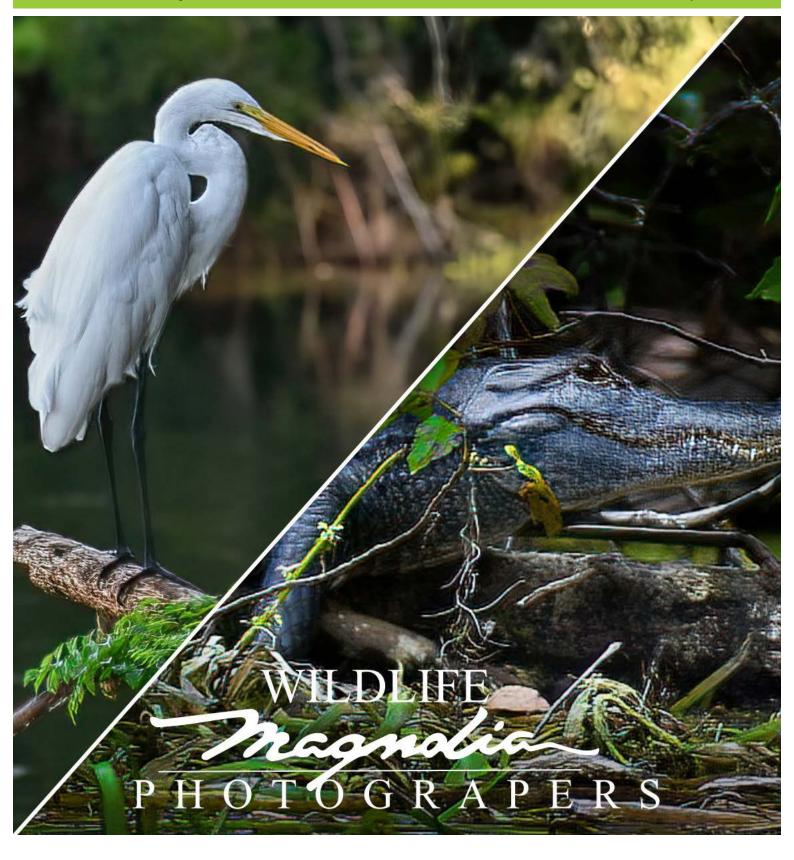


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# Magnolia Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club

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### **MPCA Association Manager**

May Management Services, Inc.	
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### The Magnolia – Publication Policy

The function of The Magnolia is to serve the entire community of Magnolia Point. Priority will be given to reporting the news and activities of the neighborhood, community organizations and events.

Second priority will be given to articles of general interest as space permits. Due to space limitations, articles are subject to to editing.

Deadlines may be found on the Magnolia News website.

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Magnolia Point Community Asso	oc <u>www.MagPt.com</u>
	www.MagnoliaPointGolfClub.com
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### Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club

### Phone Directory: 269-9276

Reservations & Carry Out	Ext 0
Golf Shop & Tee Times	Ext 1
General Manager	Ext 2
The Pub	Ext 3
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### Hours of Operation

Golf Shop	7am - 6pm
Pool	Dawn to Dusk

### **Clubhouse Dining**

The Pub .....Opens 11am Monday-Saturday; Opens: Sunday Morning Breakfast 10-11:30am; Closes: Fri 11pm; Sat 9pm; Sun & Mon 7pm; Tues, Wed, Thur 8pm

### Crystal Dining Room - Reservations Required

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### The Magnolia

### About this Newsletter

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### **Submit Your Stories:**

Help contribute to your neighborhood magazine. If you would like to offer content for publication, here's how to get started:

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### Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club Welcome New Members

Nancy Acosta & Mitchell Oneal Mike & Erica Pollock Kevin Musgrave Charlie Waters & Debra Dixon Ron & Catherine Ozier Khoi Ta Micah & Brandy Weflen Joan Karlson



### **Association News**

Your Board of Directors has agreed to use this column to communicate matters of interest to members of the association monthly. Authorship is rotated among board members.



