

## Around THE Club

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Ann Carter - Editor

**September, 2019**



**Craig Misch – Pro**

Another great summer month in the books...The MMGA held their first ever Shootout this month. They copied the ladies' event from earlier this summer. We had ten guys qualify to play and the event was outstanding...just ask Rick Mason (we love you Rickey) We are planning on doing this again when the snowbirds come back later this season. Results will be in the MMGA section of the newsletter...thanks to Gary Ritchey for taking pictures!!

All summer leagues are in full swing, its hot but not hot enough to keep us off the course!

Labor Day step back scramble will be played Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>...results will be shared in the next newsletter.

### **MMGA-Mike Russomano**

In case you missed it, the finals of the men's shootout was held on Sunday 8/25.

The event was highly successful and nerve racking.

The 10 qualifiers were: Bob Keating, Vince Laverghetta, John Buono, Rick Mason, Keith Patterson, Steve Ryan, Dave Kozlowski, Jim Oddo, Rich Page and Larry Demaline.



Page, Patterson, Keating, Demaline, Kozlowski, Oddo, Laverghetta, Mason, Ryan, Buono

## Caddies



Lawrenson, Kozlowski, Page, Case, Ryan, Laverghetta, Kline, Patterson, Bryan, Keating



The 2nd Place winner was Rick Mason.



Players & Caddies



Shootout champion was John Buono.

John now only needs to be the Crown Cup Champ to complete the "Trifecta".

We will be looking into the possibility of having another shootout very soon.

Because of the shootout qualifying, the Wednesday MMGA games don't have much to report.



The 3rd Place winner was Steve Ryan. Molly got the money.

In the Saturday Gold Tee Group, the August 3<sup>rd</sup>. winning team consisted of: Mike Russomano, Dennis Walden, Tom Lawrenson and Dave Race.

The winners on August 10<sup>th</sup> were: Rick Baughn, Terry Neikirk, Mike Russomano and Roy Bradford.

August 17<sup>th</sup>. was cut short by rain.

Winners on August 24<sup>th</sup> were: Britt Davies, Chuck Gietz, Tom O'Rourke and Roy Bradford.

Finally, on August 31<sup>st</sup>. the winner were: Mike Russomano, Rich Page, Dave Race and Frank Miller.

### **MWGA – Esther Patterson**

Well, another month of HOT weather - welcome to Florida in August! Speaking of "welcome" - we have a new member - Rosanne "Cookie" O'Rourke. We look forward to you joining us on Thursdays!

Our winners for August were:

#### **F.O.N.E. Holes (8/1)**

##### **Flight 1**

1st Place: Christa Bowen  
2nd Place: Coreen Corbin & Evelyn Weasner (tie)  
3rd Place: Linda Hodgson

##### **Flight 2**

1st Place: Mary Clemans & Betty Danish (tie)  
2nd Place: Brenda Watson & Karen Weicht (tie)

##### **Flight 3**

1st Place: Lisa Ritchey  
2nd Place: Barbara Gunderson  
3rd Place: Ann Enloe

#### **Team Scramble (8/8)**

Our team game was rained out, but we still had a wonderful luncheon followed by a short meeting.



MWGA played a side game with a yellow emoji ball. **Linda Carey** retrieved it in the casual water on #10. What a trouper Linda all for the team

#### **Criss Cross (8/15)**

##### **Flight 1**

1st Place: Carolyn Skorich & Esther Patterson & Evelyn Weasner (tie)  
3rd Place: Christa Bowen

##### **Flight 2**

1st Place: Karen Weicht  
2nd Place: Mary Clemans  
3rd Place: Sandy Cookson & Lisa Ritchey (tie)

#### **Net Score Under Par (8/22)**

##### **Flight 1**

1st Place: Linda Carey & Betty Hudi & Carolyn Skorich (tie)  
2nd Place: Esther Patterson

##### **Flight 2**

1st Place: Lisa Ritchey  
2nd Place: Betty Danish & Brenda Watson (tie)  
3rd Place: Sandy Cookson

#### **2 Net Best Balls (Team) (8/29)**

1st Place: Christa Bowen, Betty Danish, Cookie O'Rourke, Judy Taylor  
2nd Place (tie): Betty Hudi, Connie Ortballs, Esther Patterson, Lisa Ritchey

and Barb Kowalski, Marie Marvil, Marge Parkinson, Francie Traviolia

Our scheduled games for September will be:

\*\*9/5: Blind Nine

\*\*9/12: Even Holes

\*\*9/19: Low Net

\*\*9/26: President's Cup tournament.

