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#### PINE LAKES ESTATES HOA

Cindy Ahrens, Secretary

We have some great news for the PLE HOA – at the March 10, 2025, Board meeting the Board received information of an applicant interested in filling the vacant position. Based on paragraph 3.11 of our new 2024 Bylaws, the Board voted to appoint Brad Colvin to fill the vacant position, and he will lead the ARC Chair position. Brad has worked in building trades including permits and inspections, masonry, and construction, plus he has been a member of the PLE HOA ARC committee. Welcome him to the Board!

If any member of PLE HOA has any questions or suggestions for changes, please attend a Board meeting. The final paragraph at the end of the meeting is the "Issues/Questions from Members" section. Board members will share issues at the Liaison meetings and will follow up with any other requests.

Reminder to Estates that all the 2024 governing documents are available on the "ourpinelakes" web page. The draft of the February 10, 2025, Annual Member Meeting is posted on the web page too.

We had a request from a member to remind everyone that members/residents are responsible for the maintenance of your yard light pole. There are several light poles that are not working at this time that can become a hazard in the dark.

Also, an update on the e-mail project to be able to send PLE HOA announcements to all members that supply approval in writing (get the form at any board meeting or request copy from Cindy Ahrens, 24-I, Frenchmans Ct.). The committee is now working on this project to help keep all PLE HOA members informed and invested in our community.

The revised listing of your PLE HOA Board members is: Bob Godek, President • Pat Stanley, Vice President Wendy Saniti, Treasurer • Cindy Ahrens, Secretary Brad Colvin, ARC Chair

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#### THEATRE GROUP

Barbara Demaree, Director

"What is this? What are you talking about?" "Well (a very deep subject)? Just think! It really is true" "No?" "Yes, the theater is thinking about what is going to happen in December already?".

Several ideas are in the making, as the joint Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways residents are starting to review lighting, costumes, scripts, songs, and actors. That is not all...there are many other facets involved in planning a play for our communities to present a great Christmas entertainment.

We want all residents to know that we need more help. There are some parts to fill as well as all the secondary functions to fulfill. If you don't want to act, it's okay. We need ushers, dressers, stagehands, builders, singers, communications volunteers just to mention a few. Please come and put your heart into having a delightful time with your neighbors. There is a sign-up sheet on the theater bulletin board between the exercise room and the swimming pool hallway. Or you can contact Barbara Demaree by text at 765-744-0565 or e-mail: barbara246demare@yahoo.com. Marjorie Newton by text at 239-240-7225 or email newton.mar-outlook.com



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#### THEATRE-POTLUCK

Barbara Demaree, Director

ome and join the Pine Lakes Theater folks to enjoy a delightful evening. Everyone is to bring a favorite dish to share. This will take place on April 4th at 6:00 P.M. in the ballroom at the Pine Lakes Clubhouse. You can bring a guest. We want to "greet and meet" you!

There will be entertainment throughout the evening as well as informative information about our exciting 2025-26 season of the theater. You must come and be surprised by the talents of the members of Pine Lakes Theater. You are even welcome to participate if you have a special talent and let *our president, Marjorie Newton,* know about your special talent. It can be musical, drama, poetry, dance, comedy, a reading or even something that you have written. Marjorie's phone is 239- 240-7225. You can let a member know you are coming or you can call Barbara Demaree at 765-744-0565, call Marjorie or sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway between the pool and exercise room in the clubhouse.

Really, you can **JUST COME** and bring a dish! Drinks will be available, or you can bring your own. Paper plates will be supplied. **SEE YOU THERE.....** 



#### **GARDEN CLUB**

Virginia Davis

The Garden club would like to thank the Beautification committee for their generous donation to the Garden Club. We were able to beautify 17 pots along the pool and tennis courts. We are thankful for following people who gave their time and talent to make our community more beautiful!

**Thanks to:** Sharlene Beamer, Kelly Berg, Lynne Bentsen, Joan Block, Nelson Courtemanhe, Virginia Davis and support Linda Langheld

See back cover for pictures...



#### **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

**Becky Gloss** 

Hi Everyone,

If you've been to the clubhouse lobby recently, you know Beautification has been busy! The new and updated look has been well received, and we have gotten really great feedback on these improvements. Because this wonderful community is so supportive of our events, we have the resources and ability to provide this upgrade to the lobby furniture. THANK YOU to all who support us!!! We want to also thank Julie Flake, ELS management, for approving and helping us move forward with this project.

We continue to accept your unwanted Christmas and holiday decorations.... Give us a call for pickup. Stay tuned for more Beautification activities!

#### PL Beautification:

Debbie Bruns, Yvonne Ecklund, Donna Folsom, Phyllis Fulwider, Becky Gloss, Dottie Godek, Sherry Holtz, Joy Houser, Chris Hovet, Linda Kerns, Lora Liptak, Susan Miner, Jo Orvik, Patty Schofield.



