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Gary Nicolini, President

Hourly Weather - North Fort Myers, FL

As of 2:50 pm EST

Thursday, January 23

3:00 pm **49°** Cloudy 15% NNW 11 mph

Feels Like
45°

Wind
NNW 11 mph

Humidity
91%

UV Index
1 of 11

Cloud Cover
100%

Rain Amount
0 in

43°.....Even the pool was smoking!!!



We have had so many phone calls complaining about people speeding, WE are hoping this gets the message across.

WOMEN'S CLUB~SOCK HOP



Betty Boop

Betty Boop

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PINE LAKES ESTATES HOA

Matt Heier, President

Well, it’s already February and that means it’s time for our annual PLEHOA meeting for board elections. Please be sure to attend the meeting on February 10, 2025, in the Ballroom. Check in is at 6:30 PM with the meeting starting at 7 PM.

It is important that we have a good turnout to meet our requirements for a quorum to allow the meeting to continue. **We WILL be accepting nominations from the floor, and you CAN nominate yourself.** As of the writing of this article, we still only have one candidate with two positions open on the board. Please consider being a board member. It is important that we have a full board of five members, especially for voting purposes for any actions brought before the board.



Our board is our interface with ELS and also, keeps the agreement estates has with ELS in place to among other things keep limitations on how much we pay for the maintenance and amenities.

The board is also responsible for putting the membership funds to good work for the benefit of all members and the board also tries to make sure residents comply with our covenants.

Again, thanks to Dede Labelle and Donna Folsom for handling the nominations and election process. And a special “thank you” to all the Court Captains and the Cul-de-sac Captains for delivering the annual meeting information packet to all members. Also, Joann Cline for her help with this project. Thanks to you all, we only needed to mail 39 packets to members with a tremendous cost saving to the HOA budget!!

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

WHISPERING PINES NEWSLETTER
NEXT ISSUE ARTICLE DEADLINE
March 2025 February 13, 2025
 Please e-mail your articles/submissions to
yecklund10@yahoo.com

We had a number of residents receiving 360 home inspection notices for a variety of issues. If you received a notice, please take corrective action in a timely fashion.

As many of you are aware, I am not seeking re-election to the board. It has been my great pleasure to serve with this board for the past five years as well as the two years before.

Please support your board and think of ways to help them help us!

Lastly, **SLOW DOWN** out there on our roads. No need to speed!



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!**

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



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

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Rick Saniti

Well, we started January with a pancake breakfast and a very funny comedy show featuring George Casey. We then finished it up with a successful Home Show put together and run by Ron Thoreson. January's in the books and so we move onto February. We hit the road running starting on **Saturday, February 1st**, with another pancake breakfast. This is followed that evening by Keith Allyn performing his tribute of Neil Diamond. This should be a pretty good show. Our member meeting is next, happening on **Thursday February 13th**. After opening the meeting and taking care of some early business, we'll pause the proceedings for a nice dinner, then reconvene to listen to our guest speaker and finish up our agenda. We'll also be taking orders for our next meeting, during which we plan on serving prime rib, baby red potatoes, a vegetable and dessert. Chef Bill M will be checking the going rate on the prime rib, so we'll know what additional charges we'll have to access each member wishing to take part. The next show in February is on **Saturday, February 15th**. The always unpredictable and super entertaining Johnny Rogers takes the stage to perform his rock and roll review from Buddy Holly to maybe Mick Jagger. Who knows? Johnny always puts on a great show. Get your tickets! Gary Kleffner is selling Neil Daimond tickets and Bud Bruns is selling Johnny Rogers tickets right up till showtimes. Finishing February, we'll have the people from Secure Shredding setting up in the clubhouse parking lot to securely destroy all your confidential documents. The date and time are **Wednesday, February 19th, 10am – noon**. Throughout all of this, **BINGO** happens every Wednesday with the doors opening at 5pm. Come play and win some big bucks! The Men's Club works hard to find top notch performers for you to enjoy and I'd like to thank all of you who take time out of your busy day to enjoy them.



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.

February meeting is on Thursday February 6th and doors will open at 6:00 PM with meeting starting at 6:30. We are voting for new board members, and the president position is open for nominations. Please contact the nominating committee, Joan Vogel or Betty White to be on the ballot.

