

HP Welcomes New Owners

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43 new HP members came to the sixth annual New Owners Welcome on Monday evening, February 26th. All residents who bought a property in 2017 and early 2018 were invited. The meeting was coordinated by the Communications Committee. Representatives from the HP Master Board, Community Development District (CDD), Architectural Review Committee (ARC), the Communications Committee, HP's General Manager and staff were all present to share information and review opportunities within our community.

Bill Bower, HP's General Manager, kicked off the meeting

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L-R: Larry & Pam Leman, Dorothy Slovak, Meeting Moderator, and Ken & Karen Shandelson.



L-R: Jim & Mary Lou Reid and Rodney & Rosemary Passarelli.

L9HGA Charity Event

By Patty Horning
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The HP 9 Hole League hosted their annual Charity Luncheon on February 14th. This year's charity was Ronald McDonald House in Ft. Myers. The committee was chaired by Patt Rice, and in addition, Ronald McDonald (HP's own Bob Breisch) was our guest of honor.

Raffle prizes included paintings, photographs, fabric items, food and golf/fitness certificates provided by HP members and staff. Many other items were generously donated to be used in the numerous gift baskets that were awarded. Marlene Jacema won the golf bag donated by our Pro Shop.

This charity was especially meaningful to me, not only as a new member to the 9 Hole League, but because I've been a volunteer at the RMH (Ronald McDonald House) in Detroit for 13 years, and last year, began volunteering at the local RMH here in Fort Myers.



Pat Comiskey and her prize picture, donated by Bob Ferry, with Ronald.



Committee members with Ronald McDonald (L to R): Jeannine Monkowski, Diane Deming, Patty Horning, Debbie Edwards, Patt Rice (Committee Chair), Mary Locher, Pat Wentz, & Melody Smothers.

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HP Biking Adventure

By Toni Grace, HP Fitness Director
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21 HP members loaded their bikes onto bike racks and carpooled to Phillips Park on Pine Island on Tuesday, February 20th. We biked 16 miles roundtrip to Bokeelia via the NW trail. In Bokeelia we enjoyed a delicious, fresh, seafood lunch outdoors - right on the waterfront - at Capt'n Con's Fish House, where we looked out on Pine Island Sound.



1st row (L-R): Nancy Bonner, Cathy Dixon, Carol Cross, Marcia Gallichio, Mary Cay Funk, Willy Hewitt, Marge Oltman, Ellen Foy-Sweetman, Toni Grace, Mark Jones (in orange), Cheryl Larson, & Ted Bourgard. 2nd row (L-R): Charlene Wingert, Dana Salvador, Cathy Matthews, Mike Dixon, Bill Brennan, Larry D'Orazio, Sante Salvador, & Dave Gifford. Photo by John Gallichio.

Valentine Tennis Mixer

By Michael Lawver, Director of Tennis
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On Sunday, February 11th, 25 couples dressed in full valentine threads for our annual tennis mixer. Because of the popularity of the event, we held two sessions. Each session involved four rounds of spectacular doubles, which was not easy with some of the colorful costumes. After tennis, each session enjoyed delicious brunch at the Clubhouse.

Prizes were awarded to the team with the best record from each session. However, the main prize and highly coveted award, which goes to the best dressed couple, was decided by votes from all participants. 1st session winners were Paul and Kathy Hearsun as the "King and Queen of Hearts." The 2nd session winners were John and Phyllis Welsh as "Love Forever." They wore shirts with pictures of their wedding on the back, and a current picture showing 50 years of marriage on the front. Barry Wolfson and Andi Stern, who dressed as "Mr. and Mrs. Cupid," were a very close second to the "King and Queen of Hearts."



Kathy & Paul Hearsun



John & Phyllis Welsh



Andi Stern & Barry Wolfson

Post Cards

From Rosemary Steadman: On December 31, 2017, Dave and I volunteered, along with other Allstate personnel, to improve the Apex Youth Center in New Orleans. We helped put together bikes and basketball hoops, refurbished a library, and built a community garden. Apex serves as an after-school and weekend “safe haven” for over 100 children. The project was totally funded by Allstate; and Tim Tebow, a Univ. of FL Heisman trophy winner and an Allstate Youth Ambassador, also helped in the effort. Dave and I then attended the Sugar Bowl on January 1st.



Pictured (L to R): Dave, Tim Tebow, and Rosemary.