#### **CERT**

Mike Gloss

The Pine Lakes CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) was well represented at the annual CERT picnic at the North Fort Myers Fire Department. Several Lee County agencies were present to demonstrate their particular functions such as the bomb squad, marine rescue and mosquito control. A delicious lunch was served from Mission Barbecue and the Sheriff's Ice cream truck served up some ice cream for all. Your PL CERT continues to monitor the Saturday morning bike ride around the community. No special skills or requirements needed to join our team. Contact Mike Gloss 330-524-1292 or Ron Hendershot 330-705-0855 for further information.



#### LINE DANCING CLASSES

Linda LeClaire

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 – 1 in the Pine Lakes clubhouse. Beginner class is from 11 – 12, and intermediate class is from 12 – 1.



Join your Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways friends for an hour or two or exercise, fun and socialization by joining our line dancing group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The beginner class is from 11 – 12, and the intermediate class is from 12 – 1. Great physical and mental exercise. Classes are in the Pine Lakes clubhouse. *Please wear proper footwear – no flip flops or open back shoes.* 

For further information, call Linda at 239-849-0459







#### 90'S LUNCHEON

Judy Delonge

f you are 90 or older!



Come for lunch on April 2nd at noon in the Lake Fairways club house.

Cost to you is \$5.00 This will include lunch, a beverage and dessert.

We will also be having some fun entertainment.

I think we all agreed that March Lunch was a lot of fun. So come to the *April lunch* and see what we have planned for you!

Call Judy DeLonge at 239-731-3622 if you have any questions or need any help getting there.

#### **HAND & FOOT**

Sharon Rondeau

ome 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. If you have any questions please call Bill Roberts at 239-898-6308.



#### **CORNHOLE / BEAN BAG TOSS**

Sharon Rondeau

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



#### **SUNDAY POOL PARTIES**

Jo Orvik

Let's continue the good times with pool parties on April 6, 13, 20, and the 27th from Noon to 3. We'll have great DJ's spinning some dance and listening tunes.

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

We will also be selling Split-the-pot tickets.

All the parties depend on the weather so watch for updates. Come and have fun in the sun!



#### PL THIRSTY THURSDAY POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

"Quench Your Thirst" for drinks, and fun at the Thirsty Thursday pool party on **Thursday, April 17. 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 Halo- Wickedly Good Music. Bill & Lee Ann played together in the Richard Cranium Band and are back together to share all of their favorite Classic Rock! Their love of great music and harmonies comes through in every song. Come hang out with us for a good time and great music!

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from Linda Kerns at 412-780-7150.

Party will move inside in case of bad weather.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

Jesse Howard

The Entertainment Committee's next dance is Western Night with the Barstool Rodeo Band, performing Friday, April 25th. Doors open at 5:30 pm, with dancing starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 and went on sale March 15th, at the Coffee Social. They will also be on sale at the Men's Club Pancake Breakfast, April 5th. You may also contact Linda LeClaire at 239.849.0459 (after 9am please)

#### We have three dances planned for this summer.

- Our June 21st dance with the G-Men/Band
- An August 9th dance with Candie Herte and a September 27th dance with Chicago Heat.

Our last dance for the year 2025 will be **December 6th** with the Beat Street Band.

Looking forward to some fun nights ahead.



#### **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.



#### **VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION**

Linda Baker

First, we want to thank everyone that came out for our "Military Appreciation Dance" on March 9! We had a great time with the Chicago Heat Band! *Thank you all so much!!!* 

Our meeting on 3/4/25 was very informative. We had a fantastic presentation by Lee County Human & Veteran Services. If you missed the meeting, I have extra copies of the presentation.

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

Our next meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 1:00pm** (*PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME*) 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** 

# R ay Reetz US Army

Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1942 and raised in Rose City, Michigan. Ray has three brothers, one deceased, and one deceased sister. Graduated from Rose City HS in 1960 and four days later joined the Army by volunteering for the draft. Yeah, I never heard of that either. Smart kid. Learned that if he joined, his enlistment would be for four years. Volunteer for the draft – only two years. Basic training in Fort Knox, Kentucky and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training in Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He was trained as an infantry reconnaissance specialist.

His first assignment was to a unit in Nuremberg, Germany. When he arrived, nobody knew he was coming or what to do with him. He loitered around the area for about a week until he received orders to a unit in Bamberg, Germany. There he was assigned to watch the Berlin Wall being built. Boring, except for learning to drive a tank. After 8 to 10 months, he was reassigned as a cook. Great duty. Twenty-four hours on and three days off.

He bought an old, probably stolen Mercedes for \$50 from a departing US soldier. While exploring the area in it, he stumbled upon a Gasthaus owned by a person named Reetz. Seriously? They were relatives! He was treated like an adopted son every time he and his buddy went there – frequently.



Returned to the States and discharged in June, '62. Found work with General Tire in Lansing. The manager was transferred to Ann Arbor and took Ray with him. After 10 years, he bought his own tire and auto repair shop and retired from there after 40 years.