Sock Hop was great FUN! I hope everyone who joined us had a great time. *See pictures on front cover.*

Soup night was delicious. Thanks to all the soup makers.

Fashion on a Dime 'A night on the Town' will be a luncheon Feb 8, 11:30 – 2:30 (doors open at 11:00 AM) and will catered by Haney's. Tickets are on sale for \$25.00 pp. Contact Sue Petersen.



February 28th we'll have our Treasure Sale. This should be a great event as our storage areas are full. Stop by to see if there is anything that you can't live without.



March 29th we'll have Singo Bingo, which is always a great time. Tickets will be \$10/pp and go on sale at the February Women's Club meeting with Sue Petersen.

So, if you are not a member already, please join the women's club so you don't miss any fun!

See you all at the February 6th meeting.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Becky Gloss

We are already into February of 2025. The month of January has given us some time to reflect on the people who have been such great friends to Pine Lakes Beautification. To everyone who has given their time, talents, a donation or words of encouragement, we Thank You ! Of special note is the manpower provided by the Pine Lakes Panthers Softball team, the generous financial support by the Entertainment Committee, the design expertise of John Stanley and the expert execution of John's designs by Stinger Printing and the commitment of the HOA's to our community.

We have some new projects in mind.... You'll see us around! If you want a holiday decorations pick up, please call one of us.

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.



OHIO NIGHT

Mike Gloss

You don't want to miss **Ohio Night Saturday, March 1st.** The Gatlins are back with a dynamic show and great music to dance to. The price is still \$15 pp which includes chicken and dessert. Bring a covered dish (no desserts), your own drinks and setups. Doors open at 4:30, dinner 5-6, dancing 6-9. Profits were donated to CERT, Veterans, and Day of Caring. Ticket sales started on January 28th for 3 weeks to Pine Lakes residents and on February 9th will be open to the public. This is one of the highlights of the season and **Tim Mercurio 513-300-7877, 55C Summer Tree Ct.** will provide you with tickets for a very entertaining evening!



ANNUAL CANADA DAY GOLF OUTING

Gary Walking



Canadians and Friends
Pine Lakes & Lake Fairways
Annual Canada Day Golf Outing EH!

DATE: Sunday, 23rd February 2025
LOCATION: Pine Lakes Pro Shop
TIME: 11:00 am Sign In
12:00 noon Shotgun Team Scramble
5:30 pm Cocktails
BYOB + own mix
Buffet to follow

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CONTACTS



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 PARTY

Jo Orvik

Let's continue the good times with pool parties on February 2, 9, 16, and the 23rd from Noon to 3pm.

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 so take a chance!

All the parties depend on the weather so watch for updates.

Come and have fun!



CERT

Mike Gloss

Upcoming **CERT RELATED EVENTS:** Saturday February 1st following the Pine Lakes Pancake Breakfast, Christi Fulton from the N Fort Myers Fire Department will present a safety seminar emphasizing preventing falls. Please plan on staying after the breakfast for this important presentation.

February 10th the public is invited to attend FIRE WISE at Herons Glen Clubhouse from 11-3 o'clock. FIRE WISE is a showcase for Lee County Fire services and other Lee County service agencies. Come and visit with our Lee County agency employees.

Mike Gloss CERT team leader Pine Lakes CC.
330-524-1292 mlgloss77@gmail.com



PINE LAKES THIRSTY THURSDAY POOL PARTY

Jo Orvik

It's time for another great **Thirsty Thursday Pool Party**. It will be held **Thursday, February 20th**. Time will be 5-8 with doors open at 4:30. Seating is limited so maybe bring a chair. In case of bad weather, the party will be held in the clubhouse.

This is a BYOB and snacks party. No glass allowed at the pool.

We will try getting a Food Truck to be available so watch for announcements.

Our entertainment will be the great Tina Solomon. She spreads her love of life and people through her fantastic singing so come have a wonderful evening.

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from Lora Liptak- 724-984-6029, Sherry Holtz- 716-866-2874 or Jo Orvik- 218-342-2086

Get ready for fun.



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.



Line dancing is a fantastic addition to your fitness routine. It benefits your cardiovascular and mental health. Make new friends, and learn basic steps for many dances, including Lindy, Cha Cha, Rumba, Mambo, Charleston, Samba, Waltz, and even basic steps for free-style dancing. We dance to all genres of music. **Remember to wear proper footwear; no flip flops or open-backed shoes.** Just show up to attend classes, or, if you have any questions, you can contact me, Linda LeClaire, at 239-849-0459.

