TIME Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

Joann Cline

“Blessed is he who can laugh at himself, he will never cease to be amused.” Mark Twain

The format for our league’s Member-Member Tournament this year gave us plenty of opportunity to laugh at ourselves and, maybe, occasionally at each other. As the saying goes, “I’m not laughing at you, I’m laughing with you.”



The Pine Lakes Solheim Cup, played on Monday, January 8, and Wednesday, January 10, was somewhat patterned after the professional women golfers’ Solheim Cup, a biennial contest between the United States and Europe. With our Pine Lakes U.S. team having won last year, this year’s contest was advertised as a **GRUDGE MATCH**, and consisted of a mixture of shamble, scramble, alternate shot, and even 9 holes of playing our own game. Scores were kept as match play, with a European twosome and a U.S. twosome in each group. With two points available each day, one for the winners on the front nine, and one for the back, each twosome had the chance to win four points for their respective team. After the first day of play, Team Europe had pulled ahead, scoring 8 ½ points versus Team USA’s 3 ½ points. Maintaining their edge on the second day, Europe again outscored USA 8 ½ to 3 ½, coming out on top for the tournament with a total of 17 points versus 7 points. Congratulations to all members of Team Europe and a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Khris Clevenger and Marilyn Hayes our tournament chairpersons.

With the camaraderie of our Member-Member Tournament behind us, we now move on to February and some very serious golf. Our Club Championship, starting with Sweet 16 on the 7th and culminating with championship rounds on the 23rd & 24th, is the highlight of our fall/winter season here at Pine Lakes. Throw in the putting, chipping, and long drive contests, along with the Valentine’s Tournament, and February becomes a very busy month.

***** CONGRATULATIONS LADIES LEAGUE WINNERS *****
SOLHEIM CUP MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT

TEAM EUROPE

Sims / Clevenger 4 pts.
S.K. Hunt / Skinner 3 pts.
Listermann / Lang 2 pts.
Hinchley / Hunt 3 pts.
Kantz / Klamer 3 pts.
Adam / Cline 2 pts.

TEAM U.S.A

Bynum / Schneider 0 pts.
Hayes / Hamilton 1 pt.
Pellerin / Furnia 2 pts.
Wakefield / Tupper 1 pt.
Cook / Wright 1 pt.
Maloney / Harwood 2 pts.

First Day: Closest to the pin on #3 Laurie Pellerin
Second Day: Closest to the pin on #3 Ann Klamer

Longest Drive on #8 Lori Skinner
Longest Drive on #8 Lori Skinner

December 27th League Play 2 Best Balls on select Holes (1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18)

Team Score of 51

Marilyn Hayes
Denise Wright
Ann Klamer
Blind Draw

Team Score of 53

Lori Skinner
Linda Kantz
Sandy Tupper
Khris Clevenger

Team Score of 56

Bev Bynum
Linda Wakefield
Bev Cook
Joann Cline

January 3rd League Play Scramble Pine Lakes Ladies at Lake Fairways

Team Score 56

Paula Morrison LF
Cindy Asaro LF
Lynda Adam PL
Laura Broad LF

Team Score 57

Sandy Young LF
Ann Stobe LF
Lucy Jaromin LF
Lynne Festa LF

Team Score 59

Carole Andrews LF
Barbara Flournoy LF
Lisa Bell LF
Mary Buchman LF

Team Score 59
Lori Skinner PL
Judy Chase LF
Lu McEwen LF
Pat Hutz LF

Team Score 59
Sung Kingston LF
Annette Maloney PL
Sandra Warner LF
Gloria Craven LF

Team Score 60
Linda Wakefield PL
MaryEllen McCabe LF
Michelle Gregg LF
Louise Files LF

Important Dates in February:

3rd Men's Shoot-Out
7th & 8th Sweet 16
10th Valentine's Tournament
14th Valentine's Day
14th & 15th Elite 8
17th Men's Grand Shoot-Out
19th Final Four
20th Long Drive Contest
21st Chipping Contest
22nd Putting Contest
23rd & 24th Club Championship



NIFTY NINERS NEWS

Pat O'Connell

You may notice, there are several days of golf reports missing. I do not really have a great excuse but... I did not play for about 4 weeks, nothing serious, just not golfing. At this point, I'm back now. If you are ready for a tournament.



JANUARY 8, 2024: I'm back for Member-Member, a 2-day tournament. We were 2 member teams and played alternate shots, meaning my partner hits one and I hit the next until we sink the ball. I'm posting the results with the highest number first (I do much better with this ranking & get more exercise it's the New Year of course) and the lowest numbers last. This means you will have to read the whole article to find out all the data.

Pat O and Sharol with an outstanding 57 (Just imaging our score if we played 18 holes!);

Kathleen G and Lee (both recently returned) with 56; Carolyn and Doris with 54; Ruth and Laura with a 52; Kathy W and Joyce S; Veronica and Helen, Joyce R and Libby tied with a with 48; Janice and Brenda with 47, Donna and Pat D (organizers of this little shindig) with a 46, and the pair with the least exercise were Jacquie and Linda with a 43.

