



Around THE Club

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The 2024 MWGA shoot-out was a great and enjoyable competition tournament for all to watch. The players battle their nerves and incredibly hot weather. Credit goes to all 10 participants for entertaining us to some fantastic golf.

The results are in. Please join me in congratulating all 10 players and their caddies for playing their hearts out. Congratulations to the top three players that outlasted the 10 players field competition:



2024 Players and caddies

Bonnie Rex, Cindy Hendriks, Beth Skelly, Evelyn Weasner, Karen Kozlowski, Connie Ortvals, Esther Patterson, Linda Carey, Lori Slater & Linda Carey.

Caddies (in blue bibs):

Diane Dixon, Nancy Woodcock, Ernie Weicht, Sue Scappaticci, Dave Kozlowski, Bill Ortvals, Keith Patterson, Betty Gibson, Philip Keetle & Sara Shacket.



Beth Skelly & Ernie Weicht



Sue Scappaticci & Evelyn Weasner



Lori Slater & Philip Keetle



Diane Dixon & Bonnie Rex



Esther & Keith Patterson



Cindy Hendricks & Nancy Woodcock



Betty Gibson & Linda Carey



Dave & Karen Kozlowski



Sara Shackel & Lisa Ritchey



Bill & Connie Ortvals



2024 MWGA shoot-out champion

Linda Carey (center)

2024 MWGA shoot-out runner-up

Bonnie Rex (left)

2024 MWGA shoot-out 3rd Place

Lori Slater (right)

Competition golf is like no other sport. The nerves, the shakes, the pressure for the perfect stroke to elevate one's game and confidence level. Thank you to the competitors and their caddies for entertaining us with a great day of competition golf.

Spectators, you made the event special and memorable. We thank you for supporting the players. A special thanks Dawn for providing the needed refreshments and snacks. THANK YOU ALL!

Men's Tilton Match Play League

Vince Laverghetta

We have completed 5 weeks of play in the spring session and some familiar names have appeared at the top of the leader board with Rick Mason and John Buono leading the team of Harold Beasley and Keith Patterson by 11.5 points. John and Rick have not lost a match, (that should put the jinx on them!) with four weeks to go.

Here are the standings:

Nicklaus Division

1st Place

John Buono and Rick Mason

2nd Place

Harold Beasley and Keith Patterson

3rd Place

Wendell McDannel and Jim Layne

4th Place

Craig Moore and Tim Nopper

5th Place

Tim Kohler and Denny Walden

Tim Nopper is the leading money winner in the skins game with Steve Ryan and Bill Ortvals in close pursuit.

The spring session will conclude with our awards luncheon on July 29th.

The fall session will begin on Monday, August 5th. Please 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 vinclaverghetta@gmail.com for sign up details and information on the league.

Craig Shelton - Maintenance

Recent Activity for past month:

- Completed first round of fairway slicing on fairways
- Sprayed greens for goose
- Sprayed greens with fertility, nutritionals, and soil amendments
- Filled potholes around golf course, including #6 fairway and approach.

- Sprayed beds at club house
- Continued herbicide applications on tees, fairways, and rough
- Spiked greens
- Fertilized golf course wall to wall, tees, fairways, and rough. This is the third application this year. We are pushing for rapid growth to grow in weak areas as weeds die out and to improve overall turf health. Also, this is one reason grass is so tall in between mowings. Overall turf health is much better and is noticeable during dry conditions. Fairways do not flash out as badly in dry conditions due to healthier, deeper roots.
- Sprayed for lubbers
- Bombed mole activity on #11 black tee and #10 approach.
- Spraying weeds in cart path cracks. Still (ongoing)
- Spraying weeds in bunkers and waste areas (ongoing)
- Edging irrigation heads, valve boxes, and drains (ongoing)
- Weed-eated lake banks
- Sprayed ornamental grass beds
- Trimmed grasses along edge of cart paths.
- Sprayed herbicide on greens for sedges and signal grass

Notes

- Bad boy zero turn mower has been repaired but now the 4500 rough mower is out of service. We are currently mowing out the entire course once per week on interior but are still behind on the outlying areas of Bahia. HOC on the 7500 zero turn has been lowered to use on interior in place of the 4500.

- The irrigation issue on #10 has been repaired and area is receiving extra water.
- Greens are now healthy enough to begin lowering HOC and working on green speed.
- Holes #12 # 13 green have greened back up from last irrigation issue mentioned in prior report.

MWGA-Terry Pollard

MMGA had some a lot of excellent golf going on in June. Ron Solomon scored an "Eagle" on Hole #5 with a 100-yard 9 iron shot on June 5th.