Ray married Joyce in '63. They have 4 sons (3 living), and 1 daughter, 8 grandchildren (7 living), and 4 great grandchildren. He and Joyce have been living in Pine Lakes for 21 years, the last 6 as permanent residents.

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#### **MEN'S CLUB NEWS**

Rick Saniti

ood day everyone. The Men's Club season is winding down for the 2024-2025 season. As this is published, we're down to an April 5th pancake breakfast and the very popular Wednesday evening bingo sessions. We had a pretty good season.

Our pancake breakfast, run by former Men's Club president, Tom Minahan, started us off in October and continued the 1st Saturday of each month.

The Halloween dance, hosted by Mike and Becky Gloss, was next. Great costumes and a lot of fun! November brought us the fabulous "Deb and the Dynamics" hosted by John and Pat Stanley. What a great group and what a show! In December we had the always fun Christmas golf cart parade hosted by Ron and Bev Thoreson. A lot of beautifully decorated carts and a great event.

We then moved into the new year with a George Casey comedy show hosted by John Houser. George has got to be one of the funniest guys I've ever heard. We also had the world famous "Home Show" brought to us by the never tiring Ron and Bev Thoreson. Another great job which requires a lot of work and effort.

February brought us 2 great shows. The Neil Diamond show, hosted by Gary and Carol Kleffner, gave us a wonderful show and a look into Neil's life through his songs and the 2nd show featuring the always entertaining and energetic Johnny Rogers, hosted by John and Pat Stanley. That finished February.

March brought us to our St Patrick's dinner and dance, hosted by Rick and Wendy Saniti. At this writing, it hasn't happened yet, so I'm hoping all went well. We're working on shows for next season and hope to have contracts signed soon. We'll try to get a mix of shows and dances for next season featuring rock and roll, country western and maybe some comedy. Get ready!

As we started the season off this year, we discovered that the sound system had big issues. Lots of failed equipment. The Men's Club is committed to keeping this system going. We replaced all the failed components. So, we had a pretty good year overall.

I'd like to thank my board consisting of Gary and Carol Kleffner, John and Pat Stanley, Ron and Bev Thoreson, Bud and Debbie Bruns, Mike and Becky Gloss, Vito Marrone, John Houser, Happy Meredith and my wife, Wendy, a Men's Club widow, who puts up with my absence from October thru March. And finally, a BIG thank you to everyone who participates in our events. *Thank you all very much!* 

#### **WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS**

Bridget Heier

Pine Lakes Women's Club mission is to raise money via our events to donate to local charities. Pine Lakes owners and renters are welcome to join the women's club for a \$5.00 lifetime membership fee. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month Sept – April with most having doors open at 6:00 PM and meeting starting at 6:30 PM.

We'll wrap up 2024/2025 season with our April 3rd meeting, Doors open at 5:00 PM with our Pizza Party starting at 5:30. We'll have the installation of our new President, Linda Baker. Vote on our charities for this year and it's also our annual donations drive of clothes for the Children Advocacy Center.

It has been a whirlwind season, and I'd like to thank all the Women for their support in my presidency. I could not have had a better board; we were really a team and I appreciate them greatly. I have really enjoyed being your president and will continue to support the Women's club in any way I can.

To kick off the next Season (2025/2026) we'll have Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday May 10th, 2025. Doors will open at 11:30 AM and lunch will be served at noon. Tickets will be on sale at the April Women's club meeting (April 3rd) for \$15.00 pp.

So, if you are not a member already, please join the women's club so you don't miss any fun next Season (2025/2026).

See you all at the April 3rd meeting.

See pictures front and back cover...

#### **BOCCE**

Jackie Bartilucci

The Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 seasons for Bocce are now complete. Everyone had a great time, lots of new friends were made and the winners from both seasons were honored at our Bocce Banquet which was held at the end of March.

The sign-up for the Fall season will be held in September. We will announce the dates and times for that in September.

In the meantime, if you're interested in playing and have never done it before, here's some simple rules to start.

- The equipment is kept in the bins that say "BOCCE". There are little colored paddles in the mailbox on top of the bin that match the balls. They are used to show the players on the other end whose ball is closest.
- To play bocce, two or four participants split into two teams (if there's four players). Using an underhanded throw, a member of one team (or player) begins the frame by throwing the pallino (the little ball, either white or yellow) from one end of the court to another, making sure to cross the center line but not hitting the board on the opposite end. The person who threw the pallino then throws their first colored ball. The next player throws their colored ball. The player who threw the ball that is furthest from the pallino continues to throw their balls until they get one of their balls closest to the pallino. At that time, the other player tries to get closer.
- Players may choose to use their throw to get their ball closest to the pallino, move their opponent's ball away from the pallino, or move the pallino closer to their ball.

- The team (or player) closest to the pallino after all team members have thrown all the balls earns the point. You can earn up to four points for each play, depending on who's closest. Players then start a new frame and continue play. The score board goes to 16 but you can play to whatever score you would like.
- We just ask that everyone return the equipment to the bin when done using it so the next people will be able to find it. If you have any questions on how to play and need more clarification, there's a set of rules and regulations in the bulletin board at the courts.

