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RUNNER UP – Kathy Wiegand

### MEN'S "E" FLIGHT

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**HOA II BOARD**

Gary Nicolini, President

Good day fellow residents. As you know, we are getting close to the end of the season for our snowbirds. For those of you leaving soon, please have a safe trip back to your summer homes.

This month I want to discuss rumors. As some of you may know, Fleetwood Mac released an album back in 1977 named Rumours. Great album with great music. If you haven't heard it, it's worth listening to. However, I am talking about the word "rumor", which according to the dictionary, and I quote, "a currently circulating story or report of uncertain or doubtful truth". PLEASE folks if you hear something just ask one of your Board members. I have heard everything from the golf course being for sale, the Pub being permanently closed to Pine Lakes is for sale. NONE of which are true, all rumors. I can assure you that we will try to find out what is true or not. Another item is that I put all our Liaison and Monthly HOAII meeting minutes posted on both the "Pine Lakes-Lake Fairways Face book page and on "ourpinelakes" web site. I'm asking you to please visit those pages to get the most current information. One of my goals as President of our HOAII is to give the most accurate information I have.

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



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 May 2024                              April 16, 2024

**HOAII and PLEHOA Minutes and Liaison Meeting notes can be found on the web [www.ourpinelakes.com](http://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.**

I have gotten questions about the tennis and bocce courts conditions. They are going to be redone during the off season. They are in the budget and will be completed at that point. The tiki huts will also be redone, we are just waiting for the final contract to be signed. And remember, we are getting 2 new tiki huts added to our pool area. There are new string lights in the large tiki hut and a large table that someone was giving away that I was able to get and put it in the tiki hut. We all know that ELS does not rush to get things completed, and most of the time Kevin's hands are tied.

Please come to the HOA meetings. Whether it's Estate or Leased land, come and be informed on what is going on in our community. Also SLOW DOWN. There have been 2 accidents in the past week that could have been more serious than they were. Until next month, be safe.



**NOTE FROM EDITOR**

Yvonne Ecklund

Now that our friends and neighbors prepare to head north to their summer homes, I'd like to wish them all safe travels and stay healthy. Enjoy your summer, be safe and we will see you all back here in the fall!!



**CERT**

Mike Gloss

Several PL CERT members attended the North Fort Myers Fire Department CERT appreciation BBQ picnic at the fire house. Several Lee County services were there to inform the CERT teams of the important services they provide, such as, the Bomb Squad, fire rescue and mosquito control. They even brought their robot dog! New CERT shirts were given out to attendees.

Pine Lakes CERT team in conjunction with ReUnite and Lee County Sheriff's Department were at the Men's Club Saturday Pancake Breakfast to give their presentation and enroll residents in this potentially lifesaving program.

Our team is starting our hurricane preparedness, season starts June 1. Time for all our residents to start preparing too.



• **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 THIRSTY THURSDAY POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

“**Quench Your Thirst**” for drinks, food, and fun at the Thirsty Thursday pool party on **Thursday, April 11. NEW TIME- 6-9 pm.**

Gates will open at 5 pm. You may want to bring a chair as seating is limited.

**BYOB with NO GLASS BOTTLES allowed!**

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

We will be entertained by the charismatic and talented Cayman who came through hard times and homelessness to follow his dream and prove that dreams do come true. He is also the front man of “*The Sound Machine*,” a dance/pop band.

Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased from Lora Liptak- 724-984-6029, Sherry Holtz- 716-866-2874 or Jo Orvik- 218-342-2086

*Come and have a great time!*



## PINE LAKES POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

The Pine Lakes Pool Party Committee is scheduling April Pool Parties for **April 7, April 14, April 21, and April 28. Time is Noon-3 pm.** There will be music for entertainment or dancing, Split-the-pot winners, and food available for purchase. The kitchen closes at 2.

*Come and have a great time!*



## PINE LAKES LIBRARY

Linda Lamonica

Are you a “reader”? Did you know Pine Lakes has an excellent lending library located on the 2nd floor of the Club House?

Books are current, and we gladly accept donations no older than ten years. Many popular authors are represented, appealing to most readers. When you visit the library, you’ll find a place for donations and returns. PLEASE, if you borrow a book from Lake Fairways, return it to that library, not ours.

For those who find the stairs difficult, there is a cabinet near the men’s restroom filled with books and jigsaw puzzles.

Come visit the library soon and see for yourself. For questions or suggestions, please contact Linda LaMonica, Pine Lakes, 19A, 253-753-3103.



## BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Phyllis Fulwider

For all our friends that are headed north this month we wish you safe travels and a fun summer.

For those of us who stay here look for some fun things coming up. More to follow on that.

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## 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 on 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'. It usually takes anywhere from one to one and half hours to play depending on how many are there. We hope to see some new faces!!