#### By Bill Nisley, Secretary

Friends and Neighbors - I hope everyone is having a great summer and for those afflicted by COVID or other

health issues, prayers for a full and speedy recovery. As we reach the peak of the hurricane season, we've been fortunate (so far) with ELSA passing to our northwest in early July and FRED making landfall along the panhandle just a week ago. With a few months to go, let's hope for the best.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the community is managed by volunteers who give their time and effort to serve on the Board of Directors and various committees. None are perfect but we all strive to serve you in the best means possible. Constructive criticism is always welcome however, those who go out of their way to publicly harass and at times purposely denigrate our volunteers' efforts are self-serving and do nothing to enhance the unity of effort required to manage our community. For those who are dissatisfied, be a part of the solution.

The Association is now in its third year of owner control and more residents are volunteering. The Board has made significant gains toward providing the community with increased information and through the efforts of the new Strategic Planning Committee, has expanded the use of surveys to discover your long-term desires for new amenities, enhancing the aesthetics of the community and other areas of improvement.

Drainage continues to be a challenge, especially given the above average rainfall this summer. That said, we are making progress and will continue to work on each project to its proper conclusion. We are in the process of identifying locations for road patching in the fall and planning to restock grass carp in a number of ponds in the spring, pending approval of the Board.

As of this writing, we have 1,708 members registered in 808 accounts (unique addresses in Magnolia Point) on our website. Unfortunately, only 27% have accessed the website in the past 30 days. There is a great amount of information on the website (<u>www.magpt.com</u>) to include: meeting minutes; financial statements; committee reports; governing documents; ARC forms; links to city and county resources; and much more.



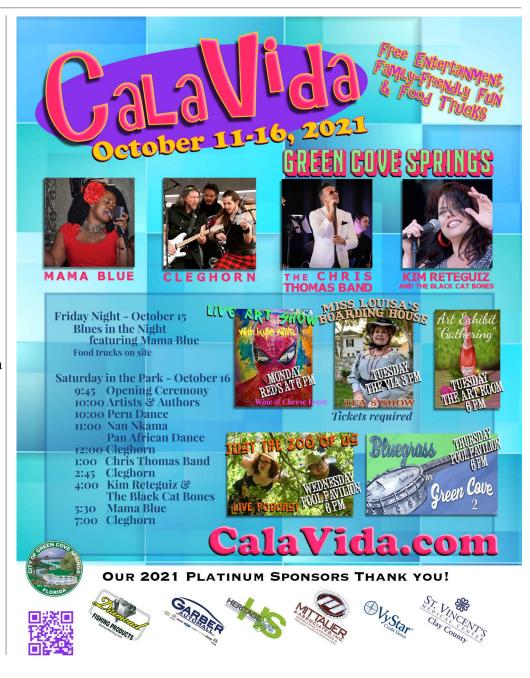
Gates Close at 4:00pm

Residents who participate should display a balloon on your mailbox and the merchandise for sale should be set up in your driveway as close to your garage as possible. Since the sale is open to the public, please monitor the parking in your area.

Our management company is advertising the sale in the Florida Times-Union and Clay Today. Residents are encouraged to place free ads on websites and social media such as Craigslist, NextDoor, Facebook, etc. to advertise what they are selling and include that this is a community-wide sale.

Yard/garage sales are permitted twice a year - on the last Saturday in April and the first Saturday in October.

If you have any questions, email <u>MPCAcommunications@yahoo.com</u>.



### **Events** at the Clubhouse

#### By MPGCC Management

This summer has been full of events for our members! From the multiple pool parties to our annual Penny Dive to kick off the "back to school season," we want YOU to come out and join us. Throughout the summer we host a pool party on every major holiday (i.e.- Memorial Day Pool Party, July 4th Pool Party and our upcoming Labor Day Pool Party – September 6th from 10 am to 5 pm). On August 7th we hosted our annual Penny Dive at 10:30 am with 25 children participating. Our events team threw change into the pool while the children got to dive for money. Afterwards, they went to our "Mini Magnolia Market" to purchase prizes from their dive experience. Then, we served our participants lunch in The Pub. We love to see all the "littles" excited to dive, shop and meet new friends!

