

Around THE Club

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Couples Club Championship



1st place GROSS: Randy and Debby Beck (71)



1st place NET: Bonnie Rex & Cindy Hendricks (64)



2nd place GROSS Karen & Dave Kozlowski (76) SC Playoff



3rd place d place GROSS: Vincent & Donna Laverghetta (76) SC Playoff



2nd place NET: Brian & Alice Heaslip (65)



3rd place NET: Jan & Jim Dubsky (67)

Men's Titton Match Play League

Vince Laverghetta

Here are your winners of the fall session:

Nicklaus Division

1st Place
Vince Laverghetta and John Buono
2nd Place
Rick Mason and Terry Maciolek
3rd Place
Henry Maguire and Steve Ryan
4th Place
Bill Ortbals and Tim Nopper

Palmer Division

1st Place
Bob Price and Craig Moore
2nd Place
Dan Brennan and Tim Kohler
3rd Place
Don Tubbs and Denny Walden

The old guys, Vince Laverghetta and John Buono overcame a 12-point deficit in their final match to defeat the young bucks, Rick Mason and Terry Maciolek. It was certainly their day, as Vince scored a hole in one on number 11 to help seal the win. John shot a 77 for a net 71 and Vince carded the session's low round with a 3 under par 69.

Bob Price and Craig Moore pulled away from the field in the Palmer division to capture the title.

Steve Ryan was the leading money winner in the skins game with club champ, Rick Mason finishing second.

The low net round of the session was scored by Tim Kohler with a 66.

The winter session will begin on Monday, January 8th with late morning tee times and conclude with our fun day and awards dinner on March 4th. Sign up in the pro shop.

Men's Match Play is a member only league sponsored by the Monarch Men's Golf Association. The cost is currently \$35 per session, which includes \$20 for prize money and \$15 for the luncheon and raffle prizes.

Please contact Vince Laverghetta at vincelaverghetta@gmail.com for sign up details and information on the league.

MWGA-Terry Pollard

Hope all members remembered to come out for the 2023 Fall Scramble on December 6th.

We had some a lot of excellent golf going on in November. Please see the results in this month's Around the Club.

On Wednesday November 29 we enjoyed the MMGA "3 Best Net "event with great teams playing very well:

1st Place -17):

Dave Maki, Don Hubmer, Lee Fjeld, John Wassenaar

2nd Place Tie (E):

Keith Beile, Mark Meador, Dick Therrien, Tom O'Rourke, Steve Edelman, Gary Ritchey, Jim Duane, Roy Colmer

Closest To the Pin

#4	No one got on the green.		
#8	Keith Beile	3'6"	
#11	Gary Ritchey	12'10	

#13 Brian Heaslip 21'6"

50/50 Jim Duane

On Wednesday November 22 we enjoyed the MMGA "flighted skins event. Below are the Group winners,

- 1. Jim Dubsky
- 2. Roy Bowen
- 3. (Tied) Lee Fjeld, Don Tubbs
- 4. Brian Heaslip
- 5. Harold Beasley

Closest to the Pin

#4	Brian Heaslip	16'
#8	Keith Beile	33'
#11	Harold Beasley	6'7"
#13	No winner	

50/50 Bill Ortbals

Come join us on Wednesdays for games such 1-2-3 Red, White & Blue, Best Ball Scrambles and Flighted Skins.

The MMGA welcomes all male members of the Monarch Golf Club to join our

organization. We currently have over 100 members in the MMGA. Come and join us for some great golf and great times.

Maintenance – Craig Shelton

Holiday greetings,

As we enter this wonderful season, I would like to wish everyone a joyous and happy holiday. I pray that it will be blessed and full of wonderful things shared with family and friends. It has been a pleasure serving as your superintendent these past few months and I look forward to an exciting new year as we continue to make Monarch the best. As always, thanks to one and all for your support. Happy Holidays!

MWGA-Connie Ortbals

Happy Holidays to all! Where has the year gone? The MWGA is finishing out the year with great golf and good times!

The Fall Match Play session ended on a high note. The weather was perfect and competition was close. Congrats to Cindy Hendrix and Bonnie Rex who came in first! Four more teams were 'in the money' — Linda Carey/Diane Christie (#2); Karen Kozlowski/Linda Hodgson (#3); Esther Patterson/Sue Scappaticci (#4); Francie Traviolia/Debby Beck (#5). Less than 20 points separated the #1 team from the #5 team. What a great group of golfers!



Match Play Winners (L to R): Karen Kozlowski, Linda Hodgson, Esther Patterson, Sue Scappaticci, Cindy Hendrix. Diane

Christie, Linda Carey, Francie Traviolia, Debby Beck, Bonnie Rex

Nine teams are already signed up for the first 2024 session, which starts on January 9.

The second Ringer Tournament took place on November 1 and November 8. Three golfers tied for overall champion, with a score of 63. The winner of the tie breaker was Bonnie Rex, but what a great effort from all three of them!



