



## Mark Your Calendar

### 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  
 Saturday, January 13 - 16 - Tennis Level 3  
 Thursday, January 18 - County Golf Association  
 Friday, January 19 - Casual Dinner Night  
 Friday, January 26 - Low Gross/ Low Net  
 Friday, January 26 - Seafood Dinner Night

### FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 1 - County Golf Association  
 Friday, February 2 - Casual Dinner Night  
 Saturday, February 3 & 4 - Cunningham Cup  
 Friday, February 9 - Valentine's Dinner  
 Saturday, February 10 - 12 - Tennis Level 2  
 Friday, February 16 - Casual Dinner Night  
 Saturday, February 17 - 18 - Tennis Level 6  
 Thursday, February 22 - County Golf Association  
 Friday, February 23 - Low Gross/ Low Net  
 Friday, February 23 - Casual Dinner Night  
 Saturday, February 24 - 25 - Tennis Level 5

### MARCH

Friday, March 1 - Casual Dinner Night  
 Saturday, March 2 - 3 Super Senior Club Championship  
 Friday, March 8 - Casual Dinner Night  
 Thursday, March 14 - County Golf Association  
 Friday, March 15 - Irish Dinner Night  
 Friday, March 15 - 17 - Club Championship  
 Friday, March 22 - Low Gross/ Low Net  
 Friday, March 22 - Casual Dinner Night  
 Thursday, March 28 - County Golf Association  
 Friday, March 29 - NO Dinner  
 Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

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## CLUB NEWS

By Clay Thomas  
General Manager

Thank you to all of our members for helping to make this a wonderful holiday season with your generous contributions to the Employee Holiday Fund. This is an impactful program for our staff. We all sincerely appreciate it.

As we head into the coldest time of year, we want to remind our golfers to please keep your carts out of the roughs as much as possible and take extra care to keep your carts on the paths around the greens. Please remember to look for the turnout stakes as you approach the green on each hole as a reminder to return to the cart path.

It was such a pleasure to see so many members at the Annual Egg Nog Party. It was certainly the best attended one since I have been at our Club. I am glad to see such great involvement from our membership. I look forward to seeing you all around the Club.



## GOLF NEWS

By Mark Codianna  
Head Golf Professional

As most of the golf members know by now, we have limited all non-golf member play to two rounds per month before 1:00. I am frequently asked why the guests can't play more than that because they had a block for four or a block for a group that wasn't full. Since our membership is full, there are some golf members that are unable to play golf at their desired times. This policy has shrunk the number of players in a lot of the groups and I am monitoring this and adjusting the tee sheet to allow other members to play. Not all these new openings are available on our website. So, if you are a golf member and want to play on Saturday or Sunday morning and don't see a time, call the golf shop and ask because there is a chance we can get you on the course in one of these openings. Lastly, please do your best to go online or call us if you are going to have fewer players than you are booked for. This will help other members who can't find a tee time get access to the course closer to the time they want to play.

Last month we had our Christmas Shamble with 40 golfers, 12 more than last year. **Jay Salfran, Madison Schwartz, Werner Stange, and Skip Cutting** shot 26 under par in the four-person best ball format to win by five shots over the teams of **Diane Sargent, Rick Sargent, Carolyne Smith, Stewart Smith and Nick Ortiz, Paula Ortiz, Karen Jay, John Brott**. Everyone enjoyed a plated dinner prepared by Chef Dave after the round. Thanks to everyone who participated!

On the 6th of January, we start the Men's and Ladies' Individual Match Play Championship. This is a head-to-head elimination tournament, so the first two Saturdays in January are required rounds to get the tournament starting faster. After that players will schedule their own matches directly with their opponents. The last day to sign up is Thursday, January 4th so make sure you either call the golf shop or stop by to enter. We also have the Cunningham Cup on February 3rd and 4th as well as a Taylor Made Demo Day on February 6th. There will be more details to come about those events.

## COURSE NEWS

### Green Side UP

By Sean Carlton  
Head Greens Keeper

Our version of winter is here. Grass growth has come to a standstill, so we're doing the usual winter stuff. We have begun trimming palms going from 18 backwards. For those who don't know, we work in front of golfers in the morning and typically work backwards after that so we don't keep running into the same people. The butterfly garden is finally in except for some additional host plants alongside the putting green. We will be dressing up some landscaping around the tee areas soon. We have managed to eliminate a lot of the weeds on the tee boxes. That has left some bare spots on many of the tees so we have begun plugging these bare spots with grass from our sod nursery.

