



Around The Club

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Let me apologize for a mistake in the newsletter last month. The first place winners in Team Chicago were Evelyn Weasner, Gary Ritchey, Dan DeMartinis and DAVID Adlet (not DIANE Adlet as I indicated! Apologies to one and all!

March was quite a busy month for the Monarch Golf Club members, which will lead us into a very busy April! Let's get started.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club Championship took place on March 4, 5 and 7. Fifty-two competitors took the field. Thanks to all who participated for making these three days memorable.

2026 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Men's Championship Flight

1 st Place	Bob Keating	249
2 nd Place	Dave Buckley	254
Low Net	Harold Beasley	231

Men's Gold Flight A

1 st Place	Ralph Beighley	233
2 nd Place	John Buono	243
Low Net	Brian Heaslip	219

Men's Gold Flight B

1 st Place	Craig Moore	257
2 nd Place	Jim Oddo	266
Low Net	Mike Kowalski	215

Men's Green Flight

1 st Place	Jim Layne	257*
2 nd Place	Henry Maguire	257*
Low Net	Joe Greenhowe	228

*Score Card Playoff

Women's Championship Flight

1 st Place	Debby Beck	250
2 nd Place	Bonnie Rex	253
Low Net	Diane Dixon	230

Women's B Flight

1 st Place	Yvonne Parker	266
2 nd Place	Sue Clements	271
Low Net	Linda Carey	223



The Champs! Debby Beck and Bob Keating

WALL OF FAME

Congratulations to all the winners in the 2026 Club Championship!



David Buckley



Harold Beasley



Bonnie Rex



Diane Dixon



Ralph Beighley



Brian Heaslip



Yvonne Parker



Susan Clements



Craig Moore



Mike Kowalski



Linda Carey

*With apologies to
John Buono and
Henry Maguire –
You must have
left before your
pictures were
taken!*



Jim Oddo



Jim Layne



Joe Greenhowe

MWGA – Connie Ortbals

Women's Shootout

On March 22nd ten brave women started out on Hole #1, with one eliminated on each hole, until the final two played brilliantly down the ninth fairway and onto the green.



Each hole was close, and only the slightest mistakes resulted in the eliminations. In the end, Yvonne Parker proved she was the best player of the day!

The winners were:

- Yvonne Parker – 1st Place
- Bonnie Rex – 2nd Place
- Diane Dixon – 3rd Place
- Lisa Ritchey – 4th Place

A special thanks go out to Max Haarz for overseeing the event, Linda Carey for organizing it, and the Crown & Shield for keeping the crowd happy with hotdogs and drinks!



The Field and Caddies (L to R): Diane Dixon, Nancy Woodcock, Mandi Shaw, Christopher Shaw, Bonnie Rex, Peg Johnsen, Bobbie Iredale, Cindy Hendricks, Keith Patterson, Esther Patterson, Craig Simpson, Yvonne Parker, Christa Bowen, Evelyn Weasner, Lisa Ritchey, Keith Beile, Tim Carey, Vicky Carey.



Winners L to R: Diane Dixon (3rd Place); Bonnie Rex (2nd Place); Yvonne Parker (Champion); Lisa Ritchey (4th Place)

Match Play – Carolyn Skorich

We are three weeks into the Spring Match Play Session. The money winners last season were:

1 st Place	Beck/Skorich	\$50 Each
2 nd Place	Ritchey/Carey	\$30 each
3 rd Place	Hendricks/Clements	\$20 each

Please contact Carolyn Skorich at duffycoms@aol.com for sign up details and information

Challenge Cup – Lisa Ritchey/Cindy Hendricks

The final Challenge Cup competition was Friday, against Harbor Hills. Monarch came up short, but all participants had a great time. Scores:

Gross	Harbor Hills	38	Monarch	34
Net	Harbor Hills	29.5	Monarch	42.5

Winners for best gross scores were Diane Dixon and Yvonne Parker; Vicki Carey and Susan Scott won best net scores. Congratulations!

The end of year event will be held at the Monarch on April 17th. Stay tuned for more information.