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FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

Mike Gloss

*Pine Lakes Clubhouse
4-6 PM RAIN or Shine*

**Monday February 10th
Philly Junction - Mambo**

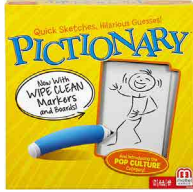
**Monday March 10th
Horse Eyed Jake's**



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.



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.*



90'S LUNCHEON

Judy DeLonge

Lunch for those who have reached THE BIG 90

February's lunch will be the 5th
in Lake Fairways Club House

12:00 noon. Cost \$5.00

Come have some good food,
some good company and some fun!!!!

Call Judy DeLonge in Pine Lakes or
John Donahue in Lake Fairways
if you need assistance or have questions.



VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

Linda Baker

We had a great meeting on 1/07/25, 19 members were able to attend. President Tim Mercurio and Treasurer Bob Godek were re-elected. We had a fantastic presentation by Hearts & Homes for Veterans. Plan to attend their next fundraiser on March 22, at the German American Club - [Hearts and Homes for Veterans Car & Truck Show — Judge's Car & Truck Shows \(https://www.judgescarshows.com/upcoming-events/hearts-and-homes\)](https://www.judgescarshows.com/upcoming-events/hearts-and-homes)

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

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

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

Our next meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 2:00pm 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

Bill Roberts, Seaman 3rd Class
Interior Communications Technician

Bill and I had an interesting interview. He had prepared a bit of a bio, and we went through it, elaborating on a few of his military experiences. It starts with Bill being born in November 1940. He joined the US Navy in April 1958 while still in high school and attended weekly drills. He graduated from high school in June '58 and volunteered for regular boot camp. He was sent to the Great Lakes Training Center in Chicago where he graduated in October '58 and returned home to his weekly meetings.

On January 20, 1959, he was assigned to the USS Samuel B. Roberts, DD823 in Newport, Rhode Island. His first cruise was on the 21st, taking the ship out of port. The next day the Captain apologized to him for the rough weather on his maiden cruise. He got seasick. In June of '59 he was part of the first modern warship cruise through the New St. Lawrence Seaway. He didn't get seasick. From October '59 to May of '60 he was aboard for routine North Atlantic Seventh Fleet exercises. He got seasick every time they left port, except one.

In May of '60 he was able to attend an Olympic track and field event while in Rome. While sailing through the Suez Canal on their way to the Red Sea, he heard a pinging sound, like small arms hitting the ship. Sure enough, two riders on camels were shooting at them. They did not return fire.

Battle stations manned. A Russian sub had surfaced off the port side of his ship. When the Russians realized that they had surfaced alongside a US Navy ship, they sounded General Quarters and dove. Bill's ship followed the sub across the Mediterranean and through the Straits of Gibraltar where another US Navy ship that followed it to Cuba during the Cuban missile crisis.

Bill returned to Newport in September 1960 and got married in October of that year. He has four children. He was released from active duty in January, '61 and started attending weekly meetings for the next two and a half years. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in April 1964. He found work as an electrician, a field he enjoyed for a lifetime. He had his own company for 13 years.

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Some places of interest that he was able to visit were Barcelona, Spain, Gibraltar, Rome, Athens, Monte Carlo, Marseilles and Nice, France, and the oil fields of Saudi Arabia, where they fed him a camel steak dinner (Delicious).

His fondest memory was made in France. While on a pass in France, he went for a walk towards the outskirts of the city. The road turned from paved to dirt. As he passed a small farmhouse, a middle-aged couple and their two children waved at him. He waved back. They motioned for him to join them on their porch. They didn't speak English, and he didn't speak French but they shared their lunch of cheese, bread and wine with him. He thanked them as best he could and returned to his ship. "I had seen the real people of France."

He moved to Pine Lakes in October 2003. It was clear that Bill is quite proud of his service and enjoys remembering his time serving.



THEATRE GROUP

Barbara Demaree, Director

“The Spirit of Christmas”, 2024

Beautiful decorations, sparkling trees, family gatherings, parties, yummy foods, Christmas performances, and religious services for Christmas have been celebrated and loved by many folks worldwide. But while these have ended, we continue to keep Christmas in our hearts all year.

Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways joined in presenting the Christmas program on the Pine Lakes stage in 2024. It was truly a joy to work together to provide a performance that audiences acclaimed as one that was very positive and full of joy. From seriousness to Bah Humbug; singing to laughter; and colorful costumes to a dark blackout stage, it offered a great variety of the love of Christmas.

Our cast and chorus of 50 members plus stage folks and backstage folks performed a Live Christmas Nativity and a shortened version of “Scrooge, A Christmas Carol.” Both included music provided by the chorus, a new pianist and music director.

Although 2/3 of the cast had never been on stage, the audience laughed, sang, and applauded them. The stage folks with an open stage setup were made up by three brand new ladies who worked many hours to provide the nativity and six scenes for Scrooge. If you didn’t get a chance to come, you truly missed a treat! There are extra printed programs in the clubhouse near the front desk if you would like to see who was in the production and how it was set up. “May God Bless Us All Everyone”

Hope to see you next Christmas.....Watch for theater events the rest of 2025. *More pictures on back cover.*



BOCCE

Bocce Committee

“The history of bocce ball is a legacy that has traveled through the ages, from the ancient Greeks to the Romans, transcending social classes and becoming a universal pastime.

*Fast-forward to the Middle Ages, when bocce nearly faced a ban because noblemen were accidentally hit in the knees by stray balls! Despite such challenges, **the game continued to flourish**, even enduring restrictions in 1319 A.D. for being overly distracting to the lower nobility.”*

And eventually here to us at Pine Lakes!

The registration for the winter season was a resounding success. We had over 90 people sign-up as regular players and subs. What a great turn-out!

Regular play started on January 15. We will continue for nine weeks, then play-offs then the ever popular Bocce Banquet. More info on that will be provided.

For residents who did not join the league and just want to play, Bocce equipment is kept at the courts, in the box that says “BOCCE”. There are paddles, which are kept in the mailbox, so you can let the opposing players know what color won the round. There’s also directions on how to play in the bulletin board.

If you want to come watch, we’ll be out there every Wednesday, weather permitting, from 8:00 am to around 6:00 pm.

Hope to see you there!



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PINE LAKES SOFTBALL

Ed Huether

Game one was played on a cold windy night. In the third inning Mother Nature decided to rain on everyone. We were fortunate it was a short storm. We had a great crowd in the stands which ran for cover during the storm but never left the field. They got to see a good close game between Lake Fairways and the Panthers. The Panthers lead from the lower half of the first inning till the sixth inning when Lake Fairways had a good comeback and won the game 10 to 9. Big hitters were Norm, Dave and Tom L.



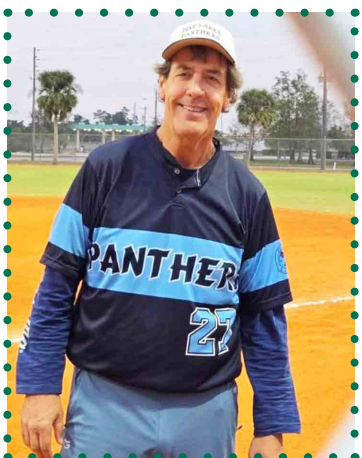
Game two another cold damp night. However, four of our fabulous fans braved the weather conditions and cheered the Panthers on to victory. Thank you, ladies, for your support. This was an exciting game for Pine Lakes as it is the first time the Panthers have beaten Herons Glen in at least 10 years. The big hitters were Dave, Tom L, Del and Bill. Panthers 16, Herons Glen 10.

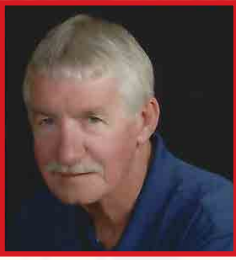


Mother Nature was kinder with milder temperatures and the stands were full of Panther fans. Game 3 had a lot of good offense and defense. The big hitters were Allen, Jack and Steve. The "Hot Glove of the Night" belonged to Del. He made numerous plays at middle field which included an unassisted double play and was part of another double play assisted by Jack. The Panthers played Magnolia Landing, a team that beat the Panthers every game last season. It was a different story this season, Panthers 6, Magnolia Landing 5.



