

Around Golf Club

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From the Monarch Club Management Committee

Lee Hitchcock, Chair

As reported in the January ATC, a search committee has been formed to find a company to manage our club following the expiration of our current agreement at the end of October 2010. Twenty firms were asked to submit a prospectus of their services. From those responding, a number (including Billy Casper Golf) will be asked to submit formal proposals.

As part of this process some of the companies who have expressed interest in talking with us further will be visiting The Monarch over the next several weeks. The committee, in turn, will be visiting courses some of these companies manage or have managed to access their abilities to fulfill our requirements. Before the rumor mill gets going, let me say that we are not looking to replace Billy Casper Golf; however, we are searching for the best fit for The Monarch and its members going forward.

Questions?

Contact Lee Hitchcock, Chair Club Management Committee. Fellow committee members are Jack Bendick, John Farrelly, Judy Litty, Pat O'Malley and Carolyn Skorich.

From the Handicap Committee

Christine Tibbits, Chair

Posting Scores from Away Competition

When you play in a competition held at another club, it is just as important to post your score in the GHIN system as it is to post a score from a competition at The Monarch. It may seem that a relatively high score played on another course won't make a difference in your handicap index. That would not necessarily be the case because your handicap is based on your most recent 20 scores, no matter where you played.

Tournament Scores

Some competition played at the Monarch and organized by the Club, the MMGA or the MWGA are designated as tournaments. Those tournaments must be announced as such prior to the competition. The lowest two of those tournament scores are carried for a full year. If those tournament scores are significantly lower than your other scores, they become part of a formula that can decrease your handicap index much more significantly than just one low score would. (When that happens your index is posted with an "R" following the number.)

You might also play in other competition that is designated as tournament play by other organizations. Even if those other tournaments are played here at The Monarch, the resulting scores for Monarch members are posted in the GHIN system as a regular score, not as a tournament score.

Questions, comments? Contact Christine Tibbits cttibbits@yahoo.com or 874-5598.

**From the Golf Committee
Gene Sass, Chair**

The Couples Holiday Open

We had thirty golfers brave the cold weather on January 8 to play in the rescheduled Couples Holiday Open. Pictured below are some of the hearty golfers enjoying a great luncheon provided by The Crown & Shield Restaurant after the tournament.



The winning teams were:

1st Place:

Roy and Christa Bowen
Lee and Mary Hitchcock

2nd Place:

Dave & Lena Fitch
Mike & Barb Kowalski

3rd Place:

Hal & Francie Traviola
Mike & Kitty Bolier

Congratulations!

The Couples Sweetheart Tournament

Play is scheduled for Sunday, February 14, with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Mulligans for trees will once again be sold prior to this event. This tournament will be limited to 68 players, so sign up in the clubhouse lobby as soon as possible.

The format will be an Odd-Even Scramble with four person teams. In this format only the

women tee off from the even holes and only the men tee off from the odd holes. The team then selects one ball as the team drive. All members move their balls to within one club length of the team drive and play the second shot from this location. The best second shot is selected and this procedure is repeated until the ball is holed out.

An after golf buffet dinner at The Crown & Shield Restaurant will be included in the entry fee.

Member/Member Tournament

Play is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17 and Thursday, February 18, 2010. The tournament is open to men and women teams. The format will be a Flighted Team Best Ball Score over the two days. The 80% Handicap Rule will be used. A hamburger plate luncheon will be provided at the Crown & Shield Restaurant immediately after golf, at which time awards will be presented. This tournament will be limited to 60 teams (120 players), so sign-up in the clubhouse lobby as soon as possible.

Member/Guest Tournament

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Member/Guest Tournament scheduled for April 15-17, 2010. The committee is excited to announce some of the plans for this year's event:

- Each of the two tournament days (April 16 and 17) will include 27 holes of golf (three 9-hole rounds)
- Complimentary practice round will be a 12:30 pm shotgun start on Thursday, April 15.
- There will be an optional practice round competition (more details to come).
- There will be hole-in-one prizes compliments of Plaza Cadillac on all par 3 holes for both tournament days.
- There will be a closest-to-the-pin competition each day.
- There will be our traditional raffle on Friday evening. We expect over 100 prizes.
- Entry fee will be \$150/player including tax. No additional greens fees for guests for the practice round.