We hope to see plenty of new faces in September, along with all the players who have joined us previously. Have a great summer.







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#### **TENNIS**

Frank Tivnan

Our snowbirds are flying north, and some cherished friends are moving out of Pine Lakes and that annual ritual spawns a bit of angst among those of us left behind. But the park never sleeps, especially on the tennis courts where summer tennis thrives.

While the courts are engaged almost anytime, even on the hottest days, prime time for the year-round racqueteers remains early in the morning when the swing of a racquet can accompany a refreshing breeze. Social tennis from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. is open to all, beginners and veterans alike.

During summer our park is a tennis destination for seasoned players from other parks who come to Pine Lakes to enjoy an energetic round of play. For all skill levels summer tennis is an excellent option for people to sharpen their skills.

And last month 54 members of the Pine Lakes Tennis Association savored a spectacular experience. A busload of players and partners went to the Miami Open, a Master's level tournament that attracts the top players in the world and is televised on the tennis channel. The energy and show-stopping gymnastics of players competing for millions of dollars were so magnetic, some of us were tempted to grab our sticks and run onto the courts.

So, despite our advanced years we can still dream. What a day!





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# PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Elaine Mandeville

AFTER 10 YEARS, IRENE AND AL GAETANI ARE RETIRING FROM ORGANIZING TUESDAY NIGHT SHUFFLEBOARD SESSIONS!! NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IF IT IS TO CONTINUE.

It could be one person, a couple of friends together, three or four people who would share the duties. It need not be on Tuesday evenings or at 7PM. Time and day are up to the new volunteers. It means getting the equipment out and setting up the courts. Experience says that other people help once the equipment is available. There need not be a nightly 25-cent donation required, or a 10-cent payout for the winners of each game. Score keeping and reporting in the Whispering Pines need not be continued (but Elaine is also retiring). The new volunteer leader(s) would make up any or all new rules. Contact Irene Gaetani (508-561-8108) with any questions about the responsibilities of being a new volunteer.

At the time of the deadline for submissions to the April Whispering Pines edition, one last game will be played to end the Winter 2025 season. Finals scores will be posted in the May issue. It was a great season with 29 people playing on various evenings. Top scores prior to the last game for the Winter Season are as follows.

#### **TOTALS**

| Pegi Jenkins      | 11 |
|-------------------|----|
| Paul Scannell     | 11 |
| Al Gaetani        | 8  |
| Bruce Hirsch      | 7  |
| Barbara Hirsch    | 7  |
| Irene Gaetani     | 6  |
| Jeanine Maldonado | 5  |
| Jackie Miranda    | 5  |
| Sharon Rondeau    | 5  |



# NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN PICKLEBALL

Ginger Mitchell, Secretary FPPA

What a wonderful and active season we have been having! Everything from lessons to tournaments, ladders and glow ball, parties and elections. We are so grateful for all the members and visitors who have been a part of our Winter Season.

We want to be sure to give a special shout out of thanks to the Pine Lakes Tennis Association. They went above and beyond by rescheduling their activities to give us more time to use their Court 3 when our second court became unavailable for a couple of weeks.

By the time this letter comes out we will have had our end-of-season dinner, elections and dance. It is great to gather as a community. Reviewing the season, we had and making plans for next year. And of course, dancing to the tunes our DJ Brian Willis was spinning.

We want to take this moment to wish our snowbirds a safe trip back home. We will be interested in hearing from you and your adventures over the summer. For those who will be here longer be sure to sign up for the new ladder tournament in April.

All the best, FPPA Board Gail Guile president, John Jenkins vice president Steve Seifer executive vice president Ginger Mitchell secretary, Penny Jock treasurer



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#### PINE LAKES MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Sharon Rondeau

ur second half/winter session is coming close to an end. We have three weeks left to bowl.

#### After nine weeks the standings are as follows:

| 1st place: (49 pts.) | Team 4         | Irene Gaetani, Teresa Pingel, Wes Johnson, Rocky Early     |
|----------------------|----------------|--|
| 2nd place: (48 pts.) | Wiggle Pins    | Cheryl Ratliff, Al Gaetani, Fran Stauffer, Tony Birchfield |
| 3rd place: (43 pts.) | All Most There | Don Sweet, Char Wagnitz, Tom Kamensek, Randy Califf        |

#### **High Averages:**

| Men:   | 166 Randy Califf/Tony Birchfield | 165 Dean Hurd  | 164 Steve Hainey |
|--------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Women: | 145 Teresa Pingel                | 141 Ann Rasler | 136 Sue Sylver   |

#### **High Scratch Game:**

| Men:   | 235 Steve Hainey | 232 Tony Birchfield | 221 Randy Califf  |
|--------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Women: | 211 Ann Rasler   | 185 Michele Ingram  | 180 Teresa Pingel |

