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**A gated country club community dedicated to
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General Manager's Corner

by Steve Henne



Hello Harbor Hills!!

It is hard to believe the season will be coming to an end real soon. I would like to take a moment to thank all our members for a great season. We had great fun and built many memories. We are already busy planning for next season.

I would like to give you a sneak peek at a couple events. New Years Eve will be "Bermuda" themed. We will host NYE on Bermuda time

thus the ball will drop at 10:00pm eastern time. The entertainment will be island themed as well. So, save the date for an out of the box NYE. With such positive feedback about the band from Valentine we have secured their return for this coming year.

We have hired a fulltime painter and he has done a great job. One of the most noticeable projects is the light poles at the racquet center. We appreciate all the positive comments we have received.

El Neno brought us an abundance of rain, cloud cover and cooler temperatures this winter. Harding and his crew has done a tremendous job maintaining the golf course. Going into spring the greens are the best I have seen in my 27 years at Harbor Hills.

We are continually looking for new ideas. If you have any please reach out to me with your suggestions.

We look forward to seeing you at the club and for those of you that will be leaving for the summer we hope you have safe travels and a great summer.

Steve

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Well Underway

by Sean Rich



We're already in the thick of things for the new year. Presently, there are slightly over 25 homes available on the market, boasting an average list price of \$234 per square foot. However, it's crucial to note that this figure might be misleading, as various factors such as location and condition significantly influence the actual selling price of a home. Reflecting on my beginnings in the real estate realm, a sage mentor once imparted a valuable lesson: a home's value is determined by what a seller is willing to sell it for and what a buyer is willing to pay. Consequently, there are instances where a seller values their property at \$300 per square foot, while a buyer assesses it at \$200 per square foot. In such cases, a common ground is typically reached, often settling around \$250 per square foot.

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Harbor Hills Homeowner's Association News

Community access transponders may be picked up Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Please remember to bring your registration for each vehicle that needs a new transponder. Thank you for your co-operation!

Member Photos

Don't forget to turn in your member photo! In order to help our staff recognize our members when you are at the club, we are requesting that you submit a photo of each member in your household, so we can add it to your Member Profile. Please send a small file head shot in .jpg format to Kim at ksmith@harborhills.com. Please include each member's full name and member number. Thanks for your support!

2024 GOLF CALENDAR

January

- 6 | Florida Golf Life, 1PM Shotgun
- 7 | Inner Harbor, 1PM Shotgun
- 9 | Cobra Demo Day, 10AM - 2PM
- 21 | Amateur Golfers Orlando Tour, 8:15AM Shotgun
- 27 | Top 50 Junior Tour, 12:30PM Tee Times
- 28 | Italian Open, 1PM Shotgun

February

- 4 | Inner Harbor, 1PM Shotgun
- 12 | Brassies, 8:30AM Shotgun
- 17 - 18 | Couples' Club Championship, 11:30AM Tee Times
- 20 | Callaway Demo Day, 10AM - 2PM
- 20 & 22 | LGA Member-Member, 8:15AM Shotgun
- 21, 23 & 25 | President's Cup, 11AM Tee Times
- 24 | Leesburg High School, 8AM Shotgun

March

- 3 | Inner Harbor, 1PM Shotgun
- 12 | Cobra Demo Day, 10AM - 2PM
- 15 | Villagers for Veterans, 8AM Shotgun
- 16 - 17 | FSGA Event, Day 1 - 12PM Tee Times, Day 2 - 8AM Tee Times
- 27 - 29 | MGA 4-Man Event, Day 1 & 2 - 11AM Tee Times, Day 3 - 8AM Shotgun
- 14 | Central Michigan Alumni, 1PM Shotgun
- 18 | Outside the Bubble, 1PM Shotgun

April

- 2 & 4 | LGA Championship, 8:15AM Shotgun
- 7 | Inner Harbor, 1PM Shotgun
- 7 - 10 | Harbor Hills Golf School
- 11 | Live Oaks, 1PM Shotgun
- 12 | Military Officers Association of America, 1PM Shotgun
- 17, 19 & 21 | MGA Member-Member Match Play, Day 1 & 2 - 8AM & 10:30AM Tee Times, Day 3 - 8AM Tee Times
- 26 | Monarch Grove, 8AM Shotgun

May

- 1, 3 & 5 | MGA Member-Member Stroke Play, 11AM Tee Times

June

- 7 & 14 | MGA Ringers, 11:30AM Tee Times

August

- 10 - 11 | Claret Jug Junior Tour, 11:30AM Tee Times

October

- 6 | Inner Harbor, 1PM Shotgun
- 10 | Slider Cup Ladies' Party, 3 - 6PM
- 12 | Slider Cup Cart Parade, 4PM Start
- 14 | Slider Cup Captains Dinner, 6PM Start
- 16 | Slider Cup Men's Better Ball, 8AM Tee Times
- 17 | Slider Cup Ladies Red vs Blue, 8AM Shotgun
- 18 | Slider Cup Men's Alternate Shot, 1PM Shotgun
- 20 | Slider Cup Men's, 8AM Tee Times
- 23, 26 & 27 | Men's & Senior Club Championship, Day 1 - 1PM Shotgun, Day 2 & 3 - 8AM Tee Times

November

- 3 | Inner Harbor, 1PM Shotgun
- 13 | MGA Turkey Shootout, 1PM Shotgun

December

- 1 | Ladies' Charity, 12:30PM Shotgun
- 7 | Harbor Hills Memorial Tournament, 8:15AM Shotgun



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May 1 | 10AM Tee Times | Format: Alternate Shot
May 3 | 10AM Tee Times | Format: Best Ball
May 5 | 10AM Tee Times | Format: Aggregate
All payouts will be made at dinner.

