

Around THE Club

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The annual Member/Member Tournament will take place on February 8th at 1:00 pm shotgun and February 9th, 8:00 am shotgun with lunch to follow.

The format will be **one best ball, 95% handicap for Men and Women**, based on the February 5th GHIN posting. Men's and Women's teams will be flighted based on the number of teams that sign up. The combined field will be limited to the first 60 teams to register.

The ball used to score the hole MUST be **putted into the cup.** There will be **No gimmies**. If a player taps the ball past the hole, it must be putted until it is holed out.

If a player picks up the ball he/she is assessed a 2 stroke penalty and must replace the ball and continue to play until the ball is holed out. The "local rules" for ant hills, preferred lies in waste areas and root rule will apply for this tournament. However, the ball must never be moved with the club (rolling the ball). The ball must be picked up and dropped from knee height. If the ball rolls away, it may then be placed by hand.

If there is a rules question that cannot be agreed upon by the foursome, the player should play two balls in for that hole and have the issue resolved by Luis Colon.

If play has started and it begins to rain, all teams must check with the Pro Shop before leaving the course for the day. Luis Colon and Jim Oddo will determine if play will continue.

All score cards must be signed and attested, then turned in to the Pro Shop or the team will be considered (NC) (no card). The Pro Shop will post your scores unless the player's card is incomplete. If one of the two days is rained out the Championship will be determined using the one day's score.

Scorecard playoff for any ties.

Member Guest



March 30th, 31st and April 1, 2023

Sign up is underway.

Sponsorship

A Sponsor Coordinator will reach out to potential sponsors and be the primary point of contact. No in-person solicitation of sponsors will take place.

Sponsorship funds will be used for door prizes at the awards banquet.

Food & Beverage

The awards banquet on Saturday night will be held at the Great Hall. A cash bar will be available.

M/G players on Thursday and Friday nights can make reservations at the Crown & Shield for dinner on their own. Those players should make reservations prior to the Thursday practice round.

A continental breakfast will be provided before play on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Box lunches will be provided to players on Friday only.

Beer, wine, seltzers, & soft drinks, will be sold on the course. Waters and snacks will be provided free of charge.

Tournament Structure & Registration Registration will open Thursday, March 30th at 9:00 AM and continue until 12:00 PM in the Crown & Shield. All Members, Guests, and Volunteers will need to check in, pick up their Welcome Gifts, and receive information for the event.

Following registration, pictures of each team will be taken outside the Crown & Shield back entrance.

Thursday's practice round is a shotgun start at **1:00 PM** with an optional **Shamble format**. The Member and Guest may enter the Shamble, with a \$20 entry fee to go towards prize money. If the team does not want to play in the Shamble, then each player would proceed by playing their own ball and play a practice round. There are no other club scheduled events after golf on Thursday.

Tournament play on Friday will consist of 27 holes, and Saturday will consist of 18 holes. As players make the turn on Friday, they can participate in a Putting Contest on the Practice Green. Winners will be paid for the top three men's and women's putters on Saturday morning during tournament announcements or at night at the banquet. Box lunch will be provided to all players on Friday.

There will be closest to the pin award opportunities for all three days and will be paid at the awards banquet. Designated holes for the Women are Hole's # 4 and #11, and for the Men Hole's #8 and #13.

A 50/50 Raffle will be available each morning Thursday through Saturday.

Hole in one prize will be awarded based on \$10 included in each player's entry fee. A total \$1280 pot (full field) will be awarded if a player makes a hole in one. In the event there are multiple winners, they will split the prize money.

Door prizes from sponsorship money and the 50/50 raffle will be awarded during the banquet.

*Following the banquet, the Monarch Pro Shop will be open until 10:00 PM so guests can use their gift cards before they leave.

Volunteers

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to work the tournament should respond to Carolyn Case or the Committee at the time the application process opens January 13th, 2023.

The Golf Committee and Monarch Staff are committed to making this a safe and successful tournament.

Questions can be directed to our Member Guest Committee (Jim Oddo Chair/co-chair, Doug Simpson co-chair, Luis Colon Chair/cochair, Dave Kozlowski (Sponsors), Sandi Bryan (Secretary), Carolyn Case (Volunteer's), Lisa Breed (Food & Beverage), Michelle Penski (On-course signage), or Jack Scappaticci (Treasurer).

Men's Titton Match Play League

Vince Laverghetta

The Bob Titton Men's Match Play league winter session is underway and here are our leaders thru 3 weeks of competition:

Nicklaus Division

1st Place Dick Sjogren and Vince Laverghetta 1st Place John Buono and Tom Suzda 3rd Place Rick Mason and Terry Maciolek 4th Place Harold Beasley and Bob Price

Palmer Division

1st Place Craig Moore and Gil Couture 2nd Place Chuck Hill and Steve Snover

3rd Place Bill Ortbals and Steve Ryan 4th Place Gerry O'Neil and Sam Brickley

Watson Division

1st Place Mike Russomano and Tim Kohler 2nd Place Don Tubbs and Jim Duane 3rd Place Keith Beile and Gary Ritchey 4th Place Steve Edelman and Shelden Skelly

Vince Laverghetta has the low round of the session with a 70 and Jim Duane has the low net round with a great 63.