#### **High Scratch Series:**

| Men:   | 633 Tony Birchfield | 614 Randy Califf  | 563 Steve Hainey  |
|--------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Women: | 526 Ann Rasler      | 516 Teresa Pingel | 469 Fran Stauffer |

#### The following bowlers have bowled some fantastic scratch games:

| Feb. 17th: | 212 Tony Birchfield | March 10th: | 210 Rocky Early |
|------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Feb. 24th: | 235 Steve Hainey    |             | 203 Ann Rasler  |

#### Great bowling everyone!!

Our Summer League will start May 12 (we will not be having a meeting prior to the start). We will bowl for 14 weeks. Cost per week is \$16.00. Anyone who would like to join us, please call Sharon Rondeau at 508-846-3001 or Randy Califf at 239-671-2276. We bowl on Mondays at 2:00 at Bowlero/Coral in Cape Coral.

#### 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.

We will start bowling on Monday, May 12th at 2:00 pm at Bowlero/Coral. There will not be a meeting prior to the start. The cost per week will be \$16.00. It is a guaranteed league - all bowlers assigned to a team are responsible for the full weekly cost of \$16.00 regardless of whether you play or not. So, you must pay the \$16.00 even if you are absent.

We will bowl for 14 weeks. We will not bowl on May 26th, Memorial Day. Our last week will be August 11th.

We will start practice at 1:45 pm and will bowl at 2:00. You can form your own team, or you can be assigned to one.

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Please contact Sharon Rondeau at 508-846-3001 or Randy Califf at 239-671-2276 to sign up or to answer any questions. Come join in on the fun and meet new people.



#### PINE LAKES SOFTBALL

Ed Huether

It was another beautiful night at the ballpark with a good crowd supporting the Panthers. It looked like it was going to be a battle of the defenses for the first four and a half innings with a total of 5 hits for the Panthers and 3 for Magnolia Landing with no score. Then in the bottom of the fourth Magnolia got a few hits together and scored 3 runs. The Panthers answered in the top of the fifth with 1 run, Magnolia came back in the bottom of the of the fifth and put it away with 3 more runs. The big hitters didn't show up for the game.

#### Game 13 and 14 were rained out.

Game 15 was played between rivals Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes. The fans were out in force. Some fans that have moved out of Pine Lakes were here for the game. They got to see a good one with plenty of action. The Panthers scored in the first 4 innings and Lake Fairways scored in the last 4, Bill hit a home run, Tom L. and Tom H. both drove in 2 runs each. Norm, Brian, Harvey and Matt drove in 1 run each. The "Hot Glove" for the Panthers was Del turning a few plays into outs for the Lake Fairways crew. The Panthers turned a double play and were awarded a second double play by the umpire do to interference by the Lake Fairways runner. Panthers won 9 to 6.

Well game 16 was played on a beautiful night with the stands overflowing with fans. WOW they got to see a good one....I hope you didn't miss it. It was a close game throughout with the Panthers leading through the 3rd 4 to 0. Magnolia came back in the 4th with 5 runs. Panthers

scored again in the 5th with 1 run to tie it up. Then the Panthers kept Magnolia from scoring through the 7th and they put it away with the bases loaded and a sacrifice fly by Jack driving in the winning run, 6 to 5 Panthers. Defense on both teams was tight. The Panthers turned 2 double plays. Magnolia came within a breath of turning a triple play around the horn, but Bill just touched first base in time to prevent it. You had to be there.

Well despite some rain before the game and a cool breezy night there was a good showing of fans for the Panthers. Brian and Harvey drove in 2 runs each, Del and Ed drove in 1 run each. The "Hot Gloves" for the night were Del in left field making some difficult catches one that had him so off balance he wound up catching the ball and doing a somersault. Brian was in right field making some difficult catches and Bill handled a couple of hard-hit line drives at shortstop. The Panthers turned two double plays. Game 17 was won by Del Turo Turos 10 to 6.

#### Game 18 rained out.

Game 19 against Lake Fairways had the stands overflowing and fans were lined up by the fences. It was an action-packed game with four lead changes. Del hit a home run and drove in 5 runs. Bill drove in 4 runs. Brian, Harvey, Allen, Dave and Jack all drove in 2 runs each. Steve drove in 1 run. Defense was steady, the Panthers were leading after the bottom of the 7th inning 20 to 14. Then came the disastrous bottom of the 7th inning and numerous errors lead to the Panthers giving up 7 runs. Lake Fairways 21, Panthers 20. What a heartbreaker.



