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Mark Your Calendar

November

Thursday, November 2 - County Golf Association

Friday, November 3 - Casual Dinner Night

Friday, November 10 - Casual Dinner Night

Saturday, November 11 - Two Person Match Play Starts

Thursday, November 16 - County Golf Association

Friday, November 17 - Casual Dinner Night

Saturday, November 18 - Two Person Match Round 2

Saturday, November 18 - Poker Night

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, November 24 - Low Gross / Low Net

December

Friday, December 1 - Nite Lite Tournament

Thursday, December 7 - County Golf Association

Friday, December 8 - Casual Dinner Night

Saturday, December 9 - Christmas Shamble

Friday, December 15 - Casual Dinner Night

Sunday, December 17 - Egg Nog Party

Thursday, December 21 - County Golf Association

Friday, December 22 - Low Gross/ Low Net

Monday, December 25 - Merry Christmas! - Club Closed!

January

Monday, January 1 - Happy New Year!

Monday, January 1 - Red Eye Tournament

Thursday, January 4 - County Golf Association

Friday, January 5 - Match Play Qualifying

Friday, January 5 - Casual Dinner Night

Thursday, January 11 - SLAPS

Friday, January 12 - Casual Dinner Night

Saturday, January 13 - Match Play Round 1

Thursday, January 18 - County Golf Association

Friday, January 19 - Casual Dinner Night

Friday, January 26 - Low Gross/ Low Net

Friday, January 26 - Casual Dinner Night

Saturday, January 27/28 - Cunningham Cup

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CLUB NEWS

By Clay Thomas General Manager

The unusually pleasant October was a welcome relief from the unusually hot and dry summer. Here's hoping that the cool October doesn't portend a cold El Niño winter. With that, I will echo Sean's reminder that the coming cooler temperatures will lead to slower turf growth and recovery. So, we will ask that you pay close attention to keeping the golf carts on the cart paths as much as possible particularly around the greens inside the fairway turnout posts. If you have limited mobility and require a blue flag on your cart, make sure to inquire in the golf shop. For those carts with blue flags, we ask that you approach the greens from the rear to keep the carts off the playable areas as much as possible.

The opening of the new greens has brought quite a buzz of excitement, and the golf course has been predicably busy. Please remember our new rule in place for November-April that any non-golf member is limited to no more than two rounds of golf per month before 1:00 PM. This rule is designed to help keep the more desirable tee times available for member play.

We are excited about the continuing projects around the facility. Most recently, you will notice the completion of the painting of the tennis clubhouse and the new staircases. We have also rebuilt and regrassed the greenside bunker on the practice green. We look forward to seeing you at the Club.





GOLF NEWS

By Mark Codianna Head Golf Professional

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the course has been rerated by the Florida State Golf Association and we are making some changes to the setup of the course. The rerating happened on October 30th and we should have the new numbers soon. I ask that none of the members change the position of the tee markers. Holes 5. 13, and 14 will have an additional set of red and teal markers further back than the current ones that will be rated for the men. We also added gold tee markers to the golf course. These are at the beginning of most fairways and have a total yardage of about 4300 yards. These will have a slope and course rating so scores should be posted and they can be used in tournaments and member groups. Once we use all the current scorecards. I will order new cards that reflect all of the changes we have made.

Last month we had the Shootout at Pine Ridge Farm with 33 participants including 4 ladies. Top 10 golfers and ties qualified for the shootout and we had a record 14 golfers make it through. The final hole came down to **Ray Stull** and **Al Schaff** who both made bogey to go to a chip-off. Al hit his chip closer and won the tournament.

Congratulations Al!

Next month we have the annual Two-Person Match Play Championship starting on November 11th. Because a lot of our members go north for the holiday season, we are starting a week earlier and requiring all teams to play on both the 11th and the 18th. This should allow all matches to be completed by early December. The format is one best ball of two net match play and the cost to enter is \$30 per player. For this event, you must be a golf member and have a valid USGA handicap. Please call or stop by the golf shop to sign up.

COURSE NEWS

Green Side UP

By Sean Carlton Head Greens Keeper

The month of October has been a welcome relief from a long and very hot summer that has taken on crew. Some unusually cold weather showed up early making us wonder what we were in for this coming winter, but it has since tempered off into near-perfect weather (albeit with a lack of any beneficial rainfall).

That being said, the work is never really done. We're re-sodding the putting green bunker while returning it to its original shape. We will also be expanding the front bunker at 7 Green making it wider. We will be installing a butterfly garden in some of the beds around the putting green and pro shop. I am particularly excited about this project. It's been on my bucket list for some time and look forward to the activity this should draw in the future. We will also be trimming the palms in the near future.

The colder winter weather will eventually work its way here, and with that, the growth and vigor of the grass will decline. Like a broken record, I will remind everyone of the wear that the carts make on the turf and how affects the playability of areas, particularly around the greens. The more golfers follow the 90-degree rule, the better conditions will be for everyone. Now that our golf members account for an overwhelming majority of our rounds, I am hopeful that we can all encourage each other more to follow the cart rules and make our golf course the best that it can be.

