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GM MESSAGE

Scott Yates

GENERAL
MANAGER



This is what Peak season looks like at Sugarmill Woods Country Club and Citrus National Golf Club. We are even seeing a full parking lot at Oak Village Sports Complex. This is the place to dine, entertain, play and enjoy time with friends. These clubs are so much more than golf. It's so great to see entertainment nights fill up, corn hole on Wednesdays, Pickleball and Tennis mornings and full tee sheets. How about that Comedy night with Juanita Lolita? We were ready for that laugh.

February brings us Hitting for Hospice LGA event at Citrus, Super Bowl Party at Citrus, Women of Sugarmill Woods golf event, Interclub matches, Valentines Day Dinner and more. The momentum continues at Sugarmill Woods and Citrus National.

Communication continues to be emphasized at your Clubs. Newsletters, Fliers, Eblasts, Staff reminders are all created to keep the membership informed. We hope that you are not overwhelmed with so much communication. Please don't unsubscribe from that eblast each Monday. Another part of our communication piece is the Tuesday staff meeting where a calendar review is discussed each week. Each department is making efforts to stay informed of all club activities, not just their own area of expertise. Staff are trained to avoid saying "I don't know" as much as practical. And if they do not know, a sincere effort is made to find the correct answer. Early posting of event dates and formats is our next challenge. See included in this month's Newsletter a listing of upcoming golf events. We even have dates for next fall's Member Guest golf event. This is all to keep you, our valued Members, informed.

Course updates include proven maintenance practices with long-term results. Pre emerge herbicide program starts this moth to stop weeds from germinating. Regular aerification, fertilizer and pesticide applications are being applied every month. One big program you'll soon see is aerification of fairways at both courses. That combined with improved irrigation is the plan to create thick green, weedless fairways. Links Golf will not stop pushing for great conditions.

We continue to be ever grateful for our loyal Members. Thank you all for the tremendous support and patience as we grow the clubs back to prominence. Steady progress is seen every day with course conditions, hospitality and a variety of fun events as we settle into successful routines. Are you feeling like having a nice prime rib dinner? Thursday is the day for that dining experience. Friday Fish Fry's, Sunday Brunches, InterClub Matches, Friday Points Game and weekly association games all play into what it means to belong to a Club. We hope that you enjoy your club to the fullest every day.

Remember,

"It's Good to be a Member"

JOIN US AT
SUGARMILL Woods

GAME Night!

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Tuesday 2/13/24
4pm-7pm

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Caesar Salad, Dinner Roll & Grilled Chicken or Shrimp

EAT & PLAY WITH FRIENDS



GOLF SHOP

Citrus Golf Shop

February is Valentine's Month at Citrus National Golf Club. Golf is such a great game to share with the ones you love. A wise man once said, "Couples who play together, stay together". We would like to promote couples' games and that starts with our 9-hole Sunday Scramble each week. This is very much a social event that includes lunch after golf. Sign up in Golf Shop and let's Scramble Together.

Another fun yet a bit more competitive in nature, is our Friday Points Game. This 11:30 am start every Friday concludes with the announcement of winners in the Lounge. This game is growing so join us soon and experience this fun weekly game.

New seasonal merchandise has arrived. Titleist, Sun Ice and Bobby Jones apparel, Bushnell range finders and a great assortment of golf bags have your Citrus Golf Shop merchandised for the season. As a reminder, all Members receive 20% off discounts and when combined with chits creates a nice value.

Course conditions continue to be a high priority around Citrus National Golf Club. Bob Greene and his staff are pushing hard to give us the best conditions possible. Not only is the emphasis on NOW but we are also starting our pre-emerge herbicide applications this month. This program is designed to stop weeds before they germinate. That pesky goosegrass that invaded us last year will soon be a thing of the past. Progress is being made in healthy turf, irrigation, bunker maintenance and smooth rolling greens. Keep up the good work, Bob & crew.

Any interest in a breakfast league? We are looking for Members who would help us organize a nine hole, early start golf game followed by breakfast. We need a day and players interested in having fun, starting early enjoying others in a weekly game. See John Ward in the Citrus Golf Shop if interested or email citrusgolfshop@sugarmillwoodsgolf.com. A start date of early May would be possible.