On Wednesday June 5 we enjoyed the MMGA "3 BEST NET" event. Below are the Group winners:

1st Place -5:

Dan DeMartinis, Mike Kowalski, Dave Maki, Selden Skelly

2nd Place -5:

Roy Colmer, Dave Kozlowski, Tom O'Rourke, Bob Porch

3rd Place -4:

Tom Cvikota, Bill Ortballs, Dick Therrien

Closest To the Pin

#4	Chris Crawford	37'1"
#8	Dan DeMartinis	9'7"
#11	Dan Brennan	7'6"
#13	Dave Kozlowski	11'

50/50: Dan DeMartinis

Play for Wednesday June 12 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

On Wednesday June 19 we enjoyed the MMGA "Scramble" event. Below are the Group winners:

1st Place -8:

Chris Crawford, Terry Pollard, Don Tubbs,
Pat Vaccaro

2nd Place -7:

Harold Beasley, Keith Beile, Dave Fitch

3rd Place -7:

Tom Cvikota, Jim Duane, Bill Ortballs, Selden
Skelly

Closest To the Pin

#4	Harold Beasley	3'4"
#8	Don Tubbs	4'10"
#11	Bill Ortballs	5'2"
#13	Dan DeMartinis	35'

50/50: Dan DeMartinis, Charlie Wolfe

On Wednesday June 26 we enjoyed the
MMGA "2 BEST NET" event with several
teams playing very well.

1st Place -14:

Dan DeMartinis, Jim Duane, John
Wassenaar, Dean Woodle

2nd Place -13:

Al Abrams, Dave Maki, Bob Porch, Charlie
Wolff

3rd Place -10:

Randy Beck, Dick Hellem, Terry Pollard,
Selden Skelly

Closest To the Pin

#4	Bill Ortballs	10'
#8	Bill Ortballs	9'8"
#11	Terry Pollard	4'10"
#13	Chris Crawford	23'9"

50/50: Bill Ortballs

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.

MWGA-Connie Ortballs

As we have in the past, we will be collecting
donations for the needy children of
Leesburg Elementary School. The
collection this year will commence on July
1, and end on July 31. (School starts on
August 8.) This year we have a special
request from Florence Katzenberger, our
contact at Leesburg Schools:

*"I hope you're enjoying the hot weather I
have a question do you think the Golf
Association could possibly do a fundraiser
to help us purchase binders for our kiddos.
At this time, we are short 230 binders for
the homeless students. The cost would be
around \$400.00."*

In light of this request, if you want to
donate by cash or check (make checks
payable to MWGA); please put your
donation in an envelope marked "school
supplies" and place it in the MWGA mailbox.
Our treasurer will then write a check for the
entire amount to Leesburg Schools. For
those who prefer to donate school supplies,
there will still be a box in the lobby of the
Club for your use. Thanks to all who
continue to make this drive a success.

Match Play commenced on June 25th. Nine
teams are competing. It is already looking
like another great season.

Thursday Games continue to be both
challenging and fun. Esther Patterson and
Sue Scappaticci continue to wow us with
the games. And it is a great way to play
with a variety of golfers – some of the
games are reserved for like handicaps while
others feature A, B, C and D players. It is a
good mix and very much appreciated. All
games are flighted, so everyone has a
chance to win.

REGULAR THURSDAY GAMES

May 29, 2024 – Individual Net Even Holes

Flight 1

1st Place (Tie) 36
Marine McKemie, Sue Scappaticci
2nd Place (Tie) 37
Debby Beck, Cindy Hendricks, Bonnie Rex,
Beth Skelly, Francie Traviolia

Flight 2

1st Place 34
Molly Ryan
2nd Place (Tie) 36
Barbara Kowalski, Connie Ortals
3rd Place 37
Judy Taylor
4th Place (Tie) 38 C
Coreen Corbin, Cookie O'Rourke

June 4, 2024 – Individual Net Odd Holes

Flight 1

1st Place 31
Bonnie Rex
2nd Place 36
Linda Carey
3rd Place 38
Christa Bowen
4th Place 39
Evelyn Weasner

Flight 2

1st Place 34
Linda Hodgson
2nd Place 34
Barb Kowalski
3rd Place 35
Marge Parkinson
4th Place (Tie) 37
Carolyn Upchurch, Robin Teets, Diane
Christie

June 13, Individual 3, 2, 1

Flight 1

1st Place 18
Evelyn Weasner

2nd Place (Tie) 19

Beth Skelly, Bonnie Rex

3rd Place (Tie) 20

Christa Bowen, Linda Carey, Marine
McKemie, Esther Patterson, Carolyn
Skorich, Linda Carey