Did you know moving into the holidays that we have LOTS of EVENTS? Upcoming, we mentioned our end of summer Labor Day Pool Party. We also have our MAGNAROK event on the first Friday evening of every month. MAGNAROK = our "battle of the gods at Magnolia Point" where we host a friendly competition in pickleball, volleyball, cross net, cornhole & chippo in our newly constructed Activity Zone. For this event you will bring your team (of 3 to 5 players) with an awesome team name and Coach Andrew will be hosting timed rounds and keep score. Winning team will receive THOR'S HAMMER as its prize.

Moving through fall, we will also have our Ball Banging Burger Bash on October 2nd . This tennis social from 11:30 am to 3 pm is going to be a fun filled fall festival. We will have competitions involving tennis, pickleball, volleyball, cross net, cornhole & chippo. We will be cooking burgers and hotdogs in our new "summer kitchen" courtside along with a full cash bar. We would love to see everyone at the Activity Zone.









### Magnolia Point Contract Bridge Club

**Duplicate Bridge** is played on the first Thursday of the month from 3 to 6pm in the Crystal Dining Room. The cost is \$3.00 for prize money and supplies. Contact Roy Gulick if you are interested in playing.

**Social bridge** is played in the dining room the rest of the monthly Thursdays from 3 to 6pm. The cost is \$2.00 for prize money. Contact Joe Thill if you are interested in playing.

All games are friendly and you can sign up with a partner or as a single and be paired up. One prize is paid out for each table, ie if there are four tables, the top four scores win money. Ladies Bridge is on hiatus until October 2021. Barbara Barclay will be sending out an email for those interested in playing or contact Barbara directly by calling 284-1331 or email her at brbarclay@comcast.net

#### Social Bridge, Thurs., July29

- 1. Sondra Costa & Connie Byers
- 2. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
- 3. Marty Essex & Joe Ezzell
- 4. Raquel Dutton & Dottie Lunt
- 5. Jola Greiner & Sharon Murphy
- 6. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill

#### Duplicate Bridge, Thurs., Aug 12

- 1. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex
- 2. Michael & Connie Byers
- Phyllis Boyd & Roy Gulick (t) Jon Bastresss & Joe Thill (t)
- 5. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka

#### Social Bridge, Thurs., Aug 19

- 1. Michael & Connie Byers
- 2. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
- 3. Evie & Joe Ezzell
- 4. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
- 5. Kim Belcher & Sharon Murphy

### **Contacts:**

Social: Joe Thill JoeThill79@gmail.com

Duplicate: Roy Gulick RoyGulick@aol.com



### Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club September 2021 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
The Crystal Dini Happy Hour, Mo	7, 7am - 6pm Dusk : Mon. 11am-7pm, Tue	pm-9pm; Breakfast: Sun. 8a	am-11pm, Sat. 11am-9pm, S am-11:30am	un. Breakfast: 10am-11:	30am; Lunch: 12pm-7pm.	
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5 PUB Breakfast 8-11:30am Lunch/Dinner 11:30am - 7pm	6 PUB 11am - 7pm Happy Hour 4pm – 6pm Labor Day Pool Party!! 10am-5pm	7 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Golf Scramble Register by 3:30pm Starts @ 5:30pm Take-Out Tuesday Men's Tennis Clinic 6:30pm	8 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm Wine Down Wednesday Dinner in the PUB Basics/Beginner Tennis 6pm	9 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm Mixed Doubles Clinic 6pm	10 PUB 11am - 11pm Lunch 11am - 4pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Dinner in the CDR 5pm -9pm Live Music! Mike x Vin 7pm - 10pm	11 PUB 11am - 9pm Pickleball Clinics 9-11am
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Thank you and I look forward to meeting everyone in our Magnolia community. John Cardinell 904-315-4587 Magnolia.Home.Services.Florida@gmail.com



