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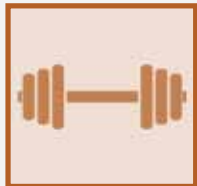
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**Jim Hofman**

*A Message from the*  
**PRESIDENT**

I am honored and humbled to have been elected President of the Board of Golf Lakes. As I mentioned at the first social hour following the election, I'm grateful for the many years of service that Mark Hooker gave as President and how he is now willing to mentor me as I take over the role. He leaves big shoes to fill so I need to say that I will not attempt to fill his shoes, but will lead with the gifts I have been given by God and will walk in my own sandals. I have a lot to learn and am thankful for a great Board who are being patient with me as I begin this task. We have a huge responsibility to continue to lead our park into the future and ask for your prayers and your patience as we seek to continue to keep Golf Lakes as **THE** park in which to live within Manatee County.

The Board has decided to hold work sessions during which we can discuss items that are on the horizon or items that may need to be included in future agendas and budgets. No action will be taken at these sessions, but it will allow us the opportunity to dream and plan in a more relaxed and open fashion. These meetings will be open to residents, but comments and input will be limited to the members of the Board. During regular meetings residents will be given the opportunity to comment on motions prior to taking a vote.

We are pleased that the pool and spa work has been completed. Thank you for your patience during the lengthy process. We are as happy as you are that this is completed.

For those of you who are returning north for the summer, we wish you safe travels and look forward to your return in the fall. We are hoping that all the summer projects will be completed when you return, along with the work on the Veteran's Garden. We are grateful for all the work that Steve Pandiscio and his small group of volunteers have already done to make this dream a reality. We are also grateful for all the volunteers who have made this season a great one! Look for continued opportunities to serve your park!



## The Banner

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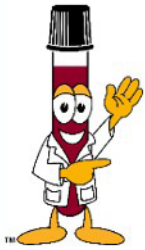
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## Report



It's almost time to say goodbye to our resident snowbirds. Before leaving the nest, please inspect your property and home for necessary maintenance BEFORE you leave. Do you need to paint or power wash? Bring your shutters down and check them for necessary cleaning and maintenance. Make sure there is someone who will keep your weeds pulled or sprayed, bushes trimmed and perform any necessary maintenance to keep your property neat and tidy while you are away. Remember there are some requirements to get ready for your departure.

- SHUT YOUR WATER OFF & TURN HOT WATER HEATER OFF
- LEAVE YOUR YARD LIGHT ON
- STORE ALL ITEMS - ITEMS CANNOT BE LEFT OUTSIDE DURING HURRICANE SEASON OR BE LEFT IN VIEW OF NEIGHBORS

Please remember to check-out at the office. You may leave a key with the office if you'd like but it's always a good idea to have someone local who can access your property if there is an emergency.

If you want to receive hard copies of The Banner, please provide the office with self-addressed and stamped envelopes. The Banner is available online as well at [www.golflakes.com](http://www.golflakes.com).

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For our fulltime residents it's going to be a great summer! We have paving projects, sanitary sewer lining and so many other things to get excited about. Most of all we are going to have a great time this summer, no matter what we are doing.

THINK CONSERVATION – Please check for water leaks at your home and make sure there are no leaking pipes, faucets or toilets. We have received complaints from residents noting many areas where water is being used needlessly. Remember Manatee County is under water restrictions, so please use our natural resources responsibly.



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# SPRING INTO ACTION FOR THE GOOD TIMES AHEAD

*Cover Story by Kim Gendron*

The season is winding down for many of us and it is time to think about preparations for closing our home. Florida weather can be brutal on a home especially during hurricane season and anything we do now can lessen the chance of problems next season.

Here are a few suggestions before closing your home.

- Check your gutters and make sure they are clear of any debris.
- Inspect doors and windows, check weatherstripping and caulk, repair as needed. If you suspect any problems with the roof, have a professional check it before you leave.
- HVAC should be checked to make sure it is clear of any debris. Test AC on Humistat setting for reliability. Annual inspection and cleaning by a professional are recommended. Algae, mold, or any discolorations on the home should be cleaned with products made for these issues.
- Check clam shells, make sure hinges are secure and bolts are tight.
- If using any propane tanks, check for leaks or corrosion.
- Outdoor furniture and décor should be washed, dried, and stored away.
- Check your shed. Address any issues that could cause problems to items being stored. Any chemicals should be closed tight and safe from spilling. Rags used with chemicals should be thrown away.
- Have the home treated for insects. It is recommended that Florida homes be treated quarterly. If you see any signs of critters, contact pest control right away.
- Security of your property should always be considered. Management asks that you leave yard light on while you are away so check sensor and bulb. Having exterior motion sensor lights can be an inexpensive way of adding security. Cameras have come down in price and with Wi-Fi these cameras can be installed inside and out allowing you to monitor your property on your smart phone or tablet. Buy "camera in use" window stickers and place where they can be seen.
- Giving the inside of your home a thorough cleaning helps reduce the chance of mold and helps deter pests.
- Go crazy with the vacuum in every room.
- Cover furniture with clean sheets. Avoid dryer sheets on furniture as chemical coating can yellow or stain.
- Kitchen/Bathroom: Wipe down the kitchen with a mild vinegar and water solution. Clean all counter appliance. Clean dishwasher per manual, wash drain filter. Clean refrigerator with vinegar solution. Clean drip pan. Prop doors open. Discard perishables in cabinets. Clean inside cabinets where needed. Wash trash cans. Clean bathroom with products that kill mold. Discard plastic shower liner. Wash fabric curtain.