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My experience as a volunteer has been varied – ranging from clerical duties, to greeting visitors, to assisting with check-in or check-out, to cleaning, to stocking pantry items, to assisting with fundraising events, and at times, just being a “sounding board” for parents who are experiencing one of the most difficult times in their lives. I always tell my friends, if they could spend just one day and see what a parent goes through with a sick child, they would be most grateful for their healthy children.

The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest FL is to “create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families” in the five county region they serve. It’s truly a “home away from home” for parents or guardians of ill children who are being treated at the local Children’s Hospital. There is a minimal charge of \$10 per night, but no one is turned away if funds aren’t available. Everything is provided for them, even toiletry items.

Volunteers are always needed, as well as items such as laundry detergent, toilet paper, antibacterial wipes, and such. For more information, visit their website at www.rmhcswnfl.org or call 239-437-0202.

Special thanks go to Jeannine Monkowski for being our HP contact with Ronald McDonald House, and for the information she provided for this article.

A photograph of a woman, Melody Smothers, standing next to a person in a Ronald McDonald costume. Melody is wearing a red shirt and white skirt. Ronald McDonald is in his signature yellow suit and red wig. They are both smiling.

Melody Smothers applied Ronald’s make-up.

A stylized icon of a gutter, showing a cross-section of a roof with a gutter installed.

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From Mary Ann McCarty and Sue Hagen: About 55 HP residents went on the HP Cruise aboard the Celebrity Equinox, from January 27th to February 3rd. We had a full



(L to R): Keith Bauer, Rob Blair, Eileen Blair, Mary Ann McCarty, Rose Bauer, & Linda Newborn

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by introducing the HP staff. John Berestecki, HP Master Board President, then gave an overall view of our governance. Stan Switzer, CDD Chairman, explained its importance and how it’s authorized by FL legislation. Dave Donaldson, HP Master Board Treasurer, then used slides to show our income and expense breakdowns and our budgeting process. Bob Ferry, Master Board liaison for ARC, explained its purpose and application guidelines. Greg Kriesch, Director of Golf Course Operations, gave a brief history of our two golf courses.

Bob Kelly, Director of Golf, reviewed HP golf course procedures and reciprocal opportunities. Dorothy Slovak,



L-R: Ming & Bill Cole, Larry & Maureen Bechtel, and Mary (Sis) & John Collura.

motor coach from HP to the Miami port, and visited Cozumel, Costa Maya, and Grand Cayman, skipping Key West due to high winds.



(L to R): Lenora & Dave Lewis, Sue & Bob Hagen, Ann & Tony Rude in Cozumel.

Meeting Moderator, and Mike Lawver, Director of Tennis, discussed tennis opportunities. Toni Grace, Fitness Director, outlined various classes and activities offered to HP members. Dick Grosse, Communications Committee Co-Chair, then explained how to get involved in, and apply to, various committees. Lastly, I reviewed how members can find out what’s going on within HP and also discussed various member sponsored activities. A short Q&A session followed the presentations, as well as freshly-baked cookies and coffee for all attendees to enjoy!

If you purchased a home in 2017 or early 2018, and were invited to, but couldn’t attend, this year’s New Owners Meeting, please contact Danielle Brounce, HP Communications, for your New Owners Welcome Packet!



L-R: Lori Swanell, Dee Dee Kascsak, Gayle Hill, Paul Kascsak, and Bill Hill.

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Staying Connected

By Jane Breisch, Editor
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As we wrap up another great season of HP University Club offerings, we should all thank Carol Borloff and her committee for putting up such a varied and interesting slate of topics for our educational enjoyment. There is still *one* last event on their calendar: *High Tea*, presented by HP’s Executive Chef David Jones, Jr. “Come and enjoy a typical formal High Tea with special teas and treats made especially for us.” It will take place in the Palms Dining Room on Thursday, April 5th, from 6 to 8 p.m. Guests of members are most welcome. Cost is \$15. Sign up on our website.

Did you have to put on extra-powerful reading glasses to peruse last month’s BTP? If so, my apologies! In order to get all the wonderful articles sent in by HP members and staff, the publisher will occasionally have to use a smaller font in some articles. I don’t want to disappoint you by not providing the latest and greatest newsy items, so please bear with me during “high season” and keep those stronger spectacles nearby!

