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## PINE LAKES HOA II

Gary Nicolini, President

Greetings, fellow residents. Well by the time this issue of the Whispering Pines is published, the Holidays will be over, and we will be into the new year. Happy New Year to everyone, and we hope your Holidays were joyful. What are your goals for 2026? I know for myself and Nick we will be concentrating on new adventures and self-improvement and health. It seems that one day a light goes on and you realize that there are still adventures to be involved in, no matter what age you are. So, with this new year, make a promise to yourself to do something new and enjoy life as best you can.

So, from your HOAII.....**HAPPY NEW YEAR.**  
May 2026 bring you all peace and happiness.



**REMEMBER TO VOLUNTEER**



**PLEASE  
SLOW  
DOWN**

**SPEEDING** on our Pines Lakes roads is increasing. *Why are you in such a hurry?*  
**PLEASE** slow down to our 20mph limit  
so we can all stay safe. **THANK YOU!**

## PINE LAKES ESTATES HOA UPDATE

Cindy Ahrens, Secretary

**I**t is time for the Annual Member Meeting, scheduled for **Monday, February 9, 2026, in the Ballroom**. In the middle of January, all members will receive a packet of information for the meeting and will be voting to fill the three board member positions. Again, we thank the Court Captains, the Cul-De-Sac Captains and Joann Cline who will be delivering the packets to save the mailing cost [last year we only needed to mail 39 packets].

We also must thank the volunteers who coordinate the nominations and election process – Dede Labelle and Donna Folsom with their helpers. The deadline for nominations was December 15, but nominations will be accepted from the floor at the opening of the meeting, and you can nominate yourself, however, you must be in attendance at the meeting.

January is also when the Board will be visiting all properties for the 360 home inspections. Just take a quick look at your property now, make sure your front light is working, clean up any areas needed, etc. to be ready.

A final reminder to **PLEASE SLOW DOWN ON OUR ROADS** so we can all continue to enjoy our community and friends.



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



## A DAY OF CARING

Judy DeLonge

**A DAY OF CARING IS A DAY OF SHARING**  
This year's campaign is over for the year. We have done well! Folks in Pine Lakes, Lake Fairways and Tara Woods have been most generous. In December we distributed \$5,000 to each charity and then another \$1,100 in December. The money we have distributed goes to Holidays 4 Heroes, The Rescue Mission and The Elizabeth Galeana Center a part of the Catholic Charities. They in turn distribute these funds to people that need it.

We are truly **BLESSED** to live in such a **CARRING COMMUNITY**, and we **APPRECIATE** all you do.

*Thank You, from the Day of Caring Committee*

Pat Dieringer and Judy DeLonge



## POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

**T**he Pine Lakes Pool Party Committee is scheduling the first pool party of **2026 for January 11**. Time is Noon-3 pm. There will be music entertainment provided by DJ Ray. There will be Split-the-Pot winners and food available for purchase. The kitchen closes at 2.

Come and have a great time at the first party and January 18 and 25.



## CERT

Mike Gloss

Three Pine Lakes CERT members are scheduled to recertify for CPR. Ron Hendershot has stepped up to coordinate walkie-talkie radios for all the CERT communities that report to the North Fort Myers Fire Department. Gary Nicolini participated (7 hours) in the RSW airport disaster exercise. Thank you to these members of our team. Smoke alarms are scheduled to begin installation JANUARY 6th for the residents that attended the fire safety training and signed up at the seminar for this free service. There will be a Basic Class in January for anyone who is interested in being a community volunteer...please contact me.

Mike Gloss 330-524-1292



## THEATRE GROUP

Frank Tivnan

### CHRISTMAS - - BAH HUMBUG

The “Bah Humbug” mockery of Christmas has been revived every season since Ebenezer Scrooge first barked them in 1843.

When Phil Sosnowski spit those words out last month as the lead character in “Scrooge”, the 250 theater goers who attended two performances chuckled in recognition. And judging by the standing ovations that saluted Phil and the entire cast of 40 performers, the audience savored a rich theatrical experience.

The audience enjoyed two plays: The Nativity, a pageant reliving the Birth of Jesus; and “Scrooge” derived from Charles Dickens’s famous novel, “A Christmas Carol.” The production was a collaboration between the theater groups of Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways.

The talent here waiting to be showcased is amazing. Director Barbara Demaree supervised her eighth Pine Lakes production; Music Director Mary Ann Hudson and pianist Ron Lemke displayed high-end talent cultivated through decades of professional-level entertainment.

Sue Ruggiero emerged as the indispensable stage manager, as did a cadre of sound, lighting and costume experts.

With patience, humor and discipline Ms. Demaree molds a cast of inexperienced unknowns. Two thirds of the cast had never set foot on a stage until one year ago. Phil Sosnowski, who brought the house down as Scrooge had never even pushed a broom in a theater.