Rules Enforcement Committee (REC) Update



#### By Susan Handline

A few reminders to homeowners:

- Parking anywhere on your property other than the driveway is prohibited. Overnight parking is a violation also. Do not park in the grass (even if it's your grass).
- If you bring your boat or RV into the community and have no visible pass displayed, expect a violation letter. Residents MUST get a pass upon entering the community, it is a rule that will be enforced consistently and rapidly. The 48-hour rule isn't applicable if you don't have a pass. Trailers are subject to the 48-hour rule as well.
- Dogs off leash are not permitted no matter how gentle or well behaved the pet. It is a violation and if a resident chooses not to comply after notification, the violation can result in fines. It is unsafe for the pet due to traffic on the street as well.
- Basketball goals at the street are subject to fines also. The rule is that basketball goals must be stored next to the garage when not in use.
- Garbage cans and recycle bins should be stored where they are unseen from the street.
- Bear in mind that although we have compliance rides performed once weekly by May Management any resident, REC member, or neighbor can (and do) complete a violation notice with photographic evidence which will generate a violation letter to the homeowners.

Please comply with the covenants and rules. It is much more pleasant for everyone as there is no joy in issuing a violation.

Magnolia Point Residents: Bill Autro, Andy Cooper, Charlie King & Susan Mitchell

### **MP Women's Club Update**

By Susan Mitchell



Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game

### From the Social Committee

When the Women's Club meets on **Sep**tember 8th, the program will be "Getting to Know You." How well do you know the other members of the club....your neighbors? You might find out you have more in common with other members than you realize. So, come on out and join us for a fun, interactive program. We can't wait to get to know YOU!!

**Saturday, September 25th** is the date scheduled for our family picnic at Spring Park. Starting at 12 noon, enjoy socializing and eating with other Women's Club members and their families. We have the large pavilion reserved until 4 o'clock. The club will be supplying the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, all the fixings, and drinks. Be watching for an e-mail to let you know if you should bring chips, salad, side, or dessert.

On **Monday, November 15th**, fifty (50) women have signed up and paid to go to Deland, Florida for the Christmas tour of the Stetson Mansion. Be thinking of who you would like to carpool with. At the general meeting on October 13th, we will find out who needs a ride and which cars have room for additional passengers. An email will be sent in early October with all the details, so be expecting it and please read it thoroughly!

### Aug 11 – Mix & Mingle Social

Following the meeting, the Membership Committee provided free wine or soft drinks to members and invited guests. Tables were set up to display various games (Bunco, Hand, Knee & Foot, Mahjong and Euchre.) Members could sign up to learn or play each of the games.



Mike Daniels & Linda Werring

### Aug 11 Meeting/Program

Our guest speaker was Mike Daniels, Planning and Zoning Director for GCS. Along with a slide presentation, he informed us about the Comprehensive Planning Committee that is getting input from the community about the desires for the future of our city. Our member Joanne LaBeouf is on the committee and welcomes any suggestions you have for her to take back to the group.

### Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee will meet on Monday, September 13th to begin its work for the school year 2021-22. The goal is to work on and firm up the online scholarship application so it's available for Clay High Senior girls to access not later than October 15th. If you have any questions, contact Joanne LaBeouf.

### How to join the Women's Club?

If you are interested in joining the women's club, contact our Membership Chairman Jola Greiner at 404-273-0181 or JolaGreiner@msn.com. Our membership application is on our website at <u>www.mpwc.org</u>, under "Info/Forms." To join, you must be a Magnolia Point resident, own property in Magnolia Point or be a member of the country club. Annual dues are \$25 for May 1 through April 30.

Our general meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30pm in the Crystal Dining Room at the Clubhouse.