Tournament invitations/sign-up forms were in the January billing statements. The number of teams will be limited to 64 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Get your guests on board now!

News from the MWGA
Christa Bowen, President

Challenge Cup

The Monarch Women are in 1st place in the gross flight and 5th in the net flight. The results of the January 11 match played at Plantation were Monarch 40.5 gross, Plantation 49.5; Monarch 39.5 net, Plantation 50.5. The next matches are February 12 at the Monarch and February 22 at Mt. Dora.

Ladies Match Play

Due to the cold weather delays, the Tuesday Match Play winter session will now end on March 23. The spring session begins on March 30 and runs until June 1.

MWGA Spring Charity Tournament

On Thursday, April 8th, the MWGA will host a golf tournament for ***Faith Neighborhood Center***. The Center is a non-profit corporation serving South Lake County and provides food, clothing, and financial assistance that helps with rent, utilities and medical needs for ***900 families a month*** in the area. This is up from 700 families just a year ago. Please keep the date open for a fun game of golf and then a delicious lunch at the Crown & Shield Restaurant. If you have guests coming for Spring Break, please consider playing with them in a fun format of golf and helping a very worthy cause. Committee Co-Chairs are Dona Nash & Evelyn Weasner

MWGA Ringer Tournament

This two day tournament will take place on March 11 and March 18. Please mark your calendars.

MWGA Food Drive

Karen Teeguarden is spearheading a drive to provide food for the Central Lake County Food Pantry during January and February. Your

donations of non-perishable food items are appreciated.

Hole-in-One

Congratulations to Patti Garas who aced #13 on January 23, 2010

News from the MMGA
Mike Kowalski, President

On Friday night January 15, the MMGA held their annual dinner dance at the Great Hall. It was a beautiful night of music, dancing and delicious food thanks to the catering efforts of the Crown & Shield. A special thanks to Ace Rossom for his hard work in chairing the event and to Ray Gardner for serving as DJ. Pictured below are Deborah Petrak, Diane Christie and Adam Talarek looking good dancing the Macarena.



Men's Winter Match Play

Play currently underway is scheduled to end March 1 with a lunch to follow. Men's Mid-Winter Match Play is scheduled to begin on March 8.

Stroke Play Update

Next up for the MMGA is the Stroke Play Championship to be held on March 24th. After golf the group will have a meeting and enjoy luncheon at the Crown & Shield.

Meet Your Directors
Diane Christie, Membership
Committee Chair



Diane and her husband Tom have been residents of Royal Highland for nearly two years. She is a member of the MWGA, participates in Match Play, is a Challenge Cup player, coordinates the Ladies Thursday games, and in her spare time, spends hours beautifying the golf course.

During her career she held such positions as General Manager, and Regional Director of Government Affairs in the States of Florida, Indiana and Tennessee. Diane oversaw and negotiated all of the local franchise agreements, pole attachment, lease and easement agreements; along with, handling all of the government relations at the Local, State and Federal level. She served on the Board of the Tennessee Cable Television Association, Board of the Kentucky Cable Television Association, was active on the City of Nashville's Broadband Taskforce, Member of the Palm Beach Kiwanis Club and Palm Beach Rotary Club, to mention a few.

Diane will be working with her new committee, which includes Marie Marvil, Wayne Sargent, Tom Wasil and Joe Weasner, in gaining and retaining members in the Monarch Golf Club. "Communication, consistency and follow-up is key in retaining and gaining members in our club", says Diane. She adds: "We are all looking forward to bringing some new faces and competition to our already great golf club."

Meet the New Members

Jan Dubsy



Jan joins her husband, Jim Dubsy, who has been a Monarch member for three years. Recently retired from the Veteran's Administration in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Jan looks forward to lots of time on the golf course.