Flight 2

1st Place (Tie) 16
Cookie O'Rourke, Robin Teets
2nd Place 17
Carolyn Upchurch
3rd Place 18
Parkinson

June 20, 2024 – Like Handicap Thursday,

Low Net

Flight 1

1st Place 69
Cindy Hendricks
2nd Place 70
Esther Patterson
3rd Place 73
Bonnie Rex
4th Place 74
Debby Beck

Flight 2

1st Place 74
Marge Parkinson
2nd Place 75
Diane Christie
3rd Place (Tie) 76
Marine McKemie, Robin Teets
4th Place 77
Sandy Cookson

June 27, 2024 – Criss Cross

Flight 1

1st Place 31
Lisa Ritchey
2nd Place 32
Bonnie Rex
3rd Place (Tie) 34
Debby Beck, Christa Bowen, Linda Carey,
Diane Dixon, Francie Traviolia

Flight 2

1st Place 33

Judy Keating

2nd Place (Tie) 34

Diane Christie, Coreen Corbin, Carolyn
Upchurch

3rd Place 35

Peg Johnsen

The MWGA charges \$3 for each weekly Thursday game. For special events, the cost is \$8. (Both are charged to your account.) Members often meet in the Crown and Shield following the game for lunch.

Here is a special reminder to members: On Thursday you can sign up for only 9 holes if the heat is too much for you. Indicate your preference on your Golf Genius invitation. You will be playing with MWGA, but you will not be included in the weekly game. Come join us!

Rick Mason – Golf Committee



We are starting a fund raiser to replace the fountain that was on hole #3's pond. The last one we had was in 2015. We are asking for individual donations and donations from all of our many golf groups. The black tee group is now doing a 50/50 raffle every time they play with the proceeds going toward our fountain. We are hoping the other organized groups will do the same. Our goal is to raise \$4,000.00. The first

fountain cost was \$6,000, but that included electrical and other items that still exist.

The fountain was a great feature for not only our members but also for our whole community. Besides being a visually appealing display on the course, Royal St. George's Lane & the restaurant, the fountain circulates water, adding oxygen for an improved ecosystem while simultaneously reducing algae and clarifying murky discolored pond water.

The running and maintenance costs (which are minimal) will be taken care of by the club. A timer will enable us to turn off the fountain at night.

For those individuals that wish to donate, please make the check payable to Rick Mason and deliver to the Pro Shop or to me personally. A spreadsheet has been developed to keep track of the donations. There is no deadline. We will continue to collect funds until we reach the necessary amount.

We will post weekly updates on our progress and we wish to thank all of those that have contributed thus far or will be contributing to help us reach our goal.

Conversion to Equity



Ron Soloman

Congratulations to Ron Soloman who converted from Single Limited General Member to Single Equity effective June 1, 2024.

New Members

Diane Dixon

(NO PICTURE FURNISHED FOR THIS ISSUE)
Please welcome Diane Dixon who comes to us from White Haven, Pa. She has joined as a Single Limited General Member effective June 1, 2024.

Diane's former occupation was a Physical Therapist Assistant. She enjoys bicycling, hiking, swimming and golf.



Robin Teets

Please welcome Robin Teets who has joined us as a single Limited General member, effective June 1, 2024.

Robin is from West Virginia but moved here from Pennsylvania where she spent most of her adult life working as a dental hygienist. She's been married to her High School sweetheart, Brad, for 47 years. She was a competitive dressage rider and dog show judge and now she's trying her hand at golf.

She is Secretary of Royal Highland's Pickleball Club and is OUR "Master Gardener".

Holes in One

None this month



EAGLES ARE FLYING



Chris Crawford #7 6/1/24



Solomon #5 6/5/24



Chris Crawford #1 6/17/24

Playing Card Bingo

Once again, we had another successful event on Monday, June 10 with a total of 17 tables. Judy was visiting family so Bob did it all by himself and did an outstanding job.

Maria Bateson was the Queen and Steve Snover was the King.

The next Bingo will be Monday, July 8th and the menu will be Tacos.



Queen Maria Bateson, King Steve Snover

Entertainment

HE's BACK!!!

Mark your calendar, Rob Nichols will be at the Crown & Shield July 10th. Sign up is underway, almost full.