Club Championships are again scheduled for early April with our Spring Member Member the following week April 12 & 13. The focus on this year's Club Championships will be on flight winners and Tee

Divisions. Tim Hume, PGA Professional at Sugarmill is jazzing up this traditional competition to give all players a chance to win. The Spring Member Member is taking on a Masters theme and Chef Remco plans to jazz up the dining portion. John and Nick even have a crazy fun putting contest planned called "Amen Corner".

"Play More Golf"

Questions? Concerns? Suggestions?

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MEMBERSHIP

Robin Frick

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Happy Valentine's Day!



Love is in the Air, so on February 14th we will be hosting our Valentine's Dinner Dance featuring an amazing 3 course meal prepared by Chef Remco. Louie Fortunato will be here for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Our rescheduled Oak Village Member Appreciation Day will be held on Sunday, February 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 2p.m. featuring 5-time US Open Pickleball Champion Kyle Yates. Tennis players, pickleball players and corn hole players-please sign up and join the fun. If you have previously signed up with me for the last date that we postponed, no need to call again. I will keep you on the list.

We are still welcoming back our Seasonal Members, thank you for choosing us to spend your winter months with, we appreciate you.

Save the Date! Back by popular demand we will be hosting Name That Tune, an interactive Game Show on Wednesday March 6th. Get your team ready and make a reservation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please help me welcome the following new members to our Family:

DINING

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FROM THE KITCHEN

Remco van Asdonk

EXECUTIVE CHEF

Culinary Delights Unveiled: A Chef's Cooking Demonstration

Prepare your taste buds for an extraordinary culinary journey as we invite you to join us for my chef's cooking experience that promises to tantalize your senses and leave you craving for more. In this exclusive event, I will unveil the artistry of gourmet cooking, featuring a delectable menu that includes Baked Brie with Strawberry Preserves & Balsamic Glaze as a tantalizing appetizer, followed by the exquisite Herb Crusted Lamb Chops with Honey-Thyme Sauce, served with Arugula Mashed Potatoes and Fennel Slaw as the main course.

Appetizer: Baked Brie with Strawberry Preserves & Balsamic Glaze

The evening commences with a burst of flavor as I present a mouthwatering Baked Brie with Strawberry Preserves & Balsamic Glaze. This appetizer is a harmonious blend of creamy Brie cheese, the natural sweetness of strawberry preserves, and the delightful tang of balsamic glaze. As you take your first bite, the warm and gooey Brie oozes out, perfectly complementing the sweet and tangy notes of the preserves and glaze. It's a symphony of flavors that will set the stage for the culinary masterpiece that follows.

Main Course: Herb Crusted Lamb Chops with Honey-Thyme Sauce, served with Arugula Mashed Potatoes and Fennel Slaw

The grand centerpiece of my chef experience is the Herb Crusted Lamb Chops with Honey-Thyme Sauce, served alongside Arugula Mashed Potatoes and Fennel Slaw. This dish is a culinary masterpiece that combines the rich, earthy flavors of herb-crusted lamb chops with the subtle sweetness of honey-thyme sauce.

The lamb chops, expertly seasoned and crusted with a medley of herbs, are seared to perfection, ensuring a delightful contrast of crispy exterior and tender, succulent meat. The Honey-Thyme Sauce drizzle adds a layer of complexity with its aromatic thyme infused into the golden honey, creating a savory-sweet harmony that elevates the lamb to gourmet heights.

On the side, the Arugula Mashed Potatoes offer a creamy and slightly peppery contrast to the lamb, while the Fennel Slaw provides a refreshing crunch with its anise-like flavor profile. Together, these accompaniments complete the dish, offering a balanced and satisfying dining experience.

Join Us for a Culinary Extravaganza

My chef experience promises not only a feast for the palate but also a unique opportunity to witness culinary expertise in action. You'll have the chance to learn the techniques behind these exquisite dishes, gain insight into the art of pairing flavors, and discover the secrets to creating restaurant-quality meals at home.

Mark your calendars for February 20th and reserve your spot with Robin at robin@sugarmillwoodsc.com for an unforgettable evening of gastronomic delight. I look forward to sharing this unforgettable culinary journey with you.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20 | 5-7 PM

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Chef Remco will share his thoughts and take on how to prepare this classic Lamb Chop entrée.