Pictured, from L to R: Bonnie Rex (Champion); Carolyn Upchurch, Jan Dubsky. All scored a net 63!

Jan Dubsky took the prize for Flight 1; Evelyn Weasner and Cindy Hendrix tied for the Flight 2 first place spot, and Carolyn Upchurch topped Flight 3. The food was wonderful. Thank you, Molly and Donna, for all the work you put into making this a great event. And thanks also to Dawn and the rest of the Crown and Shield staff!

The first day of the President's Cup took place on November 30th. The morning started out a little chilly, but the sun was shining on the players as the game was completed. The winner of this tournament will be announced at the MWGA Awards Dinner, scheduled for December 11th at the Crown and Shield Restaurant. It will mark the end of another great MWGA year. We

will also be voting for the officers for the 2024 season.

November was notable for the amount of rainfall we received - there were no other Thursday games due to the closing of the golf course. But the rain and the overseeding have resulted in beautiful fairways tee boxes and greens. Here is a shoutout to the great grounds crew at the Monarch for a job well done. Also, thanks to Sue Scappaticci and Esther Patterson for working so hard on the Thursday games, and to Carolyn Skorich for her hard work on Match Play, and to the co-chairs of the Challenge Cup team, Carolyn Skorich and Debby Beck. You work so hard to keep the MWGA games fun, challenging, and wellorganized!

Challenge Cup News:

Team Monarch had a very good day on 11/10. Monarch hosted Deer Island for the Challenge cup and we won! Once again birdies were flying with Karen Kozlowski getting one on #6, Cindy Hendricks getting one on #8, Carolyn Skorich getting one on #4, and Debby Beck birdied #4, #6 and #11. Team low gross prize money went to Wilma Greenhowe and Cindy Hendricks; team low net prize money went to Karen Kozlowski and Jan Dubsky. The weather was beautiful, our opponents were a pleasure, and getting a nice win at our home course made the day even better.

Total Gross Points:

Monarch 37.5 Deer Island 34.5

Team Net Points:

Monarch 36 Deer Island 36

Totals:

Monarch 73.5 Deer Island 70.5

Team Monarch had a nice day at CC of Mt Dora on 11/27. Great company on the course and at our post-golf lunch. Each of our Monarch pairings gave it a good shot, but we were not able pull off another win. No birdies in this game! The pairing of Carolyn Skorich and Bobbie Iredale captured Team Monarch's low net prize money, and the pairing of Connie Ortbals and Debby Beck took the prize for team low gross.

Total Gross Points:

Monarch 32 Mt. Dora 40

Total Net Points:

Monarch 31 Mt. Dora 41

Totals:

Monarch 63 Deer Island 81

An invitation to each MWGA member is sent out every week. Also, remember you are responsible for posting your own score after the game. The MWGA charges \$3 for each weekly Thursday game (charged to your account). For special events, the cost is \$8. Note: After Thursday golf, MWGA members often retire to the Crown and Shield for lunch. See you there.

Christmas Fairys

A shout out goes to the fabulous Putterflies that have decorated the restaurant. This group of ladies step up every year to make our club house look so festive. Thank you all for your dedication. Without you, this would not happen. Tried, but could not get the names of those involved.

There was another Fairy that put up Christmas lights on the outside of the building. Thanks to the secret fairy too.

Building & Grounds - Wendell McDannel

Monarch Lumberjacks

As you may have noticed, the tree near #17 green has been removed. The tree had been damaged in previous lightning strikes and there was just not enough "good" left to keep the tree safely on the course.

Thank you to all who assisted in this project, you are appreciated!

Too many to mention names & they all wanted to remain anonymous...the Monarch Lumberjacks









Holes in one



Al Whittlef #13 11/1/23 (HIS FIRST!!!)



Debby Beck #13 11/3/23



David Schmitz #8 11/4/23



Dick Hellem #13 11/12/23



Vince Laverghetta #11 11/28/23



EAGLES ARE FLYING



Bob Keating #18 11/2/23



Terry Maciolek #7 11/2/23

Playing Gard Bingo

There was another very successful Playing Card Bingo on, November 13 with 22 tables. Thank you Diane Christie & Judy Keating for making the Bingo evenings so much fun.

The King was Len Vieira and the Queen was Alice Heaslip.



Queen Alice Heaslip, King Len Vieira
The next Card Bingo will take place on
Monday, JANUARY 8th that will be an Italian
Buffet. Sign up will take place on December
26th.