## LINE DANCING NOW ON SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS

Linda LeClaire



Sundays	4 – 5	Beginner	
Tuesdays	11 – 12	Beginner	12 – 1 Intermediate
Thursdays	11 – 12	Beginner	12 – 1 Intermediate

Many who are still working, or involved in other Tuesday and Thursday morning activities, have asked me to consider adding a line dancing class at another time. The Pine Lakes Ballroom is available on Sunday afternoons from 4 – 5. This will be a beginner's class. Hope to see you there. Please wear proper footwear. No flip-flops! Shoes need to have at least a back strap. If you have further questions, you can call me 239-849-0459

## 90'S LUNCHEON

Virginia Davis

This was so successful because we had so many volunteers plus music by Evelyn and a birthday celebration. Thank you too all.

Next luncheon Wednesday April 3 at noon at LF clubhouse served by the Men's Club and John Donahue with special guests! Spread the word!

Info: Virginia 315-456-9059 or Mabel 239-571-8452



## PL MEN'S CLUB

Rick Saniti, President

The Pine Lakes Men's Club would like to thank all the Pine Lakes residents who participated in our events this year. It's you who keeps us going.

I'd also like to thank my board members and some former board members and their wives for making the 2023-2024 season a great success!

**VP Gary Kleffner and wife Carol** – Deb and the Dynamics show, bingo & misc.

**Secretary Ron Thoreson and wife Beverly** – Home & Garden Show

**Treasurer John Stanley and wife Pat** – St Patrick's dinner/show & bingo

**Board Member Dick Loubier and wife Brenda** – Bingo Director & Comedy show

**Board Member Mike Gloss and wife Becky** – Showcase event & bingo

**Board Member John Houser and wife Joy** – Yacht Rock show & guest speakers

**Board Member Bud Bruns and wife Debbie** – Phone Directory & misc.

**Former Board Member Tom Minahan and wife Trudy** – Pancake Breakfast

**Former Board Member Ray Walton and wife Terri** – Gypsy Lane show

**Former Board Member Bill Smith and wife Sandy** – bingo

These members did a lot more than I can list in an article like this, so I hit the highlights. I believe I counted at least 57 events, bingo included, where the board members get involved in one way or the other. Pretty amazing! I also thank the members of the Men's Club who help during our member meetings with food prep, member check-in and cleanup. I'd also like to thank Ed St. Phillips for all the work he does for our Men's Club shows, bingo, and special events. I hope I didn't forget anyone.

My last thank you is to my wife Wendy, who gets involved and must put up with almost everything I do. I couldn't do it without her. ***Thank you, my dear wife!***

## PINE LAKES WOMENS CLUB

Bev Mercurio, President

Well, it's that time of the year when things start slowing down and I for one am ready for a nice break and I am sure quite a few of you are too. I can't thank you all enough for the tremendous support you have given us this year for our all our fundraisers. We even had our first ever Senior Prom which was the highlight of the season.

We are already planning some fun events for next year, including a fall Sock Hop in October. We think that will be a fun way to kick off the new season, along with poodle skirts, burgers, milk shakes and of course a good doo-wop band to dance to. Something for you to mark on your calendars for October 19th, and the tickets will only be \$10.00. Our very popular quarter auction with new vendors will be back again next season, our soup night which is very popular will be open to the entire community. You won't want to miss that for sure, we have had two soup dinners just for the club members, and now the members want to open it to the community. Probably sometime in January, so more details on that later this year.

Our last meeting of this season will be April 4th. We will have our annual pizza and salad dinner, so doors will open at 5, dinner @ 5:30. That night we will disburse our funds to the charities we want to support, some old, some new. The new donation committee did a great job researching and finding us some new charities we are very eager to support.

We will also swear in 3 new board members and say goodbye to three. I still have another year to go, so you are stuck with me for a while! I really have enjoyed working with the current board, but I look forward to working with the new ladies as well.

That about sums it up for the year. Hope you can attend our last meeting. I also want to thank all the new members who have joined us this year. I am glad to see some new hands go up when we are asking for volunteers.

Lastly, I wish all our northern members safe travels as they journey back to their summer homes. ***Again, thank you all for your support!***

**PINE LAKES / LAKE FAIRWAYS ART  
SHOWCASE SHOW**

Becky Gloss

The combined Pine Lakes / Lake Fairways Art Showcase was a big success! Thank you to all our artists and attendees.

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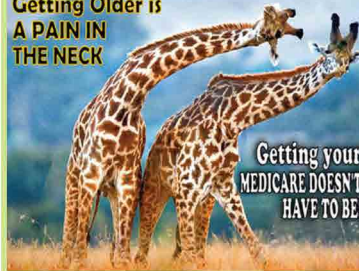
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## SOMETHING NEW IN PINE LAKES – HOLIDAYS FOR HEROES

Judy DeLonge

**A** box has been put in the club house. Purpose of this box?

An organization called Holidays 4 Heroes. It was founded in 2007 and is a nonprofit organization. Each month they send boxes to our deployed military. Here is a list of the items needed for these boxes. If you would like to help with this project, you can bring these items and put them in the box.

