



Around THE Club

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What a day for golf in beautiful Florida. We hope all players had a great time and memorable experiences among fellow members. The results are in, and congratulations are in order for:

WOMEN'S DIV

A Flight top three teams NET:

1st place



Debby Beck & Kim McDannel (-16)

2nd Place



Virginia Holzhausen & Linda Hodgson (-11)

3rd place



Evelyn Weasner & Christa Bowen (-10)

B Flight top three teams NET:

1st place



Karen Weicht & Beth Skelly (-13)

2nd place



Patricia Cashmore & Kitty Boiler (-7)

2nd place



Donnie Stewart & Dwight Seger (-11)

3rd place



Coreen Corbin & Barbara Kowalski (-4)

3rd place

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Terry Maciolek & Rick Mason (-10)

B Flight top three teams NET:

1st place



Al Whittlef & Dave Kozlowski (-19)

MEN'S DIV

A Flight top three teams NET:

1st place



John Buono & Vincent Laverghetta (-13)

2nd place



Jim Rice & Tom Suzda (-13)

3rd place



Sam Brickley & Gerry O'Neil (-5)

3rd place



Terry Pollard & Jim Duane (-12)

C Flight top three teams NET:

1st place



Jim Dubsky & Don Hubmer (-15)

2nd place



Mike Kline & Mark Meador (-12)

Congratulations to all that placed and to all that participated for making the 2024 MEMBER-MEMBER tournament a memorable one!

Men's Tilton Match Play League

Vince Laverghetta

The winter session of Men's Match Play is nearing the finish line with only one week to play and here are our leaders:

Nicklaus Division

1st Place

John Buono and Tom Suzda

2nd Place

Wendell McDannel and Randy Beck

3rd Place

Bob Price and Tim Nopper

4th Place

Terry Maciolek and Jim Rice

Palmer Division

1st Place

Jim Layne and Gerry O'Neil

2nd Place

Dan DeMartinis and Tom O'Rourke

3rd Place

Terry Pollard and Jim Duane

4th Place

Craig Moore and Gil Couture

Vince Laverghetta has the low round of the session with a 73 and Jim Rice has the low net round with a 68.

Vince Laverghetta is the leading money winner in the skins game followed by Bob Keating, Tim Nopper and Gil Couture.

The winter session will conclude with our fun day and awards dinner on March 4th.

Sign up for the early spring session in the pro shop. Play begins on Monday, March 11th with an 8 AM shotgun start.

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 a lot of excellent golf going on in February.

On Wednesday February 14 we enjoyed the MMGA "Red, White & Blue" event. Below are the Group winners,

1st Place -14

Dick Holst, Tim Kohler, Terry Pollard

2nd Place -11

Lee Fjeld, Brian Heaslip, Tony Hicks, Mike Kline

3rd Place -8

Hank Best, Tom O'Rourke, David Schmitz, Don Tubbs

Closest to the Pin

#4	David Schmitz	3'1"
#8	Tony Hicks	15'7"
#11	Keith Beile	15'6"
#13	Keith Beile	15'2"

On Wednesday February 21 we enjoyed the MMGA "flighted skins event. Below are the Group winners,

1. Jim Dubsky
2. Don Tubbs
3. Tom O'Rourke
4. Mike Kowalski
- 5A. Lee Fjeld
- 5B. Craig Moore
- 6A. (Tie) David Schmitz, Terry Pollard
- 6B. Bill Ortvals

Closest to the Pin

#4	Dean Woodle	1'3"
#8	Bill Ortvals	10'8"
#11	Tony Hicks	20'4"
#13	Dean Woodle	11'3"

50/50 (2 winners)

Tom O'Rourke, David Schmitz

On Wednesday February 28 we enjoyed the MMGA "3 BEST NET" event with several teams playing very well:

1st Place -15:

Jim Duane, Tony Hicks, Mark Meador, Craig Moore

2nd Place -9:

Mike Kowalski, Dave Maki, Tom O'Rourke, Craig Simpson

3rd Place -4:

Keith Beile, Jim Dubsky, Terry Pollard, John Wassenaar

Closest To the Pin

#4	Tom O'Rourke	22'7"
#8	Jim Duane	16'1"
#11	Terry Pollard	5'2"
	(missed the putt :-)	
#13	Jim Dubsky	14'21

50/50 Bob Price

MMGA did not play on Wednesday February 7 play as the Member/Member Tournament was held.

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

I am writing to address a few questions I have recently received regarding current greens conditions.

