



Around The Club

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Member/Member

The Monarch annual Member/Member Tournament took place on February 11 and 12. What a great couple of days! There as a full field and it was a blast.

Winners:

Men's Flight 1:

1st Place Dave Buckley/Tim Clements
2nd Place Chris Crawford/Steve Edleman
3rd Place Jeff Scott/Jeff Campbell

Men's Flight 2:

1st Place Brian Heaslip/Al Whittlef
2nd Place Tim Carey/Christopher Shaw
3rd Place Bill Orbals/Ron Pagut

Men's Flight 2:

1st Place Adam Talarek/Tom O'Rouke
2nd Place Tim Kohler/Steve Snover
3rd Place Phil Keetle/Chuck Cianciolo

Women's Flight 1

1st Place Evelyn Weasner/Christa Bowen
2nd Place Diane Adlet/Alice Heaslip
3rd Place Susan Clements/Carolyn Skorich

Women's Flight 2

1st Place Susan Scott/Lori Slater
2nd Place Sandra Cookson/Francie Traviolia
3rd Place Sherry Pagut/Jeanette Marinelli

Pictures were taken following the lunch. Several winners left early, but Gary Ritchey was able to capture a few! Thank you, Gary.



Dave Buckley/Tim Clements



Brian Heaslip/Al Whittlef



Chris Shaw/
Tim Carey



Diane Adlet/
Alice Heaslip



Tom O'Rourke/Adam
Talarek



Carolyn Skorich/
Susan Clements



Susan Scott and Lori
Slater

Thanks to all who participated for making this a day to remember!

Night Golf

This event, which took place on February 18, was a big success. We had double the turnout of last year, 54 participants, and the weather was great. Max did a terrific job with some new golf balls that were FUN and finding room for all that wanted to play. Special thanks to Gene and Barb Gunderson, Jackie Klein, Gail Brennan, Liz Guinade, David and Diane Adlet, and Mandy and Chris Shaw for showing up early to get the course ready to play.

Rick Mason's Hole in One on 13 may have been the first ever at Night Golf. Way to go, Rick!



There were no winners, we were just out there to enjoy the companionship of our fellow Club members. Dawn and her staff of servers did a great job when we dragged ourselves in after a harrowing nine holes for some refreshments and more laughs.

Mixed Team Chicago

There was yet another great tournament in February. The Mixed Team Chicago Event is always fun and challenging. Congrats to the winners!

1st Place (Tie) with a +6

Dan DeMartinis, Diane Adlet, Evelyn Weasner,
Gary Ritchey
Brian Heaslip, Dave Kozlowski, Beth Pettinga-Skelly,
Susan Scott

2nd Place with a +2

Keith Beile, Vicki Carey, Al Whittlef, Jim Duane

3rd Place with a -2

John Buono, Gerry O'Neil, Pam Moore, Sherry Pagut

MWGA-Connie Ortbals

Match Play – Carolyn Skorich

This season of Match Play ends on March 3rd. The next session will start on March 17th. Winners will be announced next month!

Please contact Carolyn Skorich at duffycms@aol.com for sign up details and information on the league.

Challenge Cup – Lisa Ritchey

What a great day our team had on Friday, February 20th, against Plantation! We won both gross and net.

Gross	Monarch	39.5	Plantation	32.5
Net	Monarch	43	Plantation	29

Winners for best gross scores were Debby Beck and Bobbie Iredale. Cindy Hendricks and Esther Patterson won best net cores. Congratulations!

We had a fun match against Mission Inn on Friday, February 27th, and played some excellent golf. We were close but did not quite pull off the win.

Gross	Monarch	32	Mission Inn	40
Net	Monarch	35.5	Mission Inn	40

Vicki Carey and Susan Scott won for highest gross score. Linda Carey and Diane Adlet won for highest net score.

Our last match of this season will be on Friday, March 27th, 9:00 am. We will host Harbor Hills. The end of year event will be held at the Monarch on April 17th. Stay tuned for more information.

Thursday Games:

2/5 - Even Holes

Flight 1

1 st Place	38	Esther Patterson
2 nd Place	39	Debby Beck
3 rd Place (Tie)	40	Lisa Ritchey, Susan Clements

Flight 2

1 st Place	33	Carolyn Upchurch
2 nd Place	34	Amanda Shaw
3 rd Place (Tie)	37	Barb Kowalski, Diane Adlet

2/19 - Like Handicap Low Net

Flight 1

1 st Place	68	Lisa Ritchey
2 nd Place	70	Esther Pattersn
3 rd Place	76	Yvonne Parker

Flight 2

1 st Place	71	Diane Dixon
2 nd Place	72	Joan Beasley
3 rd Place	72	Evelyn Weasner

Flight 3

1 st Place (Tie)	70	Susan Scott, Barb Colmer
2 nd Place	76	Judy Taylor
3 rd Place (Tie)	77	Coreen Corbin, Molly Ryan

2/26 – Odd Holes

Flight 2

1 st Place	33	Evelyn Weasner
2 nd Place	34	Diane Dixon
3 rd Place (Tie)	36	Susan Clements, Linda Hodgson
4 th Place (Tie)	37	Christa Bowen, Vicki Carey

Flight 2

1 st Place	35	Sandy Cookson
2 nd Place (Tie)	37	Pam Moore, Lori Slater, Carolyn Upchurch
3 rd Place	38	Marge Parkinson

Ladies' Shootout

The Ladies' Shootout is scheduled for March 22nd. Two qualifying rounds have already taken place.