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT!

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Reservations: Call Robin Frick at 352-559-7106 or email at robin@sugarmillwoodsc.com.

Appetizer:
Baked Brie
with Strawberry Preserves & Balsamic Glaze

Entrée:
Herb Crusted Lamb Chops
with Honey-Thyme Sauce, served with Arugula Mashed Potatoes and Fennel Slaw

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SUGARMILL WOODS
COUNTRY CLUB



EVENTS AND FOOD & BEVERAGE

Joyce Florea

EVENTS; FOOD & BEVERAGE
MANAGER

February, the month of love, has enveloped Sugarmill Woods and Citrus National in an embrace of passion and dedication. Our unwavering commitment to our valued members has transformed into a culinary symphony that resonates with every visit.

Our devoted staff eagerly step through our doors each day, fueled by a deep love for their craft and an even deeper affection for you, our cherished patrons. Your steadfast support is a testament to the love that binds our club community.

At Sugarmill Woods and Citrus National, love is not merely a sentiment; it's a commitment to providing our members with unparalleled experiences every single day. We strive to make every moment unforgettable, ensuring that your time with us is filled with warmth, delight, and memorable encounters.

But our love extends beyond the present. We aspire to transform Sugarmill Woods and Citrus National into a haven that beckons others, inviting them to become part of our extraordinary journey. Together, we will create a club that radiates the kind of love that is truly infectious.

This year, February graces us with an extra day, a precious gift that allows us to further express our affection and appreciation. It's an opportunity to shower you with even more extraordinary moments, delectable delights, and unforgettable experiences.

As we embark on this love-filled journey, we invite you to join us in making February 2024 a month to remember, where love transcends the ordinary and transforms each visit into an extraordinary affair. Thank you for being a part of our family, and together, let's continue to share the love.

Joyce Florea



WEDNESDAY,
FEB. 14

Valentine's
DINNER with MUSIC by Louie Fortunato



DINNER 5- 8 PM

Strawberry Arugula Salad

Arugula & Spring Mix with Strawberry-Balsamic Dressing, Candied Walnuts, Red Onions, Blue Cheese Crumble, Strawberries & Crispy Wontons

Romeo & Juliet

Oven Roasted Bacon Wrapped Beef Tenderloin, Together with Pan Seared Crab Cake, Served with Homemade Béarnaise Sauce

Entrée is served with:

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Chocolate Cherry Cake

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PROS CORNER

Tim Hume

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL
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Your men's and women's interclub season is in "full swing". There are still two matches remaining.

Come and root for your respected teams the last two matches. Special thanks to Mike Cristofono and Joy Figueredo and their co-captains for organizing their respectful teams.

February has arrived and so has the cold weather. We also just experienced an extremely cold and wet January. While the rain is welcome, the cold temperatures have turned the grass brown, dormant. We are also experiencing compaction on the greens. Jake and his crew will be aerifying with "pencil tines" the greens to relieve this compaction and allow for gases to release from the subsurface. This will allow for healthier grass when temperatures warm and the ground temperature exceeds sixty-five degrees.

You will also notice a black color on the greens, this is due to the black sand Jake and his team will be applying to keep the grasses warm. Please know that all is being done to improve the course conditions every day.

This year's Superbowl is February 11th and the Sugarmill Woods Golf Shop is running a squares game. Stop by, pick out your squares and win cash prizes. It's Fun!! Citrus National is throwing the party so stop by Citrus and rsvp for the Super Bowl party.

Alan Abrams and I are wanting to start a couples 9-hole event every Sunday at Sugarmill. These events have always been a favorite and a great way to meet new Members and their guests who are always encouraged to participate. Details to follow.

Please make sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming golf tournaments at Sugarmill and Citrus National.

Participation is encouraged so come and support your club!

February 26	Women of Sugarmill Woods Golf Event at Sugarmill Woods
March 18th	Magnolia Invitational at Citrus National
March 23rd	Spring Fling Couples Event at Citrus National
April 4 & 6	Ladies Club Championship
April 5 & 6	Men's Club Championship
April 12 & 13	Spring Member Member
April 20th	MAD Golf at Citrus National (Member Appreciation Day)

Tip of the Month

Have you ever wondered why some of your best shots occur when your ball is in the worst place?