Lunch will follow golf, and the cost will be \$6.00. Winner will be overall low gross, with low net winners in each flight. More information will be sent to members.

The Fall Match Play will begin on Tuesday, September 10 - 8:00 AM shotgun start. We currently have 9 teams signed up and have room for one more team. If you would like to join us or know of someone who would be interested in playing, give me a call and I will be glad to go over the event and answer any questions. The cost is \$20 and will be billed to your golf account, and we payout 100% of the money collected.

The Annual Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, October 17. All proceeds go to Cornerstone Hospice. Please see the separate ad with all the information.

## NEW MEMBERS



**Cookie & Tom O'Rourke**

Please welcome Tom and Rosann (Cookie). They join us as Limited Plus Family Members. They moved here from New Jersey and live at the Plantation.

They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Tom was a teacher and Cookie an Office Manager. In addition to golf, Cookie enjoys pickleball and line dancing.

### 2019 HOLES IN ONE

#### Men:

Tom O'Rourke - #11 - 2/16/19

Rich Page - #4 - 2/16/19

Terry Neikirk - #13 - 4/12/19

Adam Talarek - #11 - 4/13/19

Preston Perkey - #13 - 5/12/19

Carl Lacobie - #8 - 6/4/19

Sam Hanley - #13 - 7/15/19

#### NEW

**Britt Davis - #11 - 8/31/19**

#### Ladies:

Kitty Bolier - #8 - 1/2/19

Jan Dubsy - #4 - 2/23/19

Sherry Grimm - #4 - 5/8/19

Marge Parkinson - #13 - 5/16/19

Sue Scappaticci - #13 - 6/18/19



*MWGA Garden of  
Memories*

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**October 17, 2019**

**All proceeds go to  
Cornerstone Hospice  
OPEN TO ALL GOLFERS**

**FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE**

Enter as a team, partial team or individual.  
Sign up at the Monarch Pro Shop from  
October 1-15.

**ENTRY FEE**

(includes golf, cart fee & lunch)

\$40. Member

\$55. Non-Member

Payable to 'MWGA'

**TIMES**

7 AM Registration

8 AM Shotgun Start

Noon Lunch @ Crown & Shield

**HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Contact Carolyn Skorich 352-365-1556

or [duffyems@aol.com](mailto:duffyems@aol.com)

For other tournament information contact

Evelyn Weasner 352-326-3448 or

[eweasner5560@live.com](mailto:eweasner5560@live.com)



**James Taylor**

James joins us from Edward City, Pa. where he was a Steel Mill worker. He has 3 children and 2 grandchildren. He enjoys ping pong and belongs to the Eagles

**Vince Laverghetta-Men’s Match Play**

The summer session of Match Play has reached the mid-point of the session with the teams of Bill Ortvals / Steve Ryan and Tom Suzda / Rich Page leading their respective divisions. We have 18 teams competing this session. The summer session will wrap up with a Fun Day event and luncheon on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The low round of the session thus far is a 73 posted by Bob Keating and the low net round of 60 belongs to Mike Russomano. The Fall session of Men’s Match Play will start on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and conclude with the Fun Day and luncheon on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheets will be available in the pro shop on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The cost of each match play session is \$35 with \$20 towards prize money, \$12.50 for the luncheon and \$2.50 for raffle gifts to be won at the awards luncheon.

Match play is a great way to meet and play with your fellow members and the format is really fun and gets the competitive juices flowing to win your matches and maybe

even win a dollar or two in the skins game each week. Find a partner for next session or just enter your name on the signup sheets and we will find you a partner.