### Hand, Knee & Foot at the Club



Marsha Parker organizes the monthly Hand, Knee and Foot card game held on the first Wednesday of each month in the dining room of the clubhouse. A signup email is sent out to all members the week before play.

Marsha Parker HKF Coordinator

Players should arrive no later than 9:45am to enjoy

Chef Mike's homemade sweets along with coffee, tea, and water. Play starts at 10:00am and bring \$2.00 for prize money. Lunch at the club follows play and the total cost for the light breakfast and lunch is \$20.00 including tax and tip. August winners in the money included:

- 1. Sharon Murphy, 30,095 pts
- 2. Marlene Jacobs, 29,320 pts
- 3. Jola Greiner, 28,240 pts
- 4. Barbara Szymanski, 27,115 pts
- 5. Marsha Parker, 26,675 pts

#### Welcome New Members

Margaret Acheson Ramona Ferrara Donna Habing Kim Schlosser Diane Spradley Debra Starling 9 SEPTEMBER 2021



### **Tennis Court Report**

By Coach Andrew Blackner

### Have you ever wondered where tennis originated? Let's begin a history lesson:\*

The Medieval form of tennis is termed as real tennis, a game that evolved over three centuries, from an earlier ball game played around the 12th century in France which involved hitting a ball with a bare hand and later with a glove. By the 16th century, the glove had become a racket, the game had moved to an enclosed playing area, and the rules had stabilized. Real tennis spread in popularity throughout royalty in Europe, reaching its peak in the 16th century.

### A Royal Sport

In 1437 at the Blackfriars, Perth, the playing of tennis indirectly led to the death of King James I of Scotland, when the drain outlet, through which he hoped to escape assassins, had been blocked to prevent the loss of tennis balls. James was trapped and killed.

Francis I of France (1515–1547) was an enthusiastic player and promoter of real tennis, building courts and encouraging play among the courtiers and commoners. His successor Henry II (1547–59) was also an excellent player and continued the royal French tradition. In 1555 an Italian priest, Antonio Scaino da Salothe, wrote the first known book about tennis, Trattato del Giuoco della Palla. Two French kings died from tennis related episodes—Louis X of a severe chill after playing and Charles VIII after hitting his head during a game. King Charles IX granted a constitution to the Corporation of Tennis Professionals in 1571, creating the first pro tennis 'tour,' establishing three professional levels: apprentice, associate, and master. A professional named Forbet wrote and published the first codification of the rules in 1599.

Royal interest in England began with Henry V (1413–22). Henry VIII (1509–47) made the biggest impact as a young monarch; playing the game with gusto at Hampton Court on a court he built in 1530. It is believed that his second wife Anne Boleyn was watching a game when she was arrested, and that Henry was playing when news of her execution arrived. During the reign of James, I (1603–25), London had 14 courts.

The game thrived among the 17th-century nobility in France, Spain, Italy, and in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, but suffered under English Puritanism. By the Age of Napoleon, the royal







families of Europe were besieged, and real tennis was largely abandoned. Real tennis played a minor role in the history of the French Revolution, through the Tennis Court Oath, a pledge signed by French deputies on a real tennis court, which formed a decisive early step in starting the revolution.

Now that we know where tennis originated, come out and try this incredible sport!

\*"History of Tennis." Wikipedia, Wikimedia Foundation, 1 August 2021, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\_of\_tennis.

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### **Ladies Nine Hole Golf League**

By Sandy Waldrup

#### New Season Starts/ Upcoming September Schedule

And just like that, our season begins on Thursday, September 9! Where did the summer go? September will see a mix of individual and team games, as we ease back into the routine of Thursday golf!