This is because we tend to focus better and only take what the shot allows. We need to learn these principles in other shots as well. If we focus on each shot with tunnel like vision and learn to play within our capabilities, we will begin to play more consistently.

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PICKLEBALL

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New Year. New Rules for 2024

Hey fellow picklers!

If you are a rules person, you might want to know what has changed in 2024 according to the Official USA Pickleball Rulebook. The Rulebook cycle starts in March when any USA Pickleball member can submit a rule suggestion. That might involve a rule change or a completely new rule. Submissions are restricted to USA Pickleball members, but any player can comment on the suggestions submitted. The comment window closes at the end of May. The rule suggestions are then vetted and voted on by USA Pickleball Committee and the USAP Board of Directors.

Ninety-two (92) suggestions were submitted between March and May of 2023. Twenty-seven were approved by the Board of Directors for 2024 Rulebook. Most were minor corrections to clarify wording and make the rule clearer. Others were instituted for Referee Casebook instances that were more appropriate. There were only a small number of rules that will be new or different than what existed for 2023 Rulebook or Casebook.

- **Catch or Carry the Ball (7.L)** - The most significant rule change is the removal of the words 'deliberately' and 'unintentional' in Rule 7.L (carry rule) and 11.A (the double hit rule). The referee does not have to determine intent any longer. **ANY CARRY** is now a fault so there is no longer any need to determine intention; deliberate or not. Double hits are still permitted.
 - Rule 3.A.1: Carry - Hitting the ball in such a way that it does not bounce away from the paddle but gets carried along the face of the paddle. This is now a fault.
 - Rule 11.A: Double hits - Balls can be hit twice but this must occur in 'one unintentional continuous motion' with a single directional motion. So if the paddle attempts to change the direction of the ball once it is hit, or it is two separate movements, it would be a fault.
- **Paddle Specifications (2.E.2/2.E.5.a/2.E.5.c)** - Paddle specs have been updated to address the ever changing paddle manufacturing industry. It clarifies the alterations that can be made to certified

paddles. For officiated play, if a player feels their opponent is using an illegal paddle, they are now specifically allowed to ask the Head Referee or Tournament Director to determine the legality of their opponent's paddle.

- **Ball Degradation (11.E)** - 'Degraded' or 'soft' balls are covered under Rule 11.E. Using these types of balls can result in an 'out of round' ball. In non-officiated play, a replay of a completed rally is allowed if the ball is cracked or broken and **all players** must agree that the cracked or broken ball has affected the play. If the ball is merely 'degraded' or 'soft', there is not a replay of the rally, but the ball can be replaced if all players agree.
- **Medical Timeout (Case 5-23)** - 2023 rule did not allow a player to use any remaining timeouts to extend their time before resuming play. If the 15 minute medical timeout was used and the player could not resume play after 15 minutes, they were forced to retire. Now a player can use any remaining timeouts to extend their medical timeout before resuming play.
- **Correcting the Server, Receiver and Player Position Errors (4.B.9)** - Previously, in tournament play, players were told to ask if their position on the court or server status was correct to avoid incorrect server/returner error faults. Now 4.B.9 relies on the referee to correct any such errors before calling the score. Faults for incorrect servers, receivers, or wrongful player positions are eliminated. But what happens if the point is played, then they realize a serve or returner was in the wrong position?
 - If the referee or a player stops a rally in progress to correctly identify a player/position error, the rally shall be replayed. If a player stops a rally and incorrectly identifies a player/position error, it is a fault on the player who stopped the rally.
 - 4.B.9.b. If a player/position error is identified after the rally has played out, the rally shall stand.
- **Draping Net (2.C.6/11.L5.b)** - Rule 2.C.6 called for a replay when a ball goes over the net and hits a net that is draped on the ground (except on a serve) but only if the referee determines the ball was affected by the draped net. Rule 11.L.5.b applies to temporary nets. A replay is played without



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qualification. A determination that the ball was affected by the draped net is no longer required in officiated or non-officiated play.

- **Mini Singles (12.0)** - Mini-singles has become an approved format for tournaments. The specifics for mini-singles is now incorporated in the Rulebook.