**Terry Stephenson - Superintendent**

We have treated for the goose grass on the greens and are starting to see it go away. We are treating a few areas of cricket activity on the course. We will be verticutting and topdressing the greens to get ready for overseeding.

We have treated some of the weak tees for nematodes and fertilizer to promote growth. We will be putting out our pre emerge for poa annua control on the course this month. Thanks to all the volunteers for the tree work on the course and along the roadsides this last month.

**HOLES IN ONE**



**Britt Davis-#11-8/31/19**



**EAGLES ARE FLYING**



**Bob Keating-Eagle #17 8/17/19**



**Linda Carey Eagle #7 – 7/11/19**



**Ernie Weicht #3 – 8/17/19**



**John Buono-Eagle #3-8/3/19**



**Dick Therrien Eagle #17 8/24/19**



**Keith Beile-Eagle #14 8/5/19**

## ALL ABOUT TERRY STEPHENSON-

Dave Kozlowski



The purpose of this, and other interviews to come, is to provide our members with an in-depth look at our staff. The interview below is with our Golf Course Superintendent Terry Stephenson.

1. Where were you born and where did you go to school?

**I was Born in San Angelo, Texas**

**I went to High School: Rankin, Texas**

**I graduated from Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas**

2. What were your aspirations growing up?

**To be a Pro golfer. I played in high school and college**

3. How did you first get into the turf business?

**I helped a friend, who was a Superintendent, while in college. I worked part-time at Hogan Park Golf Course in Midland, Texas. I also worked for a friend at Kermit Golf Course in Kermit, Texas.**

4. How many years have you been at this, and where have you worked and what did you do?

**I worked at Mexia Country Club in 1984 as a superintendent/General Manager. In April of 1989 I began working at Rolling Oaks Golf Club, a small club in Waco, Texas and within 5 years became GM for the entire facility. Transferred to Bear Ridge Golf Club, where University**

**of Baylor enjoyed my introduction and establishment of Tifeagle type grasses. Worked with local and State agencies to reduce usage charges and get refunds. Moved to Florida and became assistant Super in July of 2006. There I learned the ins and outs of Tifdwarf greens and 419 fairways. Also managed a large crew while assisting the Mechanic, the Irrigation Technician and chemical spraying tech.**

**In 2007 I transferred to Wekiva Golf Club in Longwood working for Sam Floyd as Superintendent.**

**There I had 8 full time staff members, Tifeagle greens and 419 fairways that were over seeded in winter with Rye grass and Poa Trivals.**

5. How did you end up here at Monarch?

**In 2010 Sam invited me to join him at The Monarch Golf Club as Superintendent. All my previous experiences have put into play here. We now have the added benefit of the New Toro Osmac Irrigation System which we enjoy.**

6. What credential do you have?

**I started the Brazos Valley Turfgrass Association in the Central Texas area. It was a means of identifying common problems and solutions. I was also a member of Texas Turfgrass Association for about 20 years. In Florida, I've been a member of the *CFGCSA (Central Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association)* for 13 years. During this time, I've been a Board Member of the CFGCSA in 2013/2014, Vice President 2015/2016, and President for 2016/2017, and past president for years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019. I'm also on the board (State Level)**

**of the Florida Golf Course superintendent since 2017.**

7. What support do you have in diagnosing problems and capturing savings?  
**We've been fortunate enough to have direct support from Dr. Bert McCarty and Bob Cross of Clemson University. They are on site many times a year doing evaluations and analysis. Additionally, we are one of several golf clubs that Sheryl Wells from the Bayer Chemical Company gives free samples of test and proven chemicals with support monitoring. We have saved many thousands of dollars in chemicals with that collaboration. We also have contacts from the University of Florida.**

**I'd like recognize two support people I met when I moved to Florida: Ralph White a consultant for 50 years and Barry Troutman a VP with Valley Crest for 25 years.**

**Other savings come about when we buy seed, chemicals, and the like in bulk with an early order program**

8. Why have goose grass and other undesirable weeds become a growing problem over the last several years?  
**Don't get me started. TO THE READER – TERRY PROVIDED A 4 PAGE ARTICLE FROM HIS JULY ISSUE OF GOLFDOM.COM MAGAZINE. Here is a summation without the dozens of chemical names. Goosegrass is a problematic annual grassy weed found on golf course turf across the United States in summer. Goosegrass is most commonly found in highly trafficked areas on golf courses such as cart paths entry/exit areas. Preemergence herbicides are a**