When Jimmy Stewart died his obituary in the New York Times quoted his pal, Charlton Heston, saying the two venerable actors obeyed the rule of the old school: show up on time, know your lines and don’t bump into things. Barbara would agree.

***When tryouts are held, all are welcome. No experience necessary. Just show up on time!***





## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Kim Paulson / Becky Gloss

**H**appy New Year! The Beautification Committee had a very busy 2025 and we're looking forward to a great 2026!

We would like to thank everyone who came out to help decorate the community on November 18th. There were four Christmas trees that were decorated in the clubhouse, including a new 12-foot tree in the lobby. If you haven't seen it, be sure to stop by and check it out. It's beautiful! We also put up several new lighted decorations at the entrance to the community and have received many compliments on them. Thank you also to the Panthers Softball Team for always lending a helping hand with putting up the trees, lights and other decorations. We appreciate the support!

Speaking of decorations, we will need volunteers to help take the decorations down on Wednesday, January 6th. We will gather at the clubhouse at 9 AM to begin taking everything down and packing it away for another year. If you are available and able to help, please join us. All volunteers are welcome!

Also, as you are taking your own holiday decorations down, if you have anything you no longer want to put up or use, let the Beautification Committee know. We are always collecting holiday items for our Holiday Sale that occurs each November. You can contact Becky Gloss or any member of the committee so we can take the items off your hands.

The Holiday Home Tour was held on December 7th and was a great success. We sold over **120 tickets** to tour 5 superbly decorated homes – each one so unique. Thank you to each host for opening your home to the community to enjoy! Much work went into each one to make them beautiful! Thank you also to everyone who came out to enjoy the holiday spirit of their neighbors.



The last event for 2025 was the Ugly Christmas T-Shirt Dance on December 13th. It was a fun event with many great “ugly” outfits. Tina Soloman entertained the crowd all evening and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Thank you to all who joined us for the dance and to those who helped set it up.



*Ugly T Shrt Dance Winners 3rd place: Richard Roser  
2nd place: Stacia Fisher 1st place Linda Baker*



*Tina Solomon Ugly TShirt Dance*

A **huge thank you** goes out to everyone on the Beautification Committee who helped make all of the 2025 events a success! Without your commitment, we wouldn't have the fun events that we have or the things that make our community a little more special. We appreciate each and every one of you and hope to be able to make the 2026 events just as good as they were in 2025. **THANK YOU!**

If you would like to be part of the fun on the Beautification Committee, please contact Becky Gloss. We are always looking for new members who want to help with our events and with making our community a nicer place to live.

## OHIO NIGHT

Becky Gloss

**March 7th is the date!** For over 20 years there has been an Ohio Night and this year we have a 5-piece band ECHO who play 70's music on up with one requirement "SLOOPY" and we hope everyone joins us on the dance floor whether from OH or not as we finally defeated that team up north and have more to celebrate!

This is a pot luck dinner of which chicken and dessert is provided along with all our neighbors and friends good dishes to pass - No one goes hungry. BYOB and please no excess desserts - plates and utensils are provided.

**Tickets go on sale January 24th for \$15 every Saturday** at Pancake Breakfast and Coffee. Other Saturdays they are for sale in Pine Lakes lobby 10-12. This event sells out fast so don't delay. Doors open at 4:30 with dinner 5-6, music 6-9. Ice, but no setups are provided. *Ditch the "diet", see ya all there!*



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## CORNHOLE / BEAN BAG TOSS

Sharon Rondeau

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



## CANADIANS & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Geof Dudding



**P**lease save the date of **March 1st, 2026**, for the Canadians & Friends golf tournament to be played at the Pine Lakes Golf Course. It will be a shotgun start, teams of 6 (team scramble) followed by cocktails and an awesome chicken dinner including a variety of salads and a dessert. There will also be random prizes and a 50/50 draw. All this for only \$20/pp! Information sheets will be available in the Pro Shop and registration will follow (first come first serve). *Don't miss out on this excellent event!*

## 90'S LUNCHEON

Judy Delonge

**"AWESOME" 90'S**

**December's lunch was a good time, and we have more of that for January.**

**Mark your calendars and be sure to come.**

**Lunch at 12:00 \$5.00**

**Any questions or need a ride call me.**

**I can arrange that for you. Please come and enjoy!**

**Judy DeLonge  
239-731-3622  
jldelonge@aol.com**





## HAND & FOOT

Sharon Rondeau

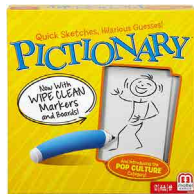
Come play Hand and Foot every Tuesday at 6:15 pm in the card room. If you have never played, it is very similar to Canasta. You don't need to come with a partner, just show up! We play two games a night at \$0.25 per game. *If you have any questions, please call Bill Roberts at 239-898-6308*