## **Create a Closing Day Checklist.**

- Let office know you are leaving.
- Forward mail using USPS.com or go to post office.
- Close clamshell awnings and secure.
- Close shed windows, secure door.
- Lock all windows.
- Close shades.
- Leave all inside doors open.
- Put stick in closed slider door slot.
- Set thermostat and humidistat to your HVAC installers recommendation.
- Change air return filter.
- Flush toilets 3-4 times to help clear pipes. Cover toilets with plastic wrap. Run water in all drains for a few minutes. Cover with plugs.
- Shut off all water source valves in bathroom, kitchen, and the main outside.
- Close all propane tank valves. Unplug electronics and lights not needed. Set timer if leaving a light on.
- Place damp rid in high humidity areas, i.e. closets, cabinets.

**PEACE OF MIND** When leaving our homes for any amount of time it can be stressful, but luckily we have residents here that can help. Arrangements to have the home checked inside and out is the best way to alleviate our concerns. Here is a list of people within Golf Lakes that will watch your home while you are gone. Ask about weeding as well.

\*Mark Billitere \*Mark Hooker \*Brent Mitchell \*Kim Mitchell \*Bob Mueller \*Brad Nolder \*Frank Waliszewski




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NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Our Community

## Resident Updates

APRIL

New Residents

Hughes, Vincent & Karen 765-748-4313	5021 7th D St E	IN
Regoli, Benedict & Jacqueline 724-681-2525 724-994-9054	4908 2nd B St E	PA

Moved Away

Hight, Evelyn	4908 2nd B St E
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Updates/Corrections

Desantis, Virginia / McBride, Kathleen	Remove: 941-752-4074 Keep 413-244-3181
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Deaths

Painter, Nancy	Former Resident	2/3/24
Weixlmann, Connie	4808 8th C St E	2/9/24
Batdorff, William	400 49th A Ave E	2/18/24

*Prepared from information received from the Golf Lakes Office. Any official changes should be directed to the office, not the Banner.*

### LET'S WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**Rick and Sharon Whitehead** reside at **802 50<sup>th</sup> C Ave E**. They purchased in April of 2021 and are from Rockford, Michigan. Sharon is a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation owner being the daughter of Al and Mary Luchtenburg, longtime Golf Lakes Residents. Rick is a chemist and worked in the industrial chemical industry. Retiring last year, he continues to consult whenever needed. He attended Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is active in his Christian services. Sharon is an RN formerly working in areas of long-term care, hospice, and school nursing services. They have 6 children and 14 grandchildren. Sharon's hobbies and interests include baking and cooking, home entertaining and curiosity researching. Rick loves to learn and spends a lot of time reading. He is a 'gym rat' and body builder and continues to compete in competitions. They chose Golf Lakes because of their familiarity with the area, living in a co-op ownership community and are close to mom and Fred.

*Interviewed by Susan & Milton Christy.*

## Birthdays of the Month

1	Susan Hullett, Marion Stephenson
2	Donald Carver, Bob Hurst, Robert Mueller, Rose Patterson
3	Nancy Jeltema
4	John Soto, Mick Vanderbilt, Ken Winn
5	Ginette Bailey, Gret Boockfor, Henry Eisses, Bonnie Fox, Sandra Kaechele, Sharon Smith
6	Judy Carver
7	John Verno
8	Glory Bierema, Forrest Bone, Steve Ebert
9	Pam Spear
10	Bonnie Frye, Nancy Ryan
11	
12	Kathy Brennen, Jean Cichowski, Joan Harrington, Gloria Ward, Richard Watson
13	Mitch Dykstra, Gina Falbo, Sally Kiekintveld, George McNeff
14	Ken Jipping
15	Paul Spear
16	Robin Vinovich
17	Mark Hall, Mick O'Brien
18	David Hazelton, Klaas Kloosterhof
19	Brian Harrington, Nancy Hooker
20	Dorothy Begin, Sharon Crawford, Brenda Curcio
22	Phil Crawford, Bill Suarez
23	Shirley Betts, Carol Mulchrone, Ed Shultz
24	Molly Bass, Richard Pond
25	Gert Terborg, Cheryl Tietje
26	Jim Dunlap, Claudia Kellogg, Nancy Mattas, Paula Volland
27	Jane Brouwer
28	Gloria Demers, Nancy Hall, Karen Jipping
29	Bob Adamson, Edward Bloxsom
30	John Cochran, Bobbie Ritchie, Ed St. John
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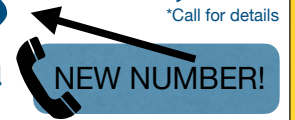
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# YOUR COMMUNITY

## Golf Lakes Veterans Garden Project Request for Donations

The Beautification Committee is seeking donations for the proposed Veterans Garden Project. The garden will replace the green that is in front of the clubhouse. The benefits include providing a pleasing area to honor our Golf Lakes veterans (names to be displayed in the clubhouse upon project completion), repurposing unused space, providing safe access to the clubhouse from the parking lot and reducing landscape maintenance. The cost of the project is approximately \$80,000.