Rob Nichols

Gardens of the Month



Hole #13-BEFORE



Hole #13-AFTER – Robin Teets



Hole #7-Randy & Debby Beck



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Hole #2-BEFORE



Hole #2-AFTER-Vince & Donna Laverghetta

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

Ladies:

Carolyn Skorich #8 5/4/24



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

July, 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

Dinner Specials for July 2024

Sundays'

July 7 – Breakfast only to 1 Lunch 1pm – 5pm PIZZA to 5pm placed by 4:30pm
July 14 – Breakfast only to 1 Lunch 1pm – 5pm PIZZA to 5pm placed by 4:30pm
July 21 – Breakfast only to 1 Lunch 1pm – 5pm PIZZA to 5pm placed by 4:30pm
July 28 - Breakfast only to 1 Lunch 1pm – 5pm PIZZA to 5pm placed by 4:30pm

Mondays' - Dinners –

July 1 –Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5pm Bar to 6pm
July 8 –Restaurant closes at 4pm Taco Bingo
July 15 –Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5pm Bar to 6pm
July 22 –Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5pm Bar to 6pm
July 29 - Restaurant open Lunch Menu to 5pm Bar to 6pm

Tuesdays' - Dinners – Served with choice of soup or Caesar salad

July 2 –Liver & Onions w/ Potato & Vegetable	\$19.99
July 9 - Early Bird Special w/ Free Pie	\$16.99
July 16 –Chicken Franchise w/ Potato & vegetable	\$17.99
July 23 –Taste of Italy NEW ITEMS ON BUFFET w/ Dessert	\$20.99
July 30 –Mongolian Night (Last Mongolian Night for the Summer)	\$20.99

Wednesdays' -

July 3- Restaurant open Full Menu is available.
July 10 - Restaurant Closed 3pm “Rob Nichols” Entertainment
Reservations Required
July 17 –Buy One Burger Get One Burger ½ Off Dinner Special
July 24 - Restaurant open Full Menu is available.
July 31 - Restaurant Closes at 4pm “Trivia Night” Reservations Required \$16.99

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

July 4 – Grilled Ribeye w/ potatoes & vegetables	\$23.99
July 11 – Beef Wellington w/ potatoes & vegetables	\$23.99
July 18 – Veal Piccata with potato & vegetable	\$21.99
July 25 - Prime Rib with baked potato & vegetables	\$23.99

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

July 5 – Seafood Lasagna	\$18.99
July 12 – Seafood Stuffed Grouper w/ potato & vegetables	\$20.99
July 19 – Potato Crusted Cod w/ potato & vegetables	\$24.99
July 26 – Seafood Scampi over pasta	\$18.99

Saturdays' –

July 6 - Restaurant open Full Menu is available.
July 13 - Restaurant open Full Menu is available.
July 20 - Restaurant closes at 3 pm Private Dinner Function
July 27 - Summer Series BBQ “Reservations Required”

JULY EVENTS:

- Thursday July 4th** **Restaurant open at 3pm only to noon
Closed 11-2 Couples 4th of July luncheon
3-7pm open with Dinner Menu & Pizza to 6 pm**
- Monday July 8th** **Restaurant closes 3 pm Taco Bingo**
- Wednesday July 10th** **Rob Nichols Entertainment Night
Reservations Required. Restaurant will close at 3pm**
- Wednesday July 17th** **Dinner Special “Buy One Burger get One Burger Half Off”
“Available for In House Dining Only”
Burger topped w/ Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, your choice of
Cheese served w/ chips
(Optional sides available for an additional cost)**
- Saturday July 20th** **Restaurant closes 3:30 pm Private Dinner Function
Birthday Bash Event**
- Saturday July 27th** **Summer Series BBQ
BBQ Ribs & Chicken w/ Mac and Cheese, BBQ Beans &
Dessert \$19.99 Happy Hour & Drink Specials
Live Entertainment**
- Sunday July 28th** **Veteran’s Social 3pm-5pm**
- Wednesday July 31st** **Restaurant & Bar Closes at 4pm for TRIVIA NIGHT
Reservations Required. Join us for the FUN \$16.99
All you can eat Buffet**



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



Burger Special
**Buy One
Get One
Half Off**



Enjoy our juicy, flavorful beef Burger piled high with Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, & Your Choice of Cheese, along with Our House Potato Chips. Enjoy the 2nd one Half Off! Satisfy your hunger with every bite! Available for In-House Dining Only from 4:30pm to 7pm

Wednesday July 17th

CROWN & SHIELD DINNER & TRIVIA

WIN PRIZES

Trivia Night Buffet

Italian

Night

Buffet

Dinner Rolls

\$16.99

(not including tax & gratuity)

\$5.00 Entertainment Fee

(not included in Buffet cost)

July 31st , 2024

WEDNESDAY

Dinner 4:30 PM

Trivia 6pm

Dinner Buffet Beginning at 4:30pm, Trivia starts at 6pm. Reservations are required, Reservations will be taken and placed in teams of 8, if you have more than 8 please let us know. Please call for Details & Reservations. 352-314-9000 ext 4.
48 Hour Cancellation policy in effect for this event. Prizes are donated & Vary depending on Availability.