

Around Golf Club

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From the Golf Committee Ron Bouchard, Chair

During the Member/Member Tournament on March 4, two holes-in-one were recorded. The first was by Keith Miller on hole # 4 and the other was by Ron Bouchard on hole # 13. Congratulations to both golfers.

Member/Member Tournament Results

The annual Member/Member tournament was held on March 4 and 5 with approximately 100 participants. The format was a two-day low net (80% handicap) of the two person team. The field was divided into three flights—two for the men and one for the ladies. First place in men's flight one was the team of Mike Dennis/Dick Therrien. Second place went to Harold Hackworth/Dick Brimlow. Third place to Steve Tibbits/Jim O'Sullivan. Fourth place to Bob Titton/Bob Hurley and fifth place to Mike Bolier/Lee Fjeld.

In the men's flight two, first place went to the brother-in-law team of Tom Danish/Sam Hanley. Second place to Eldon Boom/Ron Ambrosio and third place to Craig Arnold/Paul Mensch. Fourth place to Bob Bainbridge/Wayne McDermott and fifth place to Ace Rossom/ Jim Longo.

In the ladies flight, first place went to the team of Barb Kowalski and Judy Longo. Second Place to the team of Louise Mizinski/Sandy Talarek. Third place to Karen Titton/Linda Hurley (finishing higher than their husbands' team). Fourth place went to the team of Kitty Bolier/Linda Fjeld who also finished higher than their husbands' team. Fifth place went to Lena Fitch /Marie Marvel.

DEMO DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

10-11 – Short game clinic w/ No Think Wedge

11-3 – Demo Tour Edge & No Think Wedge

Ladies Bathroom Refurbished

A committee of ladies from the MWGA undertook the task of repainting and refurbishing the ladies bathroom in the clubhouse. Nice work ladies! Committee members were Barbara Colmer, Barbara Kowalski, Barbara Krzyzanowski, Joan Miller, Irene Rossiello, Diane Christie, Lucille Ganley Audrey Belton, Reenie Beck, Coreen Corbin, Bobbie Kitchen and Judy Ambrosio. Thanks again for a job well done.

Monarch Ladies Win Challenge Cup Competition

Congratulations! to the Monarch team who won the Challenge Cup, a competition with several area golf clubs. The annual competition is composed of teams from the Monarch, Green Valley, Plantation, Kings Ridge, Mt. Dora and Sarabande. Check the Monarch website for a team picture. The team is composed of Captain Patti Walden and Co-Captain Karen Kozlowski, Linda Hodgson, Betty Hudi, Barb Krzyzanowski, Linda Hurley, Diana Bainbridge, Betty Gibson, Judy Taylor, Virginia Holzhausen, Judy Litty, Edith Boom, Deb Douglass, Carolyn Skorich, Betty Danish, Joan Miller, Jan Myjak, Judy Ambrosio and Sandy Cincotta.

Irish Open Mixer Results

On Sunday March 15, the Monarch hosted its annual Irish Open Mixer. The format was an Irish Shamble. The event was followed by a traditional Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage. First place went to the team of Wayne McDermott, Barbara Kowalski and Lucille Ganley. Second place was the team of Dick Brimlow, Ron Schleich, Joan Miller and Barb Gressley. In third place was the team of Steve Tibbits, Francie Traviolia and Carol Knaeble. Fourth Place went to Lee Fjeld, Hal Traviolia, and Louise Mizinski and the fifth place team was composed of Edward Knaeble, Ken Gressley, Barb Colmer and Donna Cline.

Member/Guest Tournament Planning

Planning continues for the Member/Guest Tournament scheduled for April 3rd and 4th. Dona Nash and her committee have been meeting weekly and are very much on top of all the details for this event. There is a full field of participants, which should yield a very competitive event. Please visit the Monarch website for additional information.

FYI: Outside groups comprised of more than 550 players were scheduled for the month of March!!!

From the Buildings and Grounds Committee

Bob Gravatt, Chair

Spring has sprung! Flowers are blooming. The grass on the golf course is in transition. You can see evidence on the fairways and greens that the Bermuda grass is starting to grow and the rye is dying off.

The trees have been trimmed on the 6th, 7th, and 12th greens allowing the sun to shine more directly on the grass and hopefully allowing the grass to fill in better. The tree on the left side of #7 tee box as well as trees on #13 will be trimmed at a later date. The tee box on #13 will also be expanded.

There are ropes located on the right side of #14 fairway. Sprinkler heads have been put into place to allow better watering of the Bermuda grass in that area. **Please DO NOT drive on the waste area side of the rope.**

The **Green and White Stakes** you see on the course are put into place to protect certain areas. PLEASE drive around the stakes and not between them.