We have three special fundraising events taking place at HP this spring: two golf outings and an evening of music. The latter is showcased in Linda Farris’ article *SWFL Symphony Society Dinner April 9* on page 6. Please see the article *Resident “Touches Lives” in Special Ways* on page 7 where their April 28th golf outing is highlighted. Lastly, our own Andrea Sarotte is an executive at the FL Cancer Specialists & Research Institute. They are also holding a fundraising golf event at HP on May 17th and 18th. Please see details on page 9.

If you’re thinking of submitting something to BTP, the deadline for the May issue is April 6th. For picture quality, all photos should have pixels greater than 600 KB. Thanks!



From The Pro Shop

By Bob Kelly, Director of Golf
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Hello from the golf shop. We’re coming to the end of another great golf season at HP. Rounds of golf were at record levels. Greg Kriesch and his staff have done another fantastic job of giving us great playing conditions all season. Considering the limited time that maintenance can actually do work on the courses, it is amazing how they get it done.

As the season winds down, please remember any Pro Shop credit won prior to April 1st must be spent by April 30th. This is a great time to stock up for summer golf.

Reciprocal season is right around the corner. We’re compiling the list of clubs, and should have it finalized



by mid-April. The golf shop will take reciprocal requests two weeks in advance and will be able to book tee times two days in advance. Keep in mind that at the beginning of the reciprocal season, morning tee times can be hard to get at some clubs, especially with multi-foursome groups. Be sure to give the golf shop a reasonable time range for play and at least three courses to choose from.

Starting April 15th the Chelsea system will return to off-season rules. This means that points will be assigned on the day of play, add on or changes to the tee sheet do not receive points, and members will not receive points for bringing guests. The Chelsea system will operate in this manner until January 1, 2019.

I wish safe travels to all HP members heading north to start their summer golf season. For our year-round members, I hope everyone enjoys the quiet summer months and we all get to play more golf.

MGA News

By Bob Jannelle
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Here are the MGA numbers to date:

- Total Members: 652
- White Tees: 261
- Silver Tees: 171
- Gold Tees: 220

April Golf Events:
• **April 5: MGA Masters Event with your “pick” for the Masters Champion.** Your pro’s four day score plus your net.

- **April 12: Four Man Team Quota.**
- **April 19: 3-2-1 Four Man Team Event.**
- **April 26: Individual Net Flighted Event.** Your net score counts.

So another great MGA golf season comes to a close April 26th. While some of you will be reading this after returning



north, I’m sure we can all look back at a most interesting year. While Mother Nature threw a couple of bogies at us in January, our weather was so far superior to the rest of the country there really wasn’t much to complain about.

The MGA Board rotates three members off each year, and elects three new members to take their place. Many thanks to the departing MGA President, Andy Piazza, Vice President, Ken Bonnell and Secretary, Greg Kreis, for their MGA service these past three years. Taking their place (and thanks for volunteering), are Bob Losinger, Gary Kajander and Buster Robbins.

With the number of golfers we put on our courses each week, it could be chaotic if not for our professional golf staff. In January, HP members played almost 13,000 rounds, and added another 14,000 in February. Those numbers show just how well our Pro Shop staff, the grounds crew and the bag guys handle their respective jobs. So all of us in the MGA THANK YOU!

Do You Know the Rules?

By Dave Kraft
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A player’s tee shot comes to rest in a bunker. He lifts his ball from the bunker after deeming it unplayable. Before dropping the ball in the hazard he notices that, where he is going to drop the ball there are several loose impediments. He removes these loose impediments from the bunker. Since this action took place while his ball was lifted, i.e., it was not lying in the hazard, was the player in breach of Rule 13-4c? (Ball in hazard; prohibited actions)

Yes. The prohibitions of Rule 13-4c applies when a ball is in a hazard or when a ball has been lifted from the hazard. Under the unplayable ball Rule 28, the player has three options:

- Proceed under stroke and distance provision by playing a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.
- Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that



point the ball may be dropped.

c. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

If the unplayable ball is in a bunker, the player may proceed under Clause a, b or c. If he elects to proceed under Clause b or c, a ball must be dropped in the bunker.

However, the player would not incur the penalty if, before removing the loose impediments, he had indicated that he would put a ball into play outside the bunker under 28a and subsequently did so.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE:
Match play – loss of hole; stroke play – two strokes.

