FEBRUARY 2024







Mark Your Calendar

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 Senior/Super Sr 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

APRIL

Friday, April 5 - Casual Dinner Night Saturday, April 6 - Men's Member Guest Saturday, April 6/7 - Level 6 Tennis Thursday, April 11 - County Golf Association Friday, April 12 - Casual Dinner Night Friday, April 19 - Casual Dinner Night Thursday, April 25 - County Golf Association Friday, April 26 - Low Gross/ Low Net Friday, April 26 - Casual Dinner Night IN THIS ISSUE

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CLUB NEWS

By Clay Thomas General Manager

January has been a challenging month with below-normal temperatures, well above-normal rainfall, and persistent cloud cover. These factors all contribute to difficult conditions for turf health. The maintenance crew is working hard to maintain the golf course through these difficult conditions. We were thankful for last week's sunny days and high temperatures reaching into the 80's.

February will mark a time of big change for Seminole Lake Country Club as our golf course superintendent Sean Carlton will be leaving us for an opportunity to lead a golf course in the Bahamas. Sean has been our golf course superintendent since 2006. Any of you who were members when Sean arrived can attest to the transformation of our golf course under Sean's direction. Sean was responsible for installing our paspalum greens shortly after his arrival and for propagating paspalum in our fairways throughout the course. We are all grateful for the lasting contributions that Sean has made to our Club and excited for him to pursue his dream of returning to his native Caribbean islands. Best wishes to you, Sean, as you embark on this adventure.

We are excited that our assistant superintendent Travis Woods will be stepping up to make this a smooth transition. Travis has been with us since June. He has over 21 years of experience as a head golf course superintendent having spent most of his career at the Palmetto Dunes Resort on Hilton Head Island.

I look forward to seeing you all around the Club.





GOLF NEWS

By Mark Codianna Head Golf Professional

Last month we had the Red Eye tournament. Drena came in early to serve the Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers to the 27 members who played in the event. Steve Wevand. Mike Orlosky, and Joanie Dagostino all guessed the correct score after the round and split the purse. We also started the Individual Match Play Tournament with 4 ladies and 36 men. The ladies' final between Teresita Long and Beth Gavin was very close with Beth making par on the 18th hole to win the match 1 up. Congratulations Beth we will start working on making your parking spot sign soon! The men's bracket is down to the final 8 players. Our two-time defending champ Chris **Dendler** has been knocked out and **Mike Farmer** who has been in the final three years straight was also defeated in extra holes. I keep an updated bracket on the door inside the golf shop so you can check there for current results.

This month we have the Cunningham Cup on the 3rd and 4th and the Men's and Ladies' Member-Member on the 17th and 18th. We will host a Taylormade fitting day on the 6th and a Callaway fitting day on the 27th. There is also a Taylormade putter fitting day on the 20th. The Senior/Super Senior Club Championship will be held on March 2nd and 3rd so make sure to sign up for that before the end of February. The Senior Club Championship is open to members aged 55 and older and the Super Senior Club Championship is open to members 70 and over.

As a lot of you know, when the weather is nice the tee times tend to get backed up mid-morning. When daylight savings time starts on March 10th sunrise is not until 7:45 which could put us even more behind. To try and combat a backup we are moving the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday tee times before 12:00 an hour later from March 10th to March 31st. For example, if your normal tee time was 9:30, your tee time for the end of March would be 10:30. This should put us a little ahead on tee times instead of behind which means most of the time we should be able to get you out before your adjusted tee times. On the other mornings, I can block the tee sheet so we don't get behind.



COURSE NEWS

Green Side UP By Sean Carlton Head Greens Keeper

After some record heat and a 20-year drought this summer, the script has flipped to wet, cold, and dreary weather this winter. That being said, the show goes on as our attention is turned towards cleaning leaves, trimming palms, and as I am excited to announce, the installation of a fully-functioning butterfly garden. The flowers planted at the clubhouse were specifically chosen to provide nectar to a variety of butterflies and moths. The plants installed to the left of the putting green were chosen as a food source for the subsequent caterpillars. In a matter of days upon planting, we have created the full circle of life of butterflies and caterpillars feeding. I still haven't found the cocoons yet, but they must be nearby. These plants will continue to grow year round and expect the populations to grow with them.

While it's exciting to watch this develop, it appears I won't be around to see it's fruition. On February 4, I go to the Bahamas for a final interview and introduction to the people and place I will be calling home for the next stage in my life. With that being said, Friday the 2nd will be my last official day working at Seminole Lake Country Club. Next week I will be busy making final preparations for taking my boat there with me. That in itself is pretty exciting.

I would be remiss not to extend my heartfelt joy and appreciation for the almost 18 years I have been here and was fortunate to be part of the journey through good times and bad thanks to supportive ownership and membership. The course has come a long way since 2006 and I am proud to have been a part of it.

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See you in the Bahamas,

Sean



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Stacy Perdue Membership Diretor

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Tennis Miro Radovich Ed Jagger

Social Kris Riordon Jason Manley



Please welcome our new Head Greens Keeper, Travis Woods.



C H E F ' S C O R N E R

By Chef David Justice



YOUR CHOICE OF A SOUP OR SALAD NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER OR HOUSE SALAD ENTREES

<u>Beef Tenderloin</u> Seven Ounce Center Cut Beef Tenderloin Grilled and Served with Béarnaise Sauce

<u>Grouper Oscar</u> Gulf Red Grouper Broiled and Topped with Blue Ctabnieat, Asparagus and Béarnaise Sauce

<u>Chicken and Stuffed Shrimp</u> Tender Chicken Breast Sautéed and Topped with Three Jumbo Crab Stuffed Shrimp Smothered in a Lemon Dill Beurve Blanc Sauce

<u>Herb Crusted Lamb Chops</u> Three Chops Lightly Breaded in a Herbed Mustard Breading Served with Grilled Asparagus and Red Wine Demi Glacé

All Entrees are Served with a Vegetable Medley and Rice Corn Croquettes

DESSERT Raspberry Almond Torte Cake * Chocolate Ganache Cake

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WHY NOT HAVE DINNER AT THE CLUB?