## PICTIONARY

Kathie Needham

We play Pictionary every **Thursday night at 6:30** in the card room. It costs \$1.00 to play. We draw numbers for teams. Each team member randomly picks a card with a subject to draw, and their team tries to guess what they are drawing. We have a lot of laughs over some of the drawings! We are all laughing with you, not at you! You don't have to be an artist, none of us are, just come and have some fun. **Must be 16 years of age to play!**



## CRUISE CLUB

Dianna Baughman

Our February 1st Cruise is fast approaching and it's about time to see those beautiful blue, blue waters of the Caribbean on Dominican Republic, St. Thomas and St. Kitts on the gorgeous Celebrity Beyond. Our Bon Voyage Party is Tuesday, January 27th at 12pm in the Activity Room in Pine Lakes. Those that missed out this year can check out our 9N Cruise to St. John's Antigua, Roseau, Dominican, Fort De France, Martinique, and Philipsburg, St. Maarten on Celebrity Eclipse January 8, 2027. Round-trip bus from PL Club House to docks and back is always available for a fee which includes driver tip and porter tip. Cruise with your neighbors, family and friends for a hassle-free getaway, call Concierge Cruises 239-772-1840 to reserve your cabin now! Dianna B 419-234-6754



## LINE DANCING CLASSES

Linda LeClaire

Line dancing classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Pine Lakes clubhouse.



**Tuesdays: Beginners – 10:30 – 11:40**

- **Intermediate: 11:45 – 1:00**

**Thursdays: Beginners – 11:00 – 11:55**

- **Intermediate: 12:00 – 1:00**

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*Line Dancing Dancers*



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## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Rick Saniti, President

**H**appy New Year everyone and I hope you all had a nice Christmas. I feel like I just wrote one of these articles. We had a busy November, that started out with our pancake breakfast, a member meeting, Eric Richardson as Dean Martin, a Showcase and bingo on Wednesdays.

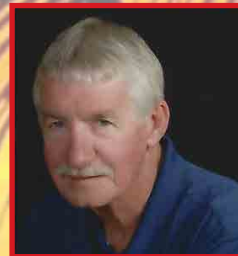
The showcase featured 12 performers who presented 15 minutes of their show. Thanks to all of you who attended and gave me your evaluation of each performer. I tallied those ratings up to see who you liked and if they were available for next season. There were 3 that scored high, a Vegas style singer, a comedian/singer and a magician.

In December, we didn't have a member meeting or a weekend show. But we did have the Christmas golf cart Parade. This year we invited everyone to come early and enjoy a hot dog or two, some chips and Christmas music. After the parade of incredibly decorated golf carts around the community led by Santa and the Lee County Sherriif, everyone was invited into the clubhouse for their choice of sweets brought by those participating in the event, some more Christmas music with the help of Linda LeClaire, a Men's Club Christmas card with up to \$50 in two of them, door prizes and an all-around good time. Ron and Bev Thoreson did a great job organizing this event. Thank you both.

Coming up on **January 3rd**, we'll have the return of **Deb and the Dynamics**. John Stanley will sell tickets right up to showtime. We'll have our Men's Club meeting on Thursday, January 8th (the second Thursday of the month), bingo on Wednesdays and then the **Men's Club Home Show on Friday January 30th**. The vendors at the Home Show are contracted to be there till 3pm so there's no need to set your alarms to get up early and be the 1st ones there. You'll have lots of time to see everything.



Ticket sales for two shows, The Gold Tones, a quartet of gentlemen with outstanding vocals singing your favorite hits from years gone by and a tribute band, Liverpool Live, you know them as the Beatles. Both start this month. John Houser is selling the Gold Tones, phone # 810-434-7160 and Bud Bruns is selling Liverpool Live, phone# 207-299-7831. **The Gold Tones perform on February 7th and Liverpool Live on February 21st.** *Thank you.*



**Ron Cook**  
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## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Linda Baker

**H**appy New Year! Our January meeting will be held on Friday January 9 (due to the holiday), doors open at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:30pm.

It's a New Year, and that brings more events! January will bring a **Quarter Auction** (1/10/26) and a **Health Fair** (1/15/26), February means **Fashion Show** (2/14) and the **World-Famous Treasure Sale** (2/28). March means **Singo-Bingo!** See flyers for more information.



**GOT JUNK?** Or maybe some **GOOD Stuff?** We are collecting for the Treasure Sale (Coming in February) – we have 2 drop-offs this month - **Jan 14 (8:30-10:00am)** and **Jan 28 (8:30-10:00am)** at the RV Lot. Bring your stuff! **Also, volunteers needed at the drop-off event, please come help receive the donations.**



We meet on the first Thursday (usually) of each month, September through April, in the Pine Lakes Clubhouse Ballroom. All women (Pine Lakes owners and renters) are welcome to join the Women's Club for a \$5.00 lifetime membership fee.