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Make check out to MHMGA and drop in MGA box.
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Italian American Club

By: Ted Drzewiecki

Mamma Mia, is it already April? And, we only just had Natale and Pasqua was just yesterday on the last day of March. Of course, we write this in the middle of Lent so we are hungry for news, and we gotta a lot of that to share with all our Italian-American Club paisans and all our Harbor Hills amici for the first three months of 2024.

We start with our report on the January and February meetings. So, right after New Year's Dee and Anthony Mancuso, they opened their hearts and their casa for our first meeting of the year. So, first things first, our capo Joe he introduces us to Tammy McIntosh's husband Aaron as a guest. And then we all sing-a Happy Birthday to all the January birthdays: Capo Joe, Carol D., Joanne D., newbie Antonio Maio, Lorraine K., Carole A., Bob C. and Mike C...whew, a lot must of been going on in April/May!!! April Fool's to Mothers' Day...hmmm???

Pepe our treasurer reported that we were solvent 'cause we had leftovers from the November Festa Italiana. If you missed that, shame on you!

So, now we got a Bocce court in back of the Harbor Hills Club Grill Room, so we gotta start using it as part of our Italian heritage efforts. Lee DiDomenico he suggested that we do Bocce Nights one day every month as an excuse to have some vino, amaretto and/or limoncello while we socialize with all our Harbor Hills friends. Itsa important for ever'body to know that the Bocce court is open to everyone who is a Harbor Hills member, not just us lucky Italianos.

We are due for a change of leaders so we gonna have an election in May. A nominating committee headed up by Shirle Mabie they put out a slate of candidates for next season. So far the candidates are: Bill Tarinelli for Capo, Pete Petillo for deputy capo, Lee DiDomenico for Treasurer and Lisa Chimento as our scribe. I guess I will be stuck with the newsletter and birthday cards as always, hee hee!

So, right after the fabulously successful 10th Annual Italian Open (see below) we held our February meeting at Casa Tarinelli...mille grazie Guillermo and Barbara for sharing your home and putting green with us. Febraio she be a slow month for babies, but we did acknowledge new member Jennifer Maio and our poetess laureate Joann's husband Frank Zsilavetz.

Whatta Wine Tasting Get-Together we had to celebrate Leap Day. Janet Cofer she set up the event on Thursday, February 29th at 6pm at Total Wine in Lady Lake. A great history of Italian wines and grapes from each region were professionally presented. Whatta deal at a cost of \$30pp, it included samples of eight Italian wines and to sweeten the pot the IAC covered \$10pp for club members. So you Italianos who are not yet members see what you would have missed! Here's the consensus on the wines.

La Vostra Prosecco

Albino Armani Pinot Grigio

Albino Armani Valpolicella Ripasso

L'Auratae -Nero d'Avola

Barba Montepulciano Vasari

Vecchia Cantina Chianti Riserva

La Sacrestia Langhe Nebbiolo

The favorites were the Renieri Rosso Di Montalcino and the Renieri Invetro.

The March meeting was at Shirle Mabie's home and because March was National Pizza Month the fare was pizza catered by Little Joey's in Somerfield as opposed to the member-produced Italian delicacies usually brought in at most of our meetings. She was a molto bene pizza.

So, now, what can I say about the Tenth Annual Italian Golf Open...it was fantastico! Over 68 participants for golf and plenty of prizes, money and baskets of vino were awarded. Money was awarded for the golf scores and the 50/50 drawing.

HH Member winners

1st place Sue & Steve Hritz, Bill Bogert, Rico Albanesi

2nd place Jeri & Cliff Murphy, John Nelson, Joe Cervoni

3rd place Steve Harding, Greg Kasinger, Dave Raymond, Scott Weitecamp

Non-HH member winners

1st place Karen Eluck, Sam Leto, John Hainsworth, Mark Ackley

2nd place Kat & Pete Petillo, John Burchick, Pat Longstreth

The 50/50 was won by Roseann Cochran

Six vino baskets and many other prizes by lottery were won by the 100 Italian dinner attendees who enjoyed a delicious Italian special bracirole-over-pasta dinner prepared by our very own Harbor Hills Chef James. Check out the photos of all those who were lucky enough to participate.

So, to all members I say, we urge you to attend the always fun and food annual May Picnic meeting and vote for the candidates of your choice for our next board. If you have something special to offer, like dedication, talent and good looks, put yourselves up so that we can have a real democratic election. Even if you don't, don't be shy, come to the election meeting anyway. Look out for emails with details and outdoor location.

The Harbor Hills Italian-American Club is the best one around and it is open to all residents of Harbor Hills with up to third generation Italian roots. Mother, father, grandmother, grandfather was Italian that's a good start. Spouse is full Italian works too. Join our group with wunnerful delicious homemade food and wine and Italian stories of family in Italy, royalty mixed in there, lots of history, even back to Roman times and Venetian doges. Contact our capo Joe Pulsone at lujoe59@gmail.com.