This winter we have been experiencing an El Nino year which has created an extended period of colder nighttime temperatures, and a long string of back-to-back overcast days with very little sunlight. Combine all this with the rainfall we have received, and it has created our current conditions. Moisture levels have also been higher than desired and slow to dry down due to all of the above. Thinning isn't severe but is just enough to create bumpier conditions that have developed in the past couple of weeks. We have been topdressing as you have probably seen and will continue to do so.

In addition to all the above we are entering a time of year where poa annua pressure is at its highest. The poa annua on the greens is also adding to bumpier than normal conditions. We have been proactively spraying a herbicide to control this weed but low night time temperatures have decreased efficacy rate and prevented good control. When temperatures are not

consistently above 60 degrees it lowers effectiveness of most herbicides. These greens have had a lot of poa annua in the past years, but it probably wasn't noticeable to most players because it was hidden in overseeding. This week temperatures will be higher during day and night. I will be spraying greens again this week and expect better control with these temperatures. I have also increased the rate of the growth regulator I use to suppress seed head production on poa.

We will soon be out of these cool temps so bottom line we should currently be at the worst of this process and should only be improving daily. Without any further setbacks from mother nature, I would anticipate being back to the desired conditions soon.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to stop me on the course or see Luis. Thanks for all your support and patience.

MWGA-Connie Ortals

The MWGA members continue to brave the rather cold and very windy weather with weekly golf games. What a hardy bunch!

Match Play is winding down – the Position Round will take place on Tuesday, March 5. As of today, 6 points separate first and second place teams; 1 point separates the fourth and fifth place teams. It is anyone's game! Who will win? Carolyn Skorich is doing a great job keeping everyone organized.

Monarch's Challenge Cup team has had some 'challenges' recently, but we continue to field teams for every session. Thank you, Debby Beck, for taking on this task. You are doing a fabulous job! As Debby says, even if our team comes up short, the Team Monarch plays at some beautiful courses and we are proud to show

off our home course to outsiders. They are very complimentary.

Thursday Games continue to be a big hit! Challenging and fun! Esther Patterson and Sue Scappaticci deserve a round of applause. I want to remind MWGA members that the invitation for the NEXT Thursday is sent out on Thursday afternoon (after that week's game.) Keep an eye out for it. And yes, it is up to you to mark "playing" and return the invite to Golf Genius so you can be placed on the Tee Sheet for the next week. Usually, the holes are filled for Thursday Play and it is difficult to move people around to accommodate members who show up unannounced. (This Public Service Announcement is brought to you by Sue and Esther, LLC!)

REGULAR THURSDAY GAMES

February 1, 2024 – Individual Net Even Holes

Flight 1

1 st Place	36
Susan Scott	
2 nd Place (Tie)	36
Christa Bowen; Linda Hodgson	
3 rd Place (Tie)	37
Linda Carey; Esther Patterson	

Flight 2

1 st Place (Tie)	36
Connie Ortvals; Kimbra McDannel	
2 nd Place	37
Carolyn Upchurch	
3 rd Place	39
Barb Kowalski	

February 15, 2024 – Individual Net Odd Holes

Flight 1

1 st Place	32	Lisa Ritchey
2 nd Place	33	Linda Carey
3 rd Place	34	Bonnie Rex

Flight 2

1 st Place (Tie)	38
Francie Traviolia; Coreen Corbin	
2 nd Place (Tie)	39
Wilma Greenhowe; Beth Skelly; Clara Madyda	

Flight 3

1 st Place	32
Sandy Cookson	
2 nd Place	33
Molly Ryan	
3 rd Place (Tie)	34
Barb Kowalski; Barb Colmer	

February 22 – Like Handicap Thursday, Individual Net

Flight 1

1 st Place	64
Bonnie Rex	
2 nd Place	69
Christa Bowen	
3 rd Place	34
Marge Parkinson	
4 th Place	72
Carolyn Skorich	
5 th Place	73
Francie Traviolia	

Flight 2

1 st Place (Tie)	71
Barbara Kowalski; Kim McDannel	
2 nd Place	72
Molly Ryan	
3 rd Place	73
Carolyn Upchurch	
4 th Place	74
Judy Taylor	
5 th Place	75
Cookie O'Rourke	

The MWGA charges \$3 for each weekly Thursday game. For special events, the cost is \$8. (Both are charged to your account.)

Our next MWGA event will be on April 11th, Beat the Pro and Lunch. In the first week of March, the Club Championship will take place. This is always a highlight of the year. Hope to see you on the course!

Connie Ortals 352-530-2828

New Members



Isaac Craft

Please welcome Isaac Craft who has joined us as a Single General member effective 2/1/24.