*Hope to see you soon!!!*

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## VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

**H**appy New Year!

Our next meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 1:15pm** in the Activities room of the Pine Lakes Clubhouse. All Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways Veterans are invited.

We had a great time at the monthly lunch outing on December 17, 2025. It's great to spend time together.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a **Superbowl Party on Sunday February 8, 2026** – doors open at 5:30, no Bad Bunny halftime show. Split the pot and other games will be available. Tickets are \$5 and a dish to pass (bring your favorite Superbowl snack! We have a 200" (16-foot) screen for your viewing pleasure. Come out and support your Veterans Club.



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

\*\* If you know of the passing of a Pine Lakes Veteran, please contact Tim 513-300-7877 or Linda 517-202-6219.

\*\* If you believe you are a member but are not getting the meeting reminder emails, contact me ([LLB5775@comcast.net](mailto:LLB5775@comcast.net) or 517-202-6219) to update your information.





## “SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VETERANS”

Denny Miner

**Tom Ryan US Navy**

What started as “I don’t really have much of a story,” took an hour and a half of great conversation. Now I’m trying to condense that to 600 words. Well, here goes.

Tom was Raymond and Edna’s only child, born on April 13, 1945 in Albany, NY. He remembered it was a rainy Friday. Joined the Navy Reserve in 1962 as junior in HS. Did two weeks basic in Great Lakes, Illinois during his summer off from school. Did a two-week cruise to Nova Scotia following his senior year, 1963, in HS. He told the story about his sleepwalking. He put on an E5 uniform by mistake and went on watch wearing it. He managed not to get caught.



He was sent to San Diego for intensive training on a brand-new high tech guided missile destroyer, the USS Goldsboro, DDG20, a state-of-the-art ship in October, '63. The captain was a nuclear engineer. He boarded the ship in Bremerton Shipyard, Seattle, WA. His initial assignment aboard was as an electrician. Shortly after having a disagreement with his supervisor, he was reassigned as a diesel engineman. He was part of the shake down of this new vessel in Puget Sound. They steamed over one million miles in less than two years.

One trip was to Australia, requiring the crossing of the equator and the international date line. His ship crossed both at the same time gaining the honor for those on board of becoming a Golden Shellback. This is really a unique experience, and sailors receive certificates for participating. The trip to Sydney, Australia was for the sole purpose of demonstrating the capabilities of this ship

to convince the Aussies to acquire one. It worked. “The Aussies were awesome folks.” They sailed from Sydney to Melbourne and many of the people he had seen in Sydney were there too!!

They did a Westpac tour that included ports Yokosuka, Japan and Sassabo, Japan. While on shore Tom was able to stand in the places on Hiroshima and Nagasaki where we had dropped the atomic bombs. “Quite an experience standing there.” He was able to tour Madam Butterfly’s home. They stopped at Guam in '64 on the way back to the states and received orders to sail to Yankee Station in the Gulf of Tonkin. They spent 82 days shelling targets up and down the coast of Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1965 and remained in the reserves for three years.

Tom married Charlene in '68 and had three children, Joanne, Doug, and Jenny. He considers his son’s wife, Angela, as his third daughter. Grandkids: Taylor, Ashley, Kierson, Erica, Brandon, and Shane. Tom is very proud of his children and totally in love with all the grandkids.

Upon leaving the Navy, Tom went to work for the NY State Thruway Authority as a storekeeper 105. He also started his own auto mechanic shop. In '76 he was promoted to line mechanic at the Authority, then to shop supervisor and a move to New York City, where his kids went to HS. Promoted again and moved back to Albany, where he supervised the Albany Division, over 4,000 vehicles. Promoted again and picked up 3,800 more pieces of equipment.

He and Charlene divorced in '99. He met Judy, significant other, shortly thereafter and lived with her until her passing in 2010. He and Judy purchased in Pine Lakes in 2009.

Tom is big fan of NASCAR. He has some great stories to tell about the Daytona Race. His kids are pressuring him to return to Glenville, NY where his son owns and lives on 32 acres of woods.



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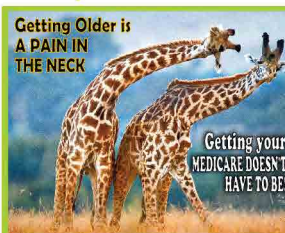
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## BOCCE

Jackie Bartilucci

The Fall Season playoffs will be held on December 17. The playoffs will be for third place. The first and second place teams were undefeated so there's no playoffs for those two spots.

**Winter 2026 Season. Sign-ups will be on January 7 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.** Please see the form. To help speed things up, you can complete the form and bring it with you to the sign-ups. Please remember to bring the cash payment. The Winter Season will be \$15.00 for a regular player and \$10.00 for a sub.