On a bright note, Travis, our recently hired Assistant Superintendent, has adopted Moxie from our mutual friend. I'll be happy to see him back out here, as I know many others will be.

See you on the course,

Sean

SOCIAL NEWS

By Kelly Vaughn
Director of Marketing

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our soldout German Dinner night! It is one of our favorite SLCC traditional dinners of the year and we were so excited to see so many come out and enjoy German Food!

Next up, we have a wonderful opportunity for you to give back to the community and help those in need. Join The Rotary Club of Seminole, Interact Club, SLCCE HOA, and Seminole Lake Country Club on November 4th from 9 am - 12 pm as we "Stop, Drop and Feed" by donating non-perishable, high protein food donations for Interfaith food pantry, a Seminole-based food pantry helping people in need. This is a great way to make a difference!

In addition, mark your calendars for our upcoming casual dinner nights on November 3, 10, and 17. Make sure to check your weekly emails for more details and remember, reservations are a must!

Poker enthusiasts, we have a special treat for you! Join us for a night of cards on Saturday, November 18th, starting at 4:30 PM. Members can participate for \$50, which includes a light buffet and prizes! Guests can join for \$55. Please register at the bar with a \$20 deposit. Cards will be dealt promptly at 5 PM!

And speaking of special occasions, if you don't have Thanksgiving plans or simply want to keep your kitchen clean, join us for Thanksgiving dinner at the club. Please be sure to call the dining room for reservations because space will fill up quickly! (727) 410-1976

Is your office in need of a Christmas party location? Look no further than Seminole Lake Country Club! Call our office to see if your desired date is available. (727) 391-3318. Let us help you make your event memorable and hassle-free!



TENNIS NEWS

By Erick Chall
Director of Tennis Operations

The weekly women's tennis leagues are going full stride now. Our Club Standings as of 10/30/23:

Satellite: Seminole Ospreys: Captain Nathalie

Kobel: 6th place out of 14.

Racqueteers: Seminole Lets: Captain Jackie

Detrick: 2nd out of 15.

Seminole Tennis Center: Captain Ruth

Barnett: 6th out of 15.

South Pinellas Ladies Doubles League:

Seminole Ospreys: Captain Carol Petroc: 1st

out of 5.

PADL: Seminole 1: Captain Betty Johnson:

17th out of 24.

Seminole 2: Captain Cindy Apter: 24th place.

Facility News: Thank you, **Vicente**, our Facility Manager, and **Coaches Rafael, Jorge, Todd, Reba,** and **Terry** for all their hard work painting the clubhouse, stairs, decking, and walkways. If you see Vicente, give him a "thank you." Not only are Vicente and the crew painting and repairing, but they are also keeping the courts looking great.

Next up: We will be adding new clay to the courts. Please excuse our mess as there will be some noise with the roller and spreader.



Maddie Harrison USTA L6 Back Draw Finalist



Hartley Milne USTA L6 G12 Singles Champion



STA Team Price 6.5 Combo Fall League. Currently, we are in 2nd place. *Let's go, team!*

Left to right:

Elize Gilbert, Terry Walker & mascot Gracie, Christine Price, Kim Poynter, Betty Jordan, Sally Blush, Debbie Billington, Patty Anderson, Katie Forsythe, January Moennig, Gina Timmons. Not Pictured, Jayne Lewis, Erica Allums & Soosie Lazenby.



CHEF'S CORNER

By Chef David Justice



SEATING FROM 11AM - 3PM
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - (727)392-3008

Soups

Butternut Squash Bisque - Vegetable Lentil with Sausage

Salad

Traditional Caesar Salad

Entrées

Herb-Roasted Tom Turkey over Traditional Stuffing with Giblet Gravy

Broiled Gulf Grouper with Bay Scallops and Shrimp topped with a Lemon Herbed Chardonnay Cream Sauce

Sides

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes - Sweet Potato Mousse Chef's Seasonal Vegetables



WHY NOT HAVE
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
AT THE CLUB?

CASUAL DINNER NIGHT

NOVEMBER 3RD

NOVEMBER 10TH

NOVEMBER 17TH







By Stacy Perdue Membership Director

LET'S GIVE A BIG WELCOME
TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

TENNIS

MIKE ANTOSIK

PETER & HEATHER

JONSSON

JASON & LAURIE JUDGE

NAYA & SANDRA SILVER

PICKLEBALL
JESSICA HAMRICK
CONNOR SCOTT

PLEASE NOTE!

Thanksgiving Hours!

Tee times and Court times will be cut off at 12pm

Tennis Shop and Golf Shop will close at 2pm

We Love Our Members



Al Schaff winner of the Shootout at Pine Ridge Farm



Member Liz Krupitza



Member Nathalie Kobel



Annika Anuszkiewicz USTA L5
Back Draw Champion



Brianna Vok and Mya Clarke USTA L6 Doubles
Champions (Brianna second from right, Mya far right)
Hartley Milne and Claire Casanta USTA L6 Doubles
Finalist (Hartley second from left, Claire far left)



14 Golfers Starting the shootout on hole #1.