The Club Scene at Harbor Hills

Garden & Women's Club News

**By Vanessa Renaker – President
First Friday of the Month at 10am
From October to May**

Dear Members of the Harbor Hills Garden and Women's Club,

We would like to express our gratitude for your participation in our esteemed Garden Club.

As we approach the conclusion of this season, we are excited to announce our upcoming events which promise to be exceptional. In April, Chico's will be introducing the latest Spring and Summer Fashions, providing a refreshing sense of style. Join us for a delightful buffet of Italian cuisine and delectable cookies for dessert.

In May, we invite you to a charming Tea Party featuring a delightful selection of teas and finger foods. Don't forget your best hat or chapeau for this elegant event.

Our Garden Club provides a welcoming space for ladies in Harbor Hills to connect with new friends and neighbors. We encourage you to consider becoming a member for the upcoming season to enjoy the numerous benefits.

Please note that as a member of HHGWC, your monthly lunch expenses will be automatically billed to your Club account.

We are pleased to introduce our board members: Vanessa Renaker (President), Karen Edmiston (Vice-president), Billie Neese (Secretary), Jennifer Matthews (Treasurer), Karen Standfest (Communications Director).

Let us continue to cultivate friendships and foster community together.

Mah Jongg Parlor

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Exercise your mind playing this fun and challenging tile game. We meet in the lounge every Tuesday, so feel free to drop in to see how it is played. If you want to play, please stop by. For further information, or sign-up, please contact, Vanessa Renaker, 352-209-4755

"Gentlemen's Social Bridge"

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Mostly played on-line with BridgeBase but sometimes held at host homes throughout Harbor Hills.

We seek intermediate level bridge players to join in on the fun. Contact Ted Drzewiecki at ted.drzewiecki@gmail.com, or his Cell: 301-461-7604."

Low Impact Aerobics

Starting or sticking with regular exercise was linked to higher pain tolerance in a Norwegian study." (Consumer Reports on Health, September 2023). Also, regular exercise strengthens your immune system. Join us at 7:40 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the Harbor Room. We use a variety of low impact DVDs. Please wear sneakers with good support, but with no deep treads. If you want to stretch out those tired muscles afterwards, stay an extra 10 minutes to do floor exercises on mats to relax them. We also use light hand weights every other class. Both extras are optional.

For more information, please email Regi at rechape@gmail.com. All members of the Harbor Hills Country Club are welcome. No fee.

Line Dance Classes

New Beginner Class has started. Experts say that learning a new language stimulates the brain and helps to forestall senior moments. What better way to do this than to combine learning the "new language" of line dancing steps, coupled with memorizing these steps and moving to the beat of the songs – exercising both the brain and the body? Join the fun on Tuesday afternoons at 3:00-4:00 p.m. for beginners. To join the new beginners' class, please email Regi at rechape@gmail.com to register. This class is open to all Harbor Hills Country Club members. No fee.

Advanced students know 49 dances already! They can choose to attend the beginners' class at 3:00, helping the instructor by giving the beginners someone else to watch when learning the new steps. Or the advanced students can choose to wait until 3:30 when the beginners and advanced. Students combine into one class. At 4:00 the beginners leave, and the advanced students will stay until 4:30 to learn new dances and practice some of those 49 dances they already know.

Yoga

Join me, Karen Coburn, Wednesdays at 9:30 for Vintage Yoga. I am a two-time 200 hour certified holistic yoga instructor. I have been practicing yoga for 10 years and have been teaching for three years.

Vintage Yoga is a class that everyone can enjoy. I focus on embracing our vintage stage of life as we continue growing in all areas of our being, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically. I promote movement, balance and stretching.

Vintage Yoga meets on the Clubhouse Balcony and enjoys the view. If the weather is too cold, we meet in the racquetball court located off the Grill Room.

Sign up to receive the weekly email that outlines the upcoming class details. In the subject line type "Vintage Yoga" and I'll add you to my list. My email address in kcoburn5159@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there.



Bridge Club

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

The bridge club meets every Wednesday afternoon, in the club lounge, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Membership is open to all members of Harbor Hills Country Club. Members are required to volunteer as hostess (or co-hostess) once every eighteen months. Hostess duties include checking in members, and setting up the tables with cards and score sheets. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board, which is located immediately to the right of the door as you enter the Ladies Locker Room, on the lower level. If you have questions regarding the Bridge Club, please contact Anne Zenker 352-750-1537. Email annezkr2@comcast.net

A Place Where You Can Have it All

ShangHai Club

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

A contract rummy game, which meets every Friday afternoon at 12:30 PM in the lounge. Game is open to all club members. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Ladies Locker Room.

Duplicate Bridge

Select Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

This challenging game is played on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month, in the Lounge, at 6:30 PM. Any member interested in playing, (individual or couple) please contact Sue Hritz at 751-4066.

Euchre

2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

ALL Club members are eligible to play this fun card game. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.

If interested (individual or couple) please contact Sue Hritz at 751-4066.

(Notice to all card and game clubs: Please call one day in advance with your attendance numbers so that tables may be set up for your group. We would like to request that the hostess, or host, for bridge clubs, MahJongg and ShangHai, notify the club in advance of the names of any houseguests or non-members that will be attending their groups. All guests of members (houseguests and non-resident day guests) are required to pay a \$5 fee each time they play. Residents who live, or own a home in the Harbor Hills Community, and who are not members of the Club, may not attend these groups.)