After the sign-ups close at 10:00 am, we encourage everyone to stay around to enjoy the always entertaining picking of the teams. That will happen between 10 and 11 am that day.

All teams consist of one male player and one female player. No spouses are allowed to be on the same team. The players pick the names out of a barrel so there's no stacking teams, it's totally random and always fun. Coffee and donuts will be served.

**Regular play will start on January 14, 2026. The games normally run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm,** depending on the number of teams we have. Each game lasts about an hour. The Season consists of ten weeks.

We maxed out for the number of teams at our Winter 2025 season. This year, we will either close registration if we meet our maximum number of players or add an additional day, depending on how many people sign up.

New for the Fall season and going forward – our neighbors from Lake Fairways are welcome to join with us and sign up to play bocce. Notices will be posted in the clubhouse at Lake Fairways.

Clinics are offered prior to the start of regular play for people who haven't played before.

Bocce is always fun and extremely entertaining. We're here mainly to have fun and enjoy our beautiful community. No skill needed. We hope to see you there.

### BOCCE SIGN UP FORM

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Complete all contact info. All team contact will be via email.

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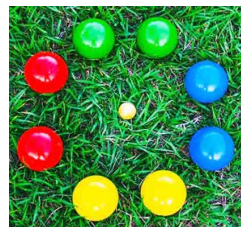
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## PL PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Bill Skinner

Practice has started for your Pine Lakes Panthers softball team!! Our first game is on January 5th at 530pm at Carmilta Park in Punta Gorda. Our friends from next door, Lake Fairways, will be in the other dugout! This is sure to be a fun game with a lot of fans!

The team has a couple fundraisers in the next two months. We are selling tickets for **January 24th for the ballroom**. A fantastic band called **"41 South"** will be entertaining us. This is a 7-piece band that will have you moving all night. There is a rumor that the softball team may even get up on stage for a rendition of "Take me out to the ballgame"!! We are also very fortunate that a fan donated a brand new 3900-watt Generac generator for us to raffle

off. We are only selling 300 tickets...10 dollars for one, 20 dollars for 3. We will pull the raffle at intermission on Jan24th. See one of the members of the team for tickets to both or call Bill Skinner at 603-566-9210. We are looking forward to a fun season with the best fans! See you at the ballpark!!



## BOWLING

Sharon Rondeau

Some of us bowlers joined the Lake Fairways Mixed Bowling League, and ***we started bowling on September 12th.*** Their league lasts **26 weeks**. They are sharing with us their write-up for their newspaper with stats so I will share the info for those bowlers from Pine Lakes.

<b>September 12:</b>	Turkeys:	Sharon Rondeau
	50 pins over avg.:	Sharon Rondeau
	200 games	200 Sharon Rondeau
<b>September 26:</b>	50 pins over avg.:	Tony Birchfield
<b>October 3:</b>	50 pins over avg.:	Don Proulx
<b>October 10:</b>	50 pins over avg.:	Tony Birchfield
	200 game:	233 Tony Birchfield
<b>November 7:</b>	Turkeys:	Tony Birchfield
	50 pins over avg.:	Tony Birchfield, Ken Hunt
	200 games:	231 Tony Birchfield
<b>November 14:</b>	Turkeys:	Tony Birchfield
<b>November 21:</b>	Turkeys:	Teresa Pingel, Don Proulx
	50 pins over avg.:	Teresa Pingel
	200 game:	208 Teresa Pingel
<b>November 28:</b>	9 pin no tap 1st pl.:	Tony Birchfield, Teresa Pingel
	9 pin no tap 2nd pl.:	Tom Kamensek



Each week, if you want to participate, you can buy a ticket for \$1.00. A ticket gets drawn and if it is your ticket number you throw one ball and if you get a strike, you win the pot. If no winner, the pot grows. On November 14, Al Gaetani's ticket was drawn, and he bowled a strike and won the Strike Challenge and won \$43.00. This was Al's second shot at the challenge and this time he got a strike and won the cash.

***Congratulations to all the bowlers!***

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Frank Tivnan

The NFL recites a cliched truth: "On any given Sunday... any team can beat any other team." The proof is on our TV screens every Sunday.

(Example: When the lowly-regarded New England Patriots unexpectedly won their first Super Bowl supposedly half the bookies in Las Vegas required medical treatment.)

So too tennis. What makes the game egalitarian is its unpredictability. We are guaranteed spectacular upsets in the Australian Open this month and we see them daily on the Pine Lakes courts.

Eight a.m. tennis is informal. Some play as if their inheritance is at stake, others look like they are swatting flies. We play a "drop-in" format which means after each quick game the players rotate positions. Everyone plays.

This format means your doubles partner or your opponents can rank anywhere from very good to...just learning. Recently I found myself partnering with a top woman performer on the Gator Gals team.