Golf Etiquette

Here is this month’s etiquette tip. I know that I have written this etiquette tip a few months ago but I see that people are not following this tip. *Please keep all four wheels of the golf cart on the cart path at the teeing area and around the greens. Next time you play, please notice the areas are trampled down and making our beautiful golf courses look awful. If you see this happening, please kindly let the cart driver know what he or she is doing. We members need to educate others so we can keep our golf courses looking attractive.*

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WGA Hosts Their Own Winter Olympics

By Kathy Jerue
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On February 21, following the lighting of the torch and an incredible opening ceremony, the games began. The amazing, talented, creative contenders approached the golf course, some adorned in figure skates, others in feathers, but once they stepped up to the tee, off went their gear... and wow. The competition began and it was tough – true to the game and its rules...on pace, with only a brief stop at the Beautiful Olympic Village to compete in the putting contest, enjoy some refreshments, then on to the finish.

These Olympics, directed by HPWGA Challenge Classic Chair, Barbara Barlow, and her Winter Olympic Committee were supported by the golf professionals, administrators, cooks, and servers – Olympians, all – who were nothing short of *Gold Medalists!*

From the recognition of the Bronze, Silver and Gold

winners in eight flights to the touching Closing Ceremony, where tributes were given by Elaine Dupuis to former and current Olympic Champions, including Mary Claire’s granddaughter, Caroline Claire, a freestyle skier, and Kathy Brennan’s son Michael Brennan, a 3-medal winner of the Special Olympics.

Our Winter Olympics were pretty special: full of pride and enormous fun, and the weather was perfect – not at all like the cold in Pyeong Chang.

The committee extends thanks to all who attended.



Barb Barlow, Chair, and Chris Baker welcomed all contenders to the Olympic Village. Thanks to Sharon Bright for her great artwork.



Bob Kelly, Director of Golf (and Canadian torch bearer), with (L to R): Jeanne Clement, Jan Falker, Peggy Gudeman, & Diane Montgomery.



US Ice Skating team (L to R): Pat Colette, Eileen Cruthers, Kitty Jedd & Cyndie Cryslar.



USA bobsledders (L to R): Gail Skelos, Lois Harold, Joanne Doyle, & Janice Swaine.



Synchronized swimmers ready to go swinging (L to R): Rose Bauer, Sharon DeCotis, Sharon Hulick, & Linda Barnas.



Canadian hockey players (L to R): Kathy McDonald, Bunt Tarbush, Wendy Virtue & Cathy White.

SWFL Symphony Society Dinner April 9

By Linda Farris, SWFL Symphony Society Volunteer
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The SWFL Symphony Society is the fundraising and volunteer organization which supports the SWFL Symphony. There are fifty or so HP ladies who participate in “Symphony Bridge” each year, which, in turn, supports the symphony. Our players have contributed over \$12,000 since we first started playing!

As part of the Symphony Society’s dedication to music education and the development of young musicians, they annually sponsor scholarships. The Society will celebrate the 2018 scholarship winners at an awards banquet in the

HP Palms Dining Room on Monday, April 9th. Four or five scholarship winners will be performing, and all HP residents who enjoy music are invited to attend. Please see the sidebar for further details.

This year, 33 young musicians applied for one of the following scholarship opportunities:

- The SWFL Symphony Society Scholarship. Individual awards are given to outstanding high school or college students who have a strong interest in music. They enable the students to seek activities that will build on their music proficiency. The \$2,000 awards can be used for summer or college music programs, youth orchestra, etc. The Society awarded five scholarships in 2015; four in 2016.

- The SWFL Symphony Julian Prescott Music Awards. This is an annual competition for keyboard, voice and instrumental performers 22 years of age or younger from Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties. The overall winner is featured in a performance with the SWFL Symphony, and receives a \$1,800 award.
- The Von Sickle Vocal Scholarship. Competition is open to high school seniors who are planning to major in vocal music. The \$3,000 four-year scholarship can be used by music or music education students.
- The John Hudson Scholarship. This annual award is given to high school seniors from the Youth Orchestra Program who will be attending college.

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HP Resident “Touches Lives” in Special Ways

By Lyle Shipe, as told to Jane Breisch, Editor

After more than a quarter century owning a successful multi-state title company (including a location in Fort Myers), HP resident Lyle Shipe had planned on retiring and enjoying a casual life style. Although he lived in MD all his life, his desire was to relocate to SW FL for the sunshine and warmth. Four years before retirement, he discovered HP, fell in love, and bought here in March, 2004.

