Around The Club

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SAVE THE DATE

The Monarch Women's Golf Association
ANNUAL MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
October 8, 2026
The Monarch Golf Club at Royal Highlands

Proceeds benefit **Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care**

OPEN TO ALL GOLFERS

Four-Person Scramble	**Entry Fee**	**Times**
Enter as a team: men, women or mixed	(Includes golf, cart fee, lunch) $50 – Member $75 – Non-member	7:00 a.m. Registration 8:00 a.m. Shotgun start
Sign up at the Monarch Pro Shop from Aug. 14 – Oct. 1	**Pay by cash or check made out to "MWGA"**	**Lunch: Hawaiian Buffet at The Crown & Shield**
Put on your best Hawaiian outfit and join the fun for a good cause!		

For Hole Sponsorships, contact Linda Carey at 352.360.0540 or glcarey1@aol.com

MWGA-Connie Ortbals

Match Play

Summer Match concluded on July 2. It was a close race to the every end.
Winners were

1st Place	Ritchey/Scappaticci
2nd Place	Hodgson/Ryan
3rd Place	Carey/Ortbals
4th Place (Tie)	Beck/Dixon
	Patterson/Skorich

The next session of Match Play started on July 28th. Five teams are competing. If you are interested in playing, grab a partner and sign up in the Pro Shop or contact Carolyn Skorich at duffycms@aol.com.

Winners L to R: Diane Dixon, Debby Beck, Linda Hodgson, Molly Ryan, Lisa Ritchey, Sue Scappaticci, Connie Ortbals, Linda Carey (Esther Patterson and Sue Scappaticci not pictured.)

Thursday Games:

7/2 – Mutt and Jeff (Par 3s and 5s)

Flight 1

1st Place	30	Debby Beck
2nd Place	32	Diane Dixon
3rd Place	33	Francie Traviolia
4th Place (Tie)	34	Bonnie Rex, Sue Scappaticci
5th Place	35	Carolyn Upchurch

Flight 2

1st Place	27	Beth Skelly
2nd Place	30	Marine McKemie
3rd Place	33	Therese Buono
;4th Place	34	Lori Slater
5th Place	35	Barbara Kowalski

7/9 and 7/16 – Ringer Tournament

We had a great turnout for the Ringer Tournament. The competitors played some great golf!

Overall Winner:

The Low Net Winner was Francie Traviolia who shot a net 61. Awesome!!!

Flight Winners:

Flight 1

1st Place	63	Debby Beck
2nd Place	67	Lisa Ritchey
3rd Place	68	Bonnie Rex
4th Place	70	Cindy Hendricks

Flight 2

1st Place	61	Francie Traviolia
2nd Place	65	Carolyn Upchurch
3rd Place	67	Christa Bowen
4th Place	68	Amanda Shaw

Flight 3

1st Place (Tie)	68	Evelyn Weasner
2nd Place	69*	Barbara Kowalski
3rd Place	69*	Therese Buono
4th Place	71	Linda Hodgson

July 25 – Low Net

Flight 1

1st Place	73	Debby Beck
2nd Place	74	Esther Patterson
3rd Place	75	Bonnie Rex

Flight 2

1st Place	69	Sue Scappaticci
2nd Place	76	Christa Bowen
3rd Place	77	Marge Parkinson

Flight 3

1st Place	74	Sherry Pagut
2nd Place	80	Molly Ryan
3rd Place	81	Liz Guinade

Many members who play on Thursday visit the Crown and Shield following the game for food, fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

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!
MMGA July golf = "HOT" + "DRY"
As I'm sure you have noticed the greens are greatly improved. How about the turn around on #13 green!? Amazing!!

Wednesday, 7/1 2 Best Net

1st Place at 19 under par, $7.50 each
Dean Woodle, Randy Beck, David Adlet, Mike Kline

2nd Place at 15 under par, $4.50 each
Chris Crawford, Chuck Hill, Jim Duane, Tom O'Rourke

3rd Place at 11 under par $3.00 each
Henry Maguire, Dick Hellem, Steve Snover, Selden Skelly

Closest to the pin Winners $8 each
#4 Chuck Hill 1' 4"
#8 Tim Kohler 7'10"
#11 Tom O'Rourke 3' 8"
#13 Tom O'Rourke 16'

50/50 Winner $40 – Bob Price

Wednesday, 7/8 Flighted Skins

Tom O'Rourke 6 skins - $12
Ron Pagut 2 skins - $ 6
Tim Carey 2 skins - $ 5
Randy Beck 3 skins - $12
Bob Price 3 skins - $12
Chris Crawford 3 skins - $12

Closest to the Pin $12 each
#4 John Buono - 9' 3"
#8 John Buono - 1' 10"
#11 Chuck Hill - 5' 7"
#18 Bill Ortbals - 6' 2"

50/50 Winners $25 each Chris Crawford, Randy Beck

Wednesday, 7/15, 3 Best Net

1st Place at 16 under par, $8.00 each
Ralph Beighley, Dick Hellem, Dave Maki

2nd Place at 11under par, $5.25 each
Dean Woodle, Michael Allen, Roy Colmer, Gary Ritchey
(Only 2 places due to small turnout.)

Closest to the pin Winners $6 each
#4 Jim Layne 17' 7"
#8 Dan Brennan 3' 6"
#11 Tom O'Rourke 13' 2"
#13 Dick Hellem 14' 9"

50/50 Winner $33 Craig Moore

Wednesday 7/22 Red, White, and Blue"

1st Place at 12 under par $7.00 each
Craig Moore, Terry Pollard, Steve Snover, Gary Ritchey

2nd Place at 5 under par, $5.00 each
Hank Best, Dick Hellem, Mike Kowalski, Dick Holst
(Only 2 places due to small turnout.)

