



Around The Club

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MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT

The annual Memorial Day Tournament was another great event. A total of 16 foursomes competed – what a great turnout! The Crown and Shield did a great job. Outstanding day all around – and the weather cooperated.

Congrats to the winners and all the participants. Max, thank you for making this day special for so many of us.

Here are the winners:



1st Place with a score of 114:

Mandi and Chris Shaw; Gail and Dan Brennan.



2nd Place with a score of 121:

Regina and Bonas Johnson; Susan and Jeff Scott



3rd Place with a score of 124:

Dean and Janie Ernst; Therese and John Buono

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! May golf at the Monarch is hard to beat! Turn outs are smaller mostly due to snowbirds are gone.

Regular Wednesday Matches:

Wednesday, May 6 - "Three Best Net"

1st place at 7 under par - \$7 each:

Hank Best, Mike Allen, Roy Colmer, Dave Buckley

2nd place at 5 under par - \$5 each:

Jim Layne, Dan Brennan, Tom O'Rourke, Selden Skelly

Closest to the Pin Winners \$7 each

#4	Adam Talarek	20'7"
#8	Dave Maki	16'6"
#11	Dave Buckley	17'
#13	Selden Skelly	18'

50/50 Winner \$30 - Tom O'Rourke

Wednesday, May 13 - "Red, White and Blue"

1st place at 16 under par - \$7 each

Jim Layne, Mike Kowalski, Tim Kohler, Mike Kline

2nd place at 10 under par - \$4 each

Dean Woodle, Hank Best, Tom O'Rourke, Selden Skelly

3rd place at 6 under par - \$3.25 each

Keith Beile, Mike Allen, Dan Brennan, Gary Ritchey

Closest to the Pin Winners \$9 each

#4	Dan Brennan	4'11"
#8	Dan Brennan	3'4"
#11	Harold Beasley	6'1"
#13	Selden Skelly	23'8"

50/50 Winners \$24 each - Jim Layne, Mike Kowalski

Wednesday, May 20 - "Scramble"

1st place at 8 under par (score card playoff)-\$8 each
Dean Woodle, Craig Moore, Dan Brennan, Tim Nopper

2nd place at 8 under par - \$6 each

Bob Price, Dick Hellem, Ron Pagut, Gary Ritchey

3rd place at 6 under par - \$3 each

Tim Waugh, Mike Allen, Tom O'Rourke, Mike Kline

Closest to the Pin Winners \$11 each

#4	Jim Layne	11'7"
#8	Keith Beile	7'11"
#11	Dave Adlet	6'1"
#13	Tom O'Rourke	5'7"

50/50 Winners, \$30 each - Ron Pagut, Tom O'Rourke

Wednesday, May 27, "2 Best Net"

1st place at 15 under par - \$7.50

Craig Moore, Ron Pagut, Tom O'Rourke, Gary Ritchey

2nd place at 14 under par - \$4 each

Jim Layne, Dick Hellem, Adam Talarek

Closest to the Pin Winners \$8 each

#4	Mike Allen	9'2"
#8	Tom O'Rourke	10'2"
#11	Craig Moore	10'2"
#13	Tom O'Rourke	16'9"

50/50 Winner \$30 - Jim Layne

BTW:

Going through the results seems like a few names keep popping up, so I totaled the top 4 money winners for May:

#1 Tom O'Rourke

#2 Jim Layne

#3 Dan Brennan

#4 Selden Skelly

Men's Tilton Match Play League

Here are the winners of the early spring session of Men's Match Play:

Nicklaus Division

1st Place (Tie) Harold Beasley and Keith Patterson
John Buono and Chris Crawford
3rd Place Wendell McDannel and Don Latford

Palmer Division

1st Place Henry Maguire and Jim Layne
2nd Place Dan DeMartinis and Jim Duane
3rd Place Dave Buckley and Rondo Pagut

Bob Keating has the low round of the session with a 70.

Jim Duane has the low net round with a 66.

Leading Money Winners in the Skins Game:

1st Place Don Latford
2nd Place Rick Mason
3rd Place Dave Buckley

The spring session will kick off on Monday, June 1st and conclude on July 27th. 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.