Beginning in the mid 1990’s, Lyle started volunteering for short-term missionary trips. These took him around the world many times, visiting more than 16 countries, including Romania, India, Kosovo, Thailand, Kenya, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic. Through these mission trips, he experienced a calling to do more; and, as he was closing the door of his secular work life in July, 2008, he sensed God opening another door for him to become a full-time missionary. And that’s what happened! In August, 2008, he formed a non-profit called *Touching Lives Worldwide, Inc.* With that, his special journey of “serving others” full-time began, and it continues today.

In the beginning, Shipe used his own retirement funds to begin working in poverty-stricken areas of the Dominican Republic. He helped develop a purified water program for an impoverished community; purchased land for a church to build a school and medical center; helped provide for, and grow, a school for 142 needy children; and helped expand a new church in the small town of Herrera.

He was soon called to additional locations and new challenges.

In the border towns of Dajabon, DR, and Quanaminthe, Haiti,



Lyle Shipe with his Haitian students

Shipe learned of small Haitian children who would cross the border daily to find food or money for their families. He saw them sleeping in the park overnight because they wouldn’t return home until they’d had some success.

Since the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Shipe and *Touching Lives Worldwide* has been helping homeless orphans. At their orphanage in Quanaminthe, Haiti, they took in children who had been living in unthinkable poverty. Many were found on the streets just looking for food in trash piles. Today they’re flourishing... with shelter, food, clothing, education, healthcare, and lots of love.

In both countries, he learned of hundreds of deaf children,

considered outcasts, who lived in isolation. Many lived on the streets, because they had no other choice. These children had no schooling, no help, and no hope. “So many times, one or both of the children’s parents rejected them because they felt their child possessed evil spirits,” Shipe explains. “They grew up not knowing their name, their age, or even what colors were, because they had no means of communicating.”

Believing education is the long-term solution to stop the cycle of poverty, Lyle and his wife, Julie, became involved in a school for deaf children. The school soon became a reality: a place for classes, special sign language teachers, two school vans, and future opportunities to expand. Since then, the *Touching Lives School for the Deaf* has made a “real difference” in the lives of many previously struggling children, both Haitian and Dominican. Today, many of them travel great distances to attend the school. They’re learning to communicate through sign language (ASL= American Sign Language), and now know their names and ages, and are making progress in reading, writing, and praying. Today, the children are growing in self-esteem and self-confidence.

There are many challenges these deaf children face other than being hearing impaired; but, *Touching Lives Worldwide* has made a “real difference” in their lives. “Each student has a remarkable story,” says Shipe, glowing with the gratitude he gets by serving these children. “Everything Julie and I do is grounded in the fact that God blessed us with time, talents and resources to help others, whether far or near.” Shipe takes no salary, and admits that the needs he sees often overwhelm him.

Currently, in addition to the orphanage and school for deaf children, Shipe’s organization provides:

- Annual Summer Camps for hundreds of Haitian and Dominican children ages 5 to 12.
- English/Bible classes for all ages.
- Organizing and hosting many medical, dental, and construction teams.
- Helping other children and adults who are sick, homeless, or have dire needs.
- In February, he took a team of 25 people to Puerto Rico to help restore homes in that devastated country.

On April 28, 2018, *Touching Lives Worldwide*, in partnership with McGregor Baptist Church, will host a Charity Golf Tournament here at HP. Lyle hopes to raise enough funds to send local youths to camp, and be able to continue the efforts noted above. “The success of this fundraising event is critical,” says Shipe. “We need caring people to get involved.”

Please see below for golf tournament details. To volunteer for this “awesome” golf tournament, or to volunteer to help here or in a foreign land, Lyle suggests visiting www.touchinglivesworldwide.org or calling him at 301-538-8700.

Cheeseheads and Badgers Celebrate



From Jean Truesdale: HP Wisconsinites celebrated their ties to the Badger State on February 22nd. Next year’s party will take place Thursday, February 28th at the Lodge, so please mark your calendars!