Sept 9 – Individual Game Day Sept 16 – Las Vegas Shamble Sept 23 – Individual Game Day Sept 30 - Flags

#### 2021-22 Officers and Committee Chairs

The officers and committee chairs for the upcoming year include:

President	Carol Webb
Vice President	Janine O'Connor
Secretary	Val Flemming
Treasurer	Marian Zanetti
Past President	Susan Mitchell
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Membership	Janine O'Connor
Play Day	Sandy Waldrup
Rules/Handicap	Donna Hirsch
<b>Ringers/Birdies</b>	Barbara Barclay
Historian	Ursula Hundt
Sunshine	Sandy Waldrup
Communication	Susan Mitchell
Holiday Scramble	Susan Mitchell/
	Sandy Waldrup
Jack & Jill	Val Flemming

#### Marian Zanetti 2020-21 Most Improved Golfer

One of the last recognitions from the golf season that ended in May was awarding the Most Improved Golfer (MIG) to Taunya Vise. Congratulations, Taunya! The MIG is determined using the formula developed by the



Taunya Vise Most Improved Golfer

USGA. Each golfer's beginning and ending handicap index from the season is recorded, then "6" is added to each to get a Value A and Value B. The 2 values are then divided, carrying out the sum to 3 decimal places, giving each golfer an improvement factor. Only 4 golfers actually "improved" last year: Taunya, Susan Mitchell, Sharon Sprott and Sandy Waldrup. We will aim to do better this season!

### Membership

Our scheduled 2021-22 league play will begin again after Labor Day in September. Dues are \$30 for the season, with \$5 earmarked for ringer prize money. We welcome all female players with a handicap; although you can begin play without a handicap, playing to a maximum handicap voted on by league members, while working to establish one. No golf membership is required.

We play each Thursday, rotating between the front and the back courses. We guarantee a sense of camaraderie with our ladies and an atmosphere of support to each player no matter her skill level. Please contact Janine O'Connor, our Membership Chair, with any questions.



### "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

-Albert Camus





Story, cover design and graphics by Dave Petraglia

At one point, while admiring a particular photo or a scene we think is worthy, we picture ourselves taking the shot we're sure will take the world's breath away.



And we each have more than enough technology in the camera in our pocket or handbag to do a decent job.

It's hard work, but really not for everyone. Fortunately, we have some talented photographers who call Magnolia Point home, whose specialty in wildlife captures stuns us regularly on NextDoor (and Instagram): Becky Hinson and Tony & Brenda Frey.

All three share the same dedication and prodigious output. All three are

passionate about chronicling the remarkable sights around us. All go to great lengths to wait out or stalk that right shot.

They endure bug bites, sunburn, wildlife run-ins, traffic jams, blown shots, dead batteries, downpours, dusty lenses, wet lenses, busy boat ramps here or there. And all worth it for just that one shot.

Becky Hinson showcases a behavioral style. Her method catches wildlife preoccupied with the business of being wild: egrets fishing, herons bathing, alligators eating, many in stunning stopaction poses.

Tony and Brenda Frey's signature is an intimate technique, so many of their shots made up close, the subject almost always looking into the lens. This owing to their method of ghosting up on subjects in their canoe, catching them sometimes at rest, sometimes wary of these visitors to their doorstep.

Tony started the family with a Yashica film camera, years ago.







Becky picked up her first camera in December 2019. Together, Becky and the Freys have accumulated nearly 100,000 photos in their efforts.

On average, Becky spends 3 hours a day looking for that perfect shot. "I walk 7 miles through the neighborhood every morning. I'm known as the camera lady to those that don't know my name." After her walk, she sits by the lake



**Becky Hinson** 

behind her house and photographs the wading birds, fish, turtles and the (now nearly famous) alligator.

The Freys spend at least two days a month on the road. They joined their passion for canoeing and exploring with photography and take most of their pictures afloat. They range far and wide: Trout Creek, Silver River, Black Creek, Governor's Creek, Belmore State Forest, Big Shoals State Park, Gold Head Branch State Park. Of course, like Becky, they have stunning pond views right out their back door, and Tony's sunsets are a regular favorite on NextDoor.

Tony & Brenda swap places periodically in the front seat of the canoe, sharing a Nikon D3400 with a 50 to 300mm lens. Incredibly, Becky uses a Nikon D3500 camera with a 70 to 300mm lens. Astonishing, as they had no prior knowledge of each other's preferences.

