

Meet Our Clubhouse Chefs

By Mikayla Lee

With many additions to our lunch and dinner menu, the Club would like to introduce you to our staff of wonderful chefs.

Executive Chef Michael Meeks

comes from a long family line of cooks & Chefs. Starting his career as his mother’s dishwasher at the Holiday Inn here in Orange Park where he learned how to run a kitchen from the ground up. After serving a mission for his church, he found himself in Portland Oregon. This is where he decided to turn his passion for cooking into a career by enrolling in The Oregon Culinary Institute, Le Cordon Bleu cooking school. After school, he was able to cook with some of the best Chefs in the Pacific Northwest! After honing his skills, he was made an Executive Chef at Alforno’s in Downtown Portland. Eventually making his way to Executive Chef of The World Trade Club. He found himself cooking for international dignitaries and stage & screen stars. With all the hustle and bustle of the big city he decided to move his young family to the beautiful Oregon Coast. This is where he mastered his technique of cooking seafood, utilizing the fresh seafood, and incorporating local fruits and vegetables to expand his dishes.

Family is one of the most important things for Chef Mike. When his parents moved back to Florida he had to follow! Arriving with no prospects before coming to the Sunshine State, he was offered the first job he applied for. He became the Executive Sous Chef at the Omni Jacksonville. This is where he would spend his first 8 years in Florida. Wanting to run his own kitchen again he became the Executive Chef for the Double Tree Hilton next to the Jacksonville Airport. After receiving rave reviews in local magazines, Jacksonville learned they had a great new chef in town. He has been blessed with so many opportunities along his

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Our Chefs
 (from L to R)
 Jamie Meeks,
 Michael Meeks,
 Darren Martin,
 Juha Heino,
 James Vann



Community Association

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If you are interested in volunteering on any of these committees, contact Bill Nisley – secretary@magpt.com

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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 editing.

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Golf & Country Club	
Ladies Golf Association	www.mplga.com
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Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club

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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

Sunday Breakfast	8-11:30 am
Friday Night Dinner	5-9pm
Call for Reservations and Carry-Out.....	904-269-9276 x 0

The Magnolia

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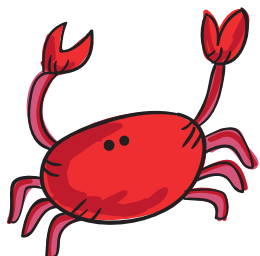
"Mission Magnolia"

This month we are collecting items for the "Cagle Store" at local school, Charles E. Bennett. All items will be given to MPWC to add to their donations and continued support of CEB.

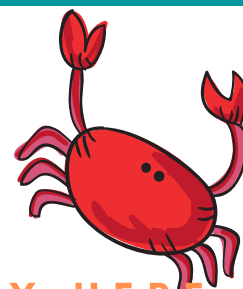
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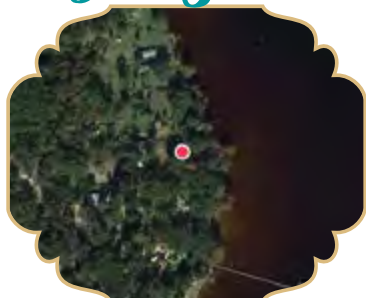


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Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club

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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 John Lochner, Treasurer

It is time to consider the use of your money again. And it is time to determine the amount of the 2022

assessments. Each year, near the end of summer, we assemble information and estimate appropriate and required spending for the upcoming year. Upon assembly of the Budget, it is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. This will most likely happen at the November 8th board meeting. You can view the 2021 Budget and current year-to-date comparative revenues and expenses, as well as accumulated funds on the financial sections of the Magnolia Point web site, www.magpt.com.

If you have not registered on our website or have not given our association your current email address and permission to communicate with you via email, we urge you to contact our Community Association Manager (CAM), Mary Marchiano, at 904-940-1002, extension 323, and please do so. Receiving association emails will keep you better informed and help to prevent unnecessary mail spending.

Some major factors that I perceive might increase Operating Fund spending, and may necessitate increased quarterly assessments for 2022, are the mandatory minimum wage requirements that could result in increased service costs to us in our Administrative Services accounts, the Gate Controlled Access Security Contract, pond maintenance, and utilities.