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Music Fills the Clubhouse Lobby

From Peggi Erickson: *HP residents Ellen and Gary Renzetti's daughter, Maria, visited her parents in February. Ellen Renzetti and Ellen Whitten are close friends and thought it would be fun for flutist Maria (L), and pianist Ellen Whitten (R), to do a mini concert together as they're both accomplished musicians. The grand piano in the Clubhouse foyer was the perfect venue for the "concert" performed for HP friends. Held on Friday, February 9th, the performance was absolutely delightful, and Maria and Ellen loved playing with each other!*



An Olympics Party

By Mary Ann McCarty
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George and I hosted a winter Olympics party at our home on Friday, February 16th. We gathered to watch Caroline Claire, granddaughter of HP resident Mary Claire, compete in Slopestyle Skiing on television. We all watched and cheered her on. Although she didn't win a medal, two of her USA teammates did. Our party and Caroline's story were covered by local NBC 2 News both on Friday and Saturday evening. It was exciting!



(L to R): Hostess Mary Ann McCarty with Mary Claire's son, John, and proud grand mom Mary Claire. Photo by Linda Newborn.



1st row (L to R): Mac McCarty with Scout, Barb Barlow, Jamie Unger, and Trudy Broad. 2nd row (L to R): Linda Barnas, Doris Schumaker, Mary Ann McCarty, Rose Bauer, Linda Newborn, Mary Claire, Margie Holsbeke, and Dottie O'Hallaran. Not pictured: Frank Unger, Rob and Eileen Blair, Elaine Dupuis, Ray Holsbeke, Karen Longbrake, Mike & Mary Breen, Keith Bauer and John Claire. Photo by John Claire

Golf Course Operations Update

By Greg Kriesch,
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I was asked to identify an unusual looking plant on Queen Palm Lane. It's called a *cardboard palm*, and is actually part of the Cycad family and not a palm - although it looks like one. The plant has thick, rubbery leaves that grow from a central point and will reach a mature height of six feet. The leaves are slightly fuzzy and feel like cardboard when rubbed. Both male and female plants produce reproductive cones. The female cones break open when ripe to reveal bright red seeds, as shown. The cardboard palm is native to the warm coastal plains of Mexico and is common in the landscape throughout tropical and sub-tropical areas all over the world. This plant is also popular and easy to grow as a house plant.

We've recently noticed that many divots are not being filled with green sand in the



The cardboard palm foliage...



... and bright red seeds.

roughs on both golf courses. There may be some confusion whether or not to fill these divots. The simple rule: please fill *all* divots in fairways *and* roughs, but *not* on tees since the golf course staff does this as part of our regular maintenance. We adopted this practice several years ago. When filling divots, remember to use just enough sand to fill them *level* to the existing soil surface. Overfilling is costly, as it results in a waste of sand and dulls the blades on the mowers.

As always, don't forget to repair ball marks on greens. Thanks for doing your part to keep our courses beautiful.

Blankets of Love

By Jean Berghauser
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Our Blankets of Love group was most fortunate to get a gift of \$250 from Thrivent Financial to use for making blankets, which we donate every month to those in need. We're most appreciative of this gift, as it goes a long way in helping us make blankets. Our thanks go out to Thrivent! Here's a little bit about them...

Thrivent Financial, named on its list of The World's Most Ethical Companies by *Ethisphere Magazine* in 2017, is a not-for-profit membership organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously. Thrivent and their members have given over 10.5 million dollars in hurricane relief to victims of Harvey and Irma. Thrivent action teams like this one, helping "Blankets of Love," are just one of the many ways we help strengthen the places we live, work, and worship.



The Blankets of Love girls wearing their shirts from Thrivent Financial. (L to R): Kay Ingram, Jane Smith, Carolyn Salsbery, Gail Evirs, Lynn Romano, Jean Berghauser, Deb Robbins, Sharon Smith, Laureen Kinnear, MaryAnn Sasso, Nancy Bunch & Shirley Brake. Photo by Kathy Bultemeier.

Ace Faces

Donna Golday
February 2, 2018
#6 Sabal 89 yards
7 iron

This is Donna's 6th hole-in-one, and her 4th at HP. As a matter of fact, she's gotten three HIOs at HP in the last 16 months! That's quite a feat! Her first two HIOs were at her home course in KY.



Wendy Virtue
February 16, 2018
#14 Sabal
125 yards
5 hybrid
This is Wendy's 1st hole-in-one!



Jim Clement
February 18, 2018
#14 Royal
141 yards
8 iron
This is Jim's 3rd hole-in-one, but his 1st at HP.