Neither Becky or the Freys 'process' their shots afterwards, but for the occasional cropping or straightening.

None have gotten used to the compliments and accolades heaped upon them for their work. They, too, have memories worth a lifetime.



Brenda Frey and Tony Frey



For Becky, "That would be the day a tiny fawn walked right out of the woods and stood there with the perfect pose. I could've touched his nose. He walked out of the woods and ran around me, looking at me with those big brown eyes. I eventually chased him back into the woods before his mom had the chance to see me. I'll never forget it."

Gliding along Governor's Creek recently, Brenda Frey was stretched out in the canoe enjoying the ride, one hand dangling over the gunwale. Tony looked alongside, and there was a 3-foot 'gator keeping pace with the boat, just inches below Brenda's hand, with an inquiring eye. He recalls

dryly, "You could say he got our attention!"

What is the one shot they all wished they'd never missed? Tony regrets the Manatees regularly get away: "Their heads clear the water so quick; I'm always caught with my lens cap on." And then there was one memorable Black Bear in Georgia. "Close," he said. Taking pictures was not in the plan.

The shot Becky wished she'd never missed was the bald eagle that flew into her yard, intent on a black-bellied whistling duckling. She was hoping for a picture of him diving into the lake. Instead, she threw down the camera and chased him away. "As much as I wanted that photo, I didn't want to lose that baby duck."

Besides the passion and dedication to capturing all of wildlife in natural habitats, and the remarkable coincidence of matching gear, they share the nearly identical dream of a 'must have' shot: a raptor diving on prey in water. For Becky, it's an osprey, for Tony & Brenda, a bald eagle.

We can't wait.











### **Boutique Canceled**

#### By Susan Mitchell

The Holiday Boutique scheduled for October 25th has been canceled. After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the Magnolia Point Women's Club felt this was necessary due to the COVID-19 delta variant.



The MPWC has contracted Sullivan Hall for two additional dates in 2022 as follows:

#### Monday, May 2, 2022 and Friday, Nov. 22, 2022

A final decision on the May 2nd date will be made the first week of January. If you have any questions, please email <u>MPWomensClub@aol.com</u>.

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## NIGHT

### SMORES



### 18 Hole Ladies Golf League By Ann Burden

Jacksonville Area Summer Team Play ended the 2021 season on Monday, August 16, with our annual Pro Lady Tournament. This year the host was The Palencia Club. They did a great job under difficult conditions. Our rainy weather has been hard on all the area courses this summer and Palencia was no exception. We played lift, clean and place in the fairways and cart path only on many holes which added a little cardio workout to the day. The good news was we got to play the round almost without getting wet. Just a brief shower while we played but just as all of us were in the clubhouse getting ready to enjoy a lovely lunch, the skies opened. Very lucky!

There were 22 area clubs competing in foursomes of 3 amateurs and 1 pro. The format was 2 best net balls. The top seven teams were: TPC Sawgrass 133, The Plantation 134, San Jose CC 135, Sawgrass CC 135, Jacksonville Beach 136, Ponte Vedra Inn and Club 137, Golf Club at South Hampton 138. Our foursome of **Teresa Barrett**, **Joanne Montzka, Ann Burden** and **Dave Mack** didn't place but we had a great time and Dave won cash and prizes in a separate competition for pros. Congratulations, Dave. It was a pleasure playing with you!

Our regular season starts on Thursday, September 2. Tournament Chair Fran Kinney has a game called Irish Rumble scheduled for our kickoff. This will be followed by lunch and a meeting. If



Ann Burden, Joanne Montzka, Teresa Barrett & Dave Mack at Pro Lady Tournament

you are interested in joining our group for some fun and friendly competition, contact Joe Porfidio in the Pro Shop. The dues are \$35/ season plus \$5 for the game of the week and a USGA handicap of no more than 36.







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