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*Mark Your Calendar*



**NOVEMBER**

Friday November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Casual Dinner Night
Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Casual Dinner Night
Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nine A Person Tournament
Friday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday Dinner Night
Thursday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thanksgiving Buffet
Friday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Low Gross / Net
	Casual Dinner Night
Saturday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jam Night

**DECEMBER**

Friday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Casual Dinner Night
Saturday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 Player Match Play Starts
Friday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Casual Dinner Night
Sunday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Shamble
Friday December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Casual Dinner Night
Sunday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Egg Nog Party
Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Casual Dinner Night
Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day / Club Closed
Friday, December 29 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday Dinner Night

**JANUARY**

Monday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Red Eye Tournament
Friday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Seafood Dinner Night
Saturday, January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Match Play Starts
Saturday, January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cunningham Cup
Sunday, January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cunningham Cup
Saturday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jam Night
Friday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday Dinner Night
Sunday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Couples Member Guest

*New Rates*

As we move into the cooler months we will be adjusting our rates for guest play consistent with the season. With this in mind, we would like to inform you that effective November 1<sup>st</sup> our rates will increase to \$49.00 for a Guest Of A Golf Member and \$59.00 for a Member For The Day.

Our Annual Membership rates will also increase starting in November and will remain in effect through April 2018 when we will reduce the rates again consistent with the summer months.

*Thanksgiving Buffet*

Mark your calendars and make your plans to join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our Annual Thanksgiving Feast, which is scheduled for Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Seating will be available from 12:00 – 4:00 and Chef Dave always puts on a tremendous spread for this event including all of the traditional favorites along with some new items to please your palate.

Look for more particulars on the website and the flyer included in your monthly statement and bring your family to join us as we celebrate this holiday.

*Than You Jenny*

It is with mixed emotions that we inform you that Jenny Hastings, our Bar and Dining Room manager has decided to reduce her schedule effective November 1<sup>st</sup> in preparation for a full departure effective January1, 2018

We say mixed emotions because Jenny has been such an integral part of our operation over the last 11 years and we are sorry to see her leave. But we are happy for her as she will be starting her new career in the insurance industry.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny for all of the loyalty she showed the club and the membership during her tenure at the club and wish her the best of luck with her new endeavor.

*Jam Night Scheduled*

We have scheduled another night of live music for your entertainment on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the clubhouse offering a full menu that includes appetizers, entrees, specials and desserts.

Our Jam Nights are very popular and features our house band "On The Rocks" playing some of your favorite music from the 60's, 70's and 80's. Jam Night is open to all members and their guests to come out and join us for your dining, dancing and listening pleasure.

If you are interested in joining us please call the club at 727-392-3008 and make your reservation.

# *Seminole Lake*

## *Board of Governors 2016*

Mrs.Carolyn Smith – Chairman  
Mrs. Joanne Richardson – Vice Chairman  
Mr. John Lisenbee – Greens Committee  
Mr. Frank Dummar – Tennis committee  
Ms. Judi Kline – Social Committee  
Mr. Jim Libby – Golf Committee  
Mr. Ed Hallock – Board Member  
Mr. Tim O’Hara – Board Member  
Mr. Terry Walker – Board Member  
Mr. Ray Stull – Board Member

## *Board of Governors Nominations*

Included with your statement this month is a ballot for you to nominate 5 new members to the Board of Governors for the 2018 annual year. The particulars on how to nominate someone for the Board are included with the ballot and we are looking for an excellent response from the membership.

Our sincere thanks go to outgoing Board Members Carolyn Smith, Joanne Richardson, John Lisenbee, Jim Libby and Ed Hallock for their service during the past two years.

## *Employee Holiday Fund*

Also included with this month’s statement is a letter regarding our Employee Holiday Fund. We implemented this program nine years ago and have received a very positive response all nine years with over 75% of the membership donating to this fund.

For those of you who may not be familiar with this program, the Employee Holiday Fund is a traditional practice at Country Clubs during this time of year whereby the club solicits **voluntary donations** from the membership to recognize the efforts of our dedicated employees. All monies collected are then disbursed in an equitable fashion to all employees of the club including the tennis operation and golf course maintenance staff.

We thank all of you in advance for any consideration you may give to this program.

# *From The Manager*

October was a fabulous month for the club from a weather standpoint as we started to get some relief from the summer heat towards the end of the month. Along with the break in the heat, we only received a few inches of rain for the entire month giving our members the opportunity to take full advantage of the club.

We hosted two golf events during the month of October starting with the 5-4-3-Out Tournament, which took place on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Eighteen people teed it up for this even and when it was all over the top prize was claimed by Pat Guggino. The next event was our Monthly Low Gross / Low Net Tournament, which was won by Bill Schilk and Jim Hunt respectfully. Our congratulations go to all of the winners and thanks to all who participated.

On the Social schedule we hosted our Birthday Dinner Night on the 13<sup>th</sup> to a full house. As usual, Chef Dave and the entire Food & Beverage staff did an excellent job with the entire evening.