I've had people asking why we quit putting sand buckets on the par 3 tees. Simply put, there's less agronomic benefit to doing so. Paspalum primarily grows from the bottom up, as opposed to the top lateral growth you see in Bermuda grass. Leveling Bermuda divots shortens the growth from point A to B. Filling individual divots on Paspalum tees creates an unlevel surface that requires us to level and regrass every 5 to 10 years. Leveling divots in fairways is still desirable for playability to keep balls from settling in the bottom of divots.

See you on the course.

Sean and Moxie



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



By Stacy Predue  
Membership Director

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

### TENNIS

John Beda  
Scott & Karen Buelter

### PICKLEBALL

John Erik & Denise Savitsky  
Mary & Allen Hamrick

### SOCIAL

Sandra Bernard & John  
Sukeena  
Dianne Kip & Dennis Doherty  
Michael Tschida







# CHEF'S CORNER

By Chef David Justice



# SOCIAL NEWS

By Kelly Vaughn Williams  
Director of Sales and Marketing

## SEAFOOD NIGHT BUFFET

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH

**SOUP**  
New England Clam Chowder  
Seafood Bisque

**SALAD**  
Traditional Caesar Salad

**ENTRÉES**  
North Atlantic Salmon with Bay Shrimp and Scallops  
Chicken Piccata  
Shrimp Scampi with Garlic Pasta  
Fried Shrimp with Breaded Clam Strips  
Steamed Black Mussels with White Wine, Garlic & Herbs

**SIDES**  
Garlic and Parsley Red Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob

**DESSERTS**  
Strawberry Shortcake

MEMBERS \$28.95++  
CHILD \$13.95++

 RSVP: (727) 410-1976

### Season's Greetings from SLCC!

#### Celebrating Generosity with Toys in the Trunk

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Toys in the Trunk initiative, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Seminole and Seminole Lake Country Club Estates HOA. Your donations made a significant difference, bringing joy to numerous children in Seminole through the YMCA's neighbor-to-neighbor program. Your generosity ensured a memorable Christmas for many!

#### Egg Nog Party: A Festive Success

Our annual Egg Nog Party was a delightful affair, thanks to the culinary magic of our Chef. With a stunning display of food and creativity, members relished an array of hors d'oeuvres, fun-filled moments, and of course, our signature Egg Nog. A big thank you to everyone who joined in the festivities.

#### Family Christmas Golf Cart Parade: A Community Highlight

Our festive Golf Cart Parade was a resounding success, with neighbors enthusiastically participating and cheering. Mark your calendars for our next parade - the 4th of July Cart Parade. We can't wait to see you there!

#### Upcoming Event: Seafood Night Buffet

Get ready for an exquisite Seafood Night Buffet on Friday, January 29! Chef is all set to impress with a lavish spread of seafood delicacies. This is an event you surely don't want to miss. Reserve your spot now by calling (727) 392-3008.

#### Stay Informed with Our Weekly Emails

Don't miss out on what's happening at the club! Our weekly emails, sent every Wednesday morning, keep you updated on upcoming events. If you're not on the list yet, please reach out at [kvaughn@seminolelake.net](mailto:kvaughn@seminolelake.net) to stay in the loop.

#### Warm Wishes for the New Year

As we bid farewell to this year, we extend our warmest wishes for a joyful and prosperous New Year to you and your loved ones.

**WHY NOT HAVE DINNER AT THE CLUB?**

**CASUAL DINNER NIGHT**

**JANUARY 5TH**

**JANUARY 12TH**

**JANUARY 19TH**





# TENNIS NEWS

By Erick Chall  
Director of Tennis Operations



Congratulations to **Carol Petroc** & her South Pinellas Ladies Doubles League for First Place! Advancing from the silver to the gold division. Carol Petroc, Captain, **Patty Anderson**, Co-Captain, **Jillian Poterbin**, **Tori Thrower**, **Terry Walker**, **Mary Stambaugh**, **Eileen Marquez** (Sub), Lindsay Dicus-Harrison (Sub), Izzy Polselli (Sub), Ceci Borgonovo (Sub), Kati Forsythe (Sub), **Cydney Long** (Sub)

Tuesday Satellite league: Seminole Ospreys in 5th place

Wednesday Racqueteers league: Seminole Tennis Center 1st place & Seminole Lets in 5th place

Thursday PADL League: Seminole 1 in 19th place and Seminole 2 in 24th place

The Winter season of USTA leagues will start on Jan 6. We have 10 teams playing out of Seminole Lake Country Club.