### Snacks:

Tuna (in the fresh pouch), Protein Bars, Cookies, Slim Jims, Jerky & Dried Fruit, Peanut Butter, Hot Sauce, Breakfast Bars, Full Size Candy Bars.

### Drinks: Single Serve is Best

Instant Coffee, Tea, Powdered Drinks, Energy Drink Drops

### Toiletries & Comfort:

3-in-1 Body Wash, Sunscreen, Lip Balm, Hand and Body Lotion, Eye Drops, Advil, Nasal Spray, Hand & Foot Warmers, Mouthwash, Dental Floss, Foot & Body Powder, Cough Drops, Protein Powder, Multi Vitamins

### Female:

Tampons, Pads, Midol, Fluffy Socks, Nail Kit, Hair Ties, Bath Loofas, Hairbrush

### Miscellaneous:

Boot Laces, Magazines, Nerf Toys, Playing Cards, Dice, Puzzle Books, Journal Books, Frisbees, Hacky Sac, Travel Games, New Wash Cloths, Personal Wipes, Quart & Gallon Bags, Itune Gift Cards.

As you can see the list is quite long. If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. It shows our military that we remember them and appreciate their sacrifices for us.

In addition to sending the boxes they help families of the deployed and provide backpacks filled with personal care items, high protein snacks and information on where to get help to the homeless and in need veterans.

I will be personally monitoring the box and see that all items get to Holidays 4 Heroes.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call me.

*Thank You in advance for your contribution.*

Judy DeLonge 239-731-3622 or [jldelonge@aol.com](mailto:jldelonge@aol.com)



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## VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

We had a great meeting Tuesday, March 5, 2024. 23 members were able to attend. We had a great presentation by Judy DeLonge on the Holiday for Heroes Program. Judy will head this effort in our community, and we Veterans can't thank her enough for volunteering! Next, we had a very informative presentation on Fisher House – Bay Pines, including how to take advantage of their services and other programs that can come in handy.

### Important Dates in Military History – April – *Month of the Military Child*

April 5 - Gold Star Spouses Day

April 9 - National Former POW Recognition Day

April 14 - Air Force Reserve Birthday

April 17 - Purple Up! Day

April 23 - Army Reserve Birthday

April 30 – National Military Brats Day

\*\* 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](mailto:LLB5775@comcast.net) or 517-202-6219) to update your information.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 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!*



## PINE LAKES SOFTBALL

Ed Huether

All games were well represented by our loyal fans as they filled the stands and fence lines!

February 21st was the 10th game of the season. It was a game with a lot of offense and defense by both teams. Tom Holtz was 3 for 4 with 5 RBIs, Brian Willis was 2 for 4, Dave Joseph was 4 for 4 and Jack Sims was 2 for 2, each driving in 2 RBIs. Tom Liptak, Steve Falck, Larry Sims, Joe Cuifalo, Ed Huether and Bud Gehring all drove in 1 run each. Norm Smith was 4 for 4. The Panthers turned in 3 double plays, Tom L. to Jack, Tom L. to Joe to Jack and Tom L. to Joe.

Game 11 was the first game played on Friday night due to rain postponements. The Herons Glen Rookies didn't have enough players so the Panthers asked for volunteers to play so the game would not be forfeited. Thanks to Bud Gehring and Larry Skinner for stepping up for the Rookies. Matt Heier and Dave Joseph were 4 for 4 with 2 RBIs each. Tom Liptak was 3 for 4 with 3 RBIs. Tom Holtz, Brian Willis and Larry Sims drove in 1 run each. Panthers 10, Rookies 8.

Game 12 was played on a beautiful southwest Florida night. Tom Liptak caught several hard-hit line drives, outfielders Del Keyes, Matt Heier and Tom Holtz made some very nice catches. Joe Cuifalo and Norm Smith turned a double play. Tom Holtz, Brian Willis, Bill Skinner, Matt Heier, Jack Sims, Joe Cuifalo and Bud Gehring all drove in 1 run each. Magnolia Landing 16, Pine Lakes 7.

Game 13 The Panthers scored 8 runs in the first three innings. The Buccaneers came back in innings three and four with 6 runs. The game was scoreless after that, then the Buccaneers loaded the bases in the seventh inning, but the Panthers defense shut them down. Steve was 2 for 3 with 2 RBIs, Tom L. and Jim were 2 for 3 with 1 RBI each. Dave was 1 for 3 driving in 2 runs, Joe was 1 for 2 and Ed was 1 for 3 both with an RBI. The Panthers turned a double play, Joe to Norm. Brian and Tom L. made some nice catches in the infield and Matt and Tom H. made some good catches in the outfield. Panthers 8, Buccaneers 6.