Across the net: John Seiler, at 98, a living legend, and Tom Porter who at 78 often crosses the border from Lake Fairways. Various ailments have slowed Tom's footwork a lot, but his strings sing when they connect with the ball.

So, we play. And we lose. When I compliment our opponents John Seiler grins, "not bad for a couple of ole geezers." Fifteen minutes later my same lady partner (who shall remain anonymous to protect her reputation) and I again are matched against the ole geezers. She will serve again, giving us an edge. I jokingly whisper to her "if you lose this serve you will be suspended for a week."

We both chuckle. **Then we lose. Again!** Though humbled we upheld the cliché about "any given day" which should give hope to any beginner.



## FP PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN

Ginger Mitchell, secretary

Greetings everyone. I hope you had a good holiday season and are ready for a fun and activity filled winter season!



While most activities have become more expensive, I am happy to note that our dues have not increased. Please fill out a new form and give it along with your \$10 to Louise Rutherford, our treasurer.

**Our first ladder league will start on January 7, 2026, and will be every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 and 4:00 pm.** Your dues MUST be paid to play. Sign-up sheet is now posted at the pickleball court.

**Beginner's lessons will start on January 13 2026 from 8:00-9:30am.** This will be every Tuesday and Thursday for 4 weeks. There is NO fee for this. Signup sheet is at the pickleball court. Please sign up.

Also, just a few reminders to help us all be on the same page. Shirt and shoes must be always worn. Pets are not allowed on the courts at any time. We have a group that provides us with fresh, cold water in the coolers. At the pickleball shed we have a first aid kit and an AED machine.

There is a graph at the courts that shows when we are allowed to use tennis court 3 for pickleball. If you play at night remember all these guidelines apply and you are expected to put away the portable nets and balls.

Can't wait to see you on the courts,

Gail Guile President / John Jenkins Vice President  
Steve Seifert Exec. Vice President

Louise Rutherford Treasurer / Ginger Mitchell Secretary



*Pickleball Poker Tournament  
See page 19 for another picture*

## PINE NINERS Mens Nine Hole Golf League

Don Russo

**T**IS' THE SEASON!!....To be playing golf! How great is it to be playing golf in December...If you like to play golf but feel 18 holes is too much, come out and join The Pine Niners, Pine Lakes Nine Hole Golf League.



*We play every Thursday at 12 noon. If you are interested call Ron Hovet at 419-602-0348 for info.*

This month was our first mixed outing with the Nifty Niners, Pine Lakes Woman's Nine Hole Golf League. We played the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. It was a fun outing, mixing teams and playing a Scramble.

The Pine Niners will be having our Christmas luncheon on December 17th, at Magnolia Landing. .A club favorite!!

### Congrats To Our Weekly Winners !

#### TOP TWO TEAM SCORES

##### NOVEMBER 13 TEAM GAME: 123 Shamble SCORE

RayCharest  
Jack Roberts  
Don Russo  
Rick Hargrave

-2

John Clark  
Gil Gabriel  
Mo Morrison  
Paul Proulx

-2

#### NOVEMBER 27 MIXED SCRAMBLE WITH NIFTY NINERS TEAM

##### TOP 3 TEAMS SCORE

John Clark  
Bud Gehring 26  
Donna Russo

Gil Gabriel  
Dareld Schick 28  
Ruth Hovet  
Sharon Liepe

##### SCORE

Pat Derringer  
Mo Morrison 29  
Terry Kretz

Al Gaetani  
Ken Hunt 29  
Dale Mobley

CLOSEST TO PIN John Clark #7 / Donna Russo #5

##### NOVEMBER 20 TEAM GAME: SCORE SCRAMBLE GROSS

Al Gaetani  
Joe Salerno

-4 26

John Clark  
Ron Hovet  
Don Russo

E 30

Bud Gehring  
Jack Roberts  
Bob Godek

E 30

Ray Charest  
Gil Gabriel  
Rich Pacific

E 30

Dale Mobley  
Terry Kretz  
Paul Proulx

E 30

##### DECEMBER 4 PLAYER: GAME: LOW NET TO PAR NET LOW NET

1	Gil Gabriel	- 3	27
T2	Jay Nicoson	+1	31
T2	Bob Godek	+1	31
4	Paul Proulx	+2	32
5	Don Russo	+3	33
6	Mike Gloss	+4	34
T7	Jack Roberts	+5	35
T7	Jim Rastrelli	+5	35
T9	Dale Mobley	+6	36
T9	Joe Salerno	+6	36
T9	Larry Hurley	+6	36
12	Ray Charest	+7	37

*more results next page...*



T13 John Clark	+8	38
T13 Rich Pacewic	+8	38
15 Terry Kretz	+13	43
16 Bud Gehring	+17	47
17 Mike Lerach	+18	48
18 John Houser	+21	51
19 Ken Hunt	+24	54