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If you’ve ever dined at any of our Food & Beverage outlets, chances are you’ve heard someone question the difference between the Service Fee and the option for added Gratuity. In an effort to help clarify the subject, the Club has provided answers to the most frequently asked questions below.

“Does the server receive the Service Fee that is on

my check?” The answer is yes and no. Please read on and we’ll explain. There is an eighteen percent (18%) Service Fee added to each check at all Food & Beverage outlets. The 18% Service Fee does not go directly to your individual server in the traditional sense. The Club collects the service fee which is then used to supplement the staff’s hourly wage. HP service staff receives a higher hourly wage than the wait staff in your typical neighborhood stand-alone restaurant. This is because they spend a good deal of their working hours setting up and breaking down the dining room for our numerous functions and events. In addition, at a club such as Heritage Palms, tables turnover slower than a traditional restaurant and a server may spend an entire dining period servicing only two or three tables. As a result of our unique

work conditions, and in order to be competitive in attracting and retaining the best possible staff members, this method of compensation has proven very beneficial to both the Club and its staff.

“Should I add an additional Gratuity for good service?” Yes, members are encouraged to leave an additional Gratuity for exceptional service. The enhanced wage alone is not enough to be competitive with the restaurants in the surrounding area but the combination of the enhanced base wage and additional Gratuities earned allow our staff to be on an even playing field in terms of compensation.

“If a member writes in an ‘added gratuity’ on the receipt, does that money go to the server?” The answer is “yes.” Records are kept and each server is given the additional gratuity amount in his or her paycheck.

“If a member leaves an extra cash gratuity with their check, does that money go to the server?” The answer is “yes.” Any additional cash gratuity given to an individual server, above the 18% service fee, goes directly to that server.

“What about the tip jar at the lodge?” The tip jar at the lodge is divided equally amongst the service staff that is working during the shift when the tips were collected.

Please feel free to contact Larry German, Director of Food and Beverage, anytime about this or other questions you may have about the Food and Beverage department. We’re here to serve you and do our very best to meet all of your culinary needs.

A Resident Bald Eagle

One of our majestic Bald Eagles surveying the property while perched on the roof of Terrace Building 1.

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Cathy White.



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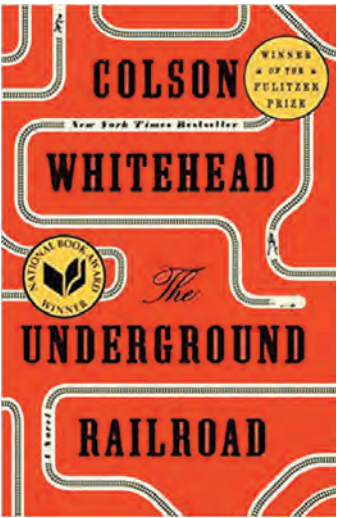
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Read On...

By Eileen Wood
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The HP Book Club will meet April 20th in the Activity Center 2:30 to 4 p.m. This month's book is **The Underground Railroad** by Colson Whitehead. **Publishers Weekly** says "Each thing had a value. In America, the quirk was that people were things." So observes Ajarry, taken from Africa as a girl in the mid-18th century to be sold and resold and sold again... The story is literature at its finest and history at its most barbaric. Would that this novel were required reading for every American citizen." Karen Harris will lead the discussion. Please read the book before we meet. If you have questions, contact me at 239-274-0244.



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My Fair Lady tells the unlikely love story between a professor, Henry Higgins, and a cockney flower seller, Eliza Doolittle. Professor Higgins wagers a bet that he can transform Eliza into a high society lady. As Eliza becomes more refined, and less reliant upon him, Professor Higgins realizes that he can't live without her. The unforgettable score includes *I Could Have Danced All Night*, *The Rain in Spain*, *I'm Getting Married in the Morning*, *On the Street Where You Live* and *Wouldn't it be Lovely*.

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Congrats Nancy Johnson!

By Kathy Hazard
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Nancy Johnson is a tennis player from Long Island, NY and Ft. Myers, FL. When Nancy is at Heritage Palms, she plays on three different women's teams: the 4.0, the 50+ Cobalt, and the USTA 3.5 team. When in NY, she plays on the Eastern/Sportime - Lynbrook USTA 65+ 7.0 women's team.