Be advised: It was suggested that in 2024 Rally scoring be accepted as the scoring method that should be used instead of conventional side-out-scoring. Is it the best fit for pickleball or do we risk losing some of the games strategic depth by adopting rally scoring? The Board decided more data needs to be reviewed before accepting this change. If you have experienced using rally scoring, what do you think?

Please understand that some of the rule changes do not apply to rec play since referees are not being used, so consequently we cannot rely on a referee to keep track of who is serving, what the score is and who should be receiving. In rec play, we are replacing referees and making our own calls, but it is still important to know what changes are in effect to play within the framework of what the USA Pickleball Association has established as guidelines.

Tournament Directors for non-sanctioned tournaments may be flexible in the use of the guidelines laid out by USA Pickleball to conform to the skill level, age and diversity of the players, therefore you may see slight deviations from established rules when participating in non-sanctioned events.

For the Rules Person, you can find the USA Pickleball rules for 2024 by going to uspickleball.org and read all 88 pages



Guess what gang? Due to Fred Sanders' and Jesse Renfro's tireless DIY effort, we now have four more pickleball courts completed.

New nets were installed and they are ready to be used. Thank you Fred and Jesse!

Pickleball is as much a social game as it is a low-impact aerobic workout. If you prefer to go all out when you play or decide to take a slower pace, you should be able to find the game/group that fits your style of play. Open play timeframe on Monday, Wednesday and Friday is between 7:00AM and 11:00AM. Open play timeframe on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday is between 8:00AM and 12:00PM or until everyone is too tired to continue. There is always time for "one more game" when it comes to pickleball.

Whether you see yourself as a seriously competitive athlete or a weekend warrior, stop by the courts and find your niche. Get involved and be a part the millions worldwide that have come to love pickleball.

SEE YOU ON THE COURTS!

We use an App called SPOND to communicate extra pickleball beyond scheduled play time. If you are interested in being included in these notifications, contact Karen Huber-Leinweber and you will be sent an invitation to join. FYI: You will be required to add the SPOND App to your cell phone.

For more information contact:
Craig Tammen: 317-417-2170
Karen Huber-Leinweber: 610-823-8389

FRIDAY MORNING PICKLEBALL GROUP LESSONS

Anyone interested in participating

Time: 10:30am - 11:30 am

Contact: Judy Jeanette

Call: 352-232-0321

Email: jjeanette3saj@aol.com



27th ANNUAL WOMEN OF SUGARMILL WOODS 2024 SCHOOL-ASTIC GOLF CLASSIC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
 Breakfast At 7:30 a.m.~ Shotgun Start At 9 a.m.
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Tournament For Women, Men And Mixed Teams ~ Scramble Format
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For information contact:
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2024 SCHOOL-ASTIC GOLF CLASSIC

February 26, 2024 Players may sign up individually in which case you will be assigned to a team based upon handicap; or you may sign up as a twosome, threesome or a full foursome. We need to know what tee box you tee off from to establish your handicap. Please choose one of the colors and indicate it on the line with your Handicap and Ghin #: Blue, White, Gold, Green, Red or Purple.
Breakfast at 7:30 AM. Shotgun Start at 9 AM. Scramble format.

_____ 18 Hole Men's Team _____ 18 hole Women's Team _____ 18 hole Mixed Team

PLAYER #1 Name: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Handicap _____ Ghin # _____ Tee Box You Tee Off From: _____

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The board is for the exclusive use of the Oak Village Sports Complex (OVSC). It is not intended for personal advertising. All materials to be posted must first be approved by OVSC management before posting.

Guest Policy

Just a reminder that non-members are charged a \$15 daily guest fee. This fee enables your guest to participate in all activities at the Oak Village Sports Complex for that day. To register your guest, please sign-in at the Fitness Room and contact Robin Frick, our Membership Director, who will charge your account the \$15 for your guest. The sponsoring member is required to accompany his/her guest and is responsible for their conduct.

Beautification Projects



Cory At The Repaired Lower Shed



The Upper Shed Organized

We continue to have a number of individuals who have come independently to the courts, to help with landscaping, watering the upper courts, trimming trees, spraying weeds, replacing clay, and various repairs, including cleaning and repairing the sheds.