Just a Reminder

To all Harbor Hills' Clubs and Organizations – any flyers or mailers to be mailed with the monthly statements must be submitted to the Accounting Office by the 25th of each month. Because of the number of flyers being submitted each month, flyers will only be mailed according to the date of each related event. Any flyers received after the 25th deadline will be placed in the next month's statement.

Topless Club

Our Topless Club is winding down for the season. It has been so much fun for all of us. We have been to Lake Weir for our annual picnic, DeLeon Springs to "make our own pancakes", to a fabulous "Dance the night away" holiday party, to "Drive and Dine" events to Swampy's, Waterfront Grill, Ozello trail to Pecks Old Port Cove and ending at Drifter's in Astor. All these events were put on by our wonderful members who volunteered to take a month! Our season will start up again in October with more adventures, fun and just going Topless. To be a member of this very prestigious club, you must have a car with a removeable top, (sorry but sunroofs don't qualify!) We do limit our membership to Harbor Hills/Grove residents only and to 50 households. Dues are \$10.00 per person. We do not have meetings but communicate thru emails. If you are interested in joining our club, please email me, Carol DiDomenico at Carol_d2211@hotmail.com

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

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Design Review Board HOA...
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Email jlawson@harborhills.com to submit your photos for entry in our Harbor Hills' newsletter! Please put in the subject line "Harbor Hills News" the event/subject.
(Artwork)

Harbor Hills Racquet Association

By: Ted Drzewiecki, HHRA Publicity Chair

Some big news, racquet sports fans, our leader of the last 10 years, Giac Modica has resigned. This is truly the end of an era. Giac led us through thick and thin, he established the friendly home-on-home tennis games with neighboring clubs, promoted pickleball when it wasn't that popular here and now is well-established and formed a solid relationship with the Harbor Hills management to continually improve the racquet sports experience here at Harbor Hills. At a special board meeting on February 26th Gia Modica passed on the ceremonial Pancho Gonzales tennis racquet to our new leader Pepe Gutierrez.



The new HHRA board, pending membership approval at the annual social picnic, will consist of Pepe Gutierrez - President, and Gene Armbrister - Treasurer. The positions of vice-President and Secretary remain open and volunteers are solicited. Currently the rest of the folks that make HHRA work are: Activities co-chairs Nancy Weiss and Janet Snider, the publicity chair is Ted Drzewiecki, Janis DeCoster is the Membership Chair and Ellery Hathorne is the Pickleball proponent. Come and join the board and make your voices heard and make a difference in our racquet sports program.

So, what else is new? The 2023-2024 racquet sports season is half over and what do we have to show for our efforts...well, quite a lot. Activities keep on coming and going, sport and social events too. The addition of intercommunity competitions has been quite successful with Harbor Hills holding its own across the board. But best of all we have got the tennis courts, all but one, back into top notch condition, since the deterioration that occurred when we lost our tennis pro who had been maintaining the courts. Thanks to the hard work of Hank Chipman,

our maintenance manager (and, oh by the way, defending champion in the Men's and Mixed Doubles Championships), and his stalwart assistant Craig Holst, we again enjoy playing on arguably mid-Florida's finest soft courts, both tennis and pickleball.



Craig comes to us from the golf side of Harbor Hills with much maintenance expertise especially sprinkler systems and he has picked up superbly on court maintenance from his mentor Hank. He will be taking over for Hank at the end of April when Hank goes up North, to down East in Maine, for the Summer months, resuming his partnership with Hank when he returns in the Fall.

OK you're probably wondering what's what on the intercommunity scene. Well we have three at home matches against Hawthorne, Plantation and Trilogy in the remainder of this season. We've played one so far. We played seven courts of stirring tennis on our home courts against Hawthorne and came away with a 4 - 3 win which compared really well to our really poor showing in 2023 where we took only one court, at Hawthorne. Our players are used to soft courts and play better thereon. So, the four Harbor Hills winning teams were: Glenn Shepherd and Denise Collier, against two men, 6-1, 6-1; KP Palmer and Nancy Weiss had a nail biter against two men, won in a third set tiebreaker 6-4, 6-7, 1-0(5); Janet Snider and Pepe Gutierrez trounced their all male opposition, 6-4, 6-1; and, Jo Janke and Karen Mercer had an easy win at 6-2, 6-3.

Harbor Hills Tennis Center Pro Shop Hours

Sunday & Monday: 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Please sign in when closed on clip board.



We are scheduled to play at home against Plantation on Saturday, March 9th and against Trilogy on April 13th. Come on out and cheer on your Harbor Hills buddies.

We played two Home-on-Home matches in February. One away at Del Webb Spruce Creek and one versus Glenview CC at home. We split at Del Webb with all three of our ladies teams winning. Nancy Weiss and Karen Mercer won 6-2, 6-3, Janet Snider and Jo Janke won in a bit of anxious moments in the second set 6-2, 7-5, and Janis DeCoster and Denise Collier cruised at 6-4, 6-4. Unfortunately our men did not fare as well, losing all three of their matches. We think that it was due to the Del Webb hard courts, I know, excuses, excuses! Special note that Wally and Lou Ann are setting a trend for Harbor Hills spectators...thanks guys!