Thursday Games:

3/12 – Best 9 (Front or Back)

Flight 1

1 st Place (Tie)	33	Vicki Carey, Bonnie Rex
2 nd Place (Tie)	36	Diane Dixon, Cindy Hendricks, Lisa Ritchey

Flight 2

1 st Place	31	Mandi Shaw
2 nd Place (Tie)	32	Yvonne Parker, Evelyn Weasner
3 rd Place (Tie)	34	Susan Clements, Marge Parkinson

Flight 3

1 st Place	31	Pat Cashmore
2 nd Place	35	Peg Johnsen
3 rd Place	36	Coreen Corbin
4 th Place	37	Molly Ryan

3/19 – Like Handicap Thursday

Flight 1

1 st Place	71	Debby Beck
2 nd Place (Tie)	73	Bonnie Rex, Carolyn Skorich, Bobbie Iredale
3 rd Place (Tie)	76	Lisa Ritchey, Diane Dixon

Flight 2

1 st Place	70	Susan Clements
2 nd Place	72	Susan Scott
3 rd Place (Tie)	73	Francie Traviolia, Judy Taylor

Flight 3

1 st Place	64	Barbara Colmer
2 nd Place	71	Barbara Kowalski
3 rd Place	76	Sherry Pagut

3/26 – S and T Holes

Flight 1

1 st Place	36	Marine McKemie
2 nd Place (Tie)	37	Debby Beck, Susan Clements, Cindy Hendricks, Bobbie Iredale

Flight 2

1 st Place	37	Linda Hodgson
2 nd Place	38	Barbara Kowalski
3 rd Place	40	Sherry Pagut
4 th Place	41	Molly Ryan

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!

There were no games on March 4 since it was the Club Championship.

Regular Wednesday Matches:

Wednesday, 3/11 – “Stroke Play Championship”

We had a great turnout with 32 players. This is an annual one-day Tournament played by the same rules as the Club Championship.

The Payouts were as follows:

\$75 for 1st place gross; the same for 1st place net
\$50 for 2nd place gross; the same for 2nd place net
\$25 for 3rd place gross; the same for 3rd place net

Gross Winners:

1 st Place	Vince Laverghetta	77*
2 nd Place	Bob Keating	77*
3 rd Place	Harold Beasley	78

*Scorecard playoff

Net Winners:

1 st Place	Craig Moore	70*
2 nd Place	Brian Heaslip	70*
3 rd Place	Adam Talarek	72

*Scorecard playoff

Closest to the Pin - \$16 each

#4	David Adlet	11' 6"
#8	Chris Crawford	2' 3"
#11	Bob Keating	2' 10"
#13	John Buono	32' 5"

50/50 Winners - \$40 each
Vince Laverghetta; Gary Ritchey

Wednesday, 3/18 – “3 Best Net”

1st Place at 9 under par - \$8 each
Wendell McDannel, Dave Maki, Don Hubmer and Mike Kline

2nd Place 3 under par - \$5 each

Keith Beile, Hank Best, Ron Pagut, & John Padula

3rd Place at 2 under par - \$4.25 each

Chris Crawford, Craig Simpson, Tim Carey, and Gary Ritchey

Men's Tilton Match Play League

Closest to the Pin - \$10 each

#4 Terry Pollard	11"
#8 John Padula	11'10"
#11 Craig Simpson	24'
#13 Dave Buckley	5'11"

50/50 Winners - \$25 each
Jim Layne and Tim Carey

Wednesday, March 25th, "Spring Scramble"

With a large crowd of 52 players with lunch included, the payouts were in cash instead of Pro Shop credits.

1st Place 8 under par - \$60 each:

Chris Crawford, Mike Allen, John Wassenaar
and Selden Skelly

2nd Place at 7 under par - \$40 each*

John Buono, Steve Ryan, Gerry O'Neil and
Rich Page

3rd Place at 7 under par - \$25 each:

Bill Ortballs, Jeff Scott, Mike Kowalski, and Dave
Race*

*Scorecard playoff

Closest to the Pin - \$13 each

A and B Flight

#4	Mike Allen	8'4"
#8	Bob Price	14'1"
#11	Tim Nopper	9'
#13	Rick Mason	17'9"

C and D Flight

#4	Tim Kohler	12' 4"
#8	John Padula	5' 8"
#11	None	
#13	Adam Talarek	16' 5"

50/50 Winners - \$40 each

Bob Keating, Dan DeMartinis, and Adam
Talarek

Chuck Hill and Henry Maguire blitzed the field by winning 7 of their 8 matches to win the Palmer division.

Chris Crawford and Steve Edelman caught Bob Keating and Harold Beasley in the final week of play to tie for title in the Nicklaus division.