Then, I would expect possible contract cost increases in the areas of Management Fees from our community association management company, meeting room costs, landscaping costs from our community landscaping and irrigation company, any increase in the Club Use Fee under the Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club Agreement, which provides for the use of facilities at the Club excluding the golf course, which might be recommended by the Club Liaison Committee, and of course, general inflationary costs of various goods and services.

Then, the Board and CAM must look at the Reserve Fund cash, which is primarily accumulated to provide that cash be available to fund longer term community

spending for infrastructure such as roads, stormwater drainage, and waterways (retention ponds), trees, common areas, etc. It seems that some action is likely to increase this reserve by funds transferred from Operating Funds or assessments increase.

Primarily our CAM, President, and Treasurer may contact Board members, Standing Committees, vendors and suppliers in the attempt to best project 2022 costs. In the event that you feel motivated to provide your input to spending and assessments, now would be the time to contact these people with your suggestions.

At this time, I would like to note that in the past couple of years, since the resident Board Members have taken control of our Association's revenues and expenses, spending has been reduced in many areas such as accounting, management fees, common area maintenance costs, and gate guard security costs. This has enabled us not to have regular assessment increases since the beginning of 2018. Now, the opportunities for reduced spending are very limited. One that has been discussed is the Tower Park area on Route 17 by Harbor Road, but thus far, there seems not to be a community consensus regarding the maintenance, beautification or disposition of this Association asset.

Primary accounts and amounts to focus

on in the 2022 Budget and 2021 actual include:

- Assessments Revenue - primarily billed as \$345.14 for four (4) quarters (January, April, July, and October) for 966 homesites.
- Replacement Fund Transfers - \$21,000 transferred monthly from the Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund.
- Management Fees - \$8,114 monthly to the HOA management company under the annual agreement with annual increases.
- Club Use Fees including Red Nine - Monthly use fees, per home site, under the contract with Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club; currently \$37 per site per month.
- Security Contract - Current contract with guard service based on required hours; currently averaging about \$15,600 per month.
- Landscape Contract - primarily cutting trimming, edging, etc. for the community's common areas under contract for \$5,852 monthly.
- The above 5 transfer and cost categories account for about 78 percent of the monthly assessments.

We encourage you to review the financial activity in our community by accessing the "Financial information on our Association's web site. And I thank those of you who are able to attend monthly Board Meetings in our Clubhouse Dining Room as graciously provided to us by the Rothfels, our resident Club owners.

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From our Golf Pro



By Joe Porfidio

GOLF TIP

Last month I shared a tip from Manuel de la Tore. As I related, he emphasized swinging the golf club with control and balance.

So this month, let me add two more of his instructional pointers:

1. For Manuel, all good golf swings begin with a grip where the two hands face each other as they wrap around the handle of the golf club. As you wrap your hands around the club, be sure to grip without choking the life out of it. Remember, the golf club is your friend, not your enemy.
2. All good golf swings incorporate a balance between a relaxed and athletic stance, with slightly flexed knees and arms that hang without tension. From this setup, golfers can generate a smooth swing with a consistent tempo.

Hopefully, these tips help you the next time you tee it up.

TUESDAY NIGHT SCRAMBLE

Last week, we finished our fourth month of Tuesday Night Scrambles. Between 12 and 18 four-man teams have competed for



MGA Tournament Winners
David Mack & Jon Love

weekly cash prizes and skins. Tuesday, July 20th, 72 players came ready to play for a \$360 cash purse and a skin package worth \$1600. With that said, the team of Dave Mack, Justin Knapp, Danny Hamilton, and Joe Porfidio eagled hole number 9 for the "lone" skin. Congratulations, guys!

MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

July has been a big month for the Men's Golf Association, as our MGA has grown to 43 men, and we held two tournaments. On Saturday, July 10th, twenty-eight

men signed up to play the two-man best ball, and on Saturday, July 24th fifteen men played in an individual stroke play tournament. Everyone played for cash prizes and a year-end cash payout based on individual points accumulated from each event. July's winners are listed below, and the current point standings of the top five golfers.