There are **Ropes** in place to protect the aprons of the greens. Please drive to the cart path side of the ropes even if your ball is on the opposite side.

Many thanks to John Lambert and John Scappaticci who installed the new screen door on the lanai! Their time and effort is appreciated. Give them a Big THANK YOU when you see them!

From Your Handicap Committee

Christine Tibbits, Chairperson

An Invitation . . .

We are looking for new committee member(s) willing to spend about two hours a month to join us on the Handicap Committee.

You may know of our work if you or your fellow Club members have needed help dealing with the GHIN system. Maybe you or a friend have had your handicap index increased if illness or surgery or a similar situation meant that your index was no longer an accurate indication of what you are likely to score. You may even have received a letter from us letting you know that there was a problem with the scores you posted and offering to help.

You may not know that we enjoy a unique camaraderie and sense of service as we seek to implement the requirements of the USGA.

We usually meet once a month for an hour or even less. Individual members spend an average of one additional hour to verify that scores have been posted or to carry out other committee responsibilities

So if you have about 2 hours a month plus an interest in how the Handicap System really works, please contact any one of us for more information. We would be pleased to have you join us.

Donna Cline, 360-1223
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A Word To The Wise:
"The Way You Leave The Course Today
Is The Way It Will Play Tomorrow!"

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Chamber of Commerce, Lake County home builders, Leesburg Parks and Recreation Department and others). Tony and his staff will work with these groups on formats, clinics, etc. to provide an enjoyable golf experience at a nominal price.

Fund Raising

While the negotiations with Pringle have stalled, there is still a need to accumulate debt reduction funds to aid us in upcoming negotiations. The committee is in the process of developing a **Naming Rights Campaign**. The campaign will be structured similar to those developed by arts advocates, churches, universities and other groups.

A list will be developed whereby members will have the opportunity to have a facility/area named after them or in memory of someone. Purchasing the naming rights of a building or space will entitle the purchaser to have a plaque placed in the appropriate area acknowledging their sponsorship. It is intended that the right will extend for the life of the property. Watch for upcoming announcements as once the campaign begins naming rights will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Marketing and Development Committee

Steve Tibbits, Chair

The Marketing and Development Committee is pleased to announce the following new programs:

Appreciation Program

An **Appreciation Program** will be launched in mid April by meeting with community leaders including those from county and municipal governments, public safety agencies, military branches, the school board and LRMC. The purpose of these meetings will be to show our appreciation for their efforts by providing them with discounted play at the Monarch. This will not only show our appreciation but will also introduce a number of people to the club and our facilities.

League Play

The club will be offering **League Play** for outside groups in the afternoons from May to September between 5-8pm This is an effort to increase the utilization of the course in historically down times as well as to introduce area residents to the course. In addition to the groups involved in the Appreciation Program, additional groups and organizations will be contacted to ascertain their interests (i.e., Leesburg

Property Assessment

The committee has asked the Board to approach the Royal Highlands POA and ask that all households be assessed a monthly amount to support the Monarch which is the communities greatest amenity. The Board is looking to develop a "White Paper" outlining the impact of the course and restaurant on property values as well as the environmental impact of the green space. In light of recent events at the front gate, we are hopeful that the RHPOA will be receptive to the idea.

Newsletter Feedback

A huge thank you to the five women who responded to our plea last month for feedback on the newsletter. Although not an overwhelming response, it appears that some of you rely on the newsletter for information. All respondents were appreciative of the efforts we all make in putting it together; all read it online and of those who specifically commented on the format (4); most liked the current format and one found the two column style difficult to read on the screen. Thanks again and remember that we are always looking for articles and constructive suggestions. jgh

**News from the Entertainment and Banquet
Committee**
Ann Carter, Chair

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- *Use your House Charge Account and receive a 5% discount on all food and beverages*
- *Bar will be open until 6 pm on Mondays as long as there is sufficient demand*
- *Bar and Restaurant will be closed on Sundays April 5 and April 26*
- *Bar will be closing early on the following days for special events:
April 3 – 3:30 pm
April 10, April 11, April 21, April 24,
April 25, April 27 – 4:30 PM*

Happy Hour Drink Hours

Monday, 12-2; Tuesday, 4-5; Wednesday, 12-2 and 4-5; Thursday, 4-6; Friday, 4-5.

Special Events for April

April 2, 3, 4 is our Annual Member Guest Tournament. The restaurant will be closed to the public all three days.

Friday, April 10

Dinner prior to the Entertainment Series event at the Great Hall. Reservations can be made through Ann Carter at acarter554@aol.com.