Here are your winners:

Nicklaus Division

1st Place: Harold Beasley and Bob Keating

1st Place: Chris Crawford and Steve Edelman

3rd Place: Vince Laverghetta and Terry
Maciolek

4th Place: Jim Stanley and Keith Patterson

Palmer Division

1st Place: Henry Maguire and Chuck Hill

2nd Place: Bill Ortballs and Craig Simpson

3rd Place: Jim Oddo and Steve Ryan

4th Place: Dave Buckley and Al Whittlef

Vince Laverghetta shot the low gross and net round of the session with a 68 for a net 65.

Chris Crawford scored an eagle on #16 on January 5th.

Vince Laverghetta was the leading money winner in the skins game followed by Chris Crawford, Keith Patterson, Rondo Pagut and Al Whittlef.

The early spring session began on Monday, March 16th with Wendell McDannel and Don Latford taking the early lead in the Nicklaus division and Dave Buckley and Ron Pagut in the Palmerdivision.

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

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for sign up details and information on the league.

Maintenance – Craig Shelton

- Sprayed all greens, approaches, and rough surrounding greens for mole crickets. We saw very good control.
- Sprayed greens with fertility
- Sprayed fairways 5,9,10,16, & 18 for mole crickets. (Insecticide that was applied to fairways last month would have killed them but with the high number of crickets emerging from winter hibernation I did not want to wait to assure we minimized turf damage.)
- Spot sprayed mole cricket hot spots around course not mentioned in other areas. –
- Fertilized greens with granular fertilizer –
- Sprayed tees with herbicide for broadleaf weeds and liquid fertilizer
- Staff have been blowing leaves off greens daily. (Blowing leaves off tees, fairways, cart paths and out of bunkers nonstop then mulching up with mowers. It's that time of the year.)
- Filling in potholes around course and leveling.
- Used Weedeater around bunkers.
- Mowers out daily.
- Spraying beds .
- Topdressed, leveled and reseeded approach and tee on #6.
- Roots from trees are much worse. It is becoming more difficult to keep enough water on this tee because of root competition sucking up moisture.
- Currently putting out new bunker rakes and reconditioning old rakes.
- Currently painting tee markers.
- Cleaned out weeds in floor of bunkers
- Currently spraying beds
- Continued redistributing sand in bunker floors to even it out.
- Notes: One of my staff was recently approached with a weed question so I will address it here. Our weeds currently are winter weeds and will be dying off in the heat soon. This time of year, the only weeds we can safely spray are broadleaf and I am doing that. We cannot spray grassy weeds without risk of damaging overseeding. If we sprayed grassy weeds in overseeding it would kill the rye grass. Even spraying these weeds in unseeded rough could cause harm by golf carts and foot traffic tracking these herbicides into seeded areas and killing the ryegrass, leaving dead foot or tire tracks.

New Members



Jeff Rodriguez joined the Monarch as a Single General Member on March 15th. He moved to Florida from San Pedro California. He previous career was an Elevator Consultant. His hobbies include golf, fishing and cruising. Hope you like it here, Jeff! Glad to have you.



Meet new General Single member Mike Youree, who joined the Club on April 1st. He moved to Royal Highlands from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Mike, who has two children and three grandchildren was a Sales Manager for US Pipe. His hobbies include golf, frisbee golf and fishing. Looking forward to getting to know you, Mike!

EAGLES ARE FLYING



Lisa Ritchey eagled Hole 17 on March 3.



Chuck Hill eagled Hole 18 on March 16.



Steve Ryan eagled Hole 17 on March 14.



Evelyn Weasner eagled Hole 18 on March 17.



Tim Nopper eagled Hole #7 on
March 19

Playing Card Bingo

The March Card Bingo featured a pretty fabulous Taco buffet. The crowd of 15 tables had a marvelous time. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen! You are the greatest. Plan on being part of the crowd for our next event on April 13. Join us for delicious Italian feast!



Queen Chris
Horn and King
Gary Ritchey
thoroughly
enjoyed
spending
evening with
their loyal
subjects!

ROB NICHOLS - MARCH 25, 2026

Not only did we have a wonderful meal at the Rob Nichols event at the Crown and Shield, we all had a great show that none of us will forget.

The night was bittersweet, but Rob put on a great show even with the love of his life Holly losing her battle with brain cancer. She is now under the care of Hospice.

Rob, you are in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

We filled the house for Rob and Holly.



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