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 <u>vincelaverghetta@gmail.com</u> for sign up details and information on the league.





Congratulations to Terry Pollard, the 2022 Monarch Crown Cup winner. Al Whittlef came in second.

Terry Stephenson – Maintenance Supervisor

The following will take place in February:

- Putting out our first pre-emergent application on tees, fairways and roughs on February 6.
- Edging cart paths and bunkers this month.
- Filling low areas around cart paths with top soil.
- Spraying the tee and green surrounds and roughs for poa annua and other weeds.
- Putting out our first nematode control application on tees.

Thanks to the MMGA for putting out the red mulch in their beds last month.

We will be spraying the rest of the beds again this month for weeds.

Please remember to *"DRIVE IN THE FAIRWAYS"* as this will help the Bermuda grass in the roughs.

MWGA-Connie Ortbals

January has been a little chilly – but it did not stop the hardy MWGA members from golfing! Challenge Cup, Match Play, and Thursday games went off as scheduled. A few looked a little bulkier in their heavy jackets and sweaters but it did not affect the games! Way to go, Ladies!

Our new President (Donna Laverghetta) and Vice President (Molly Ryan) arranged the first MWGA event of the year, a Shamble held on January 26th. It was a very crowded field, and then several more ladies came to lunch and to attend the business meeting. The food was great. Who knew Skinny Chicken was so tasty??? Kudos to Donna and Molly.

Four teams won prizes for their great games.



1st Place (L to R): Gail Brennan, Yvonne Parker, Wilma Greenhowe, Kathy Stephens



2nd Place (L to R): Clara Madyda, Linda Hodgson, Jan Dubsky, Judy Taylor



3rd Place (L to R): Linda Carey, Lisa Ritchey, Connie Ortbals, Betty Gibson



4th Place (L to R): Cookie O'Rourke, Betty Hudi, Dot Vieira, Joan Beasley

Don't these winners look happy? For those who don't think the MWGA has fun, you are so wrong.

We also awarded two closest to the pin awards:



(L to R): Judy Taylor – Hole #8, 6'7". Wow! Jan Dubsky – Hole #13, 4' Double Wow! So many good scores! Congrats to all the winners.

Thanks to the hard-working Esther Patterson and Sue Scappaticci, putting together all of the Thursdays in January. Thank you for all you do!

There was no game on January 5th. Well, there was, but it was rained out! The rest of the games were held as usual. Winners are listed below:

January 12, Individual Mutt and Jeff

Flight 1

1st Place Francie Traviolia 2nd Place Debby Beck 3rd Place Esther Patterson 4th Place (Tie) Jan Dubsky; Karen Kozlowski 5th Place (Tie) Christa Bowen; Bonnie Rex

Flight 2

1st Place Cookie O'Rourke 2nd Place Betty Hudi 3rd Place Linda Hodgson 4th Place Carolyn Upchurch 5th Place Clara Madyda, Judy Keating

January 19, Individual Par 4

Flight 1

1st Place (Tie) Lisa Ritchey; Beth Skelly 2nd Place (Tie) Linda Carey; Christa Bowen 3rd Place Bonnie Rex **Flight 2** 1st Place Molly Ryan 2nd Place (Tie) Betty Gibson; Barbara Kowalski 3rd Place (Tie) Coreen Corbin, Betty Hudi, Kimbra McDannel

A new Match Play session commenced on January 10th. There are seven teams competing this season. The First-Place team has changed each week. Week 1, Jan Dubsky and Debby Beck took the honors. Lisa Ritchey and Cookie O'Rourke jumped into the lead on Week 2. Week 3 saw Molly Ryan and Linda Carey reaching this top. Watch this space to see how play is progressing.

The ladies' Challenge Cup has started and will run through April. In addition to the Monarch Golf Club, there are six other clubs represented: Arlington Ridge, Deer Island, Country Club of Mt. Dora, Eagle Ridge, Plantation and Harbor Hills The season runs from September through April. The Monarch team is having a terrific year. Congrats! This great team of lady golfers is doing a wonderful job representing the MWGA and our golf club in the outside community.

An invitation to each MWGA member is sent out each week. Look for yours on email, and plan to join us for some great competition. 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. Make a plan to join other members for some fun and camaraderie!

February is going to be a very exciting month. There are two competitions that involve both the MWGA and MMGA. Make plans to sign up for the Member Member Tournament. On the following week, February 15th, the Mixed Team Chicago Tournament will take place. This is always great fun! See you on the course!

Equity Conversions



Congratulations to Rick & Marsha Mason who converted to equity January 1, 2023.

Helpers!!



Thanks to the following gentlemen that helped recondition the water coolers. Names are not in any specific order. Doug Simpson, Terry pollard, Craig Moore & Wendell McDannel, Randy Beck, Tom Cvikota, and Bonas Johnson (Master Carpenter!)

