



## *Around The Club*

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### *New General Manager*

The Monarch BOD is pleased to introduce you to Maxwell Haarz, new General Manager

and Head Golf Professional for the Monarch Golf Club effective December 23, 2025.

Max is a resident of Mascotte, Florida and has been working in the local golf industry for the last 15 years. He graduated from the Golf Academy of America, Orlando, Florida with certificates in teaching, club fitting/repairs and tournament management.

He worked at Gary Gilchrist Golf Academy in Howey-In-the Hills, Florida from 2011- 2014 as a Golf Coach and Tournament Coordinator. From 2014 through 2019 he held various positions at Sanctuary Ridge Golf Club including Head Golf Professional, Director of Golf and General Manager. In these roles he supervised the pro shop, food and beverage staff and maintenance. He was also responsible for

managing to Club's budget and reporting to the Board of Directors.

Max has experience as a Project Manager for specialized construction which adds to his experience in budgeting and scheduling. Most recently Max has been running his own private golf lesson business.

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Gary Gilchrist Certified Coach
- Eyeline Certified 4 Putting Elements Coach
- TPI Level One Certified
- Certified Seemore putter fitter
- Todd Sones Coutour Putter Certified fitter

Please extend a warm welcome to Max as he joins our wonderful Club.

### *New Board of Directors*

Welcome to the Monarch Golf Club Board of Directors for 2026:

**President – Rick Mason**

**Vice President – Dean Woodle**

**Secretary – Esther Patterson**

**Treasurer – Bonnie Rex**  
**Golf Committee Chair – Harold Beasley**  
**Membership Chair – Jeff Scott**  
**Building & Grounds Chair – Keith Beile**  
**Communications Chair – Bobbie Iredale**  
**Marketing Chair – Tom Cvikota**

**Employee Relations:** Dean Woodle will assist with staff issues to support the resolution of conflicts and maintaining an overall cohesive work environment. Responsibilities will be clarified with the new General Manager.

Let's wish a fond farewell to departing Committee Chairs: Bill Ortals, Wendell McDannell and Terry Pollard.

Three members upgraded their membership to Equity in November:

- Tim and Susan Clements
- Lowell Ranvek
- Gino Marchioni

## MWGA-Connie Ortals

The MWGA 2025 Awards Dinner was a Blast! Fifty members had an elegant dining experience at the Crown and Shield. The food was delicious, and Toby's Crème Brulee was again out of this world! The service was outstanding. The decorations were sparkling, and the Golf Ladies really shone in their holiday fashions.

The Officers for 2026 were voted on, and took their oaths of office.



President – Lisa Ritchey  
Vice President – Linda Carey  
Treasurer – Liz Guinade  
Secretary – Peg Johnsen

The President's Cup was a hard-fought competition. But Bonnie Rex was the overall winner with a GROSS score of 68.



## NET WINNERS



## Flight 1

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Lisa Ritchey	73
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place*	Debby Beck	78
	Vicky Carey	78

(\* Tie)



### Flight 2

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Cindy Hendricks	69
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Susan Clements	71
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Linda Carey	72



### Flight 3

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Sherry Pagut	70
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Peg Johnsen	72
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Evelyn Weasner	73

The Annual Prizes were awarded.  
Congratulations to all the winners!

CATEGORY	NAME
Most Birdies	Debby Beck
Most Improved Player	Marine McKemie
Ringer Board	Debby Beck
Tee Cup	Lisa Richey
Most Participation	Marge Parkinson



Debby Beck –  
Most Birdies 16 –  
AND Ringer Board 60

Marine McKemie  
Most Improved Player  
27.9 to 22.9



Lisa Ritchey  
Tee Cup

Marge Parkinson  
Most Participation  
30





## MATCH PLAY:

The Winter Session ended on December 29. Carolyn Skorich as usual did a great job keeping the teams in line!

### Winners:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Traviolia/Scott	296.5
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Scappaticci/Weasner	283.5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Hendricks/Beasley	283
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Kozlowski/Hodgson	274.5
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Dixon/Cookson	274



Winners (L to R): Evelyn Weasner, Sue Scappaticci, Susan Scott, Francie Traviolia, Joan Beasley, Cindy Hendricks, Diane Dixon, Linda Hodgson Not Pictured: Karen Kozlowski, Sandy Cookson)

Those were some close matches! The next session starts on January 6.

Please contact Carolyn Skorich at [duffycoms@aol.com](mailto:duffycoms@aol.com) for sign up details and information on the league.

Only one Regular Thursday Game was played in November

### 12/18 – Like Handicap – Low Net

#### Flight 1

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	67	Christa Bowen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	72	Bonnie Rex
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie)	73	Joan Beasley, Diane Dixon

#### Flight 2

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	72	Barb Kowalski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (Tie)	78	Peg Johnsen, Judy Taylor
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie)	79	Sherry Pagut, Lori Slater, Molly Ryan

### CHALLENGE CUP:

The December 19 game featured good weather and some good golf!