Two-Man Best Ball Winners:

- 1st Place: Jon Love & Dave Mack (64) - \$40 each
 2nd Place: Gary Hoagland & Rannel Westberry (65) - \$30 each
 3rd Place: Tommy Lambert & Danny Hamilton (65) - \$20 each
 4th Place: Al Herndon & Walter Diggs (66) - \$15 each

Individual Stroke Play Winners

- 1st Place: Jon Love (73) - \$30
 2nd Place: Buddy Brown (73) - \$25
 3rd Place: James Tripp (73) - \$20

YTD Point Standings:

Jon Love 52; Dave Mack 47; Rannel Westberry 44; Buddy Brown 44; Gary Hoagland 43; Tommy Lambert 41; James Tripp 41; Bill Nisely 40; Al Herndon 47; Scott Collins 31



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.

Both games are friendly and you can sign up with a partner or as a single and be

paired up. Ladies Bridge is on hiatus until October 2021. If someone would like to take over organizing it, contact Barbara Barclay at brbarclay@comcast.net

Social Bridge, Thurs., June 25

1. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
2. Jim Cardozo & Marsha Parker
3. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex
4. Racquel Dutton & Dottie Lunt

Duplicate Bridge, Thurs., July 1

1. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
2. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex
3. Phyllis Boyd & Roy Gulick
4. Jola Greiner & Brad Lucas
5. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka

Social Bridge, Thurs., July 8

1. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka
2. Sondra Costa & Alice Lodge
3. Cindy Jennings & Carol Struder
4. Phyllis Boyd & Roy Gulick
5. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill

Social Bridge, Thurs., July 15

1. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex
2. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka
3. Brad Lucas & Susan Mitchell

Social Bridge, Thurs., July 22

1. Phyllis Boyd & Roy Gulick
2. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka
3. Raquel Dutton & Dottie Lunt
4. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
5. Kim Belcher & Sharon Murphy

Contacts:

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JoeThill79@gmail.com

Duplicate: Roy Gulick
RoyGulick@aol.com

Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club

August 2021 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Clubhouse Hours Golf Shop: Daily, 7am - 6pm Pool: Dawn till Dusk Dining: The Pub Mon. 11am-7pm, Tues.-Thurs. 11am-8pm, Fri. 11am-11pm, Sat. 11am-9pm, Sun. Breakfast 10am-11:30am Lunch 12pm-7pm. The Crystal Dining Room Dinner Fri. 5pm-9pm, Breakfast Sun. 8am-11:30am Happy Hour, Mon. - Fri., 4 - 6pm. (904)269-9276 x 0 for reservations & carry-out						
1 PUB 11am - 7pm CDR Breakfast 8-11:30am	2 PUB 11am - 7pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm	3 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Golf Scramble Register by 3:30pm Starts @ 5:30pm Take-Out Tuesday	4 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm Wine Down Wednesday Dinner in the PUB	5 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm Ladies Wine Down Golf Clinic	6 PUB 11am - 11pm Lunch 11am - 4pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Dinner in the CDR 5pm -9pm Live Music! Echelon Duo 7pm - 10pm Magnarök Event 6:30-8pm	7 PUB 11am - 9pm Penny Dive @10:30AM Pickleball Clinics 9am-10am Beginners 10am-11am Advanced
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Meet Our Chefs

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career. His biggest blessing was finding Magnolia Point!! It became a blessing that he would share with his family as his wife and both of his daughters were able to join him. Always showing his love through his cooking, he strives to make his culinary dishes a delectable experience.

Sous Chef Juha Heino graduated from Salo Culinary Institute in 1983 and mastered Finnish cuisine to include seafood and game. Juha has been at Magnolia Point since November 2020, prior to being with us; he worked at The Commodore in Beverly, Massachusetts, Michael's Harborside in Newburyport, and Ipswich Country Club & Adelynrood Retreat Center. Juha loves to cook and make people happy.

Sous Chef Darren Martin was born in Baltimore, Maryland and at the age of 14 started his culinary career working as a cook at a local upscale restaurant. He attended Johnson and Wales University in Charleston, South Carolina and while studying, he worked at the historical Vendue Inn. Upon graduation, he moved back to Baltimore and gained 7 years'



fine dining experience as a Sous Chef for the Country Fare Restaurant Group. He decided it was time to go back to Charleston and worked as the Executive Sous Chef at Wild Dunes Resort and then Chef De Cuisine at the Daniel Island Club. Eleven years later, Darren and his family moved to Florida and he became part of the Magnolia Point Country Club family in late February.