|              |       |      |   | YTD | Game S | Summar | У  |     |      |        |      |
|--------------|-------|------|---|-----|--------|--------|----|-----|------|--------|------|
| Date: 3/12/2 | 5     |      |   |     |        |        |    |     |      |        |      |
| Player       | AB-Sa | ıc K | W | 1B  | 2B     | 3B     | HR | RBI | Hits | B.Avg. | OB%  |
| Tom L.       | 54    | 1    |   | 29  | 5      | 3      | 1  | 13  | 38   | 704    | .704 |
| Harvey       | 55    | 2    |   | 28  | 5      | 1      |    | 17  | 34   | .618   | .618 |
| Del          | 40    | 1    | 1 | 18  | 2      | 2      | 1  | 14  | 23   | .575   | .600 |
| Brian        | 47    |      |   | 17  | 6      | 4      | 1  | 25  | 28   | .596   | .596 |
| Norm         | 44    |      | 2 | 27  | 2      |        |    | 8   | 29   | .659   | .705 |
| Dave         | 44 1  | 1    | 1 | 27  | 2      |        |    | 9   | 29   | .659   | .667 |
| Bill         | 45 2  | 1    |   | 16  | 3      |        | 3  | 23  | 22   | .488   | .468 |
| Tom H.       | 49    | 1    | 3 | 20  | 3      | 1      |    | 17  | 24   | .490   | .551 |
| Allen        | 48    | 1    | 3 | 24  | 4      | 1      | 2  | 20  | 31   | .646   | .708 |
| Steve        | 41 1  | 1    |   | 19  | 2      |        |    | 11  | 21   | .512   | .500 |
| Jack S.      | 43 1  | 2    |   | 16  | 3      |        |    | 12  | 19   | .442   | .431 |
| Matt         | 33    | 1    | 3 | 12  |        |        |    | 2   | 12   | .364   | .455 |
| Ed           | 23    | 1    |   | 10  |        |        |    | 3   | 10   | .435   | .435 |
| Bud          | 12    | 1    | 1 | 3   |        |        |    |     | 3    | .250   | .333 |
| Larry Skin.  | 13    |      |   | 6   | 1      |        |    | 1   | 7    | .538   | .538 |
| Mike         | 14    | 1    |   | 4   |        |        |    | 1   | 4    | .286   | .286 |
| Todd         | 8     |      |   | 3   |        |        |    | 1   | 3    | .375   | .375 |

#### INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Don Russo, March 7-8

The Red Tee Club Champions of John Clark and Larry Hurley each won their Day one match at Pine Lakes, John winning by 4 strokes and Larry by 1 stroke. Day two ended in a split tournament as Lake Fairways won both matches on their home course, for a split for the tournament.

Unfortunately, our White Tee Club Champions, Rick Hargrave and Don Russo, were able to compete, due to Lake Fairways being unable to field a team.

Special thanks to Ron Hovet for getting us into the tournament this year, and to all our league supporters and helpers that helped make the tournament a success.





White Tee Club Champion Rick Hargrave has his own deluxe box seat on Hole 7 ... with the beverage of his choice!!

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#### TEE TIME Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

Joann Cline

Lout. As advertised, this contest brought out some of our best lady golfers, promising lots of fun for participants and spectators alike. Our golfers did not disappoint when the huge crowd was treated to a spectacular standoff on the 9th hole. The final two contestants, Laurie Pellerin and Darlene Topp, were locked in battle enough that they tied the hole not once but two times. With regulation play ending in a tie, Laurie and Darlene were required to return to the tee and play the hole again. When they tied again ........ you got it ... return to the tee! The third time seemed to be the charm Laurie needed, as this time she won and became our Grand Shoot-Out winner! Congratulations Laurie and Darlene, thanks for the great show!

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS LEAGUE WINNERS\*\*\*\*\*

#### **Grand Shoot-Out**

Winner: Laurie Pellerin Runner Up: Darlene Topp 3rd place: Lori Skinner

#### **Championship Week Contests**

Long Drive: Darlene Topp Chipping: Eileen Sims Putting: Sandy Tupper

#### **Club Championship**

2025 Ladies' Club Champion: Lori Skinner

Congrats to all participants! Whether you were golfing or working, you are all winners!



#### February 26th Low Net in Flight

| Flight 1        |        | <u>Flight 2</u> |        |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Eileen Sims     | net 61 | Joann Cline     | net 60 |
| Linda Kantz     | 61     | Denise Wright   | 63     |
| Linda Wakefield | 61     | Linda Knotts    | 65     |
| Darlene Topp    | 63     | Bernice Furnia  | 65     |
|                 |        | Laurie Pellerin | 65     |

Darlene Topp closest to the line

#### March 5th Scramble - All Putts Count

| Team Score 44  | Team Score 50    |
|----------------|------------------|
| Bev Bynum      | Darlene Topp     |
| Lynda Adam     | Linda Knotts     |
| Bernice Furnia | Debbie Kimbro    |
| Denise Wright  | Kathy Greskoviak |

#### March 12th Scramble

Bernice Furnia Lynda Adam

Mickey Danison

| 1 12th Scramble |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Team Score 56   | Team Score 57   |
| Lori Skinner    | Darlene Topp    |
| Linda Kantz     | Linda Wakefield |
| Denise Wright   | Debbie Kimbro   |
| Sandy Craig     | Khris Clevenger |
| Team Score 64   |                 |
| Bev Bynum       |                 |

Charlie Schneider with Laurie Pellerin and Darlene Topp.