2023 HOLES IN ONE

Men:

Harold Beasley #13 2/9/23 Charlie Wolff #8 2/17/23 Jim Rice #13 3/4/23 Henry Maguire #13 3/27/23 John Buono #11 3/30/23 Herb VanBenthuysen #11 4/8/23 Dave Kozlowski #11 6/30/23 Tim Waugh #11 8/28/23

NEW:

Al Whittlef #13 11/1/23
David Schmitz #8 11/4/23
Dick Hellem #13 11/12/23
Vince Laverghetta #11 11/28/23

Ladies:

Linda Carey #11 3/18/23 Bonnie Rex #13 4/15/23 Bobbie Iredale #13 4/23/23 Debbie Beck #4 8/12/23 Bobbie Iredale #11 8/16/23

NEW:

Debby Beck #13 11/3/23



CROWN & SHIELD RESTAURANT

Our hours of operation
Monday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm with lunch menu
bar to 6:00 pm.
Tuesday thru Saturday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.
Sunday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm for breakfast and lunch.
The bar and dining room will remain open till 6:00pm.
Lunch Menu until 5:00 pm
Pizza orders need to be place by 5:30 pm

Pizza and pizza flatbreads are also available until 6pm order by 5:30 All for dine in or take out

Our full menu and pizza menu are also available for takeout during our normal business hours excluding Sundays. You can find all our menus posted on the Monarch Golf Club website. Thank you for your continued support, Lisa Ann, F & B Manager

December, 2023 Crown & Shield Restaurant *ITEMS OF INTEREST:*

The Crown & Shield is open 7 days a week and take out, curb service will still be available.

No Dinners on Sunday, open for breakfast & lunch



HAPPY STARTS HERE

BAR BITE SPECIALS

SPRING ROLLS

\$5

PRETZEL BITES

FRIED GNOCCI BALLS

POPCORN CHICKEN

MUST PURCHASE BEER, WINE, OR COCKTAIL BEVERAGE TO RECEIVE DISCOUNTED APPETIZERS

OFFER ONLY AVAILABLE IN BAR 12:30pm to 4:30pm

Sundays'

December 3	~ Breakfast until 1 Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 5:3	O
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December 10 ~ Breakfast until 12pm Restaurant Closes 12pm for Private Dinner Function

December 17 ~ Breakfast until 1 Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 5:30

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Take & Bake (Pre-Ordered Reservations Only)

December 31 ~ New Years Eve Dinner 5:30pm (Reservations Required)

Mondays'

December 4	~ Restaurant open	Lunch Menu to 5 Bar to	6
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December 11 ~ Restaurant closes at 3 pm Private Dinner Function

December 18 ~ Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5 Bar to 6

December 25 ~ Restaurant Closed for the Holiday Happy Holidays!

Tuesdays' - Dinners - Served with Soup or Caesar Salad

December 5 ~ Restaurant Closed at 3pm Pr	rivate Dinner Function
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December 12 ~ Restaurant Closed at 3pm Private Dinner Function

December 19 ~ Liver & Onions served with Potato & Vegetable \$19.99

December 26 ~ Taste of Italy Buffet (Reservations Recommended) \$19.99

Wednesdays'

December 6	~ Restaurant closes at 3pm Private Dinner Function
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December 13 ~ Restaurant Open Full Menu Available

December 20 ~ Restaurant closes at 3pm Private Dinner Function

December 27 ~ Restaurant open Full Menu is available

Thursdays'- Dinners - Served with Soup or Caesar salad

December 7 ~ Restaurant closed until 3 Private Lunch Function	
Dinner Special Beef Wellington	\$21.99
December 14 ~ Oyster Rockefeller	\$22.99
December 21 ~ Braised Short Ribs Pasta	\$21.99
December 28 ~ Prime Rib served with Potato & Vegetable	\$22.99

Fridays' – Dinners – Served with Soup or Caesar salad

December 1 ~ Potato Crusted Cod served with Potato & Vegetable	\$19.99
December 8 ~ Cedar Key Clams & Pasta	\$21.99
December 15 ~ Surf & Turf served with Potato & Vegetable	\$28.99
December 22 ~ Salmon Oscar served with Potato & Vegetable	\$22.99
December 29 ~ Seafood Stuffed Grouper	\$23.99

Saturdays' -

December 2	~ Restaurant	Closed for	Private	Lunch &	Dinner Fu	inctions
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December 9	~ Restaurant	closes at 3 nm	Private Dinner Function
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December 16 ~ Restaurant closes at 3 pm Private Dinner Function

December 23 ~ Restaurant open Full Menu is Available

December 30 ~ Restaurant open Full Menu is Available

December Events:

- 12.2 MMGA Fall Scramble
- 12.2 Sons & Daughters of Italy Dinner
- 12.5 Private Function Restaurant will Close at 3pm
- 12.6 MMGA Lunch Event
- 12.7 Private Event Restaurant Closed until 3pm
- 12.9 Birthday Bash Event Restaurant & Bar Closed at 3pm
- 12.10 Private Function Restaurant & Bar Close at 12pm
- 12.11 MWGA Closing Dinner Event Restaurant & Bar will Close at 3pm
- 12.12 Private Function Restaurant & Bar will Close at 3pm
- 12.16 Private Function Restaurant & Bar will Close at 3pm
- 12.20 Private Function Restaurant & Bar will Close at 3pm
- 12.24 Christmas Dinner Take & Bake Pre-Order Reservations Required Holiday Hours
- 12.25 Restaurant will be closed for the Holiday
- 12.31 Restaurant closes at 3 pm bar at 4:30 pm. New Years Eve Reservations Required