Sous Chef James Vann was born and raised in Clay County. A graduate of Middleburg High School, he started working in his first restaurant at the age of 18, just after completing his senior year. After working in several local seafood and BBQ restaurants, he developed a passion for cooking. Currently at the age of 23, he has been a chef at Magnolia Point for one year now and is continuing to grow his skill set everyday from the help of his talented coworkers. Outside of the kitchen, James enjoys spending time with his wife and



kids, watching his favorite TV show, "the Office" or playing the video game, "World of Warcraft".

Kitchen Assistant Jamie Meeks, following in her family's footsteps she has found a passion for the culinary arts. In the beginning she started as a dishwasher for Magnolia Point but now has moved up the ranks. Listening and learning from those around her she has developed good fundamental techniques. She enjoys making the desserts for the Magnolia Point Menu. Her favorite is Sushi Night for Wine Down Wednesday. This is where she gets to share her creative side. At just 17 years old, she looks forward to the future and the next adventure.



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MP Women's Club Update

By Susan Mitchell

6 AUGUST 2021



Nancy Catudal, Speaker Kim Miller, Melody Johnson

August 11 – General Meeting

You will not want to miss the August 11th general meeting at 3:30 in the Clubhouse Dining Room. Our guest speaker will be Mike Daniels, Planning and Zoning Director for GCS and he will discuss the growth occurring in our area and how the city is responding. Members may invite spouses and guests and they should arrive no later than 4:00pm.

August 11 – Mix & Mingle Social

Following the meeting, the Membership Committee will provide free drinks (wine or soft drink) to members and invited guests. All other guests who attend the program are welcome to stay and join us but will have to purchase their own beverages.

Self Defense for Women

A big thank you to Ret. Sgt. Kim Miller of the GCS Police Department for giving us tips on

how to stay safe. Kim provided a lot of good and simple ways to protect ourselves while shopping and in parking lots.

Who did what?

If you missed the June meeting and didn't know the answers to who did what on the Board, here are the answers:

Who dated Bruce Jenner in college?

Lorna Broughton

Who is a licensed bingo caller?

Debbie Shvetzov

Who shouted "Good Morning America?"

Susan Mitchell

Who was struck by lightning?

Norma Chao

Who was named for Duchess of Bourbon?

Suzanne Foster

Who graduated from high school at 15?

Brenda Frey

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 email Jola at JolaGreiner@msn.com. Our membership application is on our web-site at www.mpwc.org, 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.

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 \$16.00 including tax and tip.

Recruiting Tax Prep Volunteers

By Arvid Nelson

We are now recruiting volunteers to work with Tax-Aide for the up-coming tax season. We offer free in-person and online tax preparation and assistance to low- and moderate-income taxpayers nationwide. In addition to tax preparation help, volunteers can serve as client facilitators and providers of technical and management assistance. Every level of experience is welcome.

Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification. Our training will be conducted locally, but

our training material is generated by our National Technical Training Committee. We used to do our training in a classroom, but the last two years we have implemented virtual training.

We do offer students a local mentor they can contact for any assistance. To learn about our volunteer opportunities, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call (888) 687-2277. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in coordination with the IRS.

We are recruiting volunteers to work with us from February 1 - April 15, 2022. Normally we work at the Senior Center in



Green Cove Springs, the Fleming Island Public Library and four other local sites. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (904) 385-0766.



Tennis Court Report

By Director Andrew Blackner, RS, HTP, PBP (360) 742-6261

Want to achieve a more healthy and active lifestyle?

A study by Oxford University, and researchers in Finland and Australia, followed more than 80,000 adults aged 30 and over in England and Scotland for an average of nine years to find out if certain sports protected them against early death. It found that people who played racquet sports regularly were the least likely to die over the study period, reducing their individual risk by 47% compared with people who did no exercise. Yet running appeared to have no impact

at all on dying early, and neither did playing soccer or rugby. When the team looked just at the risk of death from cardiovascular disease, they found that swimming reduced the risk by 41%, racquet sports by 56% and aerobics by 36%.

