Around MONARCH THE Club

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Golf Pro – Craig Misch

The season is in full swing here at the Monarch, the course has been full of happy golfers every day. The course is in fantastic condition and the word has gotten out around town. People are coming from Orlando and the Villages and all points in between to play our hidden gem! January has been a record month, and I don't expect it to slow down for February, I also want to thank Mother Nature for a simply amazing winter (so far). Let's keep the temperature up and the scores down!

Upcoming events in

February...Member/Member on the 15th and 16th, Members glow ball event on the 25th. Sign-ups were really good and these events are now full. I love to see the participation up, more players = more fun!

Special congratulations to the Challenge Cup Team who have won 3 straight matches to get in contention for the year end title...keep it going ladies!

NEWS from Terry Stephenson Superintendent

We will be putting out our first application for fairy ring control on February 13th . We will also be putting out our first pre-emerge application for weed control on the 13th and 15th of February. We have identified the problem on #16 green (nematodes) and have bought a product and put out our first application on January 18th with a follow up application on February 2nd. We are doing assays to make sure we are getting them under control. The product we are using, although very expensive, is the best at controlling them as well as promoting new root growth. (Nematodes attack the roots of both Bermuda grass and our winter grass). We are continuing to monitor the problem and plan to have the green back in shape as soon as possible. We are putting new sand in the green side bunkers (first) as budget allows. We hope to have them completed before The Member Guest Tournament in April.

MMGA News from Chuck Gietz

The MMGA Board welcomes Russ Van Ness to act as Board Secretary and Closest to-the-Hole Manager for the Wednesday member play. His appointment will be confirmed at the Membership meeting and Stroke Play Championship on March 22.

We also welcome Alvin Dennis and Randy Wolf to the MMGA.

The MMGA Board met on Tuesday, Jan 9 to discuss the following items.

- Review and discuss membership and non- current members- Plans to make membership more attractive
- Treasurers Report- so we know where we stand

- Review MMGA By-Laws, suggest changes/adjustments
- Review and set dates for tournaments for CY-2017
- Discuss social events and set dates for CY-2017

The By-Laws were discussed at length and many recommendations for change and updating will be presented to the membership at the March 22 meeting. The By-Laws have not been amended since 2001 and current practices are not reflected in the current By-Laws. The Board will now meet every second Wednesday beginning on Feb 8 in the Crown and Shield after the Wednesday game.

An MMGA Attaboy to Vince Lavarghetta for his Jan 2nd Eagle on #16 (not an easy feat) and to Russ Van Ness for his Hole in One on #4 on January 18th (his first) and John Scappaticci on #11 on January 9th.

2017 HOLE IN ONE's

Men:

John Scappaticci - #11 – 1/9/17 Russ Van Ness - #4 - 1/18/17

Ladies:

<mark>Linda Carey - #4 – 1/3/17</mark>

NEWS FROM Betty Gibson MWGA Representative

We have had nice weather for most of January and hope it continues the rest of the winter.

February 15 and 16 will be the club's Member/Member Tournament with lunch and prizes afterward. Hope you can participate.

Other games for the month are Best Nine (front or back), Honest Abe (predict your net score prior to tee off with closest to prediction wins) and a Team game of 3,2,1 (3BB on par 3s, 2 on par 4s and 1 on par 5s)

January flight winners were:

**Best 9 front or back: Betty Hudi and Barbara Kowalski tied with Karen Titton

**Par 4s: Linda Carey tied with Diana Hamilton, Linda Hodgson tied with Judy Taylor (It's a sister thing?) and Brenda Watson

**Mutt & Jeff: Linda Hodgson and Coreen Corbin

**Best 9 Front or Back: Reka Recktenwalt and Brenda Watson

**Low Net: Jan Dubsky, Linda Hodgson and Linda Bettisworth tied with Marie Marvil.

Looking ahead be sure to plan to play in the Beat the Pro followed by lunch on March 16. Craig is dying to have to reward as many of us as he can. 2

Be sure to sign up by noon of the Tuesday before our games. See you all out there.

Congratulations to our new Hole in One Members:



Linda Carey - #4 – 1/3/17



John Scappaticci - #11 - 1/9/17



Russ Van Ness - #4 - 1/18/17

New Members:



Randy Wolf

Please welcome Randy Wolf who has joined us as a Limited General Member effective February 1st. Randy and his wife Robin moved here from the Villages. They have two children and three grandchildren. Randy was a computer programmer and enjoys golfing, reading and traveling.