MWGA-Connie Ortvals

Match Play

The Spring Match Play session concluded on May 12th. It was a very competitive session, as always. The money winners are listed below:

1st Place Esther Patterson/Sue Scappaticci
299 points-\$50.00 each
2nd Place Diane Dixon/Bonnie Rex
288.5points-\$45.00 each
3rd Place Francie Traviolia/Molly Ryan
284.5 points - \$40 each

4th Place – Cindy Hendricks/Bobby Iredale
280 points-\$35.00 each

5th Place – Linda Carey/Evelyn Weasner
271 points-\$30.00 each



Winners – L to R: Bonnie Rex, Diane Dixon, Sue Scappaticci, Francie Traviolia, Molly Ryan, Cindy Hendricks, Bobbie Iredale, Evelyn Weasner, Linda Carey (not pictured -Esther Patterson)

The next Ladies' Match Play session started on May 19 with seven teams. Please contact Carolyn Skorich at duffycoms@aol.com for sign up details and information on the league.

Thursday Games:

5/7 – Blind Nine

Flight 1

1 st Place	32	Diane Dixon
2 nd Place (Tie)	33	Bobbie Iredale, Sue Scappaticci
3 rd Place (Tie)	36	Cindy Hendricks, Linda Hodgson

Flight 2

1 st Place	35	Marine McKemie
2 nd Place	36	Marge Parkinson
3 rd Place (Tie)	38	Theresa Buono, Pat Cashmore, Barb Kowalski, Molly Ryan, Connie Ortvals

5/14 – Mutt and Jeff

Flight 1

1 st Place	31	Debby Beck
2 nd Place	34	Linda Carey
3 rd Place	35	Diane Dixon

New Member

Flight 2

1 st Place	29	Marge Parkinson
2 nd Place (Tie)	35	Cindy Hendricks, Sue Scappaticci
3 rd Place	37	Francie Traviolia

Flight 3

1 st Place	33	Barb Colmer
2 nd Place	35	Barb Kowalski
3 rd Place	36	Peg Johnsen

5/21 – Like Handicap Thursday, Low Net

Flight 1

1 st Place	69	Marge Parkinson
2 nd Place	72	Christa Bowen
3 rd Place (Tie)	74	Lori Slater, Carolyn Upchurch
4 th Place (Tie)	76	Diane Dixon, Sue Scappaticci, Francie Traviolia

Flight 2

1 st Place	67	Beth Skelly
2 nd Place	74	Barb Kowalski
3 rd Place	77	Peg Johnsen
4 th Place (Tie)	78	Pat Cashmore, Barb Colmer

5/28 – Even Holes

Flight 1

1 st Place	32	Cindy Hendricks
2 nd Place	34	Lisa Ritchey
3 rd Place (Tie)	37	Debby Beck, Bobbie Iredale

Flight 2

1 st Place	37	Marge Parkinson
2 nd Place	38	Francie Traviolia
3 rd Place	39	Susan Scott

Flight 3

1 st Place	33	Molly Ryan
2 nd Place (Tie)	39	Barb Kowalski, Peg Johnsen
3 rd Place	41	Barb Colmer



Welcome new member Trent Schneider. He is a Single General Limited member effective June 1st. Trent is married, still working, and relocated to Royal Highlands from Reading, Pennsylvania. Glad you joined us, Trent!

Maintenance – Craig Shelton

- Aerification ongoing
- Fertilized golf course wall to wall with granular. Weak fairways were fertilized twice
- All tee complexes were fertilized twice
- Fertilized greens with granular
- Sprayed greens with fertility, nutritionals, soil amendments, and growth regulator
- Sprayed greens for grubs for a second time
- Sprayed greens with fungicide
- Sprayed tees for weeds
- Currently spraying fairways and rough with pre-emerge herbicide for goose and sedge control, and post emerge to kill existing.
- Spot spraying weeds with hand wand all day second job.
- Several irrigation problems have been repaired. To combat drought conditions, we