It is nice to hear players visiting from other clubs in the area give us compliments about how good the courts look. A huge thanks to everyone, including Judy, Barry, Cory, Antoinette, Eric, Jean, Marian and Buddy, who have contributed to this effort, and who continue to do so.

Women's Doubles Flex League

Are there women players interested in participating in a doubles flex league?

All the women tennis members are welcome to join, no matter your rating. The league can be set up either by rotating the person you play with against another team or having a set partner with whom you play against other teams.

We would like to start the league soon, playing one match per week according to a schedule. Each team contacts their opponents to schedule the match at a time that both teams agree on to be played at the courts. The format will be best two out of three sets.

Scores will be reported and posted on the bulletin board, in the newsletter, and by email to all the players.

Antoinette van den Hoogen has volunteered to administer the league. She will make the schedules, keep track of scores, etc. If the men players are interested in something similar, please let her know. She will also be happy to set up a mixed double league if there is enough interest. Please contact her at antoinettevdh13@gmail.com

Women's Tennis

We are always looking for new women tennis players for our leagues. The women play in the Citrus Area Senior

TENNIS *continued*

Ladies League (CASL) on Tuesdays and the Citrus Area Doubles League (CADL) on Thursdays.

Please contact the CASL captains, Leslie Sherry at lesssherry42@hotmail.com and Marian Wood at marianwood19@gmail.com and the CADL co-captains, Carla Chitwood, carlachitwood@gmail.com and Cory Jensen, cory13fox@gmail.com if you would like to join our teams.

Men's Tennis

The men enjoy social tennis three mornings a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, from 8 to 10AM. This is open to all players. No need to call ahead. Just show up and get some exercise!

Friday Funsters

There is a mixed doubles format playing every Friday from 8:30 to 10:30AM. Contact Adrienne at 610-306-6415 if you would like to join in on the fun with the Friday Funsters!

SMW Weekly Tennis Doubles Strategy Classes:

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SMW Weekly Junior After School Fall and Winter Program:

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Meet every Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm
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Except for a few cool nights and early mornings our weather for January was golf friendly. El Nino has brought more rain in January than we had all Summer. So, what now? Spring is just around the corner.

The MGA Executive Board and Committee Chairmen wish all women of Sugarmill "Happy Valentine's Day".

New Members

The MGA welcomes the following new members for 2024: Mike Cristofono, Victor Edwards, Sam Gallucci, Chuck Harvey, Ted Hannon and Bob Pennell.

Annual Meeting

The MGA Annual meeting & Election of Officers was held on Thursday, January 11th. The meeting was preceded by a breakfast - compliments of your MGA.

SMW MGA Executive Board for 2024:

President ----- John Doyle
Treasurer ----- Rich Fodor
Secretary ----- Alan Abrams

MGA Committee Chairmen for 2024:

Communication & Publicity ----- Bob Strausser
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Golfers of the Year - Congratulations to the following Golfers of the Year:

Low Gross 72 Al Smith
Low Net 64 Alan Abrams

Hole-In-One

The MGA Board has approved the "Hole-In-One" prize for 2024. The MGA will set aside \$100.00 to be split between all players who score an "Ace" during an MGA sanctioned event in 2024.

Closest To The Pin

The MGA will continue "Closest To The Pin" on par 3's side game for 2024. Any player can participate. The cost is \$1.00 (cash) and the payout is also in cash. This is voluntary and all who like to participate bring your \$1.00 Thursday morning and sign up. (Cont on pg 24)

Game Results

DATE: December 14, 2023

GAME: Holiday Tournament-Point Quota within

Foursome

First Place

Bill Nusbickel
Howard Watson
Jim Turner
Steve Teska
Greg Hartwig
Mark Campbell
Bob Strausser
Al Smith

Second Place

Dick Tuxbury
Ted Hannon
Tony Valente
Rich Bingham
Lou DiBerardino
Bill Engelbrecht
Bill Williamson
Gary Girard
Mike Cristofono

Closest to the Pin:

#6 Joe Betkavsky 17' 7" / #16 John Doyle 28' 1"