Bill & Connie Ortbals Welcome Connie who is joining Bill as a General Family Member.

New Equity Members:



Bruce and Terry Eckensberger



Lorraine & Ted Laubner

Congratulations to Bruce & Terry Eckensberger and Ted & Lorraine Laubner who have both converted to be Equity Members effective January 13th.

NEWS FROM Diane Christie, Entertainment Chair Playing Card Bingo

We had 49 players attend Playing Card Bingo on 1/11/17. The Queen for the evening was Linda Gietz (first time player) and Bob Keating. (a former king)



Bob Keating & Linda Gietz Upcoming Events: February 8 - Taco Bingo February 22 - Danny & Johnny March 29 - Craig Singleton April 5 - Italian Bingo

We had a full house for the Lorie Gill dinner and dance on January 25, 2017.

Thanks to all those that attended for supporting our club. Next dinner dance is Danny and Johnny on February 22, 2017





Thank you so much Diane for saving another 25 Dwarf Petunia plants from the ravine of #16 and planting them on #18. I can't be more grateful for you doing that. They just may like their new home a whole lot better. (Ann Carter)



February, 2017 Around the Club-Restaurant Ann Carter – Communications Chair Important Information: ITEMS OF INTEREST:

<u>Tuesday, Thursday & Friday the restaurant is</u> <u>open for dinner.</u> <u>Dinner Menu will be offered</u> <u>Thursday's are Happy Hour Thursday with a special dinner being offered</u> <u>in addition to menu items.</u> <u>As Well As Friday Nights</u>

Beer is available in the Pro Shop also

 Bar will be open until 5:30 on Monday unless there is a special event or meal Pizza until 6:00 PM Saturday & Sunday

Note: Bar will be closing <u>early</u> on the following days to prepare for the following special events:

February 18 – Top of the Hill Birthday Bash February 22 – Entertainment – Danny & Johnny Show February 28 – Taste of Italy Pasta

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

<u>NOTE!!!!</u> CARRY OUT IS AVAILABLE ON THE DAYS THE RESTAURANT IS OPEN Call the Crown & Shield 314-3908 to place your order

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

February 7 –Liver & Onions with mashed potato & vegetable \$11.99 February 14 –Chicken Parmesan w/pasta \$12.99 **** Plus Valentines specials to be announced February 21 – Veal Picatta with pasta & vegetable \$13.99 February 28-Taste of Italy \$15.99

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

February 2-Beef & Sausage filled Lasagna \$12.99 February 9-Fried Chicken, Corn on the cob & mashed potato \$13.99 February 16-Meatloaf, mashed potato & green beans \$12.99 February 23-Pepper Steak (top sirloin with red & green peppers) over rice \$12.99

Friday's Dinners - Served with choice of cup of soup or dinner salad

February 3-Sesame Seared Ahi Tuna with Jasmine rice & vegetable \$17.99 February 10-Rainbow Trout with chef's choice starch & vegetable \$16.99 February 17-Seared Sea Scallops, Risotto & vegetable of the day \$18.99 February 24-Soft Shell Crab, starch of the day & vegetable \$16.99

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED</u> in order for the staff to be ready for your arrival.

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

<u>REMEMBER</u>

<u>For Special Events</u>, there is a 24-Hour Cancellation Policy in effect <u>MEALS & PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE</u>

Happy Hour Drink Hours:

<u>Monday, All Day; Tuesday, 4 to 6; Wednesday, 12 to 2 & 4 to 6;</u> <u>Thursday, 4 to Close; Friday, 4 to 6, Saturday, 3 to 6:00</u> <u>Our restaurant hours are as follows: (unless there is a special event)</u> Monday 11 to 4–Hot Dogs and Snacks will be available. Bar will remain open until 5:30 PM Tuesday Lunch starting at 11 – 5:00 to 7:00 pm - Dinner Wednesday 11 to 2:00 Lunch –no dinners unless there is a special event-Bar 'til 5:30 Thursday Lunch starting at 11 – Theme Dinner Specials Friday Lunch starting at 11 – Dinner including dinner features–bar open 'til 7:00 PM Saturday Breakfast 7:30 to 12:00– Lunch 11:00 to 2 –Bar open until 6:00 Sunday- Bar & Restaurant 7:30 am to 2:00 pm – Bar Open from 11:00 to 6:00 PM <u>PIZZA 'TIL 6 PM – BAR ONLY</u> Check the web-site for flyers and special meal announcements