It was sprinkling when the team first arrived at the field, but it blew over. In the fifth inning the Panthers took the

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lead for good and added a run in the sixth and blew it open in the seventh with seven more runs. Brian was 4 for 4 with a home run and 3 RBIs. Tom Holtz was 2 for 4 and Bill was 3 for 3 both driving in 3 runs each. Tom L, and Dave were 4 for 4 driving in 2 runs each. Allen, Joe, Ed and Bud all drove in 1 run each. The Panthers infield turned four double plays, Tom L to Norm, Bill to Tom L to Norm twice and Tom L to Ed to Norm. The Panthers loaned two of their good players to Herons Glen to prevent the Rookies from forfeiting the game. They accounted for several hits and 2 runs for the Rookies. Hope you didn't miss this one; the seventh inning was worth the price of admission alone. Panthers 19, Rookies 11.

Game 15 was another ugly game against Magnolia Landing. Jack drove in 2 runs with Brian, Tom H, Dave and Bill driving in 1 run each. Magnolia Landing 19, Panthers 6.

The Panthers played the Buccaneers for the 4th time this season. The Panthers defense had it all together for game 16. They turned 1 double play Del to Tom L. to Norm. The defense only allowed the Bucs to score 1 run in the second, 1 run in the third and 2 runs in the seventh

inning. The Panther offense started out strong with 5 runs in the first, 1 run in the second and 5 runs in the third innings. After that the Buccaneer defense kicked in and stopped the Panthers from any further scoring. Tom H was 3 for 3 with 3 RBIs, Brian and Del were 3 for 2 with 2 RBIs each. Jim was 1 for 1 with 2 RBIs, Allen was 1 for 1 with 1 RBI and Matt drove in 1 run. Panthers 11, Buccaneers 4.

Game 17 and it was a game played against the Panther killers "Magnolia Landing". However, it turned out to be a very good game. The Panthers stunned Magnolia as they came out strong and the defense only allowed Magnolia 1 run. It looked like a promising night for the Panthers as they were leading 8 to 7 by the bottom of the sixth inning. Unfortunately, Magnolia came back and put the game away in the bottom of the sixth. The Panthers failed to answer the challenge in the seventh. Magnolia 12, Panthers 8. Tom H, and Dave drove in 2 runs each. Brian, Del, Jim and Matt each drove in 1 run. The Panthers turned an unusual double play when Matt caught a fly ball in left field and relayed it to Norm to catch the runner before he could tag-up.



Player	AB-Sac	SO	W	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	T.Hits	B.Avg	OB%
Tom Liptak	55		1	30	6	1	1	12	38	.691	.709
Norm Smith	54		4	29	3		1	8	33	.611	.685
Tom Holtz	56	1	1	27	3	3		26	33	.589	.607
Del Keyes	24			9	1	1	1	8	12	.500	.500
Dave Joseph	50		4	32	2			16	34	.680	.760
Joe Cuifalo	39 - 1		4	12	3	1		9	16	.410	.500
Sean Sims	10	1		3	1			4	4	.400	.400
Brian Willis	44 - 1			15	11	2	1	22	29	.659	.644
Ed Huether	35	4	1	10		1		3	11	.314	.343
Matt Heier	27		1	10	2			7	12	.444	.481
Allen Kerns	37	4	3	11	3		1	9	15	.405	.486
Jack Sims	39	3	2	14				7	14	.359	.410
Larry Skinner	36	1	2	16				8	16	.444	.500
Steve Falck	31		2	20				5	20	.645	.710
Jim Holobrough	32		2	18				8	18	.563	.625
Larry Sims	22	4		10				3	10	.455	.455
Bud Gehring	26	6		6	1			3	7	.269	.269
Bill Skinner	28 - 1	3	1	13	2			7	15	.536	.552

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## PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD

Irene Gaetani and Elaine Mandeville

The Winter Season's final scores were not available in time for printing in this issue. However, I have listed the top players for the season. Congratulations to all those who participated in the Tuesday evening games. There was a total of 34 participants at one game or another. A great time was had by all.

The courts and equipment are available for play by any resident or their guests year-round. Hopefully all our "snowbird" friends will have a safe trip back to their summer residences. We wish everyone an enjoyable summer, and we will see you all again in the fall for another enjoyable season.