Isaac comes to us from Onsted, Michigan, has 1 child and 5 grandchildren. He was a Divisional Manager of warranty Administration, enjoys golf and cruising.



Patrick Vaccaro

Please welcome Patrick Vaccaro who Has joined us as a Limited Single Member Effective 2/15/24

Patrick has two children and two grand Children. He was a Wire & Cable Sales Engineer, enjoys golf, reading & travel.

Tim & Vicki Carey (no picture available)

We have Tim & Vicki Carey that joined us as General Family members effective 2/1/24. They come to us from Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The have 2 children and one Grand Dog. Tim retired as a Supervisor Accountant and Vicki Retirement & Benefits Specialist.

Tim enjoys bike riding, camping golf & hiking. Vicki enjoys reading, gardening, guitar, golf, camping, arts & crafts.



David & Diane Adlet

Please welcome David & Diane Adlet who have come to us from Townsend, TN. They have joined us as Limited General Family members.

Former occupations were Police Officer/US Navy, enjoy golf, Pickle ball, pool and table tennis. They belong to the Freshman club.

Holes in One



Joe Greenhowe #4 2/13/24-First Ever



EAGLES ARE FLYING



Brian Heaslip, 2/1/24 #12



Dave Kozlowski, #3 2/10/25

Excitement at The Monarch GC

We are in receipt of a whole new fleet of 46 rental carts on February 7th. Thanks to all that helped make it happen by investing in the company.



Playing Card Bingo

Once again, we had another successful event on Monday, February 12 with a total Of 18 tables.

Thank you Keith Beile and Lisa Ritchcy for filling in for Bob & Judy Keating while they were enjoying a well deserved cruise.

Nancy West was the Queen and Steve Snover was the King

More Excitement

This is a first. Pictures taken on hole #6. Escapes from the local farm.



Queen, Nancy West; King, Steve Snover

Entertainment

Once again we had Lisa Coan from the Villages that put on yet another great show. Food was delicious and entertainment was so much fun. Hope to have Lisa back sometime soon.



2024 HOLES IN ONE

Men:
NEW

Joe Greenhowe #4-2/13/24

Ladies:





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

March, 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 March 2024

Sundays'

March 3 Breakfast till 11am Lunch 11-1pm Lunch till 5pm Pizza 1pm to 5:30pm
March 10 Breakfast till 11am Lunch 11-1pm Lunch till 5pm Pizza 1pm to 5:30pm
March 17 Breakfast till 11am Lunch 11-1pm Lunch till 3pm
March 24 Breakfast till 11am Lunch 11-1pm Lunch till 5pm Pizza 1pm to 5:30pm
March 31 Easter Buffet **Reservations Required 12pm & 2:30pm Seating**

Mondays'

March 4 Restaurant Lunch till 3pm. **Restaurant Closes 3pm Private Event**
March 11 **Restaurant closes at 3pm Taco Bingo**
March 18 Restaurant Lunch only till 5pm Bar Closes at 6pm
March 25 Restaurant Lunch only till 5pm Bar Closes at 6pm

Tuesdays' - Dinners – Served with choice of a cup of soup or Caesar Salad

March 5	Liver & Onions Special "Reservations Recommended"	\$19.99
March 12	Beef Stroganoff Reservations Recommended	\$17.99
March 19	Taste of Italy "Reservations Required"	\$20.99
March 26	Mongolian Night "Reservations Required"	\$20.99

Wednesdays' -

March 6 Restaurant open Full Menu is available.
March 13 Restaurant Closes at 3pm Private Function
March 20 Restaurant Closes at 3pm Private function
March 27 Restaurant Closed 3pm Private function

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

March 7	Beef Tornado's Topped w/ imperial crab	\$21.99
March 14	Stuffed Duck served with Potato and Vegetable	TBA
March 21	Prime Rib Night with Potato & vegetables	\$22.99
March 28	Lamb Osso Bucco with Potato & vegetables	\$23.99

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

March 1	Surf & Turf served with Potato & vegetable	\$29.99
March 8	Cedar Key Clams Reservations Recommended	\$20.99
March 15	Seafood Stuffed Grouper served w/potato & Veg	\$23.99
March 22	Crab Cake Dinner served with Potato & Veg	\$19.99
March 29	Coconut Shrimp served with Potato & vegetables	\$20.99

Saturdays'

March 2 Restaurant closing at 5pm Private Function
March 9 Restaurant closing at 3pm Private Function
March 16 Restaurant closing at 3pm Private function Birthday Bash
March 23 Restaurant open Full Menu Available
March 30 Restaurant open Full Menu Available