



Around THE Club

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Crown Cup Champions



Jim Rice – 1st Place



Dave Kozlowski – 3rd Place



Dave Schmitz – 2nd Place

Congratulations to all

Men's Tilton Match Play League

Vince Laverghetta

Men's Match Play league will kick off the 2024 season 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 conducts 5 different sessions each year. The format of play is two-man teams competing in traditional match play. Teams are flighted into brackets according to their combined handicaps. Players may team up with a fellow member once per year.

Players may also participate in a weekly skins game which is also flighted by individual handicap.

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

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

On Wednesday December 27 we enjoyed the MMGA "Scramble" event with great teams playing very well:

1st Place -10:

Roy Colmer, Tony Hicks, Dave Maki, Wendell McDannel

2nd Place -8 (Tie):

Roy Bowen, Chris Crawford, Don Hubner, Mark Meador, Harold Beasley, Jim Duane, Terry Pollard, John Wassenaar

Closest To the Pin

#4	Wendell McDannel	6'3"
#8	Dan Brennan	6'5"
#11	Chris Crawford	5'4"
#13	Wendell McDannel	8'11"

50/50 Steve Edelman

On Wednesday December 20 we enjoyed the MMGA "1-2-3 Red, White & Blue" event. Below are the Group winners,

1st Place -16: Chris Crawford, Lee Fjeld, Don Hubner, Dave Maki,

Closest to the Pin

#4	Nobody made the green.	
#8	Dave Maki	16'10"
#11	Mark Meador	4'6"
#13	Tony Hicks	1'9"

50/50 Don Hubner

On Wednesday December 13 we enjoyed the MMGA "2 Best Net" event.

1st Place -17:

Jim Dubsky, Steve Edelman, Mark Meador, John Wassenaar

2nd Place -11(3 WayTie):

Tom Cvikota, Jim Duane, Craig Moore, Tom O'Rourke, Dan Brennan, Roy Colmer, Bonas Johnson, John Padula, Ralph Acquaro, Tony Hicks, Mike Kowalski, Bill Ortals

2nd Place -8

Roy Bowen, Chris Crawford, Don Hubner, Mark Meador, Harold Beasley, Jim Duane, Terry Pollard, John Wassenaar

Closest To the Pin

#4	Jim Dubsky	9'10"
#8	Bill Ortals	4'5"
#11	Steve Edelman	6'
#13	Mark Meador	17'3"

50/50 Tom Cvikota

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 352-408-0975

Maintenance – Craig Shelton

Greetings,

Recent maintenance projects:

- Edged all bunkers.
- Currently edging cart paths. Almost complete.
- Height of cut on fairways was lowered.
- Painted tee markers and yardage markers on tees
- In process of trimming ornamental grasses in beds.

Upcoming maintenance events:

- The week of the 8th we will be fertilizing the golf course wall to wall.

Happy New Year, Craig

MWGA-Connie Ortals

The MWGA had a great end of year celebration, and elected a new slate of officers at the annual Awards Dinner. First order of business following a social hour and the delicious meal was to announce the winners of the President' Cup competition, which took place on November 30 and December 7. To win, you added the best front nine to the best back nine. Debby Beck won the Competition hands down with a gross score of 78. Great golfing!



Debby Beck and Donna Laverghetta, outgoing MWGA Pres

The MWGA also recognized the LOW NET winners at the dinner. This year there was a tie! Molly Ryan, Marge Parkinson and Bonnie Rex tied; the score card playoff winner was Bonnie Rex, who was rather excited to win this competition!



Bonnie Rex, Marge Parkinson and Molly

Then it was on to the other awards for 2023!

Most Birdies on Thursday Games: Debby Beck. This was a real nail biter – Lisa Ritchey was only 1 behind Debby but just not close enough.

Most Participation in MWGA Events award went to Debby Beck who played 32 games on Thursday as well as all seasons of Match Play.

The Tee Cup Award: This prize originated with a former member, Karen Teegarden: each regular week, one hole is selected for the Tee Cup. Points are earned by scoring birdies (7), pars (5), or bogeys (2) on that particular hole. The totals are calculated for the entire year. The winner for 2023 Debby Beck!

The Ringer Board: This prize is computed by documenting the lowest GROSS score, hole by hole, for all MWGA games for the entire year. And the winner was Debby Beck! This is the first time four out of the five awards went to the same person. Good for you, Debby!



The prize for the Most Improved Golfer went to Cindy Hendricks. Way to go!



Cindy Hendricks

Donna then introduced Connie Ortballs, the incoming President, who swore in the officers for the coming year.

Cookie O'Rourke is the Vice President, Carolyn Upchurch is Treasurer, Nancy Beighley is the new Secretary.

What a great group. The MWGA is in good hands for 2024!



L to R: Carolyn Upchurch, Cookie O'Rourke, Connie Ortballs, Nancy Beighley

Donna Laverghetta is taking over the role of Director for the MWGA Board.

Karen Kozlowski has agreed to remain as the very effective Rules Guru for the coming year;

Carolyn Skorich will continue her great job managing the Match Play sessions; Debby Beck and Carolyn will continue to oversee Challenge Cup games

Ann Carter will once again be our Sunshine.

And the ever-inventive Esther Patterson and Sue Scappaticci will continue to arrange the weekly Thursday games.

We may be looking for a volunteer to manage the 2024 school supply collection.

Please contact Connie Ortballs if you are interested. Debbie Dame has handled this beautifully for the past two years, but her travel schedule may preclude her doing it again this year. We shall see! Thanks to all of these hardworking MWGA volunteers.

