

NOVEMBER 2019



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## Mark Your Calendar

### NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1 - Casual Dinner Night  
Wednesday, November 6 - Member Appreciation  
Friday, November 8 - Jackpot Dinner Night  
Saturday, November 9 - Nine-a-Person Tournament  
Friday, November 15 - Nite Lite Tournament  
Friday, November 15 - Casual Dinner Night  
Saturday, November 16 - 17 - Tennis - USTA L7  
Friday, November 22 - Low Gross/ Low Net  
Friday, November 22 - Casual Dinner Night  
Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving  
Friday, November 29 - NO Casual Dinner

### DECEMBER

Friday, December 6 - Casual Dinner Night  
Saturday, December 7 - Two Person Match Play  
Saturday, December 7 - 8 - Tennis - USTA Level 7  
Friday, December 13 - Jackpot Dinner Night  
Friday, December 13 - Golf Cart Parade  
Saturday, December 14 - 15 - Tennis - USTA L7  
Sunday, December 15 - Christmas Shamble  
Friday, December 20 - Low Gross/ Low Net  
Friday, December 20 - Casual Dinner  
Sunday, December 22 - Egg Nog Party  
Friday, December 27 - Casual Dinner

### JANUARY

Friday, January 3 - Casual Dinner Night  
Friday, January 10 - Jackpot Dinner Night  
Friday, January 17 - Casual Dinner Night  
Friday, January 24 - Low Gross/ Low Net  
Friday, January 24 - Casual Dinner Night  
Sunday, January 31 - Casual Dinner Night

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# CLUB NEWS

By Clay Thomas  
General Manager



# GOLF NEWS

By Mark Codianna  
Head Golf Professional

We are enjoying the return of our winter members and hoping that you bring some cool weather back with you. I am looking forward to meeting all of our new members at our Member Appreciation Night in the Clubhouse on November 6th. This is an enjoyable time of year when friends are reunited after a summer apart.

Despite our record rainfall followed by a six-week drought, our golf course is in excellent condition. Kudos to Sean and his crew. Many of you have shared with me how wonderful the course conditions are right now. Fall brings with it cooler nights and the season during which the Bermuda grass and paspalum growth slows dramatically. As is our usual custom, we will overseed our tees and fairways with perennial ryegrass that will give us color and growth during the cool season. However, the Bermudagrass roughs are particularly vulnerable to damage from cart traffic as they are not able to grow in the cooler temperatures. Since we all agree that we would like to see our beautiful conditions continue through the winter, we are continuing last winter season's guidelines for cart traffic. We will have signs on the course to remind you. Our primary concern is to eliminate cart traffic from around the greens. We will also paint orange lines in front of the greens and require that all carts remain on the paths beyond the orange lines. If you have a handicap flag, please approach the green from the rear to minimize cart traffic in the areas most in play for golfers. Let's all do our part to keep our course spectacular through the winter.

Finally, a reminder that the time will change on 11/3 so the Golf Pro Shop will be closing at 5:30PM.

I look forward to seeing you all around the Club.

In October we welcomed back a lot of our seasonal members and they have all been very pleased with the condition of the golf course. To go alongside with the single set of playing rules, a new Rules of Handicapping will be introduced in January of 2020 known as the World Handicap System (WHS). The WHS unifies the six systems that are currently in existence around the world. The idea behind this is to enable golfers of different abilities to play and compete on a fair and equitable basis, in any format, on any course anywhere around the world. I will go through some of the numbers involved in next month's newsletter but for now I wanted to give a brief overview. Your Handicap Index will be based off the best 8 of your last 20 scores. The change will be minor for most golfers but you might see that your index is different in January even though you didn't play. Also, your Course Handicap will change pretty dramatically. This will allow you to play from different sets of tees without any adjustments to your course handicap. Currently the maximum score you can take is based off of the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) chart. Starting in January the maximum score you can post on a hole will be Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes). Currently your Handicap Index is updated twice a month. With the WHS, handicaps will be much more responsive because it will update at midnight every day you post a score. Lastly there are going to be some really good safeguards put in place to protect your handicap. The system will account for abnormal playing conditions such as bad weather or super fast greens making the course play harder or, to the contrary, very soft conditions or zero wind making the course play easier. The new system will also automatically limit extreme upward movement of your index and automatically reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted. This means Tournament or T scores will no longer be necessary. I will continue on this topic next month by going into more detail but in the meantime, see the golf shop if you have questions and have a great November! Remember, the annual Nite Lite Tournament is on November 15th and there is still room so sign up now. Space is limited to the first 12 teams!!ce is limited to the first 12 teams!!

# COURSE NEWS

## Green Side UP

By Sean Carlton  
Head Greens Keeper

Still waiting for fall to arrive. Hopefully we get more than a few weeks of fall this year before winter arrives. The course in good condition, not where I wanted to be at this point, but we have been dealt some interesting weather in the last two months.