#### **MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE**

Scott DeLonge

**T**hank you to all who played and congratulations to the winners.

A Great Club Championship. The State of Wisconsin represented it's self well with 3 champions. Congratulations to everyone!

#### February 20th

1 Tray Stewart Charlie Schneider Rich Thibodeau Mike Oliverio 2 Phil Eberhard Sherman Riedlinger Daryl Lang Bill Klamer 3 Chris Tupper Craig Greskoviak Tom Minihan Rick Tayman

CTP #7 Frank Holzshu #14 Monte Gilliland

#### February 21-22nd

#### Club Championship

**Champion Flight** A Flight **B** Flight 1 Iim Wilson 1 Jerry Beamer 1 Steve Hainey 2 Chuch Yedinek 2 Bud Bruns 2 Frank Holzshu **C** Flight D Flight **Red Tees** 1 Mike Demkowicz 1 Scott DeLonge 1 Doug Conner 2 Randy Califf 2 Tom Hare 2 Bob Kingsley



#### February 27th

1 Mike Hayes
Sherman Riedlinger
Joe Demkowicz
Bob Kingsley
3 Mike Kimbro
Monte Gilliand
Boomer DeSantis
Al Thibodeau

Frank Chieppa
 Charlie Schneider
 Mike Oliverio

2 John Dieringer Craig Greskoviak Ray Reetz Larry Sims 3 Bob Konetzny Frank Holzshu Scott DeLonge Jeff Furnia

3 Tray Stewart Ed St Phillips Ray Walton Rich Tribodeau

CTP #7 Steve Hainey #17 Jeff Furnia

#### March 6th

1 Jeff Furina2 Del Keyes3 Boomer DeSantis3 Monte Gilliland

3 Bill Skinner 4 Steve Hainey

CTP # 7 George Whitaker #16 Bill Skinner

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#### **PINE NINERS**

Don Russo

 ${f B}$  usiest Golf month of the year, with two major tournaments, The Pine Lakes Club Championship, and the Inter Club Championship between Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways.

Feb 21-Feb 22 Club Championship

Congratulations to our Club Championship participants and Champions. Red Tee Champions John Clark and runner up Larry Hurley, and White Tee Champions Rick Hargrave and Don Russo.



Special Thanks to all those who helped make this tournament a success.

| Feb 20 League Pl<br>TEAM  | ay SCRAMBLE<br>SCORE | TEAM   | SCORE | Feb 27 League Play<br>TEAM                                       | SHAMBLE<br>SCORE | TEAM   | SCORE |
|---|----------------------|--|-------|--|------------------|--|-------|
| John Clark<br>Don Russo<br>Dareld Schick<br>John Easton               | 25                   | Gil Gabriel<br>Jack Roberts<br>David Shadoan<br>Mike Gloss       | 27    | Ray Charest<br>Dale Mobley<br>Richard Monnin<br>Joe Salerno      | 59               | John Houser<br>Rick Hargrave<br>Ed/Ted Bonnel<br>David Shadoan | _     |
| Rick Hargrave<br>George Chittum<br>Richard Mooning<br>Robert Morrison | 27                   | John Houser<br>Bob Godek<br>Don Wiegand                          | 28    | Mike Gloss<br>Gil Gabriel<br>Ken Hunt<br>Jim Rastrelli           | 59               | Dareld Schick<br>Don Russo<br>Al Gaetani<br>Jay Nicoson        | 65    |
| Closest to Pin Wi   | nner Al Gaetani #3   | Ray Charest<br>Dale Mobley<br>Jay Nicoson<br>Al Gaetani<br>10"3" | 29    | Cameron Penfield<br>Bob Godek<br>Robert Morrison<br>Larry Hurley | 60               | John Clark<br>Jack Roberts<br>Ron Hovet<br>Don Weigand         | 66    |

#### **NIFTY NINERS**

Sharol Liepe

The Nifty Niners are proud of our eight members that played in the Club Championship Tournament and congratulations to the winner Cindy Pennfield.

The Nifty Niner on February 19th played a Scramble with 17 members participating and having fun. First Place team was Helen Machado, Donna Scheider, Kathy Wiegand, and Linda Lamonica with a score of 47. Second Place was Carolyn Bonnell, Karen Proulx and Sharol Liepe with a score of 52. The next week was an interesting game of 'Best Ball of 3' and everyone had a good time. The winners were Carol Listermann, Ruth Hovet, and Nancy Hurley with a score of 66 and Second Place with a score of 68 was Donna Russo, Jacquie Yedinak, and Jane Vogel.

Then February was over, and March arrived with a chill in the air. Our first outing was March 5, and the Niners were ready to play. The game was called "Step Aside Scramble" and 1st Place was shared by Cindy Pennfield, Jane Vogel, and Helen Machado on one team and Donna Russo, Nancy Hurley, Joyce Solan, and Laura Muller with the awesome score of 34.

The Interclub Tournament was exciting and our wonderful Nifty Niners Cindy Pennfield and Donna Russo made us all proud as they won both of their matches. They are Interclub Champions 2025 of Pine Lake and Lake Fair.