Game 4 the Panthers played Del Turo Amigos, and it was a slugfest by both teams. The Amigos won 14 to 8. The weather wasn't too bad, however there were very few fans in the stands for the Panthers.





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PINE LAKES MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Sharon Rondeau

We have completed our first half/fall session of bowling. Due to a delayed start, we only bowled 11 weeks thanks to Hurricane Milton! It was very close between first and second place! Congratulations to all who had fun bowling!

The final standings are as follows:

| | | |
|----------------------|-------------|--|
| 1st place: (56 pts.) | Wigglepins: | Cheryl Ratliff, Fran Stauffer, Al Gaetani, Tony Birchfield |
| 2nd place: (54 pts.) | Team 1: | Carol Kranyik, Don Proulx, John Kelly, Dean Hurd |
| 3rd place: (44 pts.) | Team 3: | Don Sweet, Char Wagnitz, Tom Kamensek, Randy Califf |

High Averages:

| | | | |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Men: | 173 Randy Califf | 167 Tony Birchfield | 166 Dean Hurd |
| Women: | 156 Irene Hinchley | 127 Michele Ingram | 126 Fran Stauffer |

High Scratch Game:

| | | | |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Men: | 232 Tony Birchfield | 218 Randy Califf | 212 Dean Hurd |
| Women: | 209 Irene Hinchley | 185 Michele Ingram | 179 Fran Stauffer |

High Scratch Series:

| | | | |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Men: | 633 Tony Birchfield | 614 Randy Califf | 553 Dean Hurd |
| Women: | 506 Irene Hinchley | 443 Michele Ingram | 411 Fran Stauffer |

The following bowlers bowled some great scratch games:

| | |
|------------|---------------------|
| Dec. 16th: | 218 Tony Birchfield |
| Dec. 23rd: | 201 Dean Hurd |



Great bowling guys!!

Our 2nd half/winter session started on January 13th and we will bowl for 12 more weeks. If you are interested in bowling or have any questions, please call Sharon Rondeau at 508-846-3001 or Irene Hinchley at 843-300-2730. We bowl on Mondays at 2:00 at Bowlero/Coral in Cape Coral. The cost is \$16.00 per week.



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NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN

Ginger Mitchell, Club Secretary

Winners, winners, everywhere winners! One of the joys of Pickleball is competing against one another. Recently there have been King and Queen tournaments. The first round winners were Kathy M, Matt H (queen/king) and Pam H, Marc B (princess/prince). Second round winners were Sandy W, Glenn D (queen/king) and Kathy D, Ed D (princess/prince). Today was the Royal Showdown with spectators lining the courts and cheering all of the players onward. Glen and Sandy overcame strong opposition by Kathy and Matt to win the day.

This coming week we will be having **Glow Ball** competitions on Tuesday and Wednesday night. It's fun to play and fun to watch as the blur of green light goes flashing by. Later this month another **King/Queen** competition will occur, and a ladder competition will begin. With a ladder tournament groups of 4 play one another in a round robin manner and rise or fall in the standings each week. Remember you must be a member to play.

For anyone wanting to watch professional Pickleball the Minto US Pickleball Championship will be in Naples April 25- May 2. It is free to attend, very well organized and there are many levels of play you can watch. Reserved seats are limited and have a fee. Make your plans early and enjoy a day trip with your friends.



PINE LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD

Elaine Mandeville for Irene Gaetani

Did you know that shuffleboard is played under the lights Tuesday evenings from 7PM to 9PM? The cost is **TWENTY-FIVE CENTS** to play two games!! In addition – you have two chances to win and receive a cash prize of **TEN CENTS** for each win! So, for just a small fee of .25¢ you get the chance to win .20¢. You can't get anything better than that!

The Winter 2025 Season started January 14th and will end on March 25th. It's not too late to join in the fun any Tuesday. It's a very fun group and new players learn to play the first night. If you can't come every Tuesday, please join in when you can.

Kevin, the new ELS manager, is still promising to get new equipment and power wash the courts.