**principal means of controlling goosegrass. Superintendents electing to control goosegrass with pre, post, and reemergence herbicides now have a small group of herbicides from which to choose. None of the options are labeled for use on putting greens and many can induce transient turfgrass injury even when applied under optimal conditions. Goosegrass has become more challenging in recent years. Once confined to more southern states, goosegrass has become a common problem in states as far north as New Jersey and Pennsylvania. A promising spot treating herbicide, MSMA has been prohibited in FLORIDA. Research conducted at UF concluded that soil compaction and the lack of bermudagrass were the major factors in goosegrass infestation. Further research shows the resistance of repeated herbicides and that chemical diversity is critically important.**

Terry said he has had some success with an experimental herbicide that he has tested and spotted targeted the goosegrass on parts of the putting area #4 and #11. He also is replacing the normal Spring aerification process in with Dry Jet soil enrichment that helped last year.

It's a costly process but will rejuvenate the soil, push out the goosegrass and other invasive weeds. A healthy Bermuda grass will in fact not give outside intruders a chance.

9. Do you have all the budget, staff, and equipment you need?  
**Any golf course Superintendent can always use more staff, a bigger budget, better equipment.**

**However, we work within each club's budget.**

10. What does a normal work day look like for you?  
**I work 4 am – 2 pm.  
First hour is paperwork  
5 – mow greens  
7 – water/spray/check course  
9 – spot spray/irrigation work/fix any green issues  
11 – fertilize/spray/spot water**
11. Do you feel that we will have to replace our greens?  
**No, if we do things to improve the subsoil, such as DryJett**
12. What's the most difficult part of your job?  
**Staffing**
13. You live quite a distance from here and have to get an early start. What motivates you to get going every day?  
**I enjoy the job. I like to see the sunrise. I'm a morning person. I was taught well by my father.**
14. Are you cross-training your assistant, James, to learn the complete job?  
**Yes.**
15. Will James have the contracts you have fostered when you choose to retire?  
**Some of them. They are getting old too. He will develop new contacts.**
16. Your son is also in the business. Do you talk shop when you see him? Tell us about that.  
**Yes, we talk regularly. He worked for me while still in high school. He learned the process and irrigation. He earned his degree from Penn State while working. He is Vice President of Suncoast Chapter of FGCSA. He works for Pope Golf Company. He is responsible for 2 courses.**

17. What would you like to tell the members that these questions haven't touched upon?  
**I appreciate the opportunity to work here and get to know the members  
I appreciate the volunteer help from the members,  
and that they recognize the relentless efforts of the maintenance staff.**

### **Tree Trimming Project (by Bob Keating)**

On Tuesday August 13, the tree trimming project to raise the canopies on St. Andrews Arc and Royal St. George was completed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following members and Ken Lechner (a non-member) for volunteering and completing a hard day of work to get the job done.

John Buono, John Scappaticci, Dave Kozlowski, Jim Parker, Steve Bryan, Ted Laubner, Ray Smith, Gary Ritchey, Vince Laverghetta, Rick Mason, Keith Patterson, and Bob Keating.

Also, thanks to Jack West for the use of his truck to pick up the lift and Jack Scappaticci for using his truck to return it.

We were able to rent a boom lift and with Keith Patterson's operating knowledge of the equipment and John Buono's willingness to do all the cutting, we were able to complete the --entire project in one day. As a result of all this hard work, we were able to save the club about \$1800.00 from the lowest bid we received from tree trimming companies. Once again, the membership stepped up to volunteer their time and effort to support the club when needed the most. Thank you all!



### Playing Card Bingo – Diane Christie

We had 19 tables for Playing Card Bingo on August 28th. The Queen for the evening was Marie Marvil and the King was Dick Holst. The next Playing Card Bingo will be on September 26, 2019 - Hope you all will come and join us.