Carol Arnold



Carol also joins her husband, Craig Arnold, as a Monarch member. In 2009, Carol and Craig sold their home in Minneapolis, MN and made the Royal Highlands their year-around residence. In addition to being a golf enthusiast, Carol is an avid bridge player.

Please welcome Jan and Carol when you see them on the golf course!

Nifty-Niner News

Gene and Pat Sass, Coordinators

Congratulations to Sue Hammond, Jette Kelley and Trudy Whittlef who won the women’s putting contest following Nifty-Niners golf on January 26. Victorious among the men were Jim McDermott, Ed Cubanski and Lee Fjeld. After the putting event, more than 45 diners enjoyed a delicious meal at the Crown & Shield.

Please mark your calendar for the Nifty-Niner Banquet to be held on Sunday, March 21, at the Crown & Shield. Live entertainment will be provided by Jerry Byrd. Check the March issue of *Around the Club* for more information.

**Crown & Shield Calender
February 2010**

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- *House charge accounts receive 5% discount on all food and beverage purchases*
- *Bar and restaurant is closed on Sundays
Beer and wine are available in the pro shop*
 - *Bar is open until 6 pm on Mondays*
- *The restaurant closes at 3 pm and the bar closes at 6 pm on Wednesdays*
- *A NEW MENU IS COMING FEBRUARY 2, 2010*

Note: Bar will be closing early on the following days for these special events:

February 6 – Sounds of Time dinner & show

February 13 – Birthday Bash

February Special Events



February 6 – Sounds of Time Dinner & Show

This husband & wife team have been with us before and put on a great show with great music of the 50s to the 70s, country and standards. They have entertained on Royal Caribbean’s Liberty of the Seas.

Menu choices:

Cranberry Chicken Breast - \$13.25

Potato Encrusted Grouper - \$13.75

Baby Back Ribs - \$14.50

February 7 – Super Bowl Party

This event (which is open to anyone in the community) will include 9 holes of golf with a Super Bowl meal at the Crown & Shield. Wear your team colors and come root for your team. Watch for flyers and sign up quickly.



February 12 - Entertainment Series Dinner at the Crown & Shield

The Crown & Shield is offering dinner at the Crown & Shield prior to the Entertainment Series event at the Great Hall on Friday, February 12.

Menu choices:

Fish Fry - \$8.95

Salsa Chicken - \$11.75

Stuffed Pork Chops - \$12.50

Tuesday, February 16 (Fat Tuesday)



It's Mardi Gras at the Crown & Shield! Tuesday buffet menu is as follows:

Andouille Sausage & Rice Soup

Chicken Jambalaya

Shrimp Etouffee

Red Beans & Rice

Fried Okra

King Cake

Price - \$16.99 plus tax & tip

****Dress in your Mardi Gras attire (*purple, green & gold*)
and receive a free drink on us (well, house wine or beer)****

Saturday, February 20 – Surf & Turf



NY Strip Steak with Coconut Shrimp

Including soup or salad, starch & vegetable and a bread stick

****Buy one house wine, well drink or a mug of beer and get one free****

Price - \$16.75 plus tax & tip.

Saturday, February 27 – Pasta Station

THE CHEFS WILL PREPARE YOUR MEAL FOR YOU AT THE PASTA STATION



Menu choices:

Salad Bar & Bread Sticks

Choice of sausage, peppers, mushrooms, onions, ground beef & sun dried tomatoes

Penne or Angel Hair Pasta

Marinara or Alfredo White Sauce

Price - \$12.50 plus tax & tip

All Tuesday's in February – Southern Country Cooking

(except February 9 when menu items will be offered)

Buffet Menu:

Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Vegetables & Biscuits

Price - \$9.99 plus tax & tip

Reservations are recommended.

NOTE: Menu items are now available on Southern Country Cooking nights.

Thursday, February 18 – Restaurant Closed for lunch- Member/Member Golf Tournament

Did you know that...