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Magnolia Bags



Cozies for Microwave Dishes



Magnolia Aprons

October 25 – Annual Holiday Boutique

By Susan Mitchell



The Women's Club Annual Arts & Crafts Holiday Boutique returns on Monday, October 25th at Sullivan Hall at

the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Fleming Island. The event hours are 10:00am until 4:00pm.

Many vendors are anxious to attend festivals this year after having to sit out for the year during COVID-19. Visitors can look forward to many returning vendors as well as some new and exciting vendors. Food trucks will be available onsite for lunch and snacks.

The women's club will have a table along with Kim Belcher selling the items shown here and priced as follows:

Magnolia Bags	\$10	Individual Cozies:	
Magnolia Aprons	\$15	Extra Small	\$10
Cozies for your Microwave Dishes:		Small	\$15
Set of 4 Cozies (XS, S, M, L)	\$50	Medium	\$20
Set of 3 Cozies (no XS)	\$45	Large	\$25

Chairmen Anne Bastress and Mary Kendall are busy planning the event along with their committee chairmen:

Volunteers	Glenda Harden, Kim Belcher
Publicity	Sandy Waldrup
Raffle/Silent Auction	Jenny Hartwig, Ginny Walden
Online Donations	Coral Nettuno
Vendors	Resa Reed
Food Trucks	Jenny Hartwig, Cheryle Newman
Raffle Basket Ticket Sales	Kathie Cardon, Jaci Shields

We hope to see many Magnolia ladies attending one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. It's going to be great. If you have any questions, email mpwomensclub@aol.com.



Who graduated on May 20, 2021?

By Lynn Vernon

Our Kans4K9s sponsored service dog "Kane" graduated with his Warrior Jacob . . . that's who!!!

There is not much we are allowed to know about Jacob, only that he is an Army veteran and Kane will be his 2nd service dog. Everything else about Jacob is private. But for Jacob, Kane and the Kans4K9s donors who attended the graduation ceremonies, it was a very special evening.

I am the founder of Kans4K9s, but was unfortunately out of town and unable to attend the long anticipated graduation of the Kan's sponsored service dog. But four other special ladies did attend. The road to sponsoring Kane was a long one that involved raising the \$25K to sponsor a dog (3 years) and the 18 months on the waitlist after earning the money. But that's nothing

really, when we think of the agonizing wait our warriors have when hoping for a service dog of their own. Prior to Covid-19, it was about a 2-year waitlist for a veteran

coming to K9s For Warriors, but post Covid it has risen to 4 years. Much too long a wait when your life is a nightmare, and your family life is in crisis.

Kane's graduation was attended by four longtime Kan donors and one was Carrie Cardascia, Magnolia Point resident and MP Koordinator for many years. Kans has been blessed by aluminum beverage can donations for about six years, averaging more than 125 lbs/month by MP residents. So be proud of your contribution towards helping to change the life of this our deserving military member. And in case you didn't know, Kane was a name submitted and then voted the winner by several Kans donors themselves!! Though not realizing it prior to voting, Kane means "warrior" in the Celtic language.

Graduation night, Jacob also received an amazing handmade patriotic quilt, called a Quilt of Valor. The quilt maker, one of the four ladies, is a Kans donor and was very grateful to be there to present it to him



Kane & Jacob accept their diploma



Jacob accepts Quilt of Honor from Marty Smith of Eagle Harbor

personally.

I thank each of you who has contributed aluminum beverage cans for the benefit of the 660 warrior graduates prior to Jacob and the many warriors yet to come. You made Kane possible.....and looking to a brighter future..... K9s for Warriors hopes to begin construction on a Mega Kennel off Phillips Highway in Jacksonville late this year. It will be able to house and train over 200 dogs

at a time, so let's drink up and continue to recycle the aluminum cans that will help make this possible!

Aluminum can donation boxes are available at both the front and the back exits. Clean cans are greatly appreciated. And, if you are able to crush them, we can deliver more cans on each delivery to the recycling place.



Ladies Nine Hole Golf League

By Sandy Waldrup

Summer Play

A few players consistently took advantage of the tee times on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June, although play has dwindled in July. Several left for their travels, the rain is causing the course to be extremely wet, and there are still players out with injuries who normally play during the summer months



Ringer Winners

Sandy Waldrup (Flt 1, Blue Course); Taunya Vise (Flt 2, White Course), Marsha Parker (Flt 1, White Course)

Ringer Awards

The 2020-21 golf season ended officially in May. In addition to the Club championship and Stableford team competition, the league also handed out ringer awards.