	TOTAL
Al Gaetani	14
Jackie Miranda	9
Paul Scannell	9
Pegi Jenkin	8
Irene Gaetani	7
Ruth Rickard	7
Bill Schmidt	7
Jeanine Maldonado	6
John Miranda	6
Floyd Poor	6

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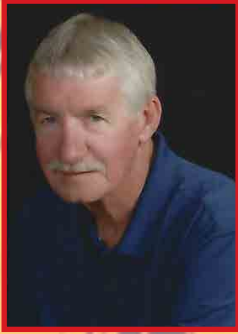
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## FAIRWAY PINES PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

Ginger Mitchell

It never ceases to amaze me how much fun, learning, play and competition our club squeezes into each season. We have had three ladder competitions, three groups of beginners completing 6 weeks of classes, two glow ball tournaments and one heck of a party to celebrate our season. Our celebration began with a delicious spaghetti dinner catered by Eddie Flynn, wife Connie and helper Karen. Out of 127 members 93 came to the party. After dinner we had a business meeting updating our members on accomplishments and ongoing projects. Gail Guile agreed to serve as President for another two years and I will serve as Secretary. Next year we will elect a Vice President and Treasurer for 2-year terms. It ended with a dance with DJ Linda Smith. No one was ready to go home when the cleaning crew arrived. During the remainder of our season there will be a tournament for Beginners and more Glow ball. We will continue playing every morning and whenever groups reserve the courts. Please be safe, have fun and stay in touch over the summer.



*From left to right Glow Ball Tournament Winners  
3.0 and below- Terry F & Janet D 2nd place,  
Frank H and Ric M 1st place, Penny J and Clive 3rd place*

## TENNIS ANYONE-REALLY ANYONE?

Ron Garcia

That's right, tennis is a game that can be enjoyed from cradle to grave. Anyone who lives or visits here at Pine Lakes can just literally bring their tennis racket with them to partake with fun groups, such as our "Whatever" group who mainly play at the entry or beginner skill level in a round robin or drop-in format. That gathering plays on any one of our vacant courts from 8:00 – 9:30 A.M., Monday through Friday. I realize that this information may have been presented in former or current articles, however in the interest of tennis playing recruitment and assuring our newcomers are aware of such recreational amenities, repetition is hopefully well received.

Some people simply enjoy playing at the strictly social, informal arrangement, but should your competitive juices start to increasingly flow, then team tennis might be your thing. Our Pine Lakes tennis teams are comprised of beginner to intermediate skill levels. Currently, we have 3 separate teams designed to fulfill such experiences. For the men, we have 2 Divisions: Blue (basic intermediate to intermediate) and White (intermediate and above). For the women, we have the Senior Women in Fun Tennis (SWIFT) league which comprise of basic intermediate and above levels.

Now we come to the crux of the matter: I'm proud to say that although I truly enjoyed my "Whatever" experience, I started to hear the calling of "come on Ron, you gotta try your hand or better yet your racket on the Blue team." Well, it didn't take long before I realized how much I missed being part of a team that consisted of a great bunch of guys not to mention the camaraderie that was felt.

Throughout the years at Pine Lakes, I've been involved with our Blue and White Division teams and have actually captained both. My experiences and memories playing on these teams are of pure joy and fond friendships.

Currently, I'm back at the Blue level with a team that is not only like family or a band of brothers, but who give it their all at every match regardless of the level of competition we face each Thursday afternoon. We may not be at the top of ladder in an eight-team division, but we scrap and play each point to the bitter or sweet end. Of course, we all share a special team bond, and the camaraderie is amazing. Our games and matches are all in competitive fun especially when both teams have post-game gatherings with beverages (mainly beer) and snacks and the sharing of wild stories that flow about certain subjects or our glory youth days that are always accompanied with laughter.

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Our team's name is called the PL Bulls but since most of our players are a wild bunch of 80+ years old, I once thought about calling us the PL Octogenarians.

At our most recent match playing at the Admiralty Admirals home courts, we had one heck of a set. At the first-round set, Kent Freeman and I partnered up against two of the Admiralty's best. That day since my "Whatever," Blue and White Division playing days, I can honestly say that it all came together where I played my best tennis ever. It just so happened that you find yourself in the "zone" and you just relish it while it lasts. Not only that, but Kent was really on his A game as well and played lights out., game scores went back and forth with some awesome rallies, volleys and excellent strategies on the part of both teams. We finally ended up in a tie-break. But like how we proceeded during the set, scores were going neck and neck until Kent, and I finally closed it out with a 13 – 11 tiebreak set win.

Although the match was played at the Admiralty, the home court crowd cheered loudly for both teams. Afterwards there were plenty of handshakes (and some hugs) for both teams to the point where I thought we were going to be given tennis balls to sign. Wow, what a rush!

In closing I would like it to be known that I feel extremely honored to captain our current Blue team.

Just so you know who I'm referring to, let me introduce them in alphabetical order:

- Steve Boire, Guelph, Ontario
- Bob DeMarco, Manhattan, New York
- Frank Farina, Buffalo, New York
- Kent Freeman, Mishawaka, Indiana
- Bernie Loll, Pittsburgh, PA (recent addition)
- Steve Moore, Barre, Vermont
- Bill Roberts, Rochester, New York
- Don Smidt, Pewaukee, Wisconsin
- Frank Tivnan, Worcester, Massachusetts
- Norm Wheeler, Warton, Ontario
- and yours truly, Long Branch, New Jersey

My bottom-line wish is that you give tennis a try. You might be amazed at how much fun, not to mention the socializing and friendship aspects that could be developed. But always remember: Relax, because after all, tennis is still just a game



*See pictures on back page...*



## MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Sharon Rondeau

We are sailing through our second half/winter season! We have completed ten weeks of bowling with two weeks to go.