Monarch	Net	44.0	Gross	31.5
Arlington Ridge	Net	28.0	Gross	40.5

Debby and Yvonne had most Gross points with 13. Evelyn and Susan had most Net points with 11.

### MMGA-Craig Moore

The MMGA welcomes all male members of the Monarch Golf Club. We are approximately 100 members strong. Check us out for great golf times!

### Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, “Flighted Skins”

**Skins:** Each of the following players won \$12 each in Pro Shop Credits

- Dave Maki – 3 skins
- Don Tubbs - 5 skins
- Dick Therrien - 7 skins
- Tim Nopper - 3 skins
- Randy Beck - 4 skins
- Keith Patterson- 3 skins

### Closest to the Pin \$15.00 each

- #4 Don Tubbs 19’ 8”
- #8 Randy Beck 3’ 1”
- #11 Mike Kowalski 1’ 9”
- #13 No one hit the green

### 50/50 Winners: \$30 each

- Dave Adlet
- Tim Carey

### Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, “3 Best Net”

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** at 7 under par \$9 each:

Keith Beile, Dick Hellem, Mike Kowalski, Adam Talarek

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** at 3 under par (S.C Playoff) winning \$6 each (scorecard playoff)

Bob Price, Terry Pollard, Tom O'Rourke,  
John Padula

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** at 3 under par winning \$5 each

Dave Buckley, John Wassennar,  
Dave Maki, Seldon Skelly

Closest to the Pin \$12 each

- #4 Bob Price 13' 1"
- #8 Lowell Ranvek 8' 3"
- #11 Jim Layne 9' 4"
- #13 Mike Allen 4' 5"

**50/50 Winners** \$30: Dave Maki & John Padula

**Wednesday, December 17th, "Red, White & Blue"**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** at 20 under par, \$8 each

Bob Price, Mike Allen, Dave Maki  
Don Hubmer

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** at 19 under par, \$7 each

Dave Buckley, Tom Cvikota,  
Tom O'Rourke

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** at 15 under par, \$4 each:

Bill Ortvals, Craig Moore, Don Tubbs,  
Dick Holst

**Closest to the Pin Winners** \$11.00 each

- #4 Bill Ortvals 4' 11"
- #8 Bill Ortvals 4' 3"
- #11 Dave Buckley 8' 11"
- #13 Don Tubbs 11' 1"

**50/50 Winners** Dave Buckley \$25  
Don Tubbs \$30

**There were no matches on 12/24 and 12/31.**

## Men's Tilton Match Play League

Here are the final standings for the fall session:

### Nicklaus Division

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** John Buono and Vince  
Laverghetta

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Harold Beasley and Randy Beck

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Rick Mason and Rondo Pagut

### Palmer Division

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Bob Price and Craig Moore

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Jim Oddo and Tom Suzda

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Steve Ryan and Henry Maguire

Vince Laverghetta shot a 71 for the low round of the session and Keith Beile shot a 64 for the low net score.

Tom Suzda was the leading money winner in the skins game followed by Jim Layne, Vince Laverghetta and Bob Keating.

The winter session will begin on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> with late morning tee times to avoid the cold weather. The session will conclude with our fun day and luncheon on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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](mailto:vincelaverghetta@gmail.com) for sign up details and information on the league.

## Maintenance – Craig Shelton

- Edged Cart Paths
- Edged irrigation
- Sprayed herbicide for broadleaves
- Sprayed greens for goose and poa annua
- Sprayed greens with fungicide and nutritional
- Finished prepping bed behind #9 green
- Repaired irrigation at club house
- Top-dressed weak tees with Command
- Working on sodding area right side of #5 green and bad areas on same green
- Worked on leveling bad plugs on greens
- Hand top dressed sodded areas on greens

Worked on leveling bumpy areas on cart paths.

NOTE: some of these areas do not allow tractor access to repair. These locations will require cart path concrete to be cut with a saw and leveled. Will possibly require pouring new concrete as well. Example: behind and along #13 tees.



**EAGLES ARE FLYING**

Jeff Campbell,  
#14,  
December 5



Bill Ortvals, Hole 7,  
December 17



Craig Moore, Hole 1, December 17



Debby Beck, Hole 12, December



# Holes in One



Joan Beasley, Hole 11, December 12



Randy Beck Hole 13, December 27

## Playing Card Bingo

There was no Card Bingo in December, but the next session will feature an Italian Buffet and will take place on Monday, January 12, 2026.