**As of 1/25/24, the Golf Lakes BOD is matching all donations up to \$15,000.**

If you would like to make a donation to honor a resident veteran and/or help make improvements to our clubhouse entrance, please write a check to **Golf Lakes Residents Assoc.** and write on the memo line **"Veterans Garden."** Also include the name of the veteran that you wish to honor. Bring your check to the Golf Lakes office.

Please contact Steve Pandiscio with any questions. Thank you for your support!



*Submitted by Steve Pandiscio*

## Music's in the air



As Under The Palms winds down for the season — here are the last 2 shows planned:

- 4/4 Jay Taylor country music sound
- 4/18 Bluegrass Pirates pillaging and pilfering music from numerous genres.

ALL CONCERTS: 2pm-4pm

### Stay Tuned for Next Season...

In addition to our afternoon "Under The Palms" outdoor concerts, we are *considering* indoor evening concerts as well as bringing food trucks into the Park. Having a UTP Patron Club, along with some Club Perks is also being discussed.

These DO NOT have Board approval YET! We will keep you posted.....

For the latest news & updates, please join our new Facebook Page: Under The Palms

*Submitted by Ron Emser*

## News From Your **Committees**



The Women  
of  
Golf Lakes

### GOLF LAKES BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

#### Order Your Fall 2024 Annuals

The Golf Lakes Beautification Committee is taking orders for annuals for the Fall 2024 season.

**Order deadline is April 12, 2024.** Order your annuals by calling Steve Pandiscio 508-450-5663.

**Annuals are \$4.50 each and must be paid for by April 12.** Cash or check only. (Make check out to Golf Lakes and add "flowers" in the memo line.) **Bring payment to Steve Pandiscio at 5122 5th A St.**

Orders will be available for pickup **November 1-3** at Steve Pandiscio's home (5122 5th A St).

**NOTE: Orders will not be stored beyond November 3rd.**

Select from the following annuals:

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**GERANIUMS:** Red

**SUNPATIENS:** White, Purple, Red, Rose Pink

*Submitted by Steve Pandiscio*

On April 11<sup>th</sup> at 12pm, we hope that everyone can come to the Spring Luncheon to honor our Past Women's Club Presidents. We are going to welcome "Spring" and honor our past Presidents. It will be a special meeting and one that you will not want to miss. Bring your favorite appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Come and enjoy the fellowship of your friends and neighbors.

Soon our "Snowbirds" will be heading to their summer homes and the park will become somewhat quiet. This meeting will be a good opportunity to say goodbye and wish them safe travels.

*Submitted by Sharon Biledeau*

#### **ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS** **"Welcome to Golf Lakes"**

The Activities Committee has a **New Resident Welcome Committee**, and we would love to talk to you.

The Committee shares information about our Park, provides you with a voucher for a free safety vest, a "New Resident Handbook" and a Pictorial of the residents in the Park. A short interview provides the opportunity for your formal introduction to the Park. At a minimum, the meeting with the Committee results in your introduction in The Banner. A New Resident listing appears most months in The Banner. You would be surprised the number of times our new residents have found folks from their own state or even their city through The Banner introduction. At this time, the Committee is working hard to get caught up with interviews due to the large number of new residents. If you would like an "Official Greeting" to Golf Lakes, sign up on the **New Resident sheet on Board 2** in the Clubhouse or call Terry Keller at 269-953-2431.

Arrangements will be made for your official welcome.

*Submitted by Activities Committee*

### **GOLF LAKES OFFICIAL RESIDENT FACEBOOK PAGE**

**Any resident applying for membership to Golf Lakes Official Resident Facebook For Events and Recommendations page must answer the 3 questions.**

**Otherwise the committee cannot verify their standing with the community.**

**Those not answering all 3 of the questions WILL NOT BE considered.**

*Submitted by Janet Eisses*

# Bits & Pieces

## TRAVEL TIME WITH BETH

April is here and we are winding down for the season.

In March we took a bus trip to Clermont, Yalaha and Plant City. Everyone had a good time, with some nice wine sampling, good food and strawberry shortcake, which made the trip complete.

Our last trip of the season is April 21<sup>st</sup> where we will be heading to Key West and the surrounding areas for 3 days. Thank you to Lisa, Sue and Kim for assisting me on some of our adventures, and a big thank you to everyone who participated.

Be on the lookout for next season's adventures.

*Submitted by Beth Mueller*



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- CHARLIES ANGELS
- POLICE WOMAN
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- FANTASY ISLAND
- NIGHT GALLERY
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# Social Gatherings



## Social Hour Invitation

The Activities Committee is confirming the open invitation to Saturday Social Hour starting at 9am every Saturday in the Clubhouse.

For a nominal fee of \$1.00, you get a seat and coffee. For an additional \$1.00 you get a donut. This is an opportunity to meet new people and catch up on what is going on in the park.

In addition, there are special announcements made to keep everyone informed of club or committee activities.

**Be sure to arrive a little early, if you have trouble finding a seat, someone will assist you.**

*Submitted by Terry Keller*



## SOCIAL HOUR SHORT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Based on concerns about the length and content of announcements made during Social Hour, guidelines have been established to make the announcements shorter and more effective. If making an announcement, please adhere to the following for the benefit of all attendees.

