



Around THE Club

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New Board of Directors

Our New Board of Directors and positions are:

President – Rick Mason

Vice President – Dean Woodle

Secretary – Sandi Bryan

Treasurer – Bonnie Rex

Golf Committee Chair – Harold Beasley

Membership Chair – Bill Ortvals

Building & Grounds Chair – Wendell McDannel

Communications Chair – Dean Woodle

Marketing Chair – Tom Cvikota

Member at Large – Terry Pollard

had the foresight and courage to purchase the Monarch Golf Club, and to celebrate those current active Equity members who have kept that vision alive.

As a bit of background, we were able to locate 158 of the original 182 original Charter memberships to send email invitations. In total, 157 members and guests attended the celebration - 75 of those were original Charter members.

The evening started with cocktails and a gourmet dinner by our very own Crown & Shield Restaurant. Chef Toby Williams prepared the delicious meal and Dawn Catando, Restaurant Manager, provided the excellent service. We are very grateful to them and their staff.

"Cheers to 20 Years"

The Monarch Board of Directors held a celebration on December 17 in the Great Hall to honor and recognize the original Charter members from 20 years ago who

Following dinner, a program of speakers consisting of original Charter members Karen Tilton, Henry Maguire, Adam Talarek, Betty Danish, Dick Therrien, Charlie Wolff and Ann Carter provided some of their personal experiences and how it all happened.

Equity member speakers Lisa Ritchey, Bill Ortals, Wendell McDannel and Rick Mason spoke on what has been going on at the Club and how we are helping to keep it alive and prospering.

Several past Board Presidents also in attendance were Adam Talarek, Harry Taylor, Chuck Nash and Vince Laverghetta.

We had a celebratory champagne toast, handed out special commemorative gift pens, and held a prize drawing. We even had a photographer (thanks to Gary Ritchey), taking pictures to send to all attendees.

The committee consisted of Esther Patterson (Chair), Ann Carter, Bonnie Rex, Dave Kowalski, Diane Christie, Lisa Ritchey and Terry Pollard.

The evening was a huge success and one that will be remembered for a long time.

Luis Colon – General Manager

The wait is over. The 2024 men's Crown Cup results are in. Congratulations to:

First Place (Champion)



John Buono

Second Place (Runner Up)



Grant (Jim) Rice

Third Place



Selden Skelly

We want to thank all the participants for keeping the Men's Crown Cup event going and ask for more members to play in the 2025 Crown Cup event.

Congrats again!

For the love of the game!

Men's Titton Match Play League

Vince Laverghetta

Our fun-loving Canadian farmer, Brian Heaslip and his almost Canadian partner, Al Whittlef, over took the team of Jim Layne and Al Abrams in the final weeks of the fall

session to win the Palmer division. The fall Nicklaus division was never in doubt as John Buono and Vince Laverghetta lead the entire session. John is on quite the winning streak as he has won every session of Match Play this year including the Crown Cup. Therese may have to help him out spending all those pro shop credits.

Here are the final standings:

Nicklaus Division

1st Place

John Buono and Vince Laverghetta

2nd Place

Harold Beasley and Randy Beck

3rd Place

Bob Keating and Rick Mason

4th Place

Bob Porch and Keith Patterson

Palmer Division

1st Place

Brian Heaslip and Al Whittlef

2nd Place

Jim Layne and Al Abrams

3rd Place

Chris Crawford and Dave Kozlowski

4th Place

Chuck Hill and Denny Walden

Chuck Hill was the leading money winner in the skins game followed by Al Abrams and Jim Layne.

Harold Beasley shot the low round of the session with a 70 and Brian Heaslip and Harold Beasley shared the low net round of the session with a 67.

The winter session will kick off on Monday, January 6th with late morning tee times.

Men's Match Play is a member only league sponsored by the Monarch Men's Golf Association. The cost is currently \$40 per

session, which includes \$20 for prize money and \$20 for the luncheon and raffle prizes.

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

MMGA-Terry Pollard

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

Congratulations to our incoming MMGA Secretary Craig Moore. Happy New Year.

Wednesday December 25 (Holiday).

Wednesday December 18, we enjoyed the MMGA "3 Best Net" event.