Menu will be:

Fish Fry - \$9.49

Eggplant Parmesan - \$10.99

Beef Shish Kabobs - \$16.79

Saturday, April 11, Don Dusold Show

Don, originally from Elgin, Illinois is now living in the Ocala area. He sings a large variety of dancing music from the 40's thru the 90's and works with the crowd. Don, a highly recommended entertainer, has been singing professionally for over 40 years. Put your dancing shoes on and come for a fun filled evening.

Menu will be:

Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti - \$12.59

Grilled Salmon Filet w/Hollandaise Sauce –
\$14.69

Prime Rib - \$17.79

Cocktails at 5:30 – Dinner at 6:00 with entertainment following for two hours

Sunday, April 12 – Sunday Easter Buffet

Menu will be:

Summer Salad Bar

Assorted Flavored Breadsticks

Carved Honey Glazed Ham

Roasted Turkey Breast with Stuffing

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Green Bean Casserole

Bread Pudding

Price - \$17.85

Sign up at the Crown & Shield. Seating's will be 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

Saturday, April 18

The Royal Theater Players will be putting on a play called *Too Soon for Daisies*. The Crown & Shield will be offering dinner prior to the play and for those that attend, seats will be reserved.

Menu will be:

Fish Fry - \$9.49

Chicken Alfredo - \$11.50

Stuffed Pork Chops - \$12.50

Call the Crown & Shield @ 314-3908 to make reservations or send Ann Carter @ acarter554@aol.com

Monday, April 27, Carol Ann Show

Carol Ann, a beautiful country/Western singer, was with us before. Her performance was so good, we have been asked to bring her back.

Menu will be:

Chicken Monterey with Spinach, Cheese &
Cream sauce - \$12.59

Stuffed Flounder W/White Butter Sauce –
\$13.58

Prime Rib - \$17.79

Pasta Night – Every Wednesday

Generous serving of pasta with marinara or meat sauce plus salad & rolls -\$9.49
Plus, order off the menu

Thursday Happy Hour Meals and Drink Features

Apr. 2-Member-Guest Optional Dinner
Closed to Public
Apr. 9-Flounder Francaise-Apricot Sour
Apr. 16-Lasagna- Sex on the Beach
Apr. 23-Chicken Parmesan-Lemon Ice
Apr. 30-Meatloaf-Razz-Ma-Tazz
Plus order off the menu

Finger foods with a drink feature will be offered from 5:00 to 6:00 with Happy Hour drink prices. Dinner served from 5:00 to 7:00. Soup and Salad Bar available.

Make your reservations today. Call the Crown & Shield at 314-3908 and choose the time you would like to dine, along with the number in your party.

Fish Fry – Every Friday Night

Generous serving of fried crisp filet of fresh catch in season with French Fries and coleslaw - \$9.49 – Plus, order off the menu

Game Days

Don't forget Game Day at the Crown and Shield every Monday and Mah Jong on Wednesday afternoons 1 pm to 4 pm. Contact Dona Nash, Marilyn LaFauci or Evelyn Weasner for more information.

*Remember to check the website
monarchgolfclub.com
for menus and up to date
information.*

Events at the Crown & Shield for April

April 2 – Member Guest Tournament
April 3 – Member Guest Tournament
April 4 – Member Guest Tournament
April 10-Entertainment Series Dinner
April 11-Don Dusold Dinner & Show
April 12-Easter Buffet
April 14-Vettes ‘R” Us Dinner
April 18-Dinner Prior to G.H. Play
April 21-Mid West Club-Dinner-
Closed for Dinner
April 24-Private Party-
Closed for Dinner
Apr. 25-Top of the Hill Birthday Bash
Closed for Dinner

Crown and Shield hours are as follows unless there is a special event as indicated above.

Monday: 11-5 Hot Dogs and Snacks; Bar open until 6 pm while the demand remains

Tuesday: Lunch: 11 to 3 – Dinner: 4 to 7.

Wednesday: Lunch: 11 to 3 - Pasta Night 4 to 7.

Thursday: Lunch 11 to 3 –Happy Hour Dinner Specials 5 to 7. (See menu selections this page).

Friday: Lunch 11 to 3 –Fish Fry 4 to 7 (early dining-4-5:30-10% Discount). Closed for Entertainment Series Dinner on April 10.

Saturday: Lunch and Dinner 11 to 7.

Sunday: Bar open 10:30 to 3; Bar and Restaurant closed on April 5 and April 26.

Every effort is made to accurately report items of interest to Monarch members. Constructive criticism, suggestions for improvement of the newsletter and items for inclusion are always welcome. jgh hejdkjg@comcast.net