1. Announcements should be no longer than 15 to 20 seconds.
2. Announcements are to inform and not to entertain – elaboration is not needed.
3. Be specific – list dates, times, cost & contact person.
4. Clarify what Board contains specific details and/or sign-up sheets.
5. Should be in a format similar to what may appear as Ch732 announcements (short & concise)
6. Announcements are for events and activities sponsored by Golf Lakes ONLY.
7. Announcements should not be made more than 3 weeks ahead of the activity or event.

If you would prefer not to attend Social Hour, but have an announcement, you must legibly write it out and have someone else make it for you or drop it off to the Emcee no later than 8:50am that morning and the Emcee will make sure someone makes the announcement.

### April

### Emcees

### Introductions

### Host/Hostesses

6	Karla Blevins	Sherie Wood	Kellers & Friends
13	Connie Geth	Connie Geth	White House Friends
20	Mitch Dykstra	Carol Hany	The Card Players
27	Carol Hany	George White	Bunco

# ~ ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ~

## ANSWER TO MARCH CROSSWORD

(sorry the wrong answer was published last month)

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## ~~ PLANNING AHEAD ~~



WHAT: Golf Lakes Veterans Golf Outing  
 WHEN: Veterans Day, November 11, 2024  
 WHERE: The Manatee County Golf Course in Bradenton  
 WHO: Open to ALL Golfers and guests

Followed by a BBQ at the American Legion on 75th Street

I am hoping this will be our First, of what will become an "annual event".

More Details to follow (*entry fees, starting times, etc...*)

If interested, please sign-up on Bulletin Board #2 in the Clubhouse.

Any questions please contact Duane Frederick at 860-458-9225 or email [army.vet.df@gmail.com](mailto:army.vet.df@gmail.com)



*Submitted by Duane Frederick*





**GREENS OF MANATEE**  
*The Family Friendly Course*  
**Spring 2024**

Moving in to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the official golf season, it is clear mother nature has her seasons mixed up. The Bradenton area was suffering from a severe drought. Through the first few months of this year, things seemed to be reversed. Our golfers have had to suffer with below average temps, rainy days and numerous days when the course had to be closed. As we move into April, we are confident everyone will get the weather we all deserve. League play will run through April and we expect a strong finish to the first quarter. As a reminder, if you want to keep track of what's happening at the course check out the *Greens of Manatee Golf Club Facebook* page.

**As a reminder** - The Greens of Manatee is open for everyone, not just the golfer in the family. The Golf Lakes golf course gate opens at 6:00am for you early risers. Stop in for a great breakfast and later for a wonderful lunch without having to face the crazy Bradenton traffic.

**For the Golfers of any skill level**- There are 2 Scrambles per month which are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. The scrambles are open to golfers of every skill level and are a lot of fun. Teams are selected by rank to balance out the handicaps, as much as possible. Stop over to the Golf Course Clubhouse and sign up for a great Saturday morning of fun. Any questions give the course a call at 941-755-8888.

A special note, once the course is closed and the overflow gate is shut, it is against the law to drive on the sidewalk between the buildings to get to Cortez Road. The course has experienced problems in the past and we ask for your understanding and support.

*Submitted by Terry Keller  
 President, Greens of Manatee Golf Course*



**Golf Lakes (GL) Women's  
 Monday & Tuesday Golf  
 Leagues**

GL Women's Golf Leagues season ended on March 18 & 19. The Golf Leagues Annual meeting and awards was March 18.

Congratulations to:

- Zinita Welsh: HOLE-in-ONE on Hole #6!  
 plus 1 Chip-in
- Mary Ackeret: 3 Birdies, 3 Chip-ins
- Phyllis Fuller: 1 Birdie
- Mary Lenhard: 1 Birdie, 1 Chip-in
- Linda Shouldice: 2 Birdies, 1 Chip-in
- Kathy Yake: 2 Birdies, 4 Chip-ins

A fun day contest, Drive Closest to the Pin on Hole#9, won by Linda Shouldice.

The Golf Banquet for both Monday and Tuesday leagues was March 25 at Captain Brian's restaurant. Thank you Pam McFarland of GL Realty for donating door prizes.

The GL Leagues of women golfers hosted an obstacle course at the Sports Mixer on March 22. Participants said they had fun and enjoyed the challenge.

Thank you to: Tracy Roux for a new bulletin board, Cynthia Pollock, Mondays Fall Coordinator, Norma VerHelst, Tuesdays Coordinator, Karla Blevins wrote articles for The Banner, Zinita Welsh, Scorer, Phyllis Fuller, Treasurer, Mary Ackeret, Games & Banquet.

We invite all women residents to join us women golfers here in Golf Lakes next season. We meet by the Golf Bulletin Board in the North parking lot at 9 a.m. on Mondays and/or Tuesdays starting in November.

*Submitted by Sandy Tiell*



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# Happening This Month (or Next)



## DANCING FOR DOLLARS

**Event:** Community Benefit Dance - "April Showers"

**When:** Saturday, April 13

**Time:** 7 to 10pm

**Suggested Donation:** \$5 per person

**Bring:** your own Snacks & Beverages (*alcohol allowed*)

**NOTE:** SIGN-UP SHEET IS POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD #2

A request was made for a dance to benefit **Prodigal Daughters Journey Home, INC**, a program for women recovering from addiction, human trafficking, domestic violence and other life changing circumstances.

The Manatee County residential faith-based program is 100% funded through donations.

So mark your calendars for another night of music, dance, and fun for all!