REGULAR THURSDAY GAMES

December 14, Individual S and T Holes

Flight 1

1st Place

Debby Beck

2nd Place (tie)

Lisa Ritchey; Francie Traviolia

3rd Place (tie)

Linda Carey; Jan Dubsky

Flight 2

1st Place

Lori Slater

2nd Place (tie)

Marge Parkinson; Carlyn Upchurch

3rd Place

Connie Ortballs

4th Place

Therese Buono

The ladies' Challenge Cup continues to be very exciting! On December 5th, Team Monarch scored well as a group but not well enough to beat the Eagle Ridge bombers. The pairing of Linda Carey and Lisa Ritchey captured Monarch's gross score prize money and the pairing of Esther Patterson and Evelyn Weasner won our team's net score prize. It was a fun day, but Team Eagle Ridge defended their home course very well, with four ladies scoring in the 70s and the other four in the 80s. Whew!

On December 8th, Team Monarch had a good day. Unfortunately, one of the four pairings (Debby Beck and Carolyn Skorich) ran into a buzz saw! Team Harbor Hills' #1 player shot a 65 with 7 birdies and 11 pars. Although Debby and Carolyn got stomped, it was impressive to watch her play! Team low gross prize went to Karen Kozlowski and Linda Carey who were just ½ point shy of handing their opponents the whipping Ms. 65 gave to Debby and Carolyn. Way to go!!!

Team Monarch is representing our Club in glorious fashion. The next match is set for Friday, January 5th.

Annual dues of \$35 is due on January 1st. An invitation to all 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.

The first special event in 2024 will be on January 25th; the next session of Match Play starts on January 9th. Hope to see you then!



EAGLES ARE FLYING

New Member



Dave Kozlowski #9 11/21/23 (sorry we missed it last month)



Donnie Stewart

Please welcome Donnie Stewart who has joined us as a General Single member effective December 1, 2023.

Donnie comes to us from Frankfort, In, has two children and 4 grandchildren.

His former occupation was HVAC – Grounds with the Community School of Frankfort.

He enjoys golf and music.



Steve Edelman #18 12/1/23

Holes In One for 2023

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 VanBenthuyzen #11 4/8/23
Dave Kozlowski #11 6/30/23
Tim Waugh #11 8/28/23
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
Debby Beck #4 8/12/23
Bobbie Iredale #11 8/16/23
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

January, 2024 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

\$5

SPRING ROLLS

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

Dinner Specials for January 2024

Sundays'

January 7 ~ Breakfast until 1pm Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 5:30
January 14 ~ Breakfast until 1pm Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 5:30
January 21 ~ Breakfast until 1pm Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 5:30
Veteran's Meet & Greet 3pm-5pm
January 28 ~ Breakfast until 1pm Lunch 11-5 Pizza End at 6 placed by 5:30

Mondays'

January 1 ~ Restaurant will be closed for New Year's Day Holiday
January 8 ~ Restaurant Will Close 3pm Taco Bingo (Reservations Required)
January 15 ~ Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5 Bar to 6
January 22 ~ Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5 Bar to 6
January 29 ~ Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5 Bar to 6

Tuesdays' - Dinners – Served with Soup or Caesar Salad

January 2 ~ Fried Chicken served with Cole Slaw & French Fries \$17.99
January 9 ~ Liver & Onions Served w/ Potato & Vegetable \$19.99
January 16 ~ Taste of Italy Buffet (Reservations Recommended) \$20.99
January 23 ~ Meatloaf served w/ potato & Vegetable \$17.99
January 30 ~ Mongolian Buffet (Reservations Recommended) \$20.99

Wednesdays'

January 3 ~ Restaurant Open Full Menu is Available
January 10 ~ Restaurant Closes 3pm Entertainment (Reservations Required)
January 17 ~ Restaurant Open Full Menu is Available
January 24 ~ Restaurant Open Full Menu is Available
January 31 ~ Restaurant Open Full Menu is Available

Thursdays'- Dinners – Served with Soup or Caesar salad

January 4 ~ Lollipop Porkchops served w/ Potato & Vegetable \$21.99
January 11 ~ BBQ Ribs served w/ Potato and Vegetable \$20.99
January 18 ~ Prime Rib Night served w/ Potato & Vegetable \$22.99
January 25 ~ Short Ribs over Tri-Color Tortellini \$20.99

Fridays' – Dinners – Served with Soup or Caesar salad

January 5 ~ Seafood Scampi over Pasta \$21.99
January 12 ~ Blackened Swordfish w/ Mango Relish \$21.99
January 19 ~ Surf & Turf served with Potato & Vegetable \$28.99
January 26 ~ Salmon w/ Citrus Hollandaise \$22.99

Saturdays' –

January 6 ~ Restaurant open Full Menu is Available
January 13 ~ Restaurant Closes at 3 pm Private Dinner Function
January 20 ~ Restaurant Closes at 3 pm Private Dinner Function
January 27 ~ Restaurant open Full Menu is Available

January Restaurant Events:

Monday January 1st - Happy New Year's Restaurant & Bar Closed

Monday January 8th

Restaurant closes at 3:00 PM Bingo

Wednesday January 10th Restaurant closes at 3:00 PM, Entertainment Event – Reservations Required.

Saturday January 13th

Restaurant closes at 3:00 PM Private Dinner Event

Saturday, January 20th Restaurant Closed Private Lunch Event & Dinner event

Sunday January 21st Veterans Meet & Greet 3:00 PM– 5:00 PM