Closest to the pin Winners, $9 each
#4 Tom O'Rourke 1' 1"
#8 Steve Snover 9' 1"
#11 Tim Nopper 3' 5"
#13 Ron Pagut 5'

50/50 Winner, $30 Mike Allen

Wednesday, July 29 Flighted Skins

Jim Layne - $11.50
Chuck Hill - $11.50
Adam Talarek - $11.50
Selden Skelly - $11.50
Ralph Beighley - $11.50
Wendell McDannel - $ 6.00
Rick Mason - $ 6.00
Harold Beasley - $11.50
Closest to the pin Winners $13 each
#4 Keith Patterson 13' 11"
#8 Hank Best 18' 11"
#11 Chris Crawford 6' 11"
#13 John Wassenaar 4' 5"

50/50 Winners $30 each Harold Beasley, John Wassenaar

Men's Shootout

July 29 was the first day of qualification for the MMGA Shootout, to be held on August 16.

We had 20 people trying to qualify this week. The following golfers made the field:

Vince Laverghetta	Net 72
Chuck Hill	Net 72
Craig Moore	Net 72
Jim Layne	Net 72

Jim is the alternate based on the scorecard playoff.

Men's Titton Match Play League

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

Nicklaus Division

1st Place Rick Mason and John Buono
2nd Place Chris Crawford and Steve Ryan
3rd Place Bob Keating and Tom Suzda
4th Place Wendell McDannel and John Wassenaar

Chris Crawford shot the low round of the session with a 71.

Ron Pagut scored the low net round with a 67.

Leading Money Winners in the Skins Game:

1st Place (Tie)	Bob Keating, Don Latford
2nd Place	John Bono
3rd Place	Chris Crawford
4th Place	Rick Mason

The summer session will kick off on Monday, August 3 and conclude on September 28.

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

- Herbicide applications are still ongoing for weed control
- Sprayed collars and edge of greens for goosegrass.
- Yellowing and browning of turf is normal and will green back up.
- Sprayed all greens and a few areas around course for mole crickets.
- Greens were aerified mid-month, and it went well. Following aerification greens were dragged with a broom, verticut, and then double cut.
- Lowered HOC on new sod on greens. Now being mowed at same height as entire green.
- Greens are very healthy and we will begin lowering height of cut and speeding up green speed soon, after they are clean of any excess sand.
- Sprayed greens with fertility, nutrients, soil amendments, and fungicide
- Sprayed all tee complexes with herbicide
- Continued weed-eating lake banks
- Ornamental grasses hanging over cart paths at #3, #4, & #8 were trimmed as requested. Still need to trim along #15 and #16 cart path.
- Sprayed weeds in waste areas.
- Checking irrigation ongoing. Still under water restrictions.
- Fertilizer order was delivered and we will be fertilizing entire course next week wall to wall.
- Trimmed all hedges at Club House and cart barn. Detailed Club House lawn. Checked irrigation at Club House.
- Hired two new staff members and both have already started
- Rough mowers going nonstop.
- All equipment back in operation and nothing is down.

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.

HOLE IN ONE GOLF NEWS

Craig Moore, Hole 13, 7/2/26

Barb Lopez, Hole 13, 7/8/26

Playing Card Bingo

Card Bingo seated 60 players in July. What great food! The very handsome King was Chuck Hill. Shirley Breen was a lovely queen. A great time was had by all. Congratulations to their royal highnesses.

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MONARCH

At Royal Highlands

RESTAURANT HOURS

MONDAY
11AM TO 2:00PM

BAR OPEN UNTIL 4PM

TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
11AM TO 7PM

SUNDAY
7:30AM TO 5PM

Thank you for dining with us!

AUGUST 2026

Sundays

8/2 Sunday Brunch 7:30am to 5pm
8/9 Sunday Brunch 7:30am to 5pm
8/16 Sunday Brunch 7:30 am to 5pm
8/23 Sunday Brunch 7:30 am to 5pm
Veterans Social 3pm
8/30 Sunday Brunch 7:30 am to 5pm

Mondays

8/3 Restaurant open 11am to 2pm Bar til 4pm
8/10 Restaurant open 11am to 3pm
Taco Bingo 4:30-8:30
8/17 Restaurant open 11am to 2pm Bar til 4pm
8/24 Restaurant open 11am to 2pm Bar til 4pm
8/31 Restaurant open 11am to 2pm Bar til 4pm

Tuesdays

8/4 Liver & Onions $18.99**
8/11 Chicken Pot Pie $17.99**
8/18 Goulash $15.99**
8/25 BBQ Chicken $16.99**

Wednesdays

8/5 Burger Night Buy One Get One Half Off. Reservations Required
8/12 Lunch Special 2 Entrees for $22.00
8/19 Burger Night Buy One Get One Half Off. Reservations Required
8/26 Lunch Special 2 Entrees for $22.00

Thursdays

8/6 Chicken Pinwheels $19.99**
8/13 Top Sirloin $21.99**
8/20 Chicken Vesuvio $20.99**
8/27 Prime Rib Night $25.99**

Fridays

8/7 Friday Fish Fry $19.99**
8/14 Mahi Mahi $22.99
8/21 Friday Fish Fry $19.99**
8/28 Seafood Alfredo $22.99

Saturdays

8/1 Two Entrees for $30.00
8/8 Two Entrees for $30.00
8/15 Restaurant Closes at 3pm
Private Function "Birthday Bash"
8/22 Two Entrees for $30.00
8/29 Two Entrees for $30.00

August Events

8/5 Burger Night
8/10 Taco Bingo
8/15 Birthday Bash
8/19 Burger Night

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