*Submitted by Karen Furnari and Rose Patterson*



Programs  
And  
Presentations

At Golf Lakes Clubhouse

**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

Hurricane Preparedness by Manatee Emergency Mgmt.

*Submitted by Bob Mueller*



The April potluck will be held in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, April 17 is hosted by the Activities Committee.

As with all potlucks, please bring your table service, your favorite dish to pass, a serving utensil as needed, as well as a glass for your beverage.

The signup sheets will be on Board 2.

Activities provides the drinks and a \$1.00 donation per person is requested.

*Submitted by Terry Keller*



## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION 2024

The Annual Memorial Day Celebration will be held **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**.

As in the past, the program will start outside the clubhouse near the big flagpole at **11:45am**. A short ceremony will take place to remember those we have lost.

A lunch in the Clubhouse will follow the ceremony at approximately noon.

**Please** bring your box lunch. Beverages and the desserts will be provided by the Activities Committee.

Please sign up on the sheet on bulletin board #2 in the Clubhouse

*Submitted by Activities Committee*



## DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

### Monday

Ladies Exercise	CH	8:15
Ceramics	CR	9:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Ladies Bridge	FR	12:30
Double Pinochle	FR	6:15
Feather Your Nest (1st & 3rd)	CR	6:30

### Wednesday

Breakfast Club (Fiona's)	out	8:00
Ladies Exercise	CH	8:15
Ceramics	CR	9:00
Zero Impact Motion Class	CH	9:00
Fall Prevention Exercise	CH	9:30
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Ladies Bridge	FR	12:30
Bunco (2nd & 4th)	FR	6:30
Euchre	FR	6:30

### Friday

Ladies Exercise	CH	8:15
Art Group	CR	9:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Hand foot elbow	FR	12:00
Bingo	CH	6:00

### Saturday

Social Hour	CH	9:00
Banana grams	FR	1:00

### Tuesday

Lap Robes	CR	8:30
Hand Foot Elbow	FR	12:00
Mah Jongg	CR	1:00
Quilting Ladies	CR	5:00
Hand Foot Elbow	BR	6:00
Couples Bridge	FR	6:30

### Thursday

BP Check	CR	8:00
Handmade Blessings	CR	9:30
Piecemakers Quilt Club	CR	12:30
Mah Jongg	FR	1:00
Masonic Square Club (2nd)	CR	2:00
Hand foot elbow	FR	6:00
Cribbage	CH	6:15

### Sunday

No Activities Scheduled

### LEGEND

- BR Board Room
- CH Clubhouse
- S Stage
- CR Craft Room
- FR Friendship Room
- P Pool
- SC Shuffle Course
- GLC Golf Lakes Course
- PC Pickleball Court
- HC Horseshoe Court
- GOM Greens of Manatee
- N Lot North Parking Lot
- CG Clubhouse Grounds

# Golf Lakes



# 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>APRIL FOOLS DAY</b>	2	3 8A – Breakfast Club	4 8A – BP Check 2-4P UTP	5	6
7 <b>National No Housework Day</b>	8	9	10 <b>National Siblings Day</b> 8A – Breakfast Club	11 9A - BOD Mtg Noon – Women of GL Spring Luncheon	12 Order deadline for Annuals	13 7P – April Showers dance
14	15 <b>TAX DAY</b> 7P – Safety Pgm (Hurricane preparedness)	16	17 8A – Breakfast Club 5P – April Potluck	18 1P- Gad-a-bouts 2-4P UTP	19	20 <b>Husband Appreciation Day</b>
21	22 <b>Earth Day</b>	23 <b>National Take A Chance Day</b>	24 <b>Administrative Professionals Day</b> 8A – Breakfast Club	25 <b>Take Your Son/Daughter to Work Day</b> 9A – BOD Mtg	26 <b>Arbor Day</b>	27
28	29	30				

# Things to Do and Ways to Enjoy Yourself



**When:** 6:15pm Arrival / 6:30pm Start  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's  
**Where:** Friendship Room in Clubhouse  
**Cost:** \$1.00 Entry Fee  
Prizes awarded each evening

Join us for an evening of fun playing BUNCO - a dice game everyone can play, requiring NO skill whatsoever! Bring \$1 (which is fully refunded in prizes), arrive about 6:15 pm in the Friendship Room on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. We look forward to seeing you!

*For info call Grace Naegele at 614-314-1101*

## Feather Your Nest

**When:** 6:00pm 1st & 3rd Monday's  
\* New time due to Communication Meetings  
**Where:** Craft Room in Clubhouse  
**Cost:** \$ 1.00 per Card  
\$ 5.00 for Six Cards

Feather Your Nest is similar to Bingo, but played with poker cards, fast-paced, and a lot of fun. Winnings are distributed from the pot.

Contact Duane and Kathy Frederick (860-458-9225) with any questions.

*Submitted by Duane Frederick*

## Double Pinochle

**When:** 6:15pm Mondays  
**Where:** Friendship Room  
**Cost:** \$0.25 Cents  
7 Rounds of 4 Hands Each

Come join us on Monday nights at 6:15pm. If you can play single pinochle you will enjoy double pinochle even more. Hope to see you there !

Mike & Jane Vanderbilt 708-672-8902

## Euchre



**When:** 6:30pm Wednesdays  
**Where:** Friendship Room  
**Cost:** \$0.50 Entry Fee  
7 Games of 8 Hands

Open to all! You do not have to bring a partner, we will find one for you!