1st Place (-11)

Bill Ortals, Craig Simpson, Terry Pollard, Mike Kline

2nd Place (- 6)

Bob Price, David Schmitz, Dick Therrien, Don Hubmer

3rd (-1)

Dean Woodle, Keith Beile, David Maki, Adam Talarek

Closest to The Pin

#4 Ralph Acquaro 11' 7"

#8 Harold Beasley 7' 3"

#11 Bonas Johnson 9' 11"

#13 Tony Hicks 2' 11"

50/50 winners

David Schmitz

Mike Kline

Wednesday December 11, we enjoyed the MMGA "Flighted Skins" event.

Congratulations to our winners:

Group 1:

Dick Holst

Group 2:
Tom O'Rourke
Group 3A:
(2-way tie) Dave Kozlowski, Jimmy Layne
Group 3B:
(2-way tie) Mike Kowalski, Dave Maki
Group 4:
David Schmitz
Group 5A: (2-way tie)
Chris Crawford, Bob Price
Group 5B:
John Buono

Closest to The Pin

#4 Terry Pollard	13'1"
#8 Al Abrams	5'7"
#11 Mike Kline	18'11"
#13 Brian Heaslip	23'6"

Wednesday December 4, we enjoyed the MMGA "2 Best Net" event.

1st Place (-14)

Keith Beile, David Schmitz, Lee Fjeld, John Padula

2nd Place (- 10)

Wendell McDannell, Terry Pollard, Adam Talarek, Sheldon Skelly

3rd (-9)

Chric Crawford, Mike Kowalski, Tom O'Rourke

Closest to The Pin

#4 David Schmitz	15' 8"
#8 Mike Kowalski	5' 5"
#11 Tony Hicks	9' 11"
#13 Tim Kohler	2' 11"

50/50 winners

David Schmitz

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.

Terry Pollard

MWGA – Connie Ortballs

The MWGA ended the year with great fanfare!

The Angel Tree was a great success. Linda Carey, Carolyn Skorich, Karen Kozlowski and Lisa the Elf pulled the gifts together and they were delivered to Mascotte Charter School in plenty of time for Christmas! Thank you ladies for all of your hard work. You have given a very Merry Christmas to many children!



Pictured (L to R): Carolyn Skorich, Karen Kozlowski and Lisa Ritchey. (Linda Carey is not pictured, but she also worked very diligently to accomplish this

The MWGA Awards Banquet/Election was quite a feast. Prizes Galore! A fun Christmas Trivia Game! Fabulous Food! (Let's give a special shoutout to Chef Toby for the delicious Crème Brulé. Chef's Kiss!) The Crown and Shield staff outdid themselves. The restaurant AND attendees were dressed to the nines!



Awards:

The President's Cup was a great competition. Debby Beck received the President's Cup trophy with a low gross score of 76. Outstanding!

The Low Net winners were also recognized, and received Pro Shop Credit:

Flight 1

1st Place 70

Debby Beck, Linda Carey

2nd Place 71

Karen Kozlowski, Lisa Ritchey

3rd Place 74

Bonnie Rex, Yvonne Parker, Cindy Hendricks, Alice Heaslip

Flight 2

1st Place 72

Marine McKemie, Barb Colmer

2nd Place 73

Barb Kowalski, Joan Beasley, Marge Parkinson

3rd Place 74

Peg Johnsen

Year End Prizes:

Most Birdies

Debby Beck 26

Most Improved Golfer

Carolyn Upchurch, Reduced Handicap by 8 Strokes

Ringer Board

Bonnie Rex 57

Tee Cup

Debby Beck 104

Most Participation

Marge Parkinson 33

The MWGA competes week in and week out. These ladies put on quite a performance. Congrats!



Pictured (L to R): Debby Beck and Connie Ortals

Election:

The 2025 Officers were elected and inducted into office. We are looking forward to working as a team and bringing to the MWGA another great of fun, fellowship, and great golf.



Pictured (L to R): President, Connie Ortals; Vice President, Cookie O'Rourke; Secretary, Peg Johnsen; Treasurer, Carolyn Upchurch

The Ladies' Challenge Cup Team is well into the season. They have posted three wins so far – their next match is Friday, January 3. We appreciate their efforts to represent our Golf Club in the local community.