CARRY OUT IS AVAILABLE ON THE DAYS THE RESTAURANT IS OPEN

Call the Crown & Shield 314-3908 to place your order

Game Days at the Crown & Shield

Monday and Wednesday afternoons are game days at the Crown and Shield. Groups play a variety of games on Monday and both kinds of Mah Jong on Wednesday afternoons from 1-4 pm. Contact Dona Nash, Marilyn LaFauci, Evelyn Weasner or Carolyn Case for more information.

February Wednesday Lunch Specials

February 3 – Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich with fries and a mug of beer or soft drink - \$7.00

February 10 – Soft Tacos W/Refried Beans with fries and a mug of beer or soft drink - \$7.00

February 17 – Pulled Pork with fries and a mug of beer or soft drink - \$7.00

February 24 – Turkey Club Sandwich with fries and a mug of beer or soft drink - \$7.00

NOTE: The restaurant is closed on Wednesday evenings.

February Thursday Happy Hour Meals

Feb.4-Grouper W/Saffron Sauce – Rum Fuzz

Feb.11-Shrimp Scampi - Cosmopolitan

Feb.18-Sweet & Sour Chicken – Beach Party

Feb.25-Beef Stir Fry – Pink Lemonade

Price is \$13.50 including entrée, soup, salad, bread stick, starch & vegetable

Finger foods with a drink feature will be offered from 5-6 pm with happy hour drink prices.
Dinners served from 5-7 pm.

Make reservations today for your group today by calling 314-3908.

Friday Fish Fry Night

Enjoy a generous serving of fried crisp filet of fresh catch in season with French fries and coleslaw - \$9.99.

Menu selections are also available.

NOTE: No fish fry on Friday, February 12 -Restaurant Open

Remember, the above prices do not include the 5% discount for using your house charge account, which is available to everyone at no cost.

February Events at the Crown & Shield

Feb.2–Southern Country Cooking

Feb.6-Sound of Time – Dinner & Show

Feb.7-Super Bowl –Golf & Buffet

Feb.9-Vets R Us Dinner-(restaurant open)

Feb.12-Entertainment Series Dinner

Feb.13-Top of the Hill Birthday Bash

Feb.14-Sweetheart Open with Lunch

Feb.16–Mardi Gras Dinner

Feb.18-Member/Member Tournament with Lunch

Feb.20-Surf & Turf Dinner

Feb.23–Southern Country Cooking

Feb.27-Pasta Station Night

Crown & Shield Happy Hour

Monday, 12-2, Tuesday, 4-5, Wednesday 12-2 & 4-5, Thursday, 4-6, Friday 4-5

Restaurant Hours: (subject to change for special events)

Monday 11-5 –Hot and snacks only. Bar open until 6 pm

Tuesday 11-3 – *Southern Country Cooking* Dinner – 4-7 pm

Wednesday 11-3-- Lunch –CLOSED FOR DINNER –Bar open until 6 pm

Thursday 11-3 -- Lunch -- Happy Hour Dinner Specials 5-7 pm

Friday 11-3 – Lunch -- Fish Fry 4-7 pm (10% discount from 4-5:30 pm)

Saturday 11- 5 – Lunch & Dinner (unless there is a special event)