**1st place tie** (54 pts.): Headbangers Linda Langheld, Cheryl Ratliff, Dave Wagnitz, Ann Rasler  
(54 pts.): Bowling Thunder Fran Stauffer, Michele Ingram, Tony Fettig, Tom Rasler

**2nd place tie** (44 pts.): Lane Disease Linda Wakefield, Don Proulx, Randy Califf  
(44 pts.): Scared Splitless Irene Gaetani, Carol Kranyik, John Galloway

**3rd place** (42 pts.): Alley Kids Jack Stauffer, Char Wagnitz, Sharon Rondeau, Irene Hinchley

### High Averages:

Men:	177 Dean Hurd	170 Randy Califf	156 Steve Hainey
Women:	162 Irene Hinchley	154 Ann Rasler	133 Sharon Rondeau

### High Scratch Game:

Men:	256 Dean Hurd	225 Chris Eibling	224 Randy Califf
Women:	213 Irene Hinchley	185 Ann Rasler	184 Fran Stauffer

### High Scratch Series:

Men:	583 Dean Hurd	544 Randy Califf	538 Steve Hainey
Women:	539 Irene Hinchley	507 Ann Rasler	469 Fran Stauffer

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

Feb. 26th	225 Chris Eibling
March 4th	221 Dean Hurd
	216 Randy Califf
	203 Tony Birchfield
March 11th	215 Dean Hurd
	213 Irene HinchleyA

*Fantastic bowling everyone!!*



## SUMMER FUN BOWLING

Sharon Rondeau

The Pine Lakes Mixed Bowling League will have a summer fun league. If you haven't bowled for years, this would be a good time to refresh your skills. If you have never bowled, this would be a good time to try.

There will be an informational meeting on Monday, May 6th at 1:00 pm at Bowlero/Coral followed by an optional 9-pin no-tap using handicaps. Prize money will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place for men and women.

We will bowl for 14 weeks at \$16.00 per week (it is a guaranteed league so you must pay the \$16.00 even if absent). We will start on Monday, May 13th and end

on August 12th. Prize money will be awarded on August 19th. We will start practice at 1:40 pm and will bowl at 2:00. You can form your own team or you can be assigned to one.

We bowl at Bowlero/Coral, 42 Mid Cape Terr. (off Santa Barbara Blvd.) Cape Coral (239-772-1661).

Please contact Irene Hinchley at 843-300-2730 or Sharon Rondeau at 508-846-3001 to sign up.

*Come join in on the fun and meet new people.*

# MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Dick Loubier

EVERYTHING DONE, ALL THATS LEFT IS MENS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT, AND MIXED SHOOT OUT. RESULTS IN NEXT MONTHS WHISPERING PINES.WILL BE STARTING SUMMER SHOOT OUTS NEXT MONTH ALSO. IF ANY BODY IS READING THIS, WE WILL NEED ANOTHER PERSON TO WRITE THE RESULTS IN THE WHISPERING PINES, BECAUSE I WILL BE LEAVING FLA IN EITHER JUNE OR JULY, SO IF YOU STILL WANT ARTICLES IN WHISPERING PINES SOMEBODY HAS TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND TAKE OVER, OR THERE WILL BE NO ARTICLES IN WHISPERING PINES ABOUT MENS GOLF LEAGUE. ALSO, MENS GOLF LEAGUE NEEDS 2 VOLUNTERS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AS JOE DEMKOWICZ AND DICK LOUBIER ARE STEPPING DOWN. ENOUGH BAD NEWS NOW OUR RESULTS.

## ON FEB 22 WE PLAYED

### A STABLEFORD

#### FLIGHT 1.

1. SHERMAN RIEDLINGER	52
2. BILL SKINNER	49
3. CHRIS TUPPER	45
4. BILL DEMOULIN	40
5. TIE. MIKE KIMBRO	39
MIKE LAJINESS	39
KEVIN DOBBS	39

#### FLIGHT 2.

1. JEFF JURNIA	50
2. DARYL LANG	49
3. JEFF PENDERS	46
4. TIE CHUCK HARWOOD	43
TOM MINAHAN	43
5. LARRY SIMS	42

## ON FEB 29, WE PLAYED

### INDIVIDUAL NET

1. TIE. DEL KEYES	58
CHARLIE SCHNEIDER	58
2. KEN TOMPKINS	60
3. MIKE LAJINESS	61
4. TIE. JEFF FURNIA	62
SHERMAN RIEDLINGER	62
5. TIE. DARYL LANG	63
TERRY SIMON	63
ED ST PHILLIPS	63
6. TIE. R DESANTIS	64
FRANK HOLZSHU	64
RICHARD MAHONEY	64
NICK PASSARELLA	64
07. TIE. JOHN DIERINGER	65
CHUCK HARWOOD	65
BILL KLAMER	65
C.T.P. # 11, DEL KEYES,	
# 9. DEL KEYES	