From record summer rainfall to six weeks of drought to record rainfall again, the greens remain weak, so I can't push them the way I would like. Missing aerifications these last couple of years (for reasons beyond our control) has led me to have to treat them with kid gloves. As a result, I can't do some of the things that need to be done such as verticutting and dropping the height of cut. The greens are not unhealthy but we know that we have to make up ground next year and get back on our routine of good cultural practices that will keep our greens healthy.

We spent last month trimming up trees and are now clearing out some overgrowth around the lakes. My previous desire to create habitat for wildlife remains, but one particular shrub became too pervasive and was not serving the purpose to provide habitat to wildlife. I admit things look better since clearing the brush.

This coming month we'll be finishing up the lakes and taking down select dead trees. Many dead trees will remain as a food source, safe resting spot and habitat for the numerous bird species on the property.

As the days now grow shorter, the temperature will drop. At this point, the grass will no longer recover from repetitive traffic. Any grass you see around the greens, tees or anywhere else that is beaten down by traffic will face a slow death and will not recover until the end of next summer. Please scatter and drive where the grass is healthiest. Don't follow the herd. And PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, keep all four wheels of the cart on the path around the greens. Hardpan conditions resulting from cart traffic are most difficult to play from.

If the high temperatures break, the overseed will be put out on the course in the first week of November, but if the temperatures remain in the high 80's without a pattern of cold fronts starting, it may have to be delayed by a week, or two. As in the past, we will be overseeding the tees and fairways of the course.

Looking forward to the snowbirds coming back and hope you like the improvements made this year.

See you on the course,

Sean and Roxy



# MEMBERSHIP

By Eric Van Huele  
Director of Tennis Operations

As you can see, the license plates in the parking lot are starting to change colors. That means our visitors from the north are coming down for the winter months to get away from the brutal cold, enjoy our amazing weather and to take part in our beautiful course conditions. There are going to be a lot of new faces around Seminole Lake for the next few months, so feel free to introduce yourself if you see an unfamiliar face. Our country club prides itself with having a close knit membership, relaxed atmosphere and a welcoming feeling to new members that few clubs have in this area. With that being said, we are having a Member Appreciation night on November 6th from 5-7 pm. The first hour is for all the new faces to experience what Seminole Lake has to offer, as well as to meet new people and form new friendships. The second hour is to thank our existing members for making Seminole Lake a place that other clubs in the area aspire to be, in addition to meeting all the new members that have joined in the last few months. With our busy season in full swing, I expect an amazing turn out and look forward to seeing a good mix of new and familiar faces.

## ***PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!***

Eduardo Apanador

Dean Culbreath

Sally Egan

Francis & Beth Gavin

Harvey Goodman

Kathy Johnston

Rashied Jones

Larry Kornmeyer

Mario & Ginette Lalande

Caleb Martinez

Gordon & Karen Miller

Paolo Rapizzi

Ken & MiMi Sharp

Andre & Francine Sicotte

Kurt & Jane Straub

Allison & Larry Williams



# TENNIS NEWS

By Erick Chall

Director of Tennis Operations

## Upcoming Events

Saturday/Sunday, Nov 16 & 17 - **Seminole Lake Turkey Singles\ Doubles Classic Level 7**

Friday, Nov 22 6:30PM TO 8:30PM. **Turkey Slammer Social** - Come out and win your turkey!!!

Saturday, Dec 7 - **2019 Masters Championships**: Grand prize - 2020 Miami Open Tickets.

**USTA leagues** are forming now for January 2020. Please contact the Tennis desk at 727-394-1733 if you are interested in playing. We will forward your info to the various captains.

## Adult News

**Satellite League**: dropped to 13th but positions are really close.

**Racqueteters League**: dropped to 3rd place but byes are in the mix and the spread is very small. We know those competitive ladies will be back on top soon.

**Seminole Poachers**: dropped to last place but are valiantly trying to move back up. The team is looking for a position 2. They need a strong 3.5+ team to help move them up. If you are interested please call the tennis desk, 727-394-1733 and ask for Terry.

**PADL League**: in the top 3rd of a very large pack. They are a team to watch

## USTA Leagues

Team X went to Orlando for sectionals on oct 5/6..Unfortunately did not advance but what an accomplishment to get to the top of the local field.

**Carol Petroc's** team is going to Sectionals in Orlando Nov 9 & 10th. Good Luck girls!!!

## Junior News

Fall 2019 **Team Tennis Junior League**:

Our **Green Dot Seminole Lake Cyclones** have advanced to the Championship Round, having a record of 4-1. We are so proud to see how much our kids have improved in these past few months.