DATE: December 21, 2023

GAME: Best 2 of 4+ Bonus

1st Place: Frank Mlinek, Mark Campbell,
Bob Verkennes, Bob Strausser -20

2nd Place Mike Howard, Rich Fodor,
Jim Turner, Bill Williamson -15

Low Gross: Jim Turner 82

Low Net: Bob Strausser 68

Closest to the Pin:

#6 Rich Bingham 8' 4" / #13 Jim Turner 8" 4"

DATE: January 4, 2024

GAME: Best 2 of 4-Crazy Eights

1st Place: Stuart Hoffman, Bob Pennell, Sam
Gallucci, Bill Engelbrecht -7

Low Gross: Al Smith 77

Low Net: Sam Gallucci 71

Closest to the Pin:

#6 Rich Bingham 13' 9" / #13 Bob Pennell 17' 5"

DATE: January 11, 2024

GAME: 2-Man Best-Ball-Flighted

First Flight

1st Place: John Doyle and Frank Mlinek -6

2nd Place: Steve Teska and Rich Fodor -4

Second Flight

1st Place: Jim Turner and Joe Betkavsky -3

Low Gross: Steve Teska 86

Low Net: Lou DiBerardino & Bill Williamson 74

Closest to the Pin:

#3 Mike Howard 1' 8" / #6 Frank Mlinek 42' 10"

#13 Dick Tuxbury 6' 3" / #16 Lou DiBerardino 11' 10"

MGA Thursday Game Day Procedure

The MGA regular tournament games are played every Thursday, 8:30 AM shotgun start (except December thru February, 9:00 AM start). You must sign up to play golf on-line through Sign Up Genius. You should receive an e-mail on Friday/Saturday for a Thursday Golf Invite from Dick Tuxbury thru Sign Up Genius. Players who sign up are downloaded from the website first thing Wednesday morning to set up pairings and score cards. Any changes (additions - cancellations) after Tuesday evening should be telephoned to Dick Tuxbury, #382-4031 - not the PRO SHOP. Cancellations on Thursday morning should be telephoned to the Pro Shop (#382-3838 Ext. 1). Walk-Ins on Thursday morning will be accommodated if there are openings. Remember, if you sign-up and do not show-up or call to cancel, you will be charged the \$3.00 tournament fee.

Telephone Directory & Operations Manual

This publication is in the process of being worked on and should be ready for distribution the first week in March. They will be distributed Wednesday mornings at Citrus National and Thursday mornings at Sugarmill Woods at the MGA sign in or you can make other arrangements to receive your copy. Please take only one copy. E-mails will be sent to all members when the Manual is ready for distribution.

MGA Games for February

- February 1st Team Point Quota - Mixed
- 8th Best 3 of 4 - Mixed
- 15th 2 Man Bestball - Flighted
- 22nd 2 Man Scramble - Flighted



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Hello again everyone.

As of this writing the Holidays are behind us and the New Year is here. 2023 was a successful year for the CNMGA and we hope to grow and get even better in '24.

The annual Breakfast/Election was held on 1/17. It was a huge success thanks to Robin and Joyce who put out a great spread.

Congratulations to the 2023 Series Champion Ben Lee and the hole-in-one winners; Bill Fearney and Todd Wilson (twice!). The biggest award of the year (Most Improved Player) went to Rick O'Dell. Welcome 2 new members, Ted Hannon and Chuck Harvey. The CNMGA would also like to welcome Mike Cristofono to the Board as the new Secretary. Thanks for stepping up Mike.

Greg Hartwig now moves to Treasurer in place of Angelo DiFranco who did a fantastic job during his two year term. You have big shoes to fill Greg.

The CNMGA Dinner Dance will be held April 20th this year. In closing, we look forward to seeing everyone out there every Wednesday for another year of barbeques, donuts, so-so golf but mostly fun.