Following Birthday Dinner Night we hosted our Oktoberfest Celebration on the 27<sup>th</sup> featuring authentic German cuisine courtesy of Chef David. As in previous years, the night was fantastic and everybody that attended commented on how authentic the food was.

October was a very busy month for tournament play as we hosted a total of five outside tournaments during the month. Although these tournaments are very beneficial to the overall well-being of the club, we realize that they can get in the way of our regular member play. With this being said, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for their understanding and patience on the days that we host outside tournaments.

November promises to be a busy month for the club as we will be hosting several events for your enjoyment. On the Social calendar we will be hosting our Birthday Dinner Night on the 17<sup>th</sup>, our Thanksgiving Buffet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and a Jam Night on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information regarding the particulars of these events on the website and the flyers included with your statement and make your plans to join us.

Finally, we would like to welcome back our Northern friends and take another opportunity to thank all of you for your support. We appreciate all of you who continue to patronize the club throughout the year and thank you for your continued utilization, which has allowed us to remain successful and continue to improve the club.

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to stop me at the club, give me a call or send an email to me at [nhaglund@seminolelake.net](mailto:nhaglund@seminolelake.net). I always enjoy your feedback and look forward to serving your needs.

Sincerely,

Norm Haglund  
General Manager

## *Golf Course Update*

We're pleased to inform you that the overseeding will happen during the second week of November and we expect the process to go flawlessly. This will be the latest we have ever dropped seed, but we expect germination to happen prior to the beginning of December.

We will overseeded this year with the same blend of seed at the same rate as previous years so we should expect the same excellent conditions throughout the colder months that we have experienced in the past. Granted, the amount of natural rainfall has a lot to do with germination, but if need be we have the ability to supply the seed with plenty of irrigation water so you can rest assured that all of the seed will eventually germinate and flourish.

Overall, the golf course is in good shape and we continue to improve our conditions each year. We are pleased with the improvements we made again this year and look forward to continuing to improve the golf course in the future.

This is the time of the year when golfer etiquette plays a big role in the condition of the course. The turf growth slows considerably, along with its ability to recover from damage. Keeping carts where they belong (on the path at the tees, and within 50 yards of the green) will help us the most in preserving the playability, and aesthetics of these areas.

Also, scattering in your approach to the fairways, rather than following the beaten path pays big dividends. Fixing ball marks is real important this time of year because that mark may take a week to recover rather than a few days in the summer. Fixing ball marks typically cuts the time of recovery in half.

With the cold weather approaching, we will begin providing free firewood again to all who are interested. Look for the wood to be piled up by the dumpsters in the back of the clubhouse parking lot. We have mountains of it, with more to come that we have to get rid of.

See you on the course,

Sean Carlton

## *It Doesn't Have To Take All Day*

As difficult as the game of golf is, many people starting out are put off simply by the amount of hours spent on the course. Personally, I believe that watching Professionals on television has added to the painful examination of a golf shot. They seem to look at their options forever before hitting the ball. I sometimes want to stand up and shout "Just hit it!" It doesn't matter how skilled you are at the game, playing 18 holes of golf can still be accomplished in less than four hours. It is simply a matter of learning how to save time. Here are some tips for playing "ready golf":

1. Stop the jokes and stories on the tee box. Two minutes of gabbing adds 36 minutes to your round. You can tell your anecdotes while waiting for other players.
2. Be smart with the golf cart. Don't park it on the opposite side of the green. If you have to chip up take your putter with you.
3. Play when ready, rather than wait for who is away. That's only necessary in tournament golf.
4. Don't waste your time on the greens. Give your putt one look, then roll it. If your playing partner is going to get his putter, go ahead and play.
5. There is no such thing as a mulligan, so unless you hit a provisional ball, hit your ball and chase it.
6. Speed up sand play. Get the rake and place it near your ball so you can rake after the shot falls next to the hole.
7. Count the strokes at the next tee rather than just off the green. That only holds up players behind you.
8. Let faster players through. It's not a sign of weakness if they are faster than you. It only takes a short wait on the next tee to keep things moving.

Our golf course was calculated in a *Golf Digest* formula to have a round time of 3 hours and 48 minutes. Four hours should be plenty of time. Then you have time for some adult beverages and more jokes!

Adam McLearn

Head Golf Professional

## *White Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies*

### Ingredients

1 cup butter ~ 1 cup light brown sugar ~ 1 cup white sugar ~ 2 eggs ~ 2 teaspoons vanilla extract ~ 3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder ~ 1 teaspoon baking soda ~ 1 teaspoon salt ~ 1 ½ cups rolled oats  
2 cups white chocolate chips ~ 1 cup chopped pecans

### Preparation

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and lightly grease cookie sheet. In a medium bowl, cream together butter, brown sugar and white sugar until smooth. Stir in the eggs and vanilla. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt and stir into creamed mixture. Finally, stir in the rolled oats, white chocolate chips and pecans. Drop by teaspoon onto the prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 10 – 12 minutes in the preheated oven; remove from baking sheets to cool on wire racks.