(Cyclones: **Noah Rodriguez, Lilliana D'Sa, Julian Williams, Isabella Williams, Krish Reddy, Kate Drovh, Elijah Winners**)

Our 12/14 **Yellow Ball Tornados** have also advanced to the Championship Rounds, with an undefeated record of 4-0.

(Tornados: **Lyla Messler, Emma Vitek, Shayna Messler, Ryann Kadau, Alex Drovh**)

Nov 16th is our First Junior UTR verified Tournament. We are so proud to be partnered up with UTR Ranking site which is the top ranking system used in the world.

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own **TY ROTHCHILD**, for winning the **Level 4 State Championship!**

Honorable mentions in our Level 6 Spooktacular Championships: **Lyla Messler** got to quarter finals in her first girls 16 division. She lost to the #4 seed in a very close match! **Sophia Lochow** made it to the quarterfinals, **Tasa Vukovic** got to the quarterfinals and **Tamara Vukovic** made it to the semi-finals in the consolation round.

EXCUSE OUR MESS! We are in the middle of our court maintenance. Courts 12 & 13 will complete the east side of our courts. We know how inconvenient it is to have courts down especially lighted courts now that fall is upon us. We are doing all we can to get them done as quickly as possible but it is a process. Lights are being assessed and we will update you as the plan for replacement develops. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

# SOCIAL NEWS

By Kelly Vaughn  
Director of Sales and Marketing

Fall is finally here! If you have returned for the season, we have a few new changes to some of our social activities here at the club.

We no longer have Birthday dinner night. Now, all members in good standing can have a FREE dinner on ANY casual dinner Friday in the month of their birthday. Please note that this does not include any specialty dinners. We have three casual dinners this November on the 1st, 15th and 22nd (no dinner on 11/29.) If you have a November Birthday, come join us for dinner! (727) 392-3008

Join us on Wednesday, November 6th from 6pm to 7pm for our Member Appreciation Night.

This is our way of saying thank you for being a member. We will be offering free appetizers and happy hour prices. Come and take this opportunity to meet your department heads. We hope to see you!

Jackpot Dinner was on October 4th. All members' names were entered into a drawing to win a \$400 prize, with **Terence Grantges'** name being drawn. Unfortunately, he was not present to win, so the unclaimed \$400 will roll into November. That means this month's drawing will be worth \$500! Be sure to join us on November 8th and remember... you must be present to win!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it and Chef's Thanksgiving Buffet fills up fast, so reservations are required! Call the dining room ASAP to get your desired time! (727) 392-3008. Are you looking for a location for a holiday party? Why not have it at the club? Call (727) 392-3318 for details. There are a few prime dates still available so call soon!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram! We update at least twice a week and it's the best way to stay informed on what is going on at the club.

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# CHEF'S CORNER

By Chef David Justice

## Apple Cinnamon Blondies

### Ingredients:

½ cup plus 1 tablespoon unsalted butter divided  
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons light brown sugar divided  
1 large egg  
1 tbsp vanilla extract  
1 cup all purpose flour  
¼ tsp kosher salt  
1 medium apple sliced  
¼ chunks  
½ cup cinnamon chips

Preheat oven to 350° F, line an 8×8 pan with aluminum foil, spray with cooking spray, set aside. In a small skillet, melt 1 tbsp of butter, add 2 tsp brown sugar and cut apples. Stir to combine. Let simmer for 5 minutes on low heat until apples are lightly softened. Set aside to cool while you prepare blondie batter. Melt ½ cup butter in the microwave. Combine remaining brown sugar and melted butter in a large bowl and whisk to combine. Add the flour, salt and stir until just combined, taking care not to over-mix. Fold in cinnamon chips and apples. Pour batter into prepared pan, smoothing it lightly with a spatula or offset knife. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes. Allow the blondies to cool for an hour before slicing.

Serves 16

**The Holidays are right around the corner. Why not book your Holiday Party at the club? Call for more info! (727) 392-3008**



# We LOVE Our Members!



96-year old Golf Artist, Member Bud Chapman is back! Not only did Bud paint the two prints in our Pro Shop Office, but this man has also shot his age.. 3,860 times!!!!



Seminole Chamber of Commerce Helicopter Ball drop sponsored by Inside Homes.



**USTA Smash Girls**  
Kristen Vale, Nichole, Edie, Joann, Laurie, Sherrl, BJ, Jan, Diana



**Ty Rothchild Level 4 STATE CHAMP!**



**Team Tennis Tornadoes**  
Shayna and Lyla Messler, Emma Vitek and Aman Reddy



Have Photos to share?

Email Kelly:

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# We are making improvements!



Resurfacing the cart staging area.



Improvements to our breezeway.



Clean up around the lakes!



Bulletin Boards have been sanded and stained.

New Signage coming soon.