- are running extra water in mornings and afternoons ahead of play.
- Plugging bad areas on greens ongoing early mornings ahead of play
- Mowers are back to mowing daily
- Weed-eating ongoing
- Will continue sodding bad areas on golf course once what has been laid is established. I don't want to lay more than we can keep watered.
- Hand spiking and hand topdressing weak areas on greens
- Currently repairing bunker face in front of 14 green. We will reshape area before bunker to redistribute water to prevent this happening again. This should be a capital expense as I had to order fill dirt which was not budgeted for. We will need to purchase sod for this area as well.
- Notes: Drought conditions have made for a difficult transition from overseed back to summer base Bermuda. Rye grass flamed out faster than preferred before Bermuda was actively growing coming out of winter. We are pushing growth with extra fertility to get it grown back in.
- In regard to root pruning, the gentleman I used in the past is no longer offering this service. He does have his machines up for sale. To purchase new, these machines are almost \$30,000.00 per unit. He is asking \$5,000.00 for both. One is operational and has been modified with stronger plating and the other one is for parts only. Parts are still available for purchase, and the company is in Jacksonville. –
- When this gentleman was root pruning, he charged around \$2,500 per day. We would have needed him for at least two days, which would have paid for the machine at his asking price.

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.

Playing Card Bingo



Carl Lacobie and Karen Weicht were King and Queen. Too cute!

Fifty-two players attended Card Bingo on May 11. It was a delightful event. The Italian Buffet was delicious. Thanks to all from the Crown and Shield who contributed to this feast. The June event will be held on June 8 and will feature a Taco Buffet.

Notary Public-
ANN CARTER 352-408-6737



Ann Carter is here for any of your notary needs. Give her a call to make an appointment. Price is very reasonable. **Note:** All proceeds go to the Monarch Golf Club for a variety of items (the latest being the purchase of the parking signs in the parking lot for this year's Club Champion winners.)

JUNE 2026

Sundays

- 6/7 Sunday Brunch 7:30am to 5pm
- 6/14 Sunday Brunch 7:30am to 5pm
- 6/21 Sunday Brunch 7:30 am to 5pm
Father's Day Breakfast Buffet \$18.98
- 6/28 Sunday Brunch 7:30 am to 5pm
Veterans Social 3pm

Mondays

- 6/1 Bar/Restaurant open 11am to 5pm
- 6/8 Bar/Restaurant open 11am to 3pm
Taco Bingo Night
- 6/15 Bar/Restaurant open 11am to 5pm
- 6/22 Bar/Restaurant open 11am to 5pm
- 6/29 Bar/Restaurant open 11am to 5pm

Tuesdays

- 6/2 Liver & Onions \$17.99**
- 6/9 Roasted Turkey \$18.99**
- 6/16 Meatloaf \$16.99**
- 6/23 Pot Roast \$16.99**
- 6/30 Chicken Fried Steak \$17.99**

Wednesdays

- 6/3 Full Menu Available
- 6/10 Burger Night Buy One Get One
Half Off Reservations Required
- 6/17 Full Menu Available
- 6/24 Burger Night Buy One Get One
Half Off Reservations Required

Thursdays

- 6/4 Roasted Pork Loin \$21.99**
- 6/11 Chicken Marsala \$21.99**
- 6/18 Beef Tips & Gravy \$19.99**
- 6/25 Prime Rib Night \$25.99**

Fridays

- 6/5 Baked Haddock \$23.99**
- 6/12 Friday Fish Fry \$19.99
- 6/19 Mahi Mahi \$22.99**
- 6/26 Friday Fish Fry \$19.99

Saturdays

- 6/6 Full Menu Available 11am to 7pm
- 6/13 Full Menu Available 11am to 7pm
- 6/20 Restaurant Closes at 3pm
Private Function "Birthday Bash"
- 6/27 Full Menu Available 11am to 7pm

June Events

- 6/8 Taco Bingo Night
- 6/10 & 6/24 Burger Night
- 6/18 MWGA Golf Lunch
- 6/20 Birthday Bash
- 6/21 Fathers Day Buffet
- 6/28 Veterans Social

**** These specials include your choice of side salad or a cup of soup.**