Match Play will conclude on January 21. The Winter session commences on February 4th. Winners will be announced next month.

There were limited Thursday games in December:

December 12 – F.O.N.E Holes

Flight 1

1 st Place	34
Cindy Hendricks	
2 nd Place	35
Bonnie Rex	
3 rd Place	36
Lisa Ritchey	

Flight 2

1 st Place	32
Molly Ryan	
2 nd Place	34
Barb Colmer	
3 rd Place	35
Diane Christie	

December 19 – Like Handicap Thursday

Flight 1

1 st Place	72
Debby Beck	
2 nd Place	73
Francie Traviolia	
3 rd Place	74
Bonnie Rex	
4 th Place (Tie)	75
Lisa Ritchey, Esther Patterson	

Flight 2

1 st Place	70
Susan Scott	

2 nd Place (Tie)	71
Barb Kowalski, Marine McKemie	
3 rd Place (Tie)	74
Diane Dixon, Joan Beasley	

Join us in 2025!

Connie Ortals 352-530-2828

Craig Shelton, Maintenance

Finished edging cart paths

- Started trimming ornamental grasses
 - Weedeated ponds
 - Sprayed greens with fertility and nutritional
 - Top-dressed driving range tees and reseeded
 - Reseeded weak areas around courses - Filled cart path ends with fill dirt
 - Filled divots on tees
 - Raked up twigs at walk up areas to greens under trees
- Notes:
- Need to top-dress greens
 - There is a plan to place upright holders for bunker rakes in the near future; Craig has experimented with this on one hole and wants to try placing them in a few other locations before deciding that they will work better than allowing the rakes currently laying in the bunkers. Craig mentioned that this also would help with maintenance of the bunkers.
 - The decision was made to try placing the holders and rakes in a few additional holes on the course to get more input from the members.

MONARCH GOLF CLUB

CELEBRATION OF LIFE PATIO

Keith Beile has volunteered to manage our Celebration of Life patio, effective January 1, 2025. His contact information is kbeile0827@AOL.com and cell phone (225) 907-7010.

Our beautiful Celebration of Life patio was built in 2015 through the efforts of Dona Nash, Barbara Bradford and Carol Smith. The patio now has over 100 bricks installed celebrating golf achievements, anniversaries, birthdays, loved ones, grandkids, dogs and cats. The patio has raised over \$10,000 and has been used to expand the patio and other improvements to our clubhouse and golf course. The patio fund recently contributed \$1,000 to the fund to restore the fountain in the pond adjacent to the 3rd fairway.



New Members



Lowell Ranvek

Please welcome Lowell Ranvek who has joined us as a Limited General Single Member 11/1/24.

Lowell is from Knoxville, Tn., has 2 children and 5 Grandchildren.

He worked with P.P.G. (Paint), and his hobby is building stuff and golf.



Jim Rice

Please welcome Jim Rice who is now a Seasonal Equity member effective November 1, 2024. Jim has been with us under the renter's program the last 6 years.

He is originally from Michigan.

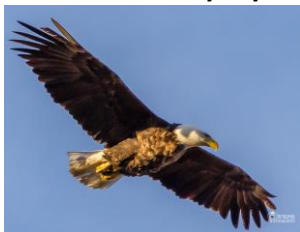
He worked for a metal distributor and later worked for a metal fabricator.

He has 2 boys and one grandchild and enjoys boating & golfing.

Holes in One



Dick Hellem #11 12/17/24



EAGLES ARE FLYING



Chris Crawford #17 12/9/24

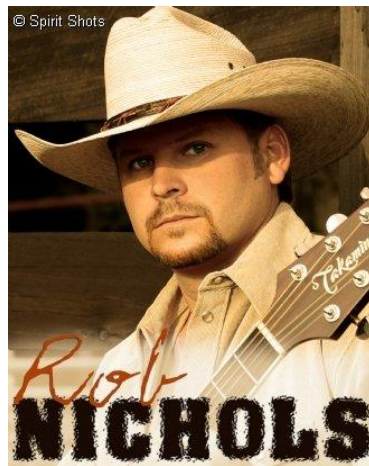


Ray Smith #6 12/22/24

Playing Card Bingo

There was no Bingo in December. Sign up for January 13's event will take place on Wednesday, January 8th.