Our last Wednesday play before publishing was March 12th and the play was "Low Net". It started out chilly but warmed up quickly with great play by everyone. A tie for 1st Place with an amazing 29 was with Jacquie Yedinak and Cindy Penfield. Three-way tie for second place with score of 30 was Pat Dieringer, Ruth Hovet and Joyce Sloan.

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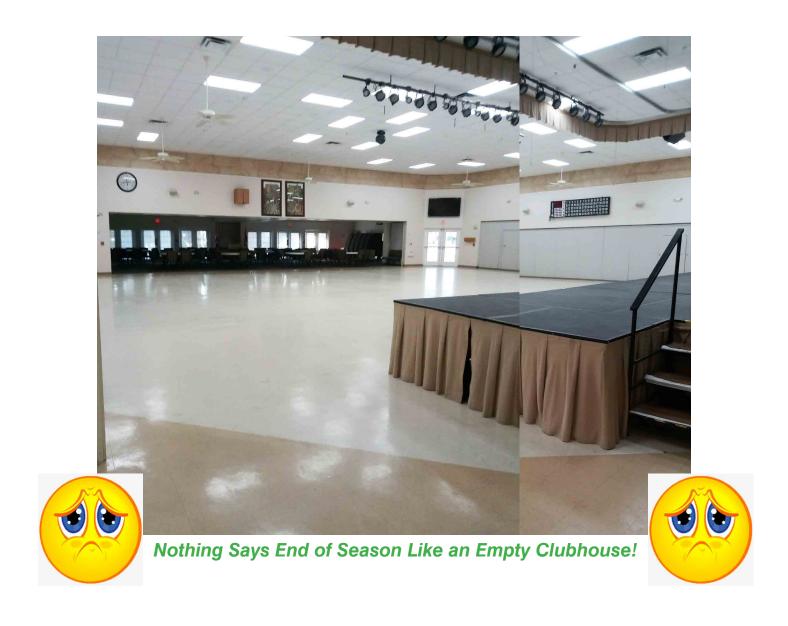
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|   |                                 | 1<br>Gloria Bush<br>Lynda Hayter<br>Teresa Raico  | Linda Kantz   |    | Pearl Fern<br>Linda Gilliland<br>Richard Walker                          | Pat Dieringer<br>Barb Patton<br>Morgan Schafer | Geoff Dudding<br>Larry Hurley<br>Fred Willis  |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|----|--|--|---|
| Veronica Klimko 6<br>Tammie Murphy<br>Donald Ranos                    | 7<br>Ruth Rickard               | Ann Bernau 8 Marc Coufal Mark Justice Gerard Lorentz Klaus Sohns Leah Tompkins Peg Wagner | J.D. Burt<br>Mary Naccarato<br>Louann Penders<br>Rosanne Tobias |    | David Anderson<br>Debbie Forney<br>Dave Gunderson<br>Edward St. Phillips | Sherri Cullen                                  | Ann Conrow 12<br>Barbara Cleveland<br>Roger Filippini<br>Dawn Hainey<br>Pat O'Connell<br>Jeff Penders |
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| Claudia Button<br>Joni Eastman<br>Dale Wilson                         | 21                              | Bev Cook<br>Celia Neumann<br>Deanna Stokes<br>Ken Yeager                                  | 2   | 23 | Ruthann Martin   | 25   | Marty Lamkemeyer<br>Lucille Leone<br>Deborah Liscum   |
| Ron Banks<br>Bob Kingsley<br>Barbara Rabczewski<br>Tina Winders       | 28<br>Ken Hunt                  | Ruth Hovet Colleen Landry Bill Pend Mary Ann Varner Cathy Weichert                        | Charlotte Bailey<br>Bill Bernau                                 | 30 |  |  |   |

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#### **April Anniversaries** 5 Jerry & Libby Tom & Ann Richards Rasler '69 10 12 6 8 Walt & Lynne 9 11 Peter & Bonnie Bentsen '05 Caldarozzi '95 Peter & Nettie Latuhihin Larry & Kathy Skinner 16 13 14 15 17 18 19 Chuck & Jacquie Tom & Linda Yedinak '93 Sager '68 22 23 24 25 26 Ralph & Susan Tom & Trudy Kent & Karen Sedlak '91 Minihan '98 Ingalsbe '69 Don & Shirley Jerry & Marty Robinson '92 Lamkemeyer '86 27 28 29 30 Richard & Fran Mike & Debbie Marino '84 Kimbro '77 **Glenn & Carol Taylor**



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| September 2025        | August 13, 2025          |  |  |  |
| October 2025          | September 12, 2025       |  |  |  |
| November 2025         | October 11, 2025         |  |  |  |
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| 04/25/2025 | Entertainment Committee | Western Night w/Bar Stool Rodeo Band |  |  |  |  |
| 05/10/2025 | Women's Club            | Mother's Day Tea Party               |  |  |  |  |
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