I know some teams are still recruiting. Please send us an email with your name and rating and we will forward your info to the appropriate captains.

## Juniors News

-USTA L6 "Santa Slam-Congratulations to our juniors.

Rome B14 3rd place won Backdraw

Hatim Fikry B18 Finalist

Kate Chall G12 Semifinalist

Annika Anuszkiewicz G14 Finalist (Right)

Abigail Hasan G18 Champion

-2023 Santa Slam was a hit! Santa and Elf were there!

The kids hit over \$750 worth of presents!



Hunter Hearn and Austin Carbonneau  
Winners of Green Ball group round Robin

Winners of the Tournament Players Academy,  
Brianna Vok Roman Bernal, Rome Baror





# We Love Our Members



The Cunningham Family at the Egg Nog Party



Member Teresita Long at the Egg Nog Party



Santa and Mrs Claus at the Christmas Cart Parade



Members Ted & Dee Anderson, Cheryl Bucki, Teresita Long and Elaine Crawford.



Member Joanna Faloon



Members Jane & Kirk Barker, Dan Benkert, Bob & Mary Stambaugh

**Thank you for your Toy Drive donations!**



Member and Rotarian Beverly Sneed Montgomery did an amazing job organizing the toy drive.

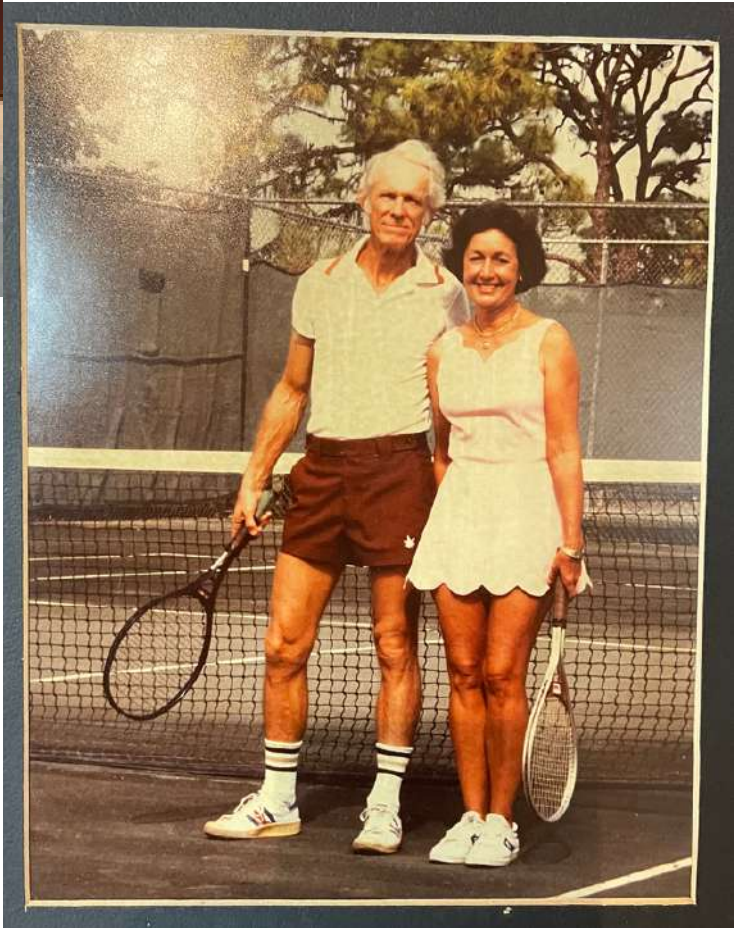






# In Memory of Member Clare McCreary 1916 - 2023

*Clare McCreary graced us with his presence for an incredible 107 years. As one of the original members of the Seminole Lake Tennis Club, Clare was more than just a player; he was a cornerstone of our tennis community, a friend, and a mentor to many.*



Clare McCreary is shown here with June, his wife of more than 78 years. June passed away in October, 2020.

*From the club's earliest days, Clare's passion for tennis was evident. He was there from the beginning, shaping not just the games, but also the spirit of the club. His friendship with the Cunningham family highlighted the deep connections he forged throughout his time with us.*

*Rest in Peace, Clare, and thank you for the wonderful memories.*