Our match against Glenview was a mixed blessing. Statistically we won 4 - 2 because they defaulted on two teams that were unable to show up, but in reality it was a split 2-2 with those present. Judy Parker and Nancy Weiss crushed their opponents 6-2, 6-3 while Kim Zahan and Denise had to pull their match out in a tiebreaker third set after losing the first set badly. But they stuck with it and won 2-6, 6-4, 10-7.

April will see our Harbor Hills Racquet Fanatics travelling to the University of Florida in Gainesville for our annual Gator tailgate party and Ladies Tennis competition with the UF Gators taking on the University of South Carolina Gamecocks in NCAA competition. Always fun and sometimes historic such as when two years ago we watched Ben Shelton and the Gators wipe out the Mississippi State competition. Ben,

you all know, is now a highly ranked pro on the USTA tour. So warm up your portable grills and ice that great IPA and get yourselves out to eat and watch on April 13th!



So now, as you all are reading this article the Harbor Hills Country Club Tennis Championships playoffs will be happening. Round Robin play was over on March 31st. We had some dicey happenings what with multiple injuries being incurred by three of our men players which has resulted in a realignment and a loss of two men's teams so we're down to four stalwart Men's teams and a loss of one team in the Mixed Doubles division. As of the beginning of March the standings were as shown below:

The playoffs will start on or after April 1st, at the players convenience, and will consist of semifinals where the #1 team will play #3 and #2 will play #4 in each division. Finals will be between the winners of the semis. This unique Harbor Hills Tournament is well worth coming out and watching.

News tidbits left over but nonetheless of considerable interest to you, my readers, are the efforts to provide a tennis backboard by extending the cinderblock wall at the back of the stadium court which is being favorably being looked into by the HHCC management. Also, we're looking at a racquet sports weekend possibly to the new Wyndham Resort that used to be the Club Med in Port St. Lucie which has magnificent pickleball and tennis programs, clinics and fun competitions in the August or September timeframe. Those that are interested should touch base with one of the board members.

Whew, that's been a lot to absorb...hope you all got it. Please join the HHRA at \$10pp per year. Your dues support our social events as well as help with the racquet sports infrastructure. See ya on the courts.



Ladies' Golf Association

By Ann C Mahoney, President of HHLGA

The Harbor Hills Ladies Golf Association (LGA) is 56 members strong. We added one new member in January, Robin Dretzka and want to welcome her. The LGA plays every Thursday from September through April and have a summer schedule from May through August. The following is a look back at some LGA major tournaments as well as a look forward at what's to come.

Looking back, in January we had our Ringers Tournament which is a two person, two day tournament. We count the net score for the first day and try to improve on that score the second day. Congratulations to all the winners of the two day pick your partner Ringer Tournament. Teams dodged the rain on Tuesday and Thursday, though chilly when we first got on the course, it warmed up quickly and ended up being a very nice two day golf tournament. It was an exciting tournament with fourteen chip in's over the two days and eight closest to the pin prizes along with the most improved team. Linda Reyome and Janice Johnsons' team won the most improved team with a 10 stroke improvement from Day 1 to Day 2. Inserted is a Leader Board picture with all the details of the tournament and most improved team picture.

In February we had our two day Member/Member Tournament (MM). Both days of this tournament started out chilly and ended with the Florida Sun shining on all of us as we took off layer after layer of clothing. In this tournament each player chooses another member to play golf with. Over the two day tournament there were four different formats; Alternate Shot, Best Ball Net, Scramble and Aggregate Net. There were thirty six players and six flights. First and second place prizes were awarded to each flight along with closest to the pin prizes on the four par 3's and twelve chip-in's over the two days. Pictures are inserted of the Leader Board, some foursomes, MM teams and other individual players.

The theme for our MM this year was "Getting to Know You". Chris Sorenson, Terri Delcamp, Nancy Flood, Sue Rice and Eileen Gordon put together a lunch program, asking members in advance of the luncheon, to write three things that other LGA members might not know about us. When presented with a guess who list, we were all surprised to learn that our members are so interesting, exciting, diverse and smart. The following is a list of some of what we learned about each other, member's listed: I was a wedding singer, I rode a unicycle, I skied in Zermatt Switzerland, I spent a week at an orphanage in Romania, I played golf with Anika Sorenstam in 1994, I won the National Paddleball championship in 1994, I have flown 1,000,000 miles, I was born with an extra finger, I marched competitively in parades, I published a text book on infection control, I played in the National Softball Championship, I lived in my home town until I moved to HH, I believe ice cream is food, I rode in the Goodyear Blimp, I did equestrian jumping and I once worked on a train. Though we play golf with each other every week, we don't get to know what lives have been lived. This was a great way to hear some details we would never have guessed!

Remembering Our Absent Friends is the name of our memorial tournament scheduled in March and dedicated to all the women who have played with the LGA over the 30 plus years we've been in existence. We have compiled a list of LGA members who have passed away and will read the list at the luncheon after we play that days' golf tournament. We truly miss those that have gone before us and are excited to share wonderful memories of playing golf with them.