Closest to Pin #5: Bob Godek

**DEC 11 GAME: 3 BEST BALL TOTAL GROSS**

1 Dareld Schick, Larry Hurley, Rich Pacewic, Gil Gabriel	107
2 Jay Nicoson, Don Russo, Paul Proulx, John Houser	111
3 John Clark, Ron Hovet, Joe Salerno, Al Gaetani	113
4 Ray Charest, Bob Godek, Mo Morrison, Mike Lerach	114
5 Mike Gloss, Terry Kretz, Jack Roberts, Ken Hunt	115

Closest to Pin #7 Dareld Schick 12"6"



*Student Pickleball  
Tournament L to R Mya,  
Steve, Mike and Todd*

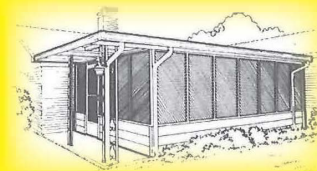
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**Wishing you nothing but fairways and greens in 2026!**

**A** new year and a new calendar of events, and as they say, “time sure flies when you’re having fun!”

Our January calendar shows the New Years Day Tournament, along with the Presidents Cup on the 21st and 22nd, followed by the Awards Dinner on the 23rd.

Our 4th ladies’ shoot-out of the year is set for the 10th, with new sign-up requirements in effect. Playing in a shoot-out qualifier is no longer necessary as we have agreed to a simple sign-up and show up. Sign up by the Wednesday prior to the shoot-out, show up on Saturday, pay your two dollars, and play your best game!

**Congratulations Ladies’ League Winners**

**L.E.G.A. at Del Tura**

Laurie Pellerin 3rd in Flight 2 • Linda Wakefield 4th in Flight 2

**L.E.G.A. at Lake Fairways**

Sue Hunt 5th in Flight 4

**November 15th Shoot-Out**

Lori Skinner 1st Place • Laurie Pellerin 2nd Place • Khris Clevenger 3rd Place

**November 19th League Play 3,2,1 Best Ball Net**

Team Score 109

Lori Skinner

Laurie Pellerin

Joann Cline

(draw)

Team Score 114

Linda Wakefield

Linda Kantz

Deb Kimbro

Sue Hunt

Team Score 118

Marilyn Hayes

Bev Bynum

Khris Clevenger

Bernice Furnia

**November 26th League Play Mixed Scramble with Men’s League**

**December 3rd League Play Two Best Ball Net**

Team Score 100

Marilyn Hayes

Laurie Pellerin

Bernice Furnia

(draw)

Team Score 106

Janice Wilson

Khris Clevenger

Jean Lang

Sue Hunt

Team Score 107

Linda Wakefield

Linda Kantz

Bev Cook

Joann Cline

Team Score 109

Lori Skinner

Denise Wright

Deb Kimbro

(draw)

**December 10th League Play Low Net**

Joann Cline net 60

Khris Clevenger 62

Janice Wilson 62

Laurie Pellerin net 65

Lori Skinner 66

Marilyn Hayes 66

Carol Listermann net 68

Deb Kimbro 69



# MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Scott DeLonge

**H**APPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. Thanks to all who played and Congratulations to the winners. *Remember the general Meeting, Lunch and Elections of Officers. We are still looking for candidates.*

## Nov Shootout Winners

### A Flight

1 Tray Stewart                      2 Mike Hayes                      3 Phil Eberhardt

### B Flight

1 Charlie Wakefield                      2 Ron Cook                      3 Ray Walton

## Nov 13th

CTP # 7 Jerry Beamer                      # 12 Ed Clevenger

1 Ed Clevenger	2 Phil Eberhardt
Jerry Beamer	Daryl Lang
Bill Skinner	Jim Steinke
	Terry Simon

## Nov 20th

CTP #1 M Hayes	#7 R Thribodeau	b #12 J Penders
#3 Ed Clevenger	#9 M Gloss	#14 B Skinner
#5 S Reidlinger	#10 M Hayes	#16 R Califf
#6 B Skinner	#11 M Hayes	#17 P Eberhardt

1 Phil Eberhardt	1 Happy Meredith	3 Chris Tupper
Bob Kingsley	Terry Simon	Jerry Beamer
3 Jim Steinke	5 Sherman Riedlinger	
Rich Thibodeau	Mike Oliverio	

## Nov 22 Turkey Trot

### A Flight

1 Phil Eberhardt	2 Marilyn Hayes
Rich Thibodeau	Mike Hayes
Linda Krantz	Charlie Schneider
Ray Walton	Carol Listerman

### B Flight

1 Lori Skinner	1 Ed Clevenger
Bill Skinner	Kris Clevenger
Jeff Furnia	Terry Simon
Bernice Furina	Happy Meredith

## Nov 26th

CTP # 7 Ed Clevenger    #3 Laurie Pellerin    # 17 Happy Meredith    #16 Jean Lang