January 10: Day 2: We finished the tournament 1/10/24 so read on and find out who gets the money! Same game as Monday. Results were a little different and as follows: Again, I'll start at the bottom and climb the hill to the top. Sherol and I again ended up at the bottom because

of the ugly Monday score but on Wednesday we beat 6 other teams. So, our 57 from Monday combined with a 46 on Wednesday for a final total of 103 (we would have come in 4th if we only counted Wednesday!). Carolyn & Doris had 48 for a final of 102; Veronica & Helen ended Wednesday with a 53, final 101; Kathy G & Lee had a 45 for a final of 101; Ruth & Laura also had a 101 final by adding 49 today; Brenda & Janice had a 49 for a final of 96; Libby & Joyce added 49 for a final of 96; Donna & Pat D added a 50 to Monday for a final of 96. The last 3 teams all tied for 3rd place. Second place went to Kathy W & Joyce S with a 44 added to Monday for a 92. First place goes to Jacquie & Linda ended their tournament play with an 86, meaning they got 43's on both days of play.

There were 2 closest to the pin (holes). On Monday, Helen won on Hole 3. On Wednesday none of us even drove the green on #5. So sad, leaving money on the table. Writing of money, the first 3 places also got \$\$\$ for their efforts. Congratulations to all who played.

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His second special memory is the Honor Flight which he recently took. He just cannot say enough good things about this very special experience offered to military veterans.



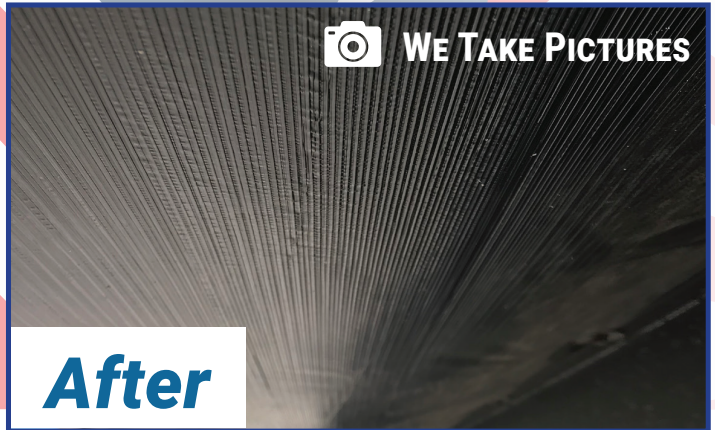
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				1	2	3
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Dave Campbell Ed Clevenger Orlo Coots Russ Devans John Heim Bill Klamer	Denise Bashore Marcia Brandle Judith Downing Lana Fletcher Donald Proulx	Nita Caesar Wayne Ladd Mary Ellen Rapp	Raylene Blankenship Renee DeStefano Gerald Schulz	David Joseph		Suzanne Hallinan Bruce McCullough Betsy Medina Jane Michalak Kathie Needham
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Jennifer Beaudoin Dan Graf Carolyn Rouillard Frankie Thomas	Al Gaetani Deanna Payne Darlene Romanosky Wendy Schmidt	Debra Grover Dale Guelcher Michael Stocknoff	John Davis Jeanette Pelillo	Lizabeth Boles Vanessa Frederick Jeanine Maldonado Suzie Wahrer	Vern Hunt	Cindy Haupt George Hersey Peter Rabczewski
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Michael Czorny Linda LaFollette Don Schorr Jack Stauffer	Donna Campbell John Maloney	Edna Hooper	Jeff Furnia William LaPorte Kenneth Morgan	Ray Reetz Glenn Taylor	Tyson Whitaker	Sandy Burke Char Lopez
25	26	27	28	29		
Dianne Murphy Alfred Solvang	Raymond Bond Wendy Huether	John Kelly Tish Stencil	Ron Caesar Ronda Camilleri Bob Hayter Dennis Zahorouski			

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If you have changes or have been missed, please contact Jane so she can update her files at 651-252-9495.

February Anniversaries

				1	2	3
				Bill & Sandy Smith '64	John & Cindi Jensen '02	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Dave & Marge Fischer '72			Mark & Linda Baker '86		James & Tracy Andrews '90
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Tim & Peggy Bowers '00 Ray & Terri Walton '87			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Jim & Karen Rastrelli '60		Martin & Claudette Webster '75	Ed & Helen Garofolo '63	
25	26	27	28	29		
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October 2024	September 16, 2024
November 2024	October 16, 2024
December 2024	November 15, 2024
January 2025	December 15, 2024



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From Yvonne Ecklund, Editor of Whispering Pines

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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
2/3/2024	Men's Club	Deb and Dynamics
2/14/2024	Women's Club	Prom Party
2/15/2024	Pool Party	Island Hoppers
2/18/2024	Men's Club	Yacht Rock
2/22/2024	Women's Club	Singo Bingo with Dance Party NEW
2/24/2024	Veteran's Association	Horse Races
2/29-3/1/2024	Women's Club	Treasure Sale
3/2/2024	Ohio Night	Paisley Craze Band
3/8/2024	Women's Club	Fashion on a Dime Show
3/16/2024	Men's Club	St Patrick's
3/17-24/2024	Theater Group	Play
3/21/2024	Pool Party	Third Thursday
4/13/2024	Men's Club	Open Date
4/20/2024	Entertainment	Open Date



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