Sunday- Bar & Restaurant Closed – Beer & Wine Available in Pro Shop

Check the web-site for flyers and special meal announcements

****Please keep this schedule for future reference****

2010 SCHEDULE OF GOLF ACTIVITIES

Fri, Feb 12, 2010	9:30 am	Challenge Cup/Kings Ridge	Monarch
Sun, Feb 14, 2010	12:30 pm(sg)	Sweetheart Couples	Monarch
Wed. Feb. 17, 2010	8:00 am (sg)	Member/Member	Monarch
Thurs, Feb 18, 2010	8:00am (sg)	Member/Member	Monarch
Mon, Mar 1, 2010		Men's Winter Match Play Ends Lunch C&S	MMP
Mon, Mar 8, 2010	8:00am (sg)	Men's Mid-Winter Match begins	Monarch
Thurs, Mar 11, 2010	8:00am(sg)	MWGA Ringer Tournament	MWGA
Fri, Mar 12 ,2010	9:30 am	Challenge Cup/Sarabande	Monarch
Tue. March 16, 2010	8:00 am (sg)	Ladies Winter Match ends – Lunch	LMP
Wed, Mar 17 2010	1:00 pm (sg)	Irish Open Mixer	Monarch
Thurs, Mar 18, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	MWGA Ringer Tournament	MWGA
Tue. March 23, 2010	8:00 (sg)	Ladies Spring Match Play begins	LMP
Wed, Mar 24, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Men's Stroke Play Champ-Lunch	MMGA
Thurs, April 8, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Spring Charity Tournament	MWGA
Thurs, April 15, 2010	12:30 pm (sg)	Member/Guest (Practice rd)	Monarch
Fri, April 16, 2010	8:00 am (sg)	Member/Guest	Monarch
Sat, April 17, 2010	8:00 am (sg)	Member/Guest	Monarch
Mon, May 3, 2010	8:00 am (sg)	End of Men's Md'Wtr Match-lunch	MMP
Wed, May 5, 2010	tee times	Men's/ Club Champ	Monarch
Thurs, May 6, 2010	tee times	Ladies Club Champ	Monarch
Fri, May 7, 2010	tee times	Men's/Ladies Club Champ	Monarch
Sat, May 8, 2010	tee times PM	Men's Club Champ/ Men's & Ladies Players Dinner	Monarch C&S
Mon, May 10, 2010	8:00am (sg)	Men's Spring Match Play Begins	MMP
Mon, May 10, 2010	3:30 pm	Men's Match Play Shootout Individual point Leaders)	MMP
Tues, May 25, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Ladies Spring Match Ends - Lunch	LMP
Mon, May 31, 2010	8:00am (sg)	Memorial Day Mixer	Monarch
Tue. June 1, 2010		Course Closed for Aerification	
Tue. June 8, 2010	8:00 am (sg)	Ladies Summer Match Play begins	LMP
Sun. June 13, 2010	8:00am(sg)	Couples Tournament	Monarch
Sat. July 3, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Firecracker Mixer	Monarch
Mon, July, 12, 2010	8:00am (sg)	Men's Spring Match Play ends Lunch C&S	MMGA
Sun, July 18, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Couples Tournament	Monarch
Mon, July 19, 2010	8:00am(sg)	Men's Summer Match Play Begins	MMGA
Tues, July 27, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Ladies Summer Match Ends-lunch	LMP
Mon, Sept, 6, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Labor Day Mixer	Monarch
Mon,Sept 27, 2010	8:00am(sg)	Last Day Men'Sum Match-lunch	MMP
Mon,Oct 4, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Crown Cup Begins	Monarch

Mon, Oct 4, 2010	8:00am(sg)	Men's Fall Match Play begins	MMP
Thurs, Oct 14, 2010	8:00am(sg)	MWGA Memorial Tournament	MWGA
Wed, Oct 20, 2010	Noon	MMGA Luncheon Meeting	MMGA
Sun, Oct 24, 2010	8:00am(sg)	Couples Championship	Monarch
Mon, Nov 1, 2010		Overseed, course closed	
Sat, Nov 6, 2010	12:30 pm (sg)	Meatball Invitational	
Wed, Nov. 17, 2010	12:30 pm(sg)	Turkey Shoot Mixer	Monarch
Thurs, Nov. 18, 2010	8:00 am (sg)	Lake County Seniors	Monarch
Fri, Nov. 19, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Lake County Seniors	Monarch
Thurs, Dec 9, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Ladies President's Cup	MWGA
Mon, Dec 13, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Last Day Fall Men's Match Play Lunch C&S	MMP
Thurs, Dec 16, 2010	8:00 am(sg)	Ladies President's Cup	MWGA
Fri. Dec 17, 2010	1:00 pm(sg)	Christmas Open Mixer	Monarch