Congratulation to the Fall Season winners:

TOTALS

| | | |
|-------|----------|-----|
| Al | Gaetani | 17 |
| Irene | Gaetani | 10 |
| John | White | 8 |
| Paul | Scannell | 5.5 |

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Al and Irene Gaetani have decided to retire from running the organized shuffleboard after 10 years!! New people need to step up and offer to take over in the Fall. It requires unlocking and setting up the equipment, handling the small amount of change, running the games, keeping track of scores, and locking away the equipment. Irene and Al will help get someone else started. Please call Irene at 508-561-8108 to volunteer. A new Whispering Pines article writer will also be needed.



TEE TIME Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

Joann Cline

Lots of league activities the end of December and the first half of January, and lots of thanks owed the people who were in charge.

As in past years, **SPECIAL THANKS** to Annette Maloney and her helpers for a wonderful Christmas Luncheon. A great time for socializing with many of our golfing friends.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Lori Skinner, our Member/Member chairperson. With the help of Sue-Kay Hunt, and her very special assistant, her husband Bill, Lori not only managed a very fun tournament competition, but also used her cooking skills to provide us with homemade chili and chicken soup for the tournament lunch.

January added six new members to our league roster, but sadly we lost two of our long-time members who have moved on to the Nifty Niners. For way too many years to count, **Donna Schneider** and **Carol Listermann** blessed us with their friendship and willingness to help with whatever needed to be done to keep our league activities going. Their friendship will continue but their commitment to our league will be missed. Thank you both!

CONGRATULATIONS LEAGUE WINNERS

December's Shoot-Out

Winner: Sung Kingston Runner Up: Annette Maloney 3rd place: Linda Wakefield

2025 Member/Member Tournament

FLIGHT 1

Irene Hinchley
Eileen Sims 119

Lori Skinner
Sue-Kay Hunt 121

Sandy Tupper
Linda Wakefield 127

Linda Kantz
Lynda Adam 128

Denise Wright
Bev Cook 139

Sandy Craig
Bev Bynum 143

FLIGHT 2

Laurie Pellerin
Khris Clevenger 120

Lee Simon
Kathy Greskoviak 138

Bernice Furnia
Jean Lang 139

Linda Knotts
Joann Cline 144

Annette Maloney
Barb Harwood 151



December 18th Santa Scramble

Team Score 56
Lori Skinner
Laurie Pellerin
Deb Kimbro

Team Score 56
Marilyn Hayes
Connie Riedlinger
Khris Clevenger

Team Score 59
Sue-Kay Hunt
Jean Lang
Jean Cusack
Donna Schneider

Team Score 60
Irene Hinchley
Denise Wright
Linda Knotts
Sue Hunt

Team Score 63
Sung Kingston
Linda Kantz
Bernice Furnia
Annette Maloney

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Scott DeLonge

Thank you to all who played and congratulations to the winners



December Shootout Winners

Blue Tees

1 Mike Haye
2 Del Keyes

White Tees

1 Chris Tupper
2 Mike Demkowicz

12-12-24

CTP #3 Chuck Yedinak

#16 Phil Eberhardt

1 Phil Eberhardt
Ray Walton
Mike Oliverio

2 Del Keyes
Rich Thibodeau
Rick Tayman

2 Mike Hayes
Sherman Riedlinger
Bob Kingsley
Tom Hare

12-19-24

CTP #7 Boomer

#14 Daryl Lang

1 Mike Hayes
Sherman Riedlinger
Kevin Dobbs
Al Thibodeau

2 Phil Eberhardt
Charlie Schneider
Tom Hare
Bob Kingsley

3 Del Keyes
Boomer
Rick Tayman
Mike Oliverio

12-26-24

1 Craig Greskoviak
Lori Skinner
Jerry Simon
Joann Cline
3 Happy Meredith
Mike Oliverio
Bill Klamer
Al Thibodeau

1 Ed Clevenger
Irene Hinchley
Jeff Furnia
Linda Knotts
6 John Dieringer
Rich Thibodeau
Rick Tayman
Bernice Furnia

3 Charlie Schneider
Kevin Dobbs
Khris Clevenger
Sandra Craig
5 Jeff Penders
Chuck Harwood
Kathy Greskoviak

CTP #5 Donna Schneider
#11 Kris Clevenger

#1 Ed Clevenger
#14 Kevin Dobbs

01-02-25

CTP #5 Charlie Schneider

#17 Mike Hayes

Blue Tees

1 John Dieringer
2 Mike Hayes

3 Jerry Beamer
Phil Eberhardt
Del Keyes

White Tees

1 Frank Holzshu
Jim Steinke

3 Joe Demkowicz
Kevin Dobbs

3 Ray Reetz
Jeff Furina

January Shootout Winners

Blue Tees
None

White Tees
1 Joe Demkowicz
2 Ray Walton

NIFTY NINERS

Sharol Liepe

WELCOME 2025

Our numbers are increasing as our northern friends return to play. *We love having them but wish they hadn't brought this chilly weather LOL!*