"Ringers" is an individual competition that starts in November. After the first play date, a "scorecard" for each player is created and her score by hole from that day is recorded, depending on which course was played. Throughout the season, the golfer's "card" is compared with her day's score. Anytime a golfer has scored better



Ringer Winner

Janine O'Connor
(Flt 2, Blue Course)

on any one hole than the recorded score, the new score for that hole is entered. At the end of the season, the scorecard is tallied and the golfers in Flight 1 and Flight 2 with the lowest score on the White and Blue course are the "ringer" champions. It sounds complicated, but it is really just a way of trying to better your score on a hole each time you play.

Many thanks go to Leslie Gulick, who has been the Ringers Chair for many, many years before retiring at the end of this past season! The ringers awards for last season were as follows:

Flight 1/White Course 1st Place - Marsha Parker (42)

Flight 1/Blue Course, 1st Place - Sandy Waldrup (43)

Flight 2/White Course. 1st Place - Taunya Vise (46)

Flight 2/Blue Course 1st Place - Janine O'Connor (48)

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.



Golf Special Olympics at Magnolia

Magnolia Point has generously offered its course for Special Olympics Golf on Monday nights the past four years. Our new season begins on Monday, August 9th at 6:30pm. and runs till October 31st.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering or would like additional information, please call or text Cindy Triay at 904-517-2877. You do not need to be a golfer to be a volunteer.



Two Teams Tied in Holiday Movie Trivia Contest

Melody Johnson, Eloise Burman, Anne Bastress, Mary Kendall, Suzanne Foster, Diane Lang, Nancy Catudal, Marguerite Martin, Kim Belcher, Dee Pratt, Marlene Jacobs

MPWC Celebrates Christmas in July

By Linda Werring

Although it is not December, the spirit of Christmas filled the Activity Center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church when members of the Magnolia Point Women's Club got together on Sunday, July 25th.

Many attendees donned holiday attire, from Santa hats, holiday themed shirts and jewelry, with Anne Bastress being declared "Best Holiday Dressed" member. Christmas music was playing, we ate Christmas cookies and other goodies, and had fun looking and bidding on items members donated to the event.

In a game of "name a Christmas or Holiday song" Jola Greiner was the last woman standing when it came to thinking of one not already mentioned. Many, many holiday songs have been

written over the years, but it's hard to think of any (bold) when you're asked to name one that hasn't just been mentioned already. Congratulations, Jola!

As a whole, members are pretty knowledgeable about holiday movies and lyrics to songs, but nobody knew the first line of the song **White Christmas** "The sun is shining, the grass is green, the orange and palm trees sway."

The Social Committee of the Women's Club would like to thank the generosity of everyone that donated an item or two for our silent auction and prize table. Lots of very nice items were available for prizes for our game winners.

Members thanked the Social Committee for organizing this fun event: Nancy Catudal, Melody Johnson, Debbie Shvetzov and myself, Chairman Linda Werring.



Social Committee Gnome Linda Werring, Nancy Catudal, Debbie Shvetzov, Melody Johnson



Anne Bastress, **Best Holiday Dress** & the Gnome



Jola Greiner, **Last Woman Standing in Naming a Holiday Song**



Dee Pratt, Anne Bastress, Marlene Jacobs, Mary Kendall, Patricia Nisley, Eloise Burman, Pat Jolly

18 Hole Ladies Golf League By Ann Burden

For most of the year the Magnolia Point Golf Course is a wonderful place to play, enjoy the scenery, the wildlife, and cool breezes. Not true for the dog days of summer. That's why our **Magnolia Point Ladies Golf Association** season runs from September through May. Some diehard golfers do brave the heat and humidity and more power to them! When I brave the elements in August, I can't wait to get indoors or dive into a pool.



Jeanne Gorman,
President



Fran Kinney
Tournament
Chair

The good news is September is almost here and our MPLGA leaders have planned a fun-filled golf season for us. Here is a preview from our incoming President **Jeanne Gorman** and our new Tournament Chair **Fran Kinney**. First a few words from Jeanne:

The MPLGA 21-22 season will tee off in a few weeks. This year's brave volunteers are Vice Presi-

dent **Barbara Shinn**, Secretary **Connie Manning**, Treasurer **Sue Tucker**, Tournament Chair **Fran Kinney** and Past President **Ann Burden**.

