



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 Enter as a team: men, women or mixed	Entry Fee (Includes golf, cart fee, lunch) \$50 – Member \$75 – Non-member	Times 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

MMGA Shootout

Let's take a minute to thank everyone who attended and played in this event during the Dog Days of Summer – August 16th. The heat was brutal! Like in prior years, the 2026 MMGA shoot-out tournament served as great entertainment for all. The players entertained us with their golf skills, and the spectators made it a memorable experience. There is nothing like competition golf and the format brought the nerves factor to a higher level for all players. The participants played their guts out and battled the nerves of sudden death. A great day of competitive golf at your club to say the least. We want to congratulate all 10 players and a special CONGRATS to the top three players that outlasted the competition.

Winners:

L to R: Vince Lavarchetta (3rd Place); Ron Pagut (2nd Place); Jim Layne/Lane 1ST PLACE WINNER!)



Players and Caddies:



L to R: Vince Lavarchetta, Donna Lavarchetta, John Buono, Therese Buono, Keith Patterson, Esther Patterson, Harold Beasley, Joan Beasley, Tim Carrey, Vicki Carey, Craig Moore, Keith Beile, Randy Beck, Debby Beck, Mike Allen, Bobbie Iredale, Ron Pagut, Sherry Pagut, Jim Layne, Sheila Layne.

School Supplies Collection

The MWGA gives a heartfelt thank you to ALL who contributed the annual school supply collection for Leesburg schools. I know of many who aren't members of the MWGA who graciously contributed to this effort. Thank you all.

On August 3 the check in the amount of \$1000 was given to a very grateful Florence Katzenberger, the Outreach Coordinator for Leesburg Elementary School. And there were simply oodles of supplies as well. This community is the BEST!



L to R: Lisa Ritchey, Florence Katzenberger and Vicki Carey. Not pictured is Pat Cashmore, the chair of this endeavor, who was out of town.



QUITE A HAUL!!

MWGA-Connie Ortvals

CHAOS – August 13:

This was a FUN FUN event that replaced the second Scramble of the season. There were 36 participants and all enjoyed a delicious baked potato and salad bar after the event. Thank you, Monarch staff!

The name of the game was **CHAOS**. Teams of four were given a colored ball to use. On the first hole player #1 used the ball, then #2, #3, and so on till all 18 holes were played. The two best net scores (one had to be the **CHAOS** ball!)

were used on each hole. If the **CHAOS** ball was lost, the team was out of the competition but the continued to play to 18 holes. Not one team lost their ball! This was very popular and will remain on our calendar for next year!

Winners were paid out to five places. The top winners were:



L to R: Bonnie Rex, Cindy Hendricks, Beth Pettinga-Skelly and Bobbie Iredale won \$15 each with a net score of 137.

L to R: Mandy Shaw, Carolyn Upchurch, Vicki Carey and Susan Scott won \$13 each with a net score of 141.



Thursday Games:

8/6 – F.O.N.E. Holes

Flight 1

1 st Place	35	Vicki Carey
2 nd Place	38	Diane Dixon
3 rd Place (Tie)	39	Esther Patterson, Christa Bowen

Flight 2

1 st Place	32	Joan Beasley
2 nd Place (Tie)	33	Francie Traviolia, Carolyn Upchurch, Karen Weicht
3 rd Place	35	Sue Scappaticci

8/20 – Like Handicap, Low Net

Flight 1

1 st Place	75	Christa Bowen
2 nd Place (Tie)	76	Vicki Carey, Diane Dixon
3 rd Place	77	Debby Beck

Flight 2

1 st Place (Tie)	75	Linda Carey, Marine McKemie, Susan Scott
2 nd Place	77	Connie Ortvals
3 rd Place (Tie)	78	Sue Scappaticci, Nancy Beighley

8/27 – Blind Nine

Flight 1

1 st Place (Tie)	36	Debby Beck, Christa Bowen, Linda Carey
2 nd Place (Tie)	37	Vicki Carey, Francie Traviolia

Flight 2

1 st Place	35	Karen Weichy
2 nd Place	36	Sherry Pagut
3 rd Place (Tie)	37	Barbara Kowalski, Susan Scott

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

Match Play

Summer Match concluded on September 31. It was a close race to the very end.