**When:** 6:30pm Fridays  
**Where:** Clubhouse  
**Cost:** \$ As Much as You Want

Last call for card sales is 6:15pm. Bingo is open to all residents and their friends outside of the park so please pass the word.

*Submitted by Bill Oravec*

## Banagrams

1:00pm | Saturdays  
Friendship Room



Banagrams is a tabletop word game where lettered tiles are used to spell words. The name is derived from the claim that it's the "anagram game that will drive you bananas!"

*Submitted by Eleanor Love*



Thanks to Marge Whitehurst & Tim Tucker for their Marriage Misunderstanding skit as well as the disclaimer at the end. (He is not my husband & I am NOT pregnant!)



Splendor **On The Grass** or near it

# Pickleball

## APRIL NEWS

### News Around The Court

We have seen an increase in the number of Members and new residents using the courts this year. The courts seem to be filled at different times every day, and this is great for the pickleball community.

### Special Activities

A great group of Pickleball volunteers hosted Coffee Hour on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for the great work. Also, the Sports Mixer on March 22<sup>nd</sup> was another great success as volunteers at the pickleball courts helped participants challenge themselves to fun activities that added points for their quest to be champions.

### Tournaments and More

Our Tournament in late February was cancelled, but we hosted another Tournament on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Check our website listed below for results.

### Social

Our yearly Social was held on March 15<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Roseanne and Mark Sanata for hosting this great event. Pictures and news can be found on our website listed below.

Please be sure to check out our website at [www.GL-PC.org](http://www.GL-PC.org) for all the latest pickleball information.

*Submitted by: Kevin Hogan*

## LAWN BOWLING UPDATE

Lawn Bowling Team Finals were held March 5-7! The top 8 teams battled it out on the courts for the Championship!!

The final game was neck and neck till the last frame, very exciting match-up! Some even said it was worthy of an ESPN replay:)

Top photo — Finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place —the team of Kevin & Janis Hogan and Kelly & Brett Gault.

Bottom photo — Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> place — the team of Mike & Pat Mandjack and Jackie & Kurt Barto.

Congratulations to all who participated! And especially the final 2 teams.

*Submitted by Nola Frye*



# Year - Round **Indoor Games**

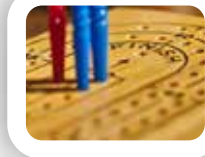


## Bridge

Ladies Bridge  
12:30pm | Mondays and  
Wednesdays

Couples Bridge  
6:30pm | Tuesdays  
Friendship Room

*Submitted by Mary Swed*



## Cribbage

**6:15pm | Thursdays  
Clubhouse**

If you have never played Cribbage in the past or it's been awhile, this may be a good time for you to join us and either learn or brush up on your skills. Everyone is welcome. For questions please contact Bette Buzzell at 508-688-2686.

*Submitted by Bette Buzzell*



## Hand, Foot & Elbow

**6:00pm | Tuesdays  
Board Room**

**12:00pm | Tues. & Fri.  
Friendship Room**

**6:00pm | Thursdays  
Friendship Room**

Hand Foot and Elbow is a fun card game for anyone and easy to learn. All are Welcome!

*Contact Anneliese Heathfield*



## Mah Jongg

**1:00pm | Tuesdays**

**1:00pm | Thursdays  
Friendship Room**

Mah Jongg is an age old Chinese game of tiles. If you are a card player or just love games this is one for you. If you come to any of our game times you can get an idea of how it is played. We welcome men and women.

*Contact Jan Ballard*

Just a few paraproverbs to liven up your day ~~

- ◇ *Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*
- ◇ *When filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put "DOCTOR."*
- ◇ *I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.*
- ◇ *Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.*



## Year - Round **Arts & Crafts**



### Ceramics

**9am - 12am | Mon. & Wed. | Craft Room**

The Ceramics group is open to everyone in the park. There is a **\$10 per year fee**, which covers paints and some supplies. Everyone must furnish his or her own piece to paint. We have two kilns available for group use.

*Contact: Barbara Ford*



### Handmade Blessings

**9:30am - 11am | Thursdays | Craft Room**

These crafters spend their time 'spinning yarn' into hats, blankets, mittens, and other crocheted and knitted items for babies, children and seniors. They love what they do and invite others to join them in their endeavors. Even if you don't crochet or knit, bring a craft with you and spend time with the group!

*Contact: Kim Dolnick 941.216.4440*



### Piecemakers Quilt Club

**12:30pm—2pm | Thursdays | Craft Room**

If you've always quilted or if you would like to try, join us ! We usually work on our own quilts and we volunteer to give lessons on different techniques to the group. We go out to lunch every few weeks and shop for fabrics together. We have loads of fun!

*Contact: Diane Gordon*



### Art Group

**9am - 12pm | Fridays | Craft Room**

All Inspiring Artists Welcome! This group has previously shared photos of their works which have appeared in The Banner.

*Contact : David Harris*

## Golf Lakes Women's Club Crafters



**If you have no cards to play and you are stymied as to what to do with your hands all season**, we are seeking ladies (and even men) who are interested in being handy by using donated yarns or linens. There is always a need in nursing homes for these items – **Bibs, Caps/Hats, Walker Bags, Shawls, Slippers, Scarfs, and Kleenex Holders**. We'll give you patterns or directions as well as yarn or linens!