### **GOLF TIPS – UNPLAYABLE LIE**

According to the Rules of Golf, a player may declare their ball unplayable anywhere on the course except when it is in a penalty area. The choice is entirely up to you. No one else, not even your playing partners, can make the call for you.

Remember that declaring a ball unplayable comes with a one-stroke penalty. While adding a stroke sounds painful, it is much better than hacking at the ball in an impossible situation and risking even bigger mistakes.

Once you declare a ball unplayable, you have three main options for relief.

#### **Stroke and Distance**

You can always go back and play your previous shot from the same spot, whether that was the tee, fairway, or anywhere else on the course. This option is called stroke and distance. It is the simplest but also the most costly in terms of time and distance since you give up all the yardage you gained with your last shot.

#### **Back-on-the-Line Relief**

You may also drop your ball on a line that extends directly back from the hole through the spot where your ball lies. You can go back as far as you want on that line and then drop within one club length of that point. This option is useful if you need to clear a tree, bush, or other obstacle but still want to keep moving toward the green.

#### **Lateral Relief**

Your third option is to drop a ball within two club lengths of where the original ball lies, no closer to the hole. This is often the best choice if your ball is up against an obstruction like a tree trunk or resting in thick grass. It gives you enough space to create a stance and make a reasonable swing without losing too much distance.

#### **Final Thoughts**

The next time you walk up to your ball and realize you have no shot, do not panic. Remember that you have options. Use the unplayable lie rule wisely, and you will save strokes and frustration in the long run

The unplayable lie rule exists to keep the game fair and playable. Instead of forcing you to hit impossible or dangerous shots, it offers clear options to continue the hole with only a one-stroke penalty. Knowing when and how to use this rule can help you protect your scorecard and keep your round moving forward.

# The Crown & Shield

BAR & RESTAURANT



## Hours of Operation

### Sunday

7:30am to 5pm Brunch Menu Only\*

Pizza & Flatbreads Available  
for Dine in Or Take-Out

1pm to 5pm

Bar 11am to 6pm

### Monday

11am to 5pm\*

Pizza & Flatbreads Available  
for Dine in Or Take-Out

1pm to 5pm

Bar 11am to 6pm

### Tuesday - Saturday

11am to 7pm\*

Pizza & Flatbreads Available  
for Dine in Or Take-Out

1pm to 7pm

Bar 11am to 7pm

\*Excluding Special & Private Events

\*\*Pizzas Must be ordered 30 minutes Prior to Closing



# JANUARY 2026

## Sundays

- 1/4 Sunday Brunch 7:30am to 5pm
- 1/11 Sunday Brunch 7:30am to 5pm
- 1/18 Sunday Brunch 7:30 am 2pm  
Restaurant Closing for Private  
Function "Italian Lodge"
- 1/26 Sunday Brunch 7:30am to 5pm  
Veterans Social 3pm

## Mondays

- 1/5 Bar/Restaurant open 11am to 5pm
- 1/12 Bar/Restaurant open 11am to 3pm  
Italian Bingo Night
- 1/19 Bar/Restaurant open 11am to 5pm
- 1/26 Bar/ Restaurant open 11am to 5pm

## Tuesdays

- 1/6 Restaurant closes 3pm
- 1/13 Liver & Onions \$18.99\*\*
- 1/20 Meatloaf \$16.99\*\*
- 1/27 Roasted Pork \$16.99

## Wednesdays

- 1/7 Burger Night Buy One Get One  
Half Off Reservations Recommended
- 1/14 Full Menu Available
- 1/21 Burger Night Buy One Get One  
Half Off Reservations Recommended
- 1/28 Full Menu Available

## Thursdays

- 1/1 Restaurant Closed
- 1/8 Stuffed Sole \$19.99
- 1/15 Grilled Ribeye \$25.99\*\*
- 1/22 Chicken Pot Pie \$16.99
- 1/29 Prime Rib \$25.99\*\*

## Fridays

- 1/2 Friday Fish Fry \$19.99
- 1/9 Friday Fish Fry \$19.99
- 1/16 Friday Fish Fry \$19.99
- 1/23 Friday Fish Fry \$19.99
- 1/30 Friday Fish Fry \$19.99

## Saturdays

- 1/3 Full Menu Available 11am to 7pm
- 1/10 Restaurant Closes at 3pm  
Private Function "Freshman Club"
- 1/17 Restaurant Closes at 3pm  
Private Function "Birthday Bash"
- 1/24 Full Menu Available 11am to 7pm
- 1/31 Full Menu Available 11am to 7pm

## January Events Events

- 1/10 Private Dinner Function
- 1/12 Italian Bingo Night
- 1/17 Private Dinner Function
- 1/18 Private Lunch Function

**\*\* These Specials include your choice of  
Side Salad or a cup of soup.**