The top three winning teams were

1 st Place	Patterson/Carey	183.5
2 nd Place	Rex/Iredale	165
3 rd Place	Scappaticci/Hodgson	162

The next session of Match Play starts on October 6. If you are interested in playing, grab a partner and sign up in the Pro Shop or contact Carolyn Skorich at duffyems@aol.com.

#13 Rick Mason 5'

MMGA-Craig Moore

August was more of the same: Heat – Heat – More Heat! It was fun though with the Shootout!

Regular Wednesday Matches:

August 5th 3 Best Net

1st Place at 5 under par, \$10 each
Wendell McDannel, Henry Maguire, Rich Page, Gary Ritchie

2nd Place at 4 under par, \$8.00 each
Harold Beasley, Ron Pagut, Jim Duane

3rd Place at 2 under par \$4.25 each
Ralph Beighley, John Wassenaar, Steve Snover,
Adam Talarek

Closest to the Pin Winners \$8 each

#4 Jim Layne 12' 11"
#8 Terry Pollard 3' 2"
#11 Tim Carey 9'
#13 Adam Talarek 12'

50/50 Winners Rick Mason \$30 Jim Duane \$25

This was the second week of qualifying for the Shootout. The following people made the field:
Harold Beasley - Net 71

Tim Carey - Net 72

John Buono - Net 73

Terry Pollard was the alternate – Net 73 based on a score card playoff

Wednesday, August 12th Red, White, & Blue

1st Place at 15 under par, \$8.00 each
Chris Crawford, Henry Maguire, Ron Pagut, Dick Holst

2nd Place in a score card playoff at 14 under par, \$7.00 each

Bob Keating, Randy Beck, Dave Maki, Selden Skelly

3rd Place at 14 under par, \$6.00 each

Keith Patterson, Dick Hellem, Tim Nopper, Terry Pollard

Closest to the pin Winners, \$9 each

#4 Keith Patterson 6' 3"
#8 Bob Keating 6' 3"
#11 Tom O'Rourke 6' 7"

50/50 Winner, \$30 each - John Wassenaar, Wendell McDannel

The third and final week to qualify for the Shootout was a great final. These players are in:

Ron Pagut – Net 63

Keith Patterson – Net 70

Randy Beck – Net 70

Based on a score card playoff, the Alternate is Chris Crawford with a net 70. Chris had to withdraw so Mike Allen is in with a net 71.

August 19th, Scramble

Only played 2 places due to low turnout

1st Place at 7 under par,

Craig Moore, Steve Snover, Gene Marchioni

2nd Place on a scorecard playoff at 7 under par,

Ralph Beighley, Randy Beck, Tim Kohler, Mike Kline

Closest to the pin Winners \$10 each

#4 Keith Patterson 11' 8"
#8 Tim Nopper 2'
#11 Steve Snover 9' 7"
#13 Keith Patterson 7' 1"

50/50 Winners \$25 each Jim Duane and Randy Beck

August 26th, 2 Best Net

1st Place at 18 under par, \$9 each

Tim Nopper, Dave Maki, Tim Kohler, Gary Ritchey

2nd Place at 11 under par, \$5.00 each

Ron Pagut, Randy Beck, Adam Talarek, Selden Skelly

3rd Place at 10 under par \$4.00 each

Ralph Beighley, Dean Woodle, Craig Moore, David Fitch

Closest to the pin Winners \$8 each

#4 Mike Allen 16' 9"
#8 Randy Beck 9' 6"
#11 Bob Price 10' 2"
#13 Steve Snover 27'

50/50 Winners Terry Pollard \$25; Bill Ortvals \$30

Men's Tilton Match Play League

The summer session of Men's Match play has reached the mid way point and here are our leaders:

Nicklaus Division

1 st Place	Jim Layne and Gary Ritchey
2 nd Place	Harold Beasley and John Buono
3 rd Place	Rick Mason and Tom Suzda
4 th Place	Vince Laverghetta and Ron Pagut

Chris Crawford, Bob Keating and Harold Beasley share the low round of the session with a 73.