If you can help us by making items this season, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me immediately if you can help during the season.

*Barb Wenzler, Outreach Chair*



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Signup sheets and a description of the weekly class project is posted in the craft room. Class sizes are limited to 20 people and are first come basis. Sign-up early!

*Contact: Karen Furnari*



## Lap Robes

**8:30am - 10am | Tuesdays | Craft Room**

We have a group at Golf Lakes who cut, sew, iron, and assemble donated fabrics, sheets and yarn into lap robes delivered monthly by the Women's Club to seven (7) area nursing homes. Donations of fabric scraps, used sheets and yarn are always appreciated. New members are welcome as your time permits; even if only for an hour after Bible study, or if you prefer to take pieces home to be assembled.

*Contact: Donna Gastier*



## Quilting Ladies

**5:45pm - 8pm | Tuesday | Craft Room**

All are welcome. If you enjoy quilting or would like to learn come on down for an evening of fun.

*Submitted by Ginny DeSantis*



## Woodcarving

**1pm - 3pm | Wednesdays | Craft Room**

Everyone is welcome to attend these classes and no prior experience is necessary. We will assist beginners with their projects and enjoy all types of carving.



## Square Club

**2pm - 3pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday | Board Room**

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*Submitted by Bill Gordon*

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## GAD-ABOUT'S Luncheon

- When:** 1pm, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Where:** Beef O' Brady's  
4925 Cortez, Bradenton
- Bring:** Wear your Name Tag
- RSVP:** Sign-up Sheet Bulletin Board #4.  
Be sure to print your name and  
phone number. Also indicate  
whether you need a ride or you  
can drive.



Call Gloria Slowiak at 941-527-5881  
with any questions.

## LINE DANCING



I want to send a big THANK YOU to all who  
joined me for line dance for this season.

The beginners were great and we had lots of  
fun.

Though the season for class is over, the  
opportunity to dance has not ended. There is  
music nightly at Anna Maria Beach Cafe and  
many times you will find line dancers on the  
floor doing common routines. Join in!!

You can always find dances on YouTube to  
follow and practice at home.

I am looking forward to another great season  
beginning in December.

*Submitted by Bonnie Frye*



Scenes from the Night of Music—ETC!

The lovely ladies in their poodle skirts!

From left to right:

Elaine Matthyse, Mary Tinholt, Kathy Drooger,  
Diane Fielbrandt and Jane Brouwer.

*Photo courtesy of Jilly Hart*



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# Strength **and Fitness**

## Zero Impact Motion Class & Fall Prevention Exercises



**9am - 10am—Wednesdays in Clubhouse**



The goal of these classes is to increase range of motion of all movable joints in the body and increase stability in order to avoid falls. Dr. Jim is looking forward to having you in class.

*Submitted by Dr. James Gallo*

**Bring a Mat, Pillow and Water**

## Water Aerobics



**9:40am - 10:20am  
Mon / Wed / Fri  
Pool**

This half-hour program with gentle routines, uses every joint and muscle in a number of ways that help promote ease of motion and increased strength.



*Health* **TIP**

## Blood Pressure Check



**8am - 9:30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month  
(April Only)**

Anyone wanting to have their Blood Pressure checked can come. Please call Phyllis Wendt at 812-453-6363 if you have any questions.

*Submitted by Phyllis Wendt*



Even Elvis Presley  
(aka Brett Gault)  
made an  
appearance at the  
Night of Music

## Ladies Exercises

**8:15am - 8:45 am  
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All Ladies are invited to this exercise class who want to keep mobile.

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# THE VALUE OF TRASH



The Golf Lakes Residents Association (GLRA) collects solid waste, recyclables and yard waste and delivers them to dropoff locations specified by Manatee County. This arrangement has been highly cost effective for Golf Lakes residents. If Manatee provided these services, collection costs would be dramatically higher.

In 2023, Manatee increased the municipal collection rates for waste removal. If Golf Lakes had to pay these rates, annual collection cost for 780 homes would be \$221,364.

Instead, Golf Lakes private waste collection expenses for 2023 were \$98,300 (a savings of more than 55%).

Aluminum and corrugated box board are the most sought after and widely used recyclables worldwide. Did you know that the recycling center pays Golf Lakes to bring aluminum cans to them?

In 2023, sales of recycled aluminum cans produced income for Golf Lakes of \$764.



This income is given to the Golf Lakes Beautification Committee.

The Golf Lakes recycling center also accepts newspaper, cardboard, molded pulp, glass, rigid plastic containers and tin coated steel cans. New glass, steel, paper and plastic can all be made from these recyclables. Doing this reduces need to mine ore, cut down trees and convert natural gas and petroleum into plastic.

More importantly, recycling is simply the responsible thing to do. Eventually all landfills reach capacity and new landfill sites must be established to replace them. Recycling is the only way to extend the life of a landfill.

If you do not currently separate recyclables from the rest of your trash, please consider doing so. Signs at the recycling center will help you know where to place each item. For further information, contact the Golf Lakes office staff or any member of the Green Committee.

*Submitted by Brian Harrington  
Green Committee Chairperson*

I never knew that.....

When Richard Reynolds started manufacturing his eponymous aluminum foil,  
It wasn't to package and store food.

He made it for his uncle, cigarette magnate R. J. Reynold, who was in the need of a way  
To wrap tobacco and keep it fresh.