The HHLGA Club Championship takes place in April. This is another two day tournament. This time it's an individual tournament where golfers compete for their name on the HHLGA Club Champion trophy. This tournament will be flighted, as are all our other tournaments. Placing all players in different skill levels into flights, allows everyone to compete for gross and net prizes in each

flight. The competition for low gross is usually at the highest level of play, as the "A" players compete to become the overall club champion for low gross. The net champion could come from any of the other flights. As with all our major tournaments, we have a luncheon immediately following golf, at which a trophy is awarded. Needless to say we look forward to this tournament with excitement and anticipation.

The above are examples of our team games and major tournaments. Our weekly games consist of stroke play, either team or individual, with a net game usually built into each week along with the gross game. There are approximately 34 different games that we have scheduled for the 2023-2024 season. In addition to gross scores, we calculate net scores and use the net scores to determine winning individuals and winning teams. Some examples of our game inside our gross game are: only count net scores on holes that begin with T & F, we might throw out the holes that begin with "S" and count the other net scores, sometimes we'll count only two low net scores for each foursome. The format changes each week, making every week interesting and different. The games are always flighted; giving fair competition to all levels of players. Gross scores are recorded in the Golf Handicap Index Network (GHIN) and we use the net scores as a way to level the playing field to determine game winners.

Some outside opportunities are available through the LGA. The LGA participates in The Mid Florida Challenge Cup. The Mid Florida Challenge Cup involves seven golf clubs; Harbor Hills, Eagle Ridge, Monarch, Arlington Ridge, Plantation, Deer Island and Mt. Dora Country Club. It Begins in September and ends in April. It's a match play format with a partner and is played at the other clubs as well as at Harbor Hills

Every LGA player participates in a yearlong tournament where we keep track of every player's best scores on every hole, every week and report the best in each flight at the end of the year. Of course, any Eagles or Hole-In-Ones for the year are also recognized at our closing day Awards Luncheon.

The success of the annual LGA Program is wholly dependent on the enthusiasm of all of the women who show up each Thursday to play, as well as the personal commitment of our officers and volunteers for committees, our tournament chairs and their committees. It is my pleasure to carry on the work of all of our LGA past presidents who's vision has made the LGA the remarkable organization it is today and has been since its inception in 1991.

If you have questions or an interest in joining, please contact Ann Mahoney; ann_mahoney@comcast.net, 352-205-1333 or Linda Reyome; lreyome@gmail.com, 419-350-2809. The LGA plays golf every Thursday at 8:15 AM.





Men's Golf Association

By: Larry Coburn - President

As your newly elected President for the Harbor Hills Men's Golf Association, I am pleased to announce your new board members elected at our recent annual meeting. Elected to 2 year terms were Rich Billings, Keith Hale, Ron Nisun, Rich Robuck and Don Winefordner. They will serve alongside Bill Bogert and I who are returning board members.

We are looking forward to a great year with several tournaments planned including our biggest event The Sider Cup and weekly Wednesday game. We encourage all members to participate as much as possible. Just this past week we completed the first tournament of the year, the Net Stroke Play Tournament. This was a 3 day tournament with winners determined in 4 separate flights based on each players score after deducting their handicap. There was also an overall winner determined based on the lowest net score of all players in 4 flights for the 3 days. Congratulations to this years winner Bob DeHaven.

If you are a golfer but not a MGA member, we encourage you to contact us for information on how to become a member. All golfers are welcome regardless of your skill level. It is a great way to meet people and make new friends.

Your board looks forward to helping make your golfing experience enjoyable in 2024.



Swingin' 9'ers

By: Billie Neese

Spring has arrived and the Swingin' Niners are in full swing! We are so happy to see ourselves continue to grow as we always welcome new gals into our "friendly, fun, and forgiving" group of golfers. Our winter season had its challenges, with several Tuesdays that were just too cold for golf, but we are back on schedule as the cold temperatures are behind us once again.

On February 27th, we held our traditional Sadie Hawkins Tournament. Taking the coveted title this year were Leslie and Ron Nisun, along with Micheal Sandler and Paul Ramos. Barb and Don Goolsby, together with Robin and Peter Karp, earned the honor to be guardians of the "Wooden Putter" until the next Sadie Hawkins! Greg Langan won "closest to the pin" for the men, and Dee Mancuso won for the ladies. Our Sadie Hawkins day on the course was followed by our social at the home of Bille and Bob Neese.

We have much more on our Niners agenda in the following months of play, including our next social in March at the home of Dee and Anthony Mancuso. Our socials have always been a special part of being a Niner and allow us the opportunity to expand our friendship and comradery off the course as well.

April will bring the "grand finale" of our league year, with our Niners Championship scheduled for April 16 and 23rd. The winner, as well as our most improved golfer, will be announced at our Awards Luncheon.

The Niners nominating committee has posted our proposed slate of officers for 2024-2025. They are: President - Carol Bowers, Vice-President - Denise Collier, Secretary - Carol Langan, and Treasurer - Karen Mannix. This slate will be announced and voted on at our Awards Luncheon also.

We begin our "practice summer play", with no competitive games, beginning in June. This is a great time to join our group if you are interested in playing nine holes of golf on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m., either from our League standard yellow tees or combo tees. Our dues are \$40 for the season, and you must be a full golf member of the Harbor Hills Country Club. We have individual as well as team games with a \$5 sweeps charge applied to your club bill. We have a league of ladies who range in skill from good golfers to beginners.