King – Dick Holst, Queen – Marie Marvil

**September, 2019 Crown & Shield Restaurant**  
Ann Carter – Communications Chair  
Important Information:

**ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday the restaurant is open for dinner.**

**Dinner Menu will be offered**

**Thursday's are Happy Hour Thursday with a special dinner being offered in addition to menu items.**

**As Well As Friday Nights**

*Beer is available in the Pro Shop also*

- **Bar will be open until 6:00 on Monday's & Wednesday's unless there is a special event or meal**  
**Pizza until 6:00 PM Saturday & Sunday**

**Note: Bar will be closing early on the following days to prepare for the following special events:**

September 17 - Taste of Italy Pasta  
September 25 – Italian Card Bingo

**THE RESTAURANT IS OPEN FOR DINNER ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY EVENINGS.**



**The Crown & Shield is open on Saturday & Sunday for breakfast**  
**Saturday Breakfast & Lunch from 7:30 am until 2:00 PM**  
**Sunday Breakfast & Lunch from 7:30 am until 2:00 pm**  
**Bar Open until 6:00 pm on Saturday & Sunday**

**NOTE!!!!**

**CARRY OUT IS AVAILABLE ON THE DAYS THE RESTAURANT IS OPEN**  
**Call the Crown & Shield 314-3908 to place your order**

## Menus for September Events

### Tuesday 's – Served with your choice of a cup of soup, or dinner salad

September 3 - Liver & Onions with bacon, mashed potatoes, gravy & vegetable \$12.99  
September 10 – Dinner Buffet \$14.99 (Tri-tip Beef, Chicken Marsala & Baked Cod)  
September 17 – Taste of Italy \$15.99  
September 24 – Jerk Chicken served with Chef's choice starch & vegetable \$13.99

### Thursday's- Dinners – Served with choice of a cup of soup or dinner salad

September 5 – Lasagna served with bread stick \$12.99  
September 12 – Beef & rice stuffed peppers \$12.99  
September 19 – Fried Chicken with mashed potato, gravy & vegetable \$13.99  
September 26 – Pot Roast with mashed potato, gravy & vegetable \$14.99

### Friday's – Dinners – Served with choice of a cup of soup or dinner salad

September 6 – Potato Crusted Salmon with starch & vegetable \$16.99  
September 13 – Surf & Turf (Scallop kabob & Beef kabob) with rice & vegetable \$18.99  
September 20 – Twin Crab Cakes with starch & vegetable \$18.99  
September 27 – Seafood Scampi over pasta \$17.99

September 2 – Couples Labor Day Tournament  
September 21 – Birthday Bash  
September 25- Italian Card Bingo  
September 26 – MWGA's President's Cup including Lunch

**PLEASE REMEMBER – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED in order for the staff to be ready for your arrival.**

***Preparation is the key to their success and only you can help.***

### **REMEMBER**

**For Special Events, there is a 24-Hour Cancellation Policy in effect**

**MEALS & PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### **Happy Hour Drink Hours:**

**Monday, All Day; Tuesday, 4 to 6; Wednesday, 12 to 2 & 4 to 6;**

**Thursday, 4 to Close; Friday, 4 to 6, Saturday, 3 to 6:00**

### **Our restaurant hours are as follows: (unless there is a special event)**

Monday 11 to 4–Hot Dogs and Snacks will be available.

Bar will remain open until **“6:00 PM”-CHANGE**

Tuesday Lunch starting at 11 Dinner including dinner features-bar open 'til 7:00 PM

Wednesday 11 to 2:00 Lunch –no dinners unless there is a special event-Bar 'til **“6:00 pm”**

Thursday Lunch starting at 11 – Dinner including dinner features-bar open 'til 7:00 PM

Friday Lunch starting at 11 – Dinner including dinner features–bar open 'til 7:00 PM

Restaurant 7:30 am to 2:00 pm – Bar Open from 11:00 to 6:00 PM

Sunday – Bar & Restaurant 7:30 am to 2:00 pm – Bar Open from 11:00 to 6:00

**PIZZA 'TIL 6 PM – BAR ONLY** Check the web-site for flyers and special meal announcements