Keith Beile has the low net round with a 68.

Leading Money Winners in the Skins Game:

First place - Chris Crawford
Second place – Gary Ritchey
Third place – Harold Beasley
Fourth place – Bob Keating

The fall session will kick off on Monday, October 5th and conclude on Pearl Harbor Day.

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.

For sign up details and information on the league. please contact Vince Laverghetta at vincelaverghetta@gmail.com

Maintenance – Craig Shelton

From August 14

- The rainstorm over the weekend of August 8 and 9 produced 6 inches of rain and required us to devote most of the week's man hours to course repair.
- We had to repair bunker washouts.
- Clean up thatch accumulation.
- Shovel dirt off cart paths and blow as well as pick up debris.
- Lightning caused widespread irrigation damage totaling \$1,981.31 which affected 16 holes.

- Everything that we have discovered thus far has been repaired.
- This week we rolled greens as we continued our attempt to increase green speed.
- We are currently fully staffed and have 4 people in training and have one new hire who will start on 8/17. Please be patient during this time.
- I apologize for several tee marker placement issues. I have been busy repairing irrigation and wasn't able to follow up as I should have.
- The reports for recent soil and tissue samples looked good. I will be adjusting a couple of items in the current agronomic program based on these reports, but adjustments will be minimal. We will be moving forward with the majority of programs I mentioned in the report that was emailed to all members.
- Rough mowers going nonstop.
- All equipment back in operation and nothing is down.

New Member

The Monarch welcomes new member, Scott Smith. Scott joined as a Limited General Single Member effective August 15th. He moved to the community from Leesburg, Florida and retired from Procter and Gamble. He enjoys fishing and golf. (Look for a picture next month!)

Playing Card Bingo



There were 15 tables of four at Card Bingo in August. All enjoyed a scrumptious taco feast and had a few laughs. Keith Beile and Jeannette Raney made a fine royal couple! We will see you on 9/14 for an Italian night!

Use these Chipping Tips for Breaking 90 to Lower Your Score

I came across this chipping lesson in an email from golfproblems.com. (I am not trying to break 90 – I would be satisfied with breaking 100!) I found these tips helpful and maybe someone else will too!

Your problem may be your short game! How many double chips did you have? How many times did you need to get it close to save par, only to leave your chip well short of a sure thing.

All of these mistakes can prove to be very costly when trying to shoot in the 80s (or 90s!) for the first time. Use these chipping tips as keys to unlock your scoring.

Simplify your Setup

If we are inconsistent in how we address the ball, we can expect to see inconsistent results with the swing. Focus on the following:

- Narrow stance
- Weight forward
- Ball back of center
- Hands start ahead of the ball

The focus points above will help to encourage clean contact and reduce both fat and thin strikes. The swing and strike also become more predictable with a consistent setup, leading to more consistent success and eliminating double chips that lead to doubles or worse. It is also important to remember to let the club do its job. Trust your swing and let the loft of the club get the ball into the air.

Simplify the Motion

When a golfer tends to struggle around the green, they are often guilty of trying to help the ball get up in the air. This typically stems from too much wrist action in the swing. Instead of trying to dictate the swing and strike with your wrists, let your shoulders carry the load. Allowing the shoulders to control the swing helps to quiet the wrists, and in turn lead to consistent contact. Consistent contact leads to

more predictable numbers...which helps us get closer to the pin and take strokes off the card. Remember these keys when practicing your stroke:

- Think “small putting stroke”
- Let shoulders rock the club
- Minimal wrist action
- Same tempo back and through

Take the Easy Shot

While this may be one of the more obvious chipping tips, it is still worth mentioning. It isn't hard to become enamored with trying to hit a high flop shot or hitting a low spinner like the pros do on Sundays. And while these shots are quite impressive, they aren't the high percentage success rate shot for amateurs. Instead of trying to throw it high or fly it close to the flag from the far side of the green, keep it low and let roll be your friend. By getting the ball back on the ground quickly, you increase your margin for error.