For more information, please contact Lorraine Kasse (President) at roseofpv@yahoo.com or myself, Billie Neese (Secretary) at billie.neese@gmail.com.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRO

If you missed the **Callaway Demo & Fitting Days**, you have another opportunity on Thursday, April 25th from 10 am to 2 pm to try the new AI Smoke clubs, as well as other Callaway clubs. Their experts will help you find the correct shaft, loft and club type to fit your swing. They also provide feedback on your swing speed, launch, sweet spot accuracy, and more!



UPCOMING EVENTS

April

Friday, April 12 – Military Officers Association of America – 1:00 pm Shotgun
Wed., April 17 – MGA Member/Member Match Play – 8:00 & 10:30 am Tee Times
Friday, April 19 – MGA Member/Member Match Play – 8:00 & 10:30 am Tee Times
Sunday, April 21 – MGA Member/Member Match Play – 8:00 am Tee Times
Friday, April 26 – Monarch Grove – 8:15 am Shotgun
Saturday, April 27 – US Kids Tour – 12:00 – 2:00 pm Tee Times

May

Wed/Fri/Sun, May 1, 3 & 5 – Member/Member Stroke Play – 11:00 am Tee Times
Friday, May 10 – Home Builders Association – 8:15 am Shotgun
Saturday, May 11 – Windermere Wildfire Showcase Team – 8:00 am Shotgun
Saturday, May 18 – Florida State Golf Association – 12:00 – 2:00 pm Tee Times
Sunday, May 19 – Florida State Golf Association – 7:30 – 9:30 am Tee Times
Saturday, May 25 – Leesburg High School – 8:00 am Shotgun

June

Sunday, June 2 – Lake County Amateurs – 8:15 am Shotgun
Friday, June 21 – Gator Senior Golf Association – 8:15 am Shotgun

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

ITALIAN OPEN

SOCIAL/GUEST FLIGHT

1st Place – Karen Eluck, Sam Leto, Mark Ackley, John Hainsworth
2nd Place – Peter & Kathy Petillo, J. Burcnick, Patrick Longstreth

MEMBER FLIGHT

1st Place – Rico Albanesi, Bill Bogert, Steve & Sue Hritz
2nd Place – Cliff & Jeri Murphy, John Nelson, Joe Cervoni
3rd Place – David Raymond, Scott Weitekamp, Steve Harding, Gregg Kasinger

LONGEST DRIVE – LADIES – Karen Eluck
LONGEST DRIVE – MEN – Patrick Longstreth

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

#5 – Ladies – Karen Coburn – 12' 6"
#8 – Ladies – Ruth Chancellor – 18' 8"
#13 – Men – Sam Assini – 9' 11"
#16 – Men – Sam Leto – 27' 5"



LGA RINGERS TOURNAMENT



FLIGHT 1

1st Place – Catherine Sendell & Deb Markey
2nd Place – Terry Delcamp & Terri Winefordner

FLIGHT 2

1st Place – Raula Badavinac & Janet White-Cofer
2nd Place – Rose Stewart & Carole Altomari

FLIGHT 3

1st Place – Linda Reyome & Janice Johnson

FLIGHT 4

1st Place – Dee Mancuso & Bridget Templeton

MGA PRESIDENT'S CUP

FLIGHT 1

1st Place – Scott Weitekamp
2nd Place – Dave DeCoster
3rd Place – Ron Nisun

FLIGHT 2

1st Place – Robert DeHaven
2nd Place – Lee Bowers
3rd Place – Pat Murdock



FLIGHT 3

1st Place – Frank Altman
2nd Place – Don Winefordner
3rd Place – David Raymond

FLIGHT 4

1st Place – Bill Bogert
2nd Place – Jim Manning
3rd Place – Kurt Casebolt

PLEASE NOTE

The new e-mail address for the Pro Shop is:

golfshop@harborhills.com

Please be sure to update your contacts!

If you need assistance, contact Krista Fabian
at the Pro Shop (352) 753-7711.

COURSE CLOSINGS

The course will be closed on Monday,
June 3rd and Tuesday, June 4th for
fairway aeration.

If you would like to play another course,
contact the Pro Shop for tee times.