March 22

Qualifiers: Lisa Ritchey, Esther Patterson, Barb Colmer

Alternate: Cindy Hendricks

March 29:

Qualifiers: Diane Dixon, Evelyn Weasner, Vicki Carey

Alternate: Mandy Shaw

The final chance to qualify will be Thursday, March 12. Who will be the final three???

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 games!

We only have two Wednesdays for the month of February to report due to the "Member/Member" and "Mixed Team Chicago" Tournaments. Both events were well attended.

Wednesday, 2/4 – "2 Best Net"

1st place at 13 under par \$7 each:
Dave Buckley, Lowell Ranvek, Don Hubmer

2nd place at 12 under par \$4 each:
Dean Woodle, Bonas Johnson, Tim Carey, Dick Holst

3rd place at 7 under par \$2 each:
Wendell McDannel, Keith Beile, Dick Hellem, Tom O'Rourke

Closest to the pin Winners

# 4	Tom Cvikota	5' 7"
# 8	Bonas Johnson	24' 2"
#11	Lowell Ranvek	11' 2"
#13	No Winner	

50/50 Winner – Bil Ortvals \$38

Thanks, Keith Beile, for running things this week!

Wednesday, 2/18 – “Flighted Skins”

John Padula	5 skins	\$12
Dick Holst	3 skins	\$9
Ron Pagut	4 skins	\$6
Tim Carey	4 skins	\$6
Dave Maki	8 skins	\$9
Keith Beile	3 skins	\$6
Tim Nopper	3 skins	\$6
Bill Ortvals	4 skins	\$12

Closest to the pin \$10 each

# 4	John Buono	36'
# 8	John Buono	5' 7"
#11	John Padula	10' 2"
#13	Terry Pollard	15'

50/50 winners - \$35 each

Rick Mason and Wendell McDannel

Men's Tilton Match Play League

The teams of Bob Keating and Harold Beasley are pulling away from the field in the Nicklaus division. Chuck Hill and Henry Maguire have a commanding lead in the Palmer division with only two weeks of play remaining. Here are your leaders:

Nicklaus Division

1 st Place	Harold Beasley and Bob Keating
2 nd Place	Chris Crawford and Steve Edelman
3 rd Place	Jim Stanley and Keith Patterson
4 th Place	Ralph Beighley and Jim Layne

Palmer Division

1 st Place	Henry Maguire and Chuck Hill
2 nd Place	Bill Ortvals and Craig Simpson

3 rd Place	Jim Oddo and Steve Ryan
4 th Place	Craig Moore and Ron Pagut

Bob Keating and Chris Crawford have the low round of the session with a 73. Henry Maguire, Al Whittlef and Steve Ryan have the low net round with a 68. Chris Crawford scored an eagle on #16 on January 5th.

Vince Laverghetta is the leading money winner in the skins game followed by Chris Crawford, Dave Buckley and Rick Mason. The winter session will conclude on Monday, March 9th with the position round followed with a luncheon.

The early spring session will begin on Monday, March 16th with a shotgun start at 8 AM and conclude on Monday, May 18th.

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.

Maintenance – Craig Shelton

- Leveled bad areas on cart paths. Cut concrete, removed, and cut out existing roots, leveled, and reinstalled concrete. We were unable to remove some sections without damaging. Broken concrete was placed back like pavers and fill dirt was broomed into cracks to stabilize. If any areas are not acceptable, we will have to form out and pour new concrete. Personally, I think they are fine. Smooth and level, but I will do whatever you request.
- Sprayed greens with fungicide, fertility, and soil amendments.
- Continued leveling plugs on greens
- Hand spiked and hand top-dressed thin areas in cleanup pass on greens
- Mowed out entire course.

- Weeded lake banks
- Cleaned drains
- Pulled red hazard markers on 2,3,4,5, & 7 out of brush and reinstalled. Painted also.
- Sprayed grass beds
- Spot sprayed waste areas
- Continued edging irrigation
- Continued leaf clean up, blowing off tees, greens, and fairways, then mulched up with mowers.
- Sprayed for broad leaf weeds.

New Members



Vicki and Tim Carey joined the Club upon their arrival at Royal Highlands, and recently upgraded to Equity Family membership. They are both great golfers who participate in most of our tournament (often landing in the winner's list)! Glad to have you both!



Lynn Dollar is a current resident, new Limited General Member. Lynn is a retired Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Midwife. She was born in California but moved to our community from St. Petersburg, Florida. Lynn lives with her husband, a retired engineer. She enjoys spending time with her 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.



EAGLES ARE FLYING



Bruce Eckensberger eagled Hole 9 February 8



Vince Lavarghetta eagled Hole 9
February 14



Debby Beck, Hole 8
February 11

Playing Card Bingo



The February Card Bingo featured a Taco buffet. Delish! There were 13 tables filled and all had a great evening. Plan on being part of the crowd for our next event on March 9. Join us for delicious Italian feast!



The King and Queen performed their duties admirably at Bingo. All hail King Ralph Beighley and Queen Dentin!

Memorial Patio

You may not be aware that you can purchase personalized bricks to place in the patio behind the Crown and Shield. This is a wonderful way to memorialize the passing of a loved one, remember a special milestone or event, or for any other reason. For only \$100 you can be part of Monarch History.

Contact Tom Cvikota at cvi3455@gmail.com with questions.

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