Entertainment



Rob Nichols will be with us once again on Wednesday, January 29th. Sign up for **Members** will be January 13th & 14th. Open to Public January 15th.

Meal Selections are:

- Beef Tenderloin W/Demi Glaze Sauce

- Seafood Stuffed Sole
- Herb Crusted Chicken Breast

Sign up by email to Ann Carter @ akcarter554@gmail.com. Furnish all names in the party along with all meal selections.

Cost \$19.99 plus tax & gratuity and \$5.00 entertainment fee.



Notary Public-ANN CARTER
352-408-6737 (was removed from RH's phone book).

I am here for any of your notary needs.
 Give me a call to make an appointment.
 Note-all proceeds go to the Monarch Golf Club for a variety of items. Last was a \$200 donation for the "Cheers to 20 Years" Celebration to help defer expenses.

2024 HOLES IN ONE

Men:

Joe Greenhowe #4-2/13/24

Tim Nopper #13-3/14/24

Bob Price #11 3/27/24

Tim Kohler #8 4/3/24

Dave Kozlowski 4/4/24

Dick Hellem #8 4/7/24

Vince Laverghetta #4 5/4/24

Selden Skelly #11 7/17/24

Tom Powers #4 7/26/24

NEW:

Dick Hellem #11 12/17/24

Ladies:

Carolyn Skorich #8 5/4/24

Cindy Hendrix #4 8/8/24



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, Dawn, F & B Manager

January, 2025 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

Dinner Specials for January 2025

Sundays'

January 5 ~ Breakfast until 1pm Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 4:30
January 12 ~ Breakfast until 1pm Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 4:30
January 19 ~ Breakfast until 1pm Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 4:30
January 26 ~ Breakfast until 1pm Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 4:30

Mondays'

January 6 ~ Restaurant will be closed for New Year's Day Holiday
January 13 ~ Restaurant Will Close 3pm Taco Bingo (Reservations Required)
January 20 ~ Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5 Bar to 6
January 27 ~ Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5 Bar to 6

Tuesdays' - Dinners – Served with Soup or House Salad

January 7 ~ Liver & Onions Served with potato & vegetable \$19.99
January 14 ~ Restaurant will be closing at 4pm for private function
January 21 ~ Meatloaf served with potato & vegetable \$19.99
January 28 ~ Beef Stroganoff served w/ potato & Vegetable \$19.99

Wednesdays'

January 1 ~ Restaurant Closed. Happy New Year!!
January 8 ~ Restaurant Open Full Menu is Available
January 15 ~ Restaurant Open Full Menu is Available
January 22 ~ Restaurant Open Full Menu is Available
January 29 ~ Restaurant Closes 3pm Entertainment "Rob Nichols"
(Reservations Required)

Thursdays'- Dinners – Served with Soup or House salad

January 2 ~ Lamb Osso Bucco served w/ Potato & Vegetable \$21.99
January 9 ~ Grilled Ribeye served w/ Potato and Vegetable \$24.99
January 16 ~ Pork Chops served w/ Potato & Vegetable \$22.99
January 23 ~ Prime Rib Night served w/ Potato & Vegetable \$24.99
January 30 ~ Beef Wellington \$23.99

Fridays' – Dinners – Served with Soup or House salad

January 3 ~ Grouper Fromage served w/ Potato & vegetable \$21.99
January 10 ~ Salmon En Croute~ \$23.99
January 17 ~ Tequila Shrimp served with Potato & Vegetable \$21.99
January 24 ~ Seafood Alfredo \$21.99
January 31 ~ Grilled Mahi Mahi \$21.99

Saturdays' –

January 4 ~ Restaurant open Full Menu is Available
January 11 ~ Restaurant Closes at 1 pm Private Functions
Celebration of Life 1pm -4pm and "Freshman Club" 5pm to close
January 18 ~ Restaurant Closes at 3 pm Private Dinner Function "Birthday Bash"
January 25 ~ Restaurant open Full Menu is Available