The Poet's Corner

Jo Ann Zsilavetz

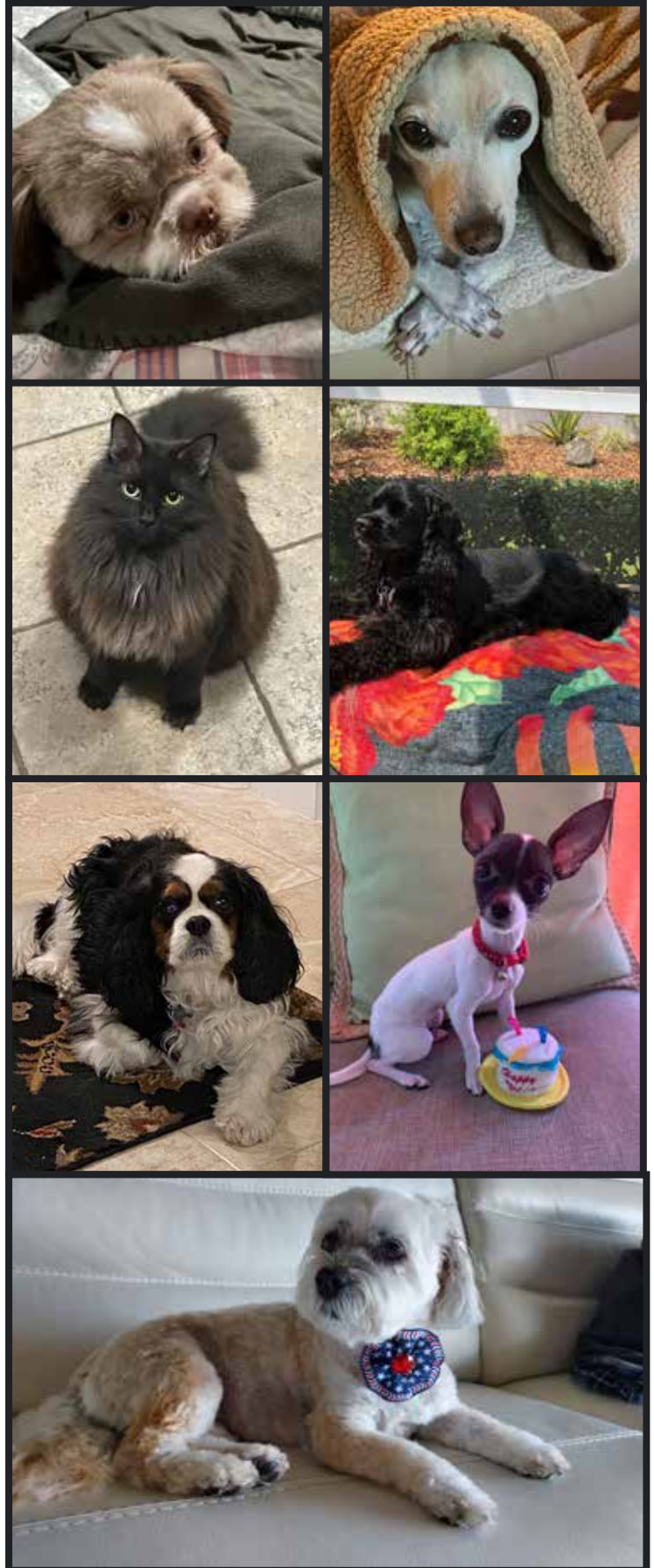
SPRING AWAKES

sleeping water lilies
nestled on crystal clear springs
gentle cascading rain drops
catch earth's sunrise
Whippoorwill's sweet song
echoes
willows weep
dripping morning mist
dark blue haze surrounds
hidden ivy covered
gray weathered wooden bridge
Sunfish's rainbow jib
slips thru foaming
white lazy water
Spring awakes.



Provided by Dr. Mike Caudel taken at Municipal Lake in Bryan, Tx.

Pet Parade





Ladies Charity

by Sue Hritz, President

Thank you for making our January Food Drive a great success. You donated \$635 and over 800 items which went directly to help the needy in the Lady Lake area. If you missed the past food drive, please mark your calendar for April 19-21st. It's a great time to clean out your pantry. You can donate non-perishable food, paper products, pet items, and of course monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Look for our internet flyer for drop off locations.

Our "Host and Toast" events running through April are already in full swing. We've had dinner parties, cocktail parties, a pizza party and everyone is talking about the Mrs. Roper theme party hosted by Robin Buckley. All the ladies had a fantastic time dressed up as Mrs. Roper from the show "Three's Company". It was especially nice that many of the new ladies could attend. If you would still like to host a party, you have until the end of April. If interested, please call Karen Coburn @260-705-0681.

I hope you have all seen our signs for the spring online 50/50 raffle. Visit: Go.Rallyup.com/HHLC and purchase a chance to win 50% of the funds raised during this event. The winning ticket will be drawn Saturday, April 6th at the conclusion of our Community Ice Cream Social running from 2-4 pm. Attendees will be enjoying a cup of homemade Kelly's ice cream so come out and get together with your friends and neighbors.

We'll end our season with the May Derby Day Party, so get out your colorful hats. This year's event is being held at Grand Oaks on May 4th from 4-8 pm. It will be a day filled with games, traditional Derby Day food and drink, a viewing of the Derby race and lots of laughs. Tickets will go on sale in early spring.

Our schedule of events provides a great way to not only have fun with friends and neighbors, but also to provide assistance to local residents who are struggling in these difficult times. We provide food for families, equipment for developmentally disabled children, medical needs for young women, shelter for battered women and children, support for teens moving out of foster care, and assistance to students with learning disabilities.

Whether you are new to the area or a long time resident please contact me if you'd like to volunteer and support our causes. I'm sure you will find participation to be both enjoyable and rewarding.

Sue Hritz, President 352-630-9409 Hritz653@gmail.com





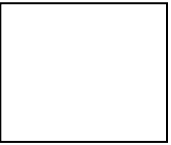
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The image shows a screenshot of the Harbor Hills Country Club YouTube channel page. The channel name is "Harbor Hills Country Club" with 457 subscribers and 385 videos. The page includes a "Subscribe" button and navigation tabs for Home, Videos, Shorts, Live, Playlists, and Community. A "Shorts" section is visible at the bottom with several video thumbnails. Overlaid on the right side of the screenshot is a graphic for a podcast titled "GOLF CART PODCAST WITH SEAN & JON HARBOR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB". The graphic features two caricatures of men in orange and yellow shirts sitting in a golf cart, with a microphone between them.