Now for the update on the golfing winners in our last meeting in 2024 was December 18th the game was "Shamble ~ Skip One Hole". The catch was declaring the hole before playing, it was a fun day. The results were: Nancy Hurley with 29, second place Donna Russo with 32, and two-way tie at 33 with Cindy Penfield and Libby Richard for third.

Both holidays fell on Wednesday, so no play happened until January 6th, which was the first day of our two-day Member/Member Tournament. This event was wonderfully organized by Linda LaMonica and Jackie Yedinak with the sparkling theme of "Dazzling, Driving, Damsels". Both days started out cold, but friendships and play warmed us all up. The winners of day one: CTP Donna Russo, the team of Linda LaMonica and Jackie Yedinak scored a great 22, and 2nd place was a three-way tie at 24 with Pat Dieringer + Donna Russo, Joyce Sloan + Kathy Wiegand, and Nancy Hurley + Sharol Liepe. The winners of day two: CTL Jackie Yedinak, the team of Donna Schneider + Carol Listermann first place with 34, second was Pat Deringer + Donna Russo with 35, and third Joyce Sloan + Kathy Wiegand with 36. There was a wonderful luncheon on Thursday where prizes were awarded, good food was served, and laughter and friendship was shared.

The Grand Prize winners Pat Dieringer and Donna Russo with an amazing total score of 59 won more than the tournament ~ they won the honor to organize and lead, 2026 Member/Member Tournament ~ way to go ladies, happy planning.

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PINE NINERS

Don Russo

As we approached the holidays, winter is living up to its reputation. It has been windy and cold especially on our Thursday golf days. None the less, we have had great turn outs by our members. **THANKS** to all who braved the elements and played, and congratulations to the weekly winners.

DECEMBER 26, 2024

GAME: INDIVIDUAL NET

| <u>PLAYER</u> | <u>NET</u> | <u>SCORE</u> |
|------------------|------------|--------------|
| John Clark | | 28 |
| Gil Gabriel | | 29 |
| Larry Hurley | | 29 |
| Robert Morrison | | 31 |
| Darrel Schick | | 31 |
| George Chittum | | 31 |
| Cameron Penfield | | 33 |
| Don Wiegand | | 34 |
| Al Gaitani | | 35 |
| Bob Godek | | 36 |
| Jay Nicoson | | 37 |
| Don Russo | | 37 |
| Joe Salerno | | 37 |
| Jack Roberts | | 38 |
| John Houser | | 38 |

JANUARY 2, 2025

GAME: SCRAMBLE

| <u>TEAM</u> | <u>TEAM</u> | <u>SCORE</u> |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| George Chittum | | |
| John Clark | | |
| Jack Roberts | | 27 |
| Larry Hurly | | |
| Rick Hargrave | | |
| Don Russo | | 28 |
| Bob Godek | | |
| Dale Mobley | | |
| John Houser | | |
| Mike Gloss | | 28 |
| Gil Gabriel | | |
| Don Wiegand | | |
| Cameron Penfield | | |
| Robert Morrison | | 29 |
| Darrel Schick | | |
| Jay Nicoson | | |



MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT

January 7 - January 9

| | SHAMBLE | SCRAMBLE 1 tee shot | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------|
| <u>TEAM</u> | <u>DAY 1</u> | <u>DAY 2</u> | |
| Dale Mobley Rick Hargrave | 50 | 35 | 85 |
| Ray Charest Gil Gabriel | 50 | 39 | 89 |
| Don Russo ED/Ted Bonnell | 53 | 36 | 89 |
| John Houser Jim Rastrelli | 60 | 33 | 93 |
| Jay Nicoson John Easton | 54 | 40 | 94 |
| Larry Hurley George Chittum | 63 | 34 | 97 |
| John Clark Bob Godek | 63 | 37 | 100 |
| Robert Morrison Jack Roberts | 67 | 34 | 101 |
| Darrel Schick Ken Hunt | 67 | 37 | 104 |



TENNIS

Frank Tivnan

If early in the morning you are within hearing distance near the clubhouse you will notice the singular sound of a racquet hitting a tennis ball and the whoops of glee or despair that go with it, depending on if the shot was good or bad. Whatever the shot, a lot of laughter goes with it.