- Favor low, running chip shots
- Use more loft only when required
- Pick a landing spot, not the hole

Just because you're close to the green doesn't mean you need to reach for your highest lofted wedge. A lower lofted wedge, like your 8 or 9 iron, is a great option for bump and run chip shots.

- Use less loft when you have green to work with
- Experiment with 8-iron, 9-iron, or pitching wedge
- Same swing, different clubs = different roll-out

You can easily become a better golfer. All it takes is some focus on eliminating mistakes that turn a manageable situation into a scramble to prevent big numbers. By simplifying your setup, quieting your motion, choosing the safest shot, and selecting the right club, you give yourself a repeatable plan around the greens. Apply these chipping tips the next time you head to the course, and see your confidence increase as your score goes down.

THE MONARCH

At Royal Highlands

September SPECIALS & EVENTS

AT MONARCH GOLF CLUB

MONDAYS 11am to 4pm 	TUESDAYS 11am to 7pm 	WEDNESDAYS 11am to 7pm 	THURSDAYS 11am to 7pm 	FRIDAYS 11am to 7pm 	SATURDAYS 11am to 7pm 	SUNDAYS 7:30am to 5pm 
9/7 Labor Day Shootout Restaurant Closed	9/1 Beef Stew over Biscuit* \$17.99	9/2 Burger Night Buy One Burger Get One Burger Half Off Reservations are Required <i>Dine-In Only</i>	9/3 Oriental Glazed Chicken* \$21.99	9/4 Friday Fish Fry Haddock Grilled, Fried, or Blackened served with French Fries, Hush Puppies, and Coleslaw \$19.99	9/5 2 for \$30.00 Dinner Special	<i>Brunch All Day</i> 9/6 Country Fried Steak Breakfast \$14.99
9/14 Bar Open 11am to 4pm Restaurant Closed Limited food items available Italian Card Bingo Night <i>Reservations Required</i>	9/8 Liver & Onions* \$18.99	9/9 Lunch Special 2 for \$22.00	9/10 Pepper Steak* \$20.99	9/11 Fish Piccata* \$22.99	9/12 2 for \$30.00 Dinner Special	9/13 \$5.00 Bloody Marys & Mimosas
9/21 Bar Open 11am to 4pm Limited Food Items Available Restaurant Closed	9/15 BBQ Chicken* \$16.99	9/16 Burger Night Buy One Burger Get One Burger Half Off Reservations are Required <i>Dine-In Only</i>	9/17 Beef Tips* \$21.99	9/18 Friday Fish Fry Haddock Grilled, Fried, or Blackened served with French Fries, Hush Puppies, and Coleslaw \$19.99	9/19 Restaurant will be closed at 3pm for Private Function	9/20 Ham Steak Breakfast \$14.99
9/28 Bar Open 11am to 4pm Limited food items available Restaurant Closed	9/22 Hamburger Gravy* \$17.99	9/23 Lunch Special 2 for \$22.00	9/24 Chicken Bolognese* \$21.99	9/25 Fish Tacos* \$20.99	9/26 2 for \$30.00 Dinner Special	9/27 \$5.00 Bloody Marys & Mimosas
	9/29 Salisbury Steak* 17.99	9/30 Burger Night Buy One Burger Get One Burger Half Off Reservations are Required <i>Dine-In Only</i>				



ALL DINNER SPECIALS
AVAILABLE
4:30PM TO 7PM



LUNCH SPECIALS
AVAILABLE
11AM TO 4:30PM



RESERVATIONS
HIGHLY
RECOMMENDED

*SPECIALS INCLUDE CHOICE OF SIDE SALAD OR CUP OF SOUP

SEPTEMBER EVENTS



9/7 Labor Day Shootout



9/10 Stirling Pass Luncheon



9/14 Italian Card Bingo



9/16 Greenkeeper's Revenge
Appetizer Specials will be available for event



9/17 MWGA Pick a Partner Luncheon



9/19 Celebration of Life
1pm to 4pm



9/19 Birthday Bash
Restaurant will be closing at 4pm for private Function



9/27 Veterans Social
3pm



Thank you for being a valued part of the Monarch Golf Club!