Last fall, Nancy's NY team won the USTA Eastern Sectionals and qualified for the USTA National Championships. In January, Nancy and her 11 teammates traveled to Surprise, Arizona to compete in the Nationals. On January 21st, 2018, Nancy and her team from Long Island won the USTA Nationals/Invitational in the 65+ age group and at the 7.0 level. The "dynamic dozen," captained by Leslie Weeksler and Patricia Malloy, received championship medals for their team victory.

No stranger to tennis success, this was Nancy's 8th appearance at the USTA Nationals! Congratulations to our local champ, Nancy Johnson!



Nancy Johnson wearing her USTA National Medal.

Photos by Marcia Leadbetter.



The 4.0 Women's Tennis Team members. Back row (L to R): Marilyn Warner, Margo Rogers, Kirsten Shovlin, Paula Meihaus, Nancy Johnson, & Kathy Hazard. Front row, kneeling (L to R): Debbie Wells, Sharon McGrath.

Upcoming Local Sports Events

Article and photo by Clark Broden
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The Fort Myers Miracle is the Class A Advanced Minor League Baseball affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. They begin their 70 game home schedule on Thursday, April 5th vs. the Charlotte Stone Crabs. They also play the Stone Crabs on April 6th, followed by three more home games vs. Florida April 9-11. All games begin at 7 p.m. and take place at Hammond Stadium just down the street on Six Mile Cypress. Visit www.miraclebaseball.com or call 239-768-4210 for tickets, which range from \$7.50 to \$13. Group tickets for 20 or more are available with an "all you can eat" buffet in addition to a number of Sky Suite options to view a game.

The Everblades have qualified for the ECHL playoffs for the 19th time in their 20 year history. Their last regular season home game is April 7th at 7 p.m. vs. Jacksonville at Germain Arena. Go to Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000 for tickets which range from \$10 to \$30.

The FGCU baseball team with a record of 6-2 at press time have seven home games from April 6 – 29. All games are played on campus at Swanson Stadium. Tickets are just \$5 to \$7. Game times vary. Go to www.fgcuathletics.com for ticket information.

The FGCU women's softball team with a record of 13 –



Bridge Tricks

Sequences

By Denny Hilgers
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In an early bridge lesson, I learned the importance of card sequences and how to lead from them. The ACBL Convention Card shows standard leads highlighted in **bold** for sequences and non-honor suits (see below). If you leave the section unchanged, then opponents assume you will make the standard ACBL leads. Or if you prefer, circle non-standard leads such as A from AK instead of K from AK. To become a better player, memorize the chart below and play accordingly.



LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)			
versus Suits		versus Notrump	
X X	X X X X	X X	X X X X
X X X	X X X X X	X X X	X X X X X
A K X	T 9 X	A K J X	A Q J X
K Q X	K J T X	A J T 9	A T 9 X
Q J X	K T 9 X	K Q J X	K Q T 9
J T 9	Q T 9 X	Q J T X	Q T 9 X
K Q T 9		J T 9 X	T 9 X X

What is a Sequence?

A Sequence is simply 2 or more cards in consecutive order of rank, such as a Solid Sequence of AK or AKQ or QJT9 or Interior Sequence of KJT_x or QT9_x.

Why are Sequences important?

It shows partner the strength of the suit led. For example, partner leads a Q and you have K_x and dummy doesn't have either the 10 or 9, you can safely overtake his Q and lead back your small card. This avoids "blocking" partner's presumed 5+ card suit by continuing the suit to force out the ace. Another example is when partner leads the K and the trick holds, but partner switches to another suit. You now know he has the A or Q and he may want the suit led by you and not him.

Solid sequences such as QJT are easy to decipher because you always lead the top card. Interior sequences such as KJT_x are best handled by leading the second highest card. Even if your lead loses, when partner finally gets the lead, he can lead up to your finesse position.

Specific cards properly led in a solid or interior sequence have been proven statistically superior most of the time. I'll cover leads of weak suits such as xx, xxx, and xxxxx in a later article. Make sure to share your knowledge of sequences with your partner and your results and communication will improve.

Bridge Signups:

It's been another great winter season of HP Bridge. Although many folks leave in March, we continue playing. There's a signup sheet in the Lodge Library for Monday Night Couples/Pairs Chicago-Style Bridge. Or signup at hpgcc.com for Duplicate on Wednesday nights at the Activity Center.

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