Such is the seductive nature of the game that seniors will whack tennis balls at Pine Lakes even if they never held a tennis racquet before. The joy of the game is heard early in the morning because players are enjoying "social" tennis that is open to everyone regardless of skill level from 8 until 9:30 a.m. Even if you have never held a racquet before or have not been on a court for decades you will be welcome. Many of our advanced players started their tennis journey swatting balls in social tennis.

For veteran players there are competitive teams that participate in league play and their seasons are underway. For men there are the White (higher level) and Blue teams and for women the newly re-christened Gator Gals All want to win but they also play to live healthier and longer which is the benefit conferred at all levels of tennis.

Our Pine Lakes Tennis Assn. is a fraternal group that holds dances, pot-luck dinners, wine-and-cheese and pizza gatherings and also provides a party-flavored just-for-fun "tournament". Tennis is where friendships are born. Join us!

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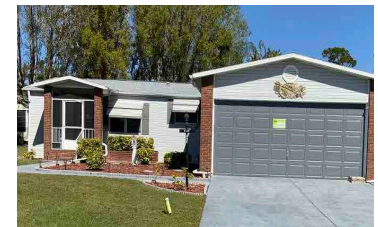
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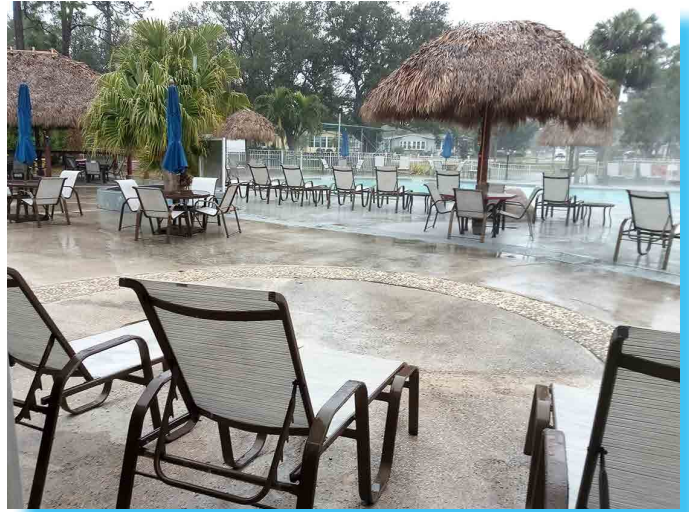
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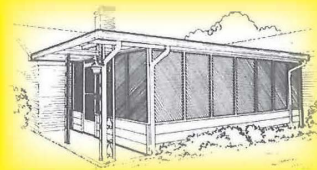
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| | 16 | | 17 | | 18 | | 19 | Jim & Karen Rastrelli '60 | 20 | | 21 | Martin & Claudette Webster '75 | 22 |
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| ISSUE MONTH | DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| March 2025 | February 13, 2025 |
| April 2025 | March 14, 2025 |
| May 2025 | April 15, 2025 |
| June/July/August 2025 | June 14, 2025 |
| September 2025 | August 13, 2025 |
| October 2025 | September 12, 2025 |
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| December 2025 | November 12, 2025 |
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| DATE | SPONSOR | EVENT |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 02/01/2025 | Men's Club | Dance - Neil Diamond |
| 02/08/2025 | Women's Club | Fashion on a Dime |
| 02/15/2025 | Men's Club | Johnny Rogers |
| 02/21/2025 | | PLGA Championship |
| 02/22/2025 | | PLGA Championship |
| 02/23/2025 | | Canadian Golf Tournament |
| 02/28/2025 | Women's Club | Treasure Sale |
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| 03/01/2025 | Ohio Committee | Ohio Night |
| 03/09/2025 | Veterans Committee | Military Appreciation -Chicago Heat |
| 03/15/2025 | Men's Club | St. Patrick's Day Dance |
| 03/29/2025 | Women's Club | Singo Bingo |



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