We are looking forward to having a fun-filled, low-scoring (LOL)

year. There will be some tried and true games and some new and improved competitions. Most will be tailored to having fun with your teammates and enjoying each other's company for 4 hours!!!

As always STAY SAFE and HIT THEM STRAIGHT!

And here's a look at what Fran has planned for us:

This season's schedule is packed full of fun golf and will include team and individual golf games. It will take place every Thursday morning at Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club starting September 2. **Team Stableford** as well as COD (carts, others, drivers) will be our biggest hits this coming year along with many other fun games. There's even a couple's event, **Jack and Jill**, so you and your husband/partner can play together. Along with the MPLGA golf events, there are interclub and invitational events available all year long around the Jacksonville area as far north as Amelia Island and as far south as Palm Coast. These events are available to the women's area golf association members, so dust off your golf clubs and come and play golf with the **Magnolia Point Ladies Golf Association!** Enjoy fun, camaraderie and a chance to meet your neighbors on the course. Another plus is that you don't have to worry about making a tee time on Thursday since we have times starting at 8:45. For more information about joining, contact the Pro Shop at (904) 269-9276 x1.

Golf Carts at Magnolia and in GCS

By Susan Mitchell

Prior to our July association meeting, Chief Derek Asdot and members of his force made a presentation to our residents about crime and safety in Green Cove Springs and specifically, Magnolia Point. The complete report can be found on our homepage at www.magpt.com.

The golf cart policy that the City adopted was part of the discussion. The city has designated that you may operate a golf cart on all streets located within its jurisdiction with a speed limit of 35 mph or less. This does not include HWY US 17 (Orange Ave) nor SR 16 (Ferris/Idlewild). Crossing a golf cart on either of these roads is technically illegal.

To obtain permission from the State of Florida to cross these roads, a comprehensive traffic engineering study needs to occur. This study is planned to occur this Fall/Winter and will determine the steps the city needs to take to complete the process of making Green Cove Springs a golf cart friendly city.

Other points made by the police about golf carts include:

- Governors Creek Bridge was a major stumbling block for the approval process from FDOT. That has been fixed and is now golf cart compliant.
- Carts that cannot exceed 20 mph must be equipped with brakes, safe tires, red reflecting warning devices (can be tape) on

all four corners of the cart and a rearview mirror.

- Carts that exceed 21 mph are defined as low-speed vehicles (LSV's). These carts need to be registered, have headlights, brake/taillights, windshield, additional mirrors, seatbelts, as well as the equipment noted above.

• Operators of Golf Carts: The City of Green Cove Springs has enacted an ordinance that is more restrictive than that of the State of Florida's legal requirements. Ordinance 86-149: **All operators of golf carts hereunder must possess a valid learner's or operators driver's license and comply with all laws and restrictions pertaining thereto.**

Parents, if the police stop your unlicensed golf cart driver, they will be coming to see you and they will not be ticketing the unlicensed driver. But, a parent can be warned or ticketed.

Magnolia Point families, make sure all of your cart drivers are aware of the following rules:

- Drivers of golf carts within our community must have a valid State of Florida driver's license or a learner's permit and be accompanied by an adult licensed driver.
- Golf carts must adhere to the same driving and parking laws as automobiles.
- Driving or parking on grassy areas is prohibited.
- Golf carts may only be driven between



dawn and dusk unless they are equipped with headlights and brake lights that are in operating condition.

- All passengers must be properly seated while the cart is in motion.

- The number of occupants shall not exceed the seating capacity of the cart.

All golf carts driven within the community must be registered in one of two ways:

1. Carts driven on the golf course must be registered with the country club.
2. Carts not used on the golf course must be registered with our community association.

All registration forms are available in the Golf Pro Shop in the clubhouse. Upon completion of the form, including your insurance company and policy number, return it to the Pro Shop and they will process it. If your cart is used on the course, the Pro Shop will install a numbered sticker on each side of your cart.

If your cart is registered with the community association, you will be contacted to plans to install the stickers.

Unregistered golf carts may be subject to fines.



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