1 Charlie Schneider	2 Frank Chieppa	3 Ed Clevenger
Linda Wakefield	Linda Krantz	Lori Skinner
Mike Gloss	Jean Lang	Boomer DeSantis
Bob Kingsley		Jeff Furnia

## Dec 4th

CTP #5 Sherman Riedlinger                      #16 Randy Califf

1 Mike Hayes	3 Joe Demkowicz	6 Charlie Schneider
2 Jeff Furnia	3 Randy Califf	8 Jerry Beamer
3 Daryl Lang	6 Happy Meredith	





## NIFTY NINERS

Sharol Liepe

### Farewell November ~ Welcome December

On November 19th the Nifty Niners had a choice of either a fun "Scramble" or a "Shoot Out". Most of our members chose the "Scramble" where everyone was a winner. Five ladies participated in the "Shoot Out," and the 1st place went to Cindy Penfield with Ruth Hovet in 2nd place. Congratulations to all the Nifty Niners for a fun day.

On **Wednesday, November 26**, a fun event playing with the Men's Niner group was planned. All who participated, both men and women had a great time, and everyone was a winner. Score wise 1st Place went to the team of John Clark, Bud Gehring, and Donna Russo and 2nd Place went to Gil Gabriel, Donald Schick, Sharol Liepe, and Ruth Hovet.

On **December 3rd** the game was "Shamble" the winners with a Net Score of 17 were Sharol Liepe, Linda Lamonica, Ruth Hovet, and Lee Simons. Second place

with Net Score of 18 were Donna Russo, Jacquie Yedinak, Pat Dieringer, and Ann Klamer.

Our last round of golf was on **December 10th**, and it started off cold but ended up beautiful. The winners with a score of 32 were Donna Russo, Linda Lamonica, and Veronika Klimko. Then two teams tied for second place with a score of 34, team 1 was Karen Prouix, Jacquie Yedinak, and Ruth Hovet; team 2 was Helen Machado, Pat Dieringer, and Laura Muller.

If you would like to join us for golfing fun and friends contact Donna Russo. ***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the Nifty Niners to all reading this post.***





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## January Birthdays

				1 Kay Brown Luis Garcia Toni Jo Judkins	2 Terry Radusin Ann Rasler Barbara Brown	3 Shirley Rogers Sandy Morais
4 Joann Cline Leo Mandeville John Heim	5 Christy Welch Sue Bourque Tom Beaupre	6 Jessie Huff Mario Cordeiro Joan Evans Pat Pacewic	7 Dennis Serra	8 Virginia Davis Karen Proulx	9 	10 Thomas Thompson Joe Swinford Barb Willis Fran Marino
11 	12 Denise Dhayer	13 Denny Miner	14 Kelley Sexton	15 Deborah Courtmanche	16 Michele Roomet	17 Dorian Cyktich
18 	19 Karen Brennan	20 Fred Stewart Carol Kleffner	21 	22 Jamine Kretz Terri Wilkin Frank Porter	23 Irene Gaetani Steve Payne Ed Huether	24 Nancy Kelly
25 Irwin Peters	26 Jimmy Johnston	27 	28 Steve Boire Mary Tivnan Monte Gilliland	29 Dorna Oliverio	30 Mo Keary John Warner	31 

*\*The Celebration Calendars are maintained by Kim Paulson.*

*If you have changes or have been missed, please contact Kim at 724.732.5331 or email [kimba626@verizon.net](mailto:kimba626@verizon.net).*

## January Anniversaries

				1 Jim Black & Karen McGee '20 Paul & Nancy Truman	2 	3 Steve & Sandra Cook
4 	5 	6 Rich & Pat Pacewic '80	7 	8 Peter & Jeni Vellucci '13	9 Nelson & Deborah Courtmanche	10 
11 	12 	13 	14 	15 	16 Kevin & Beverly Dobbs '16	17 
18 	19 Luis & Sharon Garcia '85 David & Bonnie Wright '73	20 	21 Tony & Barbara Grabowski '56	22 	23 	24 
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01/10/2026	Women's Club	Quarter Auction
01/15/2026	Women's Club	Health Fair
01/30/2026	Men's Club	Home Show
02/07/2026	Men's Club	Gold Tones
02/08/2026	Women's Club	Treasure Sale
02/21/2026	Men's Club	Liverpool
03/07/2026	Ohio Night	Ohio Night
03/14/2026	Men's Club	St. Pat's Dance
03/21/2026	Veterans Group	Veteran's Appreciation Dance
04/17-04/18 2026	Theatre Group	TBA
05/02/2026	Veterans Association	Kentucky Derby
05/09/2026	Women's Club	Mother's Day Tea

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