The MMGA (organized by Keith Beile), put mulch in many of the gardens on the course. The helpers were: Tom Suzda, Tom Cvikota, Bob Price, Seldon Skelly, David Schmitz, Jim Rice, Terry Pollard, Henry Maguire, Bob Keating, Randy Beck, Wendell McDannel, Keith Beile and Dean Woodle.

Thank you all for pitching in to keep our course looking good.



EAGLES ARE FLYING



Doug Simpson #3 1/28/23

Playing Card Bingo

There was another very successful Playing Card Bingo on Monday, January 9th.

The King was Ralph Beighley and the Queen cwas Carol Minor. What fun winning a little extra money.



Queen Carol Minor, King Ralph Beighley

The next Card Bingo is taking place on Monday, February 13 which will be an Italian Buffet. Sign up is underway.

Entertainment

Lisa Coan with us Wednesday, January 25th and a good time was had by all. She sure does know how to put on a great show.











Mark your calendar for upcoming entertainment events:

Rob Nichols – April 19 Barry & Nancy, Name That Tune – August 9 Lisa Coan – November 8



CROWN & SHIELD RESTAURANT

Our hours of operation Monday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm bar to 6:00 pm. Tuesday thru Saturday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Sunday 7:30 am to 2:00 pm for breakfast and lunch. The bar and dining room will remain open till 6:00pm. A limited snack menu will be available for dine or take out between 2:00 pm thru 6:00 pm. Pizza orders need to be place by 5:30 pm

Basket of Fries – Enjoy a basket of sweet potato or regular fries. \$4.99 **Basket of Chips** – Deep fried and seasoned potato chips served with your choice of dipping sauce. \$4.99

<u>Onion Rings</u> – Crispy on the outside, tender on the inside served with our kicken Bayou sauce \$7.99

<u>Pecan Crusted Chicken Salad</u> – crunchy pecan crusted chicken breast over a mix of fresh greens, mandarin oranges, c'raisins and bleu cheese crumbles. \$12.99 <u>Hole in One Sandwich</u> – Homemade chicken or tuna salad with your choice of bread served with one side. \$10.99

<u>10 Wings W/Fries</u>-choose from mild, hot, garlic parm, or BBQ \$12.99 **Big Bogey Pretzel** - served with beer cheese \$11.50

<u>Fried Pickles</u> – served with our signature boom boom sauce \$7.99

<u>Trio Salad Served W/Fruit</u>-chicken, tuna, & egg salad on a bed of greens \$11.99 <u>Dinner Salad W/a scoop of chicken or tuna</u> - **\$**10.99

Pizza and pizza flatbreads are also available till 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

February, 2023 Crown & Shield Restaurant ITEMS OF INTEREST:

The Crown & Shield is open 7 days a week and take out, curb service and delivery will still be available. No Dinners on Sunday, open for lunch & snack

CALL FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS

Dinner Specials for FEBRUARY 2023

<u>Sundays'</u>

February 5 – Breakfast till 11am Lunch 11-2pm Snack till 6pm February 12 – Breakfast till 11am Lunch 11-2pm Snack till 6pm February 19 – Breakfast till 11am Lunch 11-2pm Snack till 6pm February 26 - Breakfast till 11am Lunch 11-2pm Snack till 6pm **NO DINNERS SERVED ON SUNDAY'S**

Mondays' - Dinners -

February 6 – Restaurant & Bar Closed

February 13- Restaurant closes at 3pm Italian Bingo

February 20 – Restaurant Lunch only till 2pm Bar Closes at 6pm

February 27 – Restaurant Lunch only till 2pm Bar Closes at 6pm

NO DINNERS SERVED ON MONDAY'S

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

February 7 – Taco Tuesday Buffet Reservations Required	\$15.99
February 14 – Special Valentine's Dinner Reservations Required	\$24.99
February 21 – Mongolian Buffet Reservations Required	\$18.99
February 28 – Taste of Italy Reservations Required	\$16.99

Wednesdays' -

- February 1- Restaurant open Full Menu is available.
- February 8 Restaurant open Full Menu is available.

February 15 - Restaurant open Full Menu is available.

February 22 – Limited Menu Happy Hour Music by Tonya & Tom

Thursdays'- Dinners – Served with choice of a cup of soup or dinner salad

February 2 – Corn Bread Stuffed Pork w/ potato & vegetables	\$15.99
February 9 – Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ potato & vegetables	\$17.99
February 16 – Prime Rib with baked potato & vegetables	\$22.99
February 23 – Burgundy Beef Tips w/ rice & vegetables	\$17.99

Fridays' – Dinners – Served with choice of a cup of soup or dinner salad

February 3 -Crab Cake with potato & vegetables\$18.99February 10 -Surf & Turf (Tenderloin/Scallops) w/potato & vegetable\$22.99February 17 -Friday Night Buffet Reservations Required\$19.99February 24 -Seafood Scampi served with pasta\$17.99

Saturdays' -

February 4 - Restaurant open Full Menu is available.

February 11 - Restaurant closes at 3 pm Freshman Club Private Function

February 18-- Restaurant closes at 3 pm Birthday Bash Private Function

February 25 - Restaurant closes at 3 pm Enloe's Birthday Private Function