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## Feed **Your Soul**

### Vespers



These 2 scriptures in Psalms describe just what Vespers is all about:

Sing to Him a new song. Psalms 33:3 and Psalms 119:162 I rejoice at your word as one who finds great treasure.

Vespers for the season ended on March 31, but it will resume again the first Sunday of November.

We will miss Pastor Jason Lane as he will be moving to Illinois, but looking forward to a new Pastor who has the same passion and knowledge to share with us. We are blessed to have some gifted Pastors.

*Submitted by Carol Montgomery*



### A Note of Thanks

A big "Thank You" from Harmony Notes and The Mixed Choir to all who attended our end of season concert, "Music In The Air." We enjoyed singing for all of you and performing the songs we had been diligently practicing each week throughout our season. We are so appreciative of your faithful and generous support.

It takes many contributors to make a program a success and we thank each and every one of you who volunteered your time and talent to help us behind the scenes with our program details. We appreciate each one of you.

Special recognition goes to Harmony notes director, Sandy Augsburger; accompanist, Marcia Puckett; coordinator, Ruth Klungle; and The Mixed Choir director, Shirley Ensing; and accompanist, Elayne Matthyse. We know countless hours of your time were spent in helping us sound our best. Thanks to each of you.

Both choirs would be delighted to welcome new members. Our 2024 season has ended, but if you enjoy singing, please consider joining us for our 2025 season. Watch for start dates and times in future Banner issues.

*Submitted by Mary Hoeksema*



## April Theatre Trivia Corner

This month, the Manatee Performing Arts Center will be presenting the Tony Award-winning comedy musical **KISS ME, KATE**. The show runs April 25-May 13.

This is a musical retelling of William Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. In order to get you in the spirit, this month's trivia features other musicals and shows based on the Bard's work. So we thought it would be fun to give you a description of the musical and ask you to name the song about spring and the musical. Subscriptions for our 76th Season are on sale **NOW!**

1. This family-friendly musical is based on Shakespeare's **Hamlet** and features a furry, feathery, and feline cast...
2. **Romeo & Juliet** is the basis for this award-winning show that was the basis for an Academy Award-winning musical two different times.
3. The five-act comedy *Twelfth Night* is transformed into a modern musical featuring a different kind of "king"...
4. This Off-Broadway musical is a comedy unlike the very serious tragedy source material of *Macbeth*. Based on a cult film with the same name, this musical features a killer husband and wife duo who will do whatever it takes to become fast food giants.
5. What is the name of the musical adaptation of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* moves the action to the Wild West following the Civil War? It played in Seattle with Randy Quaid as Falstaff, but failed to make it to The Great White Way.

### Answers

1. The musical is **Disney's The Lion King** written by Elton John and Tim Rice.
2. One of the most beloved musicals of all time is Arthur Laurents, Leonard Bernstein, and Stephen Sondheim's **West Side Story**. What could be better than the creators turning the famous balcony scene in *Romeo & Juliet* to the fire escape scene in "Tonight"?!
3. **All Shook Up** is an Elvis (The King) jukebox musical that premiered on Broadway in 2005 and ran for 213 performances.
4. The tagline for this dark musical comedy was "Revenge is a dish best served with fries." **Scotland, PA** moves the action from medieval Scotland to 1970s Pennsylvania. As the couple's ambitions grow and the bodies fall, they find out just how far they'll go for a taste of the oh-so-tempting American dream.
5. This is the flop musical **Lone Star Love**.

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# Celebrate Our Sunshine State on Earth Day!

Every year on April 22nd, the world comes together to celebrate Earth Day. This year, let's focus on what makes Florida special and how we can keep the Sunshine State sparkling!

Florida boasts some of the most unique ecosystems on the planet, from the vibrant coral reefs teeming with life to the lush Everglades teeming with alligators and birds. These beautiful ecosystems not only provide us with stunning landscapes but also play a crucial role in protecting our coastlines, filtering our water, and supporting a rich tapestry of life.

Here are some ways you can celebrate Earth Day and show your love for Florida:

- **Embrace the Outdoors:** Take a hike through a local nature preserve, spend a day at the beach collecting trash, or volunteer your time for a community clean-up.
- **Plant Native:** Native plants provide vital food and shelter for our local wildlife. Plant a pollinator garden in your yard or support a local organization dedicated to restoring native habitats.
- **Conserve Water:** Florida is naturally prone to droughts. Take shorter showers, fix any leaky faucets, and consider watering your lawn only when necessary.
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** Florida recycles a significant amount of waste, but there's always room for improvement. Reduce your consumption of single-use plastics, find creative ways to reuse items, and recycle diligently.
- **Support Sustainable Businesses:** Many local businesses are committed to eco-friendly practices. Seek out restaurants that use local ingredients, shops that offer sustainable products, and businesses with a commitment to reducing their carbon footprint.

By taking small steps every day, we can make a big difference. Let's celebrate Earth Day by remembering the importance of protecting Florida's natural beauty. Together, we can ensure that future generations can enjoy the sunshine, beaches, and wildlife that make our state so special.

**Looking for Earth Day Events?** Check out the website of your local environmental organizations or parks department for a list of Earth Day celebrations happening near you!



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Golf Lakes resident, Mary Glisson, painted this beautiful Ceramic Celestial Santa, using a technique known as dry-brushing.

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*Photo Submitted by Fran Spraez*





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