Till next time, 'Slante'. Frank

2 of Four BB Net + Bonus

Place	Team	Score
1st	Bill Nusbickel Bob Lawson Ted Hannon Kyle Muzina	-23
2nd	Dennis Weeks Albert Smith Chuck Reeb BLIND	-17
3rd	Mark Campbell Rich Madsen Steve Teska Rich Perry	-13

Closest to the Pin:

Bob Lawson	#4 - 3'5"
FRANK MLINEK	#8 - 16'4"
Ron Bollman	#13 - 28'
Bob Lawson	#17 -15'2"

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Place	Team	Net
1st	George Thomas Ron Bollman Michael Cristofono Lou DiBerardino	-18
2nd	Rich Perry Ted Hannon Chuck Reeb Rick Odell	-16
3rd	Richard Anderson Jim Brown Skip Sova William Mostyn	-13

Closest to the Pin:

Chuck Reeb	#4 - 6'
Ken Moody	#8 - 10'5"
Rick Odell	#13 - 14'4"
Bob Lawson	#17 -5'4"

3 Man Team 36 Ball

Place	Team	Score
1st	Ken Moody Steve Teska Ted Hannon	-12
2nd	Bob Lawson Ron Bollman Richard Anderson	-11

Closest to the Pin:

Thomas Hendricksen	#4 - 7'1"
Thomas Hendricksen	#8 - 19'2"
Albert Smith	#13 - 58'
Rich Madsen	#17 -16'6"

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We have planned another *Nine and Dine* on February 21st with a 12:00 start. LGA members play a 9-Hole tournament followed by hot and cold hors d'ouerves and drinks of choice. Be sure to sign up on Sign-Up genius so we can plan teams and eats.

Beginning in March we will return to our 8:30 shotgun start on Wednesdays.

February Golf Schedule:

Wednesday February 7-Eclectic-Week 1
Thursday February 14- Eclectic=
Wednesday February 21- Nine and Dine-12:00 start
Wednesday February 28-LG/LN-Star Qualifier

Game Results

DATE: December 13, 2023
GAME: Holiday Scramble

1st Place: Karen Taylor
Sally Neeb 71
Janice Doyle
Barbara Sutphen

2nd Place: Jane Gallucci
Suki Schattenberg 72
Bonnie Demianczyk

Game Results

DATE: December 20, 2023
GAME: Mystery Partners

1st Place Jane Gallucci and Karen Hall +10

2nd Place Janice Doyle and Suki Schattenberg +12

Closest to the Pin: #13 Jane Gallucci
Chip ins: #6 Suki Schattenberg / #13 Karen Taylor

December Star Qualifier/Low Gross Low Net

DATE: January 3, 2024

December Star Qualifiers!!

Low Gross Star:
Lorraine Dayton 94

Low Net Star:
Barb Turska 68



Low Gross:	Lorraine Dayton	94
1st Low Net:	Barb Turska	68
2nd Net:	Jane Gallucci	73
3rd Net:	Bonnie Demianczyk	74
(Tie)	Jackie MacDonald	74

Closest to the Pin:
#13 Judy Mantle / #16 Peggy Rikard

Chip ins: #4 Mary Tarorick

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Don't forget that we continue with 9 a.m. start times for the month of February.

On December 21, members enjoyed an ABC Christmas Scramble following by a delicious luncheon.

Tied for first at -1 were the teams of Candy Fishel/Gail Wilson/Jane Cates and Joy Figueredo/Jane Gallucci/Caren Girard.

Closest to Pin

- #4 Candy Fishel
- #8 Laura Figueredo
- #13 Terri Harris
- #17 Candy Fishel

Chip in's

Jane Cates, Sally Neeb, Susan Ervasti, Bonnie Demianczyk, Joy Figueredo and Jane Gallucci

Match Play vs Par Qualifier scheduled for December 28 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

At the time of this writing, I can't report on the results of our two-person Match Play held over three weeks in January. We're down to the finals next week - good luck to all!

We did, however, have CTP's and Chip-in's for weeks one and two of Match Play:

January 4

Closest to Pin

- #4 Terri Harris
- #8 Candy Fishel
- #13 Margot Check
- #17 Sylvia Taus

Chip in's - none; money rolled over to next week

January 11

Closest to Pin

- #4 - Jackie MacDonald
- #8 - Margot Check
- #13 - Kerry Caruso
- #17 - Edie Thompson

Chip in's

Donna Hartwig, Michele McMahon, Susan Ervasti and Janice Doyle

Our last event in January will be a Match Play vs Par Qualifier.

February Golf Schedule:

February 1	Hitting for Hospice
February 8	Match Play vs Par Qualifier
February 15	Member/member/member
February 22	MEGA Match Play vs Par Qualifier
February 29	36 Points Quota

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