## ON MARCH 7 WE PLAYED

### A SCRAMBLE

1. MIKE HAYES	
RICHARD MAHONEY	78
BOB KONETZNY	
CHARLIE WAKEFIELD	
2. TIE. DEL KEYES	
MIKE LAJINESS	80
TOM MINAHAN	
DOUG CONNER	
TIE. ED CLEVINGER	
SHERMAN RIEDLINGER	80
R. DESANTIS	
HAPPY MERREDITH	
3. JOHN DIERINGER	
MIKE GLOSS	84
CHUCK HARWOOD	
RAY REETZ	
C.T.P. # 1, CRAIG GRESKOVIAK	
# 14 STEVE HAINEY	

## ON MARCH 14 WE PLAYED

### 2 BB OF 4

1. BILL DEMOULIN	
CHARLIE SCHNEIDER	86
RICK TAYMAN	
BILL KLAMER	
2. TIE. BILL SKINNER	
STEVE HAINEY	87
RAY WALTON	
ALAN THIBODEAU	
TIE. MONTE GILLILAND	
SHERMAN RIEDLINGER	87
RICHARD THIBODEAU	
HAPPY MEREDITH	

3. TIE. MIKE GLOSS	
MIKE LAJINESS	90
JIM STEINKE	
RAY REETZ	
TIE. FRANK CHIEPPA	
JOE DEMKOWICZ	90
TOM MINAHAN	
KEN HUNT	
C.T.P. # 7 CHUCK YEDINAK	
# 11 MONTE GILLILAND	

### Hole in 1ers

2/09/24

### Bud Bruns

Hole #5

### Hole in 1ers

2/15/24

### Larry Hurley

Hole #1

### Hole in 1ers

2/20/24

### Ron Hovet

Hole #9

### Hole in 1ers

2/20/24

### Craig Greskoviak

Hole #1

**TEE TIME** Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

Joann Cline

“We are the champions, my friends, And (we kept on fighting ‘til the end)  
We are the champions We are the champions  
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**M**aybe not of the world, but with the celebrating going on after the completion of the Interclub Championship matches on March 8 and 9, it sure felt like it. After eons of being on display in the Lake Fairways’ clubhouse lobby, the championship trophy has been returned to its proper home, our own Pine Lakes’ clubhouse. Congratulations to all participants, workers, and spectators on a final two-day score of Pine Lakes 24 ½ points compared to Lake Fairways 21 ½ points. A resounding win!

Before we moved on to the Interclub, the final matches making up our own Club Championship had to be played on February 23rd and 24th. The matches played between the “best of the best”, provided spectators with great entertainment, watching some great shots, some not so great shots, and everything in between. With the tournament set up so spectators gathered around number nine green could witness the final hole, the most exciting show was put on by our ladies’ Championship Flight competitors, Darlene Topp and Irene Hinchley. Tournament rules state that if a match is tied after the final hole, golfers must return to the tee and play the hole again. That is exactly what these ladies did, tied once, tied the second time, but with the third attempt turning out to be the charm Darlene needed, she took the hole and was declared the champion. Congratulations to you both and thanks for a great show!

Our league members and our entire PLGA membership owe an **ENORMOUS THANK YOU** to Ray Walton and Phil Eberhardt for all their hard work. Special thanks to Mike Hayes for running the long drive, chipping, and putting contests, and thanks to all who worked in any capacity to make this year’s event a huge success.

**Winners of all the Club Championship matches are listed elsewhere in this issue. Congratulations to them all!**

With the Club Championship, the Interclub, and most of our ‘23/’24 season events in the history book, our ladies met for our annual Spring Business Meeting on March 13th. The most important item on the agenda was the restructuring of our shoot-outs for the ‘24/’25 season. In the past we have had five regular shoot-outs per season, one each month starting in September and ending in January. Our membership numbers have dwindled, and with several of our ladies not available to play until January, the first four of the shoot-outs had only two, three or four participants. January was the only regular shoot-out that had a full roster of ten golfers. After much discussion, it was agreed we would have two competitions in January of 2025, making a total of 6 shoot-outs, and allowing more of our golfers to participate. Thanks to all our members for their input, hopefully helping to get our shoot-outs back to the great events we had become accustomed to in past years.

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

Club Championship Contest Winners:

Long Drive – Darlene Topp                      Chipping – Lynda Adam                      Putting – Leah Tompkins

\*\*\*\*\*

<b>February 28th</b>	<b>League Play</b>	<b>Low Net</b>		
Bev Cook	Net 57		Khris Clevenger	Net 65
Irene Hinchley	61		Annette Maloney	65
Lynda Adam	63		Denise Wright	65
Eileen Sims	64			

Closest to the pin on #7 – Linda Kantz

*more results next page...*

**March 6th League Play 2 Best Balls**

Team Score of 114

Linda Kantz  
Lori Skinner  
Joann Cline

Team Score of 114

Irene Hinchley  
Bev Cook  
Lynda Adam

Team Score of 120

Sue-Kay Hunt  
Sandy Tupper  
Khris Clevenger

**March 13th League Play Scramble**

Team Score of 53

Lori Skinner  
Linda Wakefield  
Connie Riedlinger  
Joann Cline

Team Score of 57

Linda Kantz  
Bev Cook  
Lynda Adam  
Sue Hunt

Team Score of 57

Bev Bynum  
Annette Maloney  
Donna Schneider

**Important Dates in April:**

- |           |                                |             |                               |
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| 10th      | Nat'l Golfer's Day             | 30th        | Nat'l Adopt a Shelter Pet Day |
| 8th & 9th | Revenge Scramble               |             |                               |



**NIFTY NINERS NEWS**

Pat O'Connell

**F**ebruary 14, 2024: We played a Scramble. There were 9 of us playing on 3 teams. Our scores were close. Two teams tied for 1st place with a 34. These were Helen, Laura & Me & Joyce S, Donna & Joyce R. The 3rd place team, with a 35, were Jacquie, Ruth & Jane. As simple as this reads, it was its usual fun time.

**February 23:** Club Championship begins early in the year when players choose to enter the tournament and most games are played against others who choose to enter the tournament. Nifty Niners had 2 teams of finalists. If you choose not to play in the tournament, you can usually play on the same Wednesday as the tournament teams but with other games.

Start of the Club Championship, a 2-day tournament of match play (each hole is a separate game) and the first day's score is carried through to the second day for final outcome. Winners are declared when one of the players has won a minimum of one hole more than the opponent after nine holes. If you are tied at the end of the day's holes, you must continue to play until a winner is identified. (I view that as playing golf until you drop, like shopping until you drop, not my definition of fun.)

Today's winner was Joyce S and runner up Kathy W. They are lined up to be the Pine Lakes Nifty Niners' representatives in the Interclub play with Lake Fairways

next month. Their opponents Linda & Donna also gave them a great challenge. Donna & Linda participated in helping for the 2-day competition, both acting as score keepers in the finals.



The Interclub Championship Started on **March 8** at Lake Fairways then moved to Pine Lakes for play on **March 9**. After 9 holes at Lake Fairways, Pine Lakes golfers were up 2 holes. Day 2 **March 9** started at Pine Lakes with zeroes for all to restart the day's competition. This was an equally close game but at the end, Lake Fairways golfers were up by one hole, basically we split the title, but overall, at the end of Saturday, Pine Lakes players won the overall Tournament. Congratulations to all and thanks to all the Pine Lakes residents who came out to watch and cheer on our teams.

**March 13:** Working our way to St Partick's Day! Today was a play your own game day. Results were clear: First place Doris with 28; 2nd place Jane with 29; 3rd place Lee with 31. The rest of us were not as great with 32 to 43 strokes, which just means that many of us got more exercise than others! It was a beautiful day to play golf. *(If you're really interested in how the others scored, the scores are posted on the board outside the Pro Shop for all to see.)*

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Ruth Rickard	Ann Bernau Marc Coufal Mark Justice Gerard Lorentz Klaus Sohns Leah Tompkins Peg Wagner	J.D. Burt Mary Naccarato Louann Penders Rosanne Tobias	David Anderson Debbie Forney Edward St. Phillips	Sherri Cullen Ric Gregson	Barbara Cleveland Ann Conrow Roger Filippini Dawn Hainey Pat O'Connell Jeff Penders	Janice Birchfield James Demase Marilyn Dunnett Debra Lorentz
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Bev Cook Celia Neumann Deanna Stokes Ken Yeager		Ruthann Martin		Marty Lamkemeyer Lucille Leone Deborah Liscum	Ron Banks Bob Kingsley Barbara Rabczewski Tina Winders
28	29	30				
Ken Hunt	Ruth Hovet Colleen Landry Bill Penders Mary Ann Varner Cathy Weichert	Charlotte Bailey Bill Bernau				

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Jerry & Libby Richards	Tom & Ann Rasler '69	Peter & Bonnie Caldarozzi '95
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Walt & Lynne Bentsen '05 Peter & Nettie Latuhihin Larry & Kathy Skinner				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Marlowe & Joan Smaby '65			Chuck & Jacquie Yedinak '93		Tom & Linda Sager '68	Paul & Helen Machado '68
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Ralph & Susan Sedlak '91				Tom & Trudy Minihan '98 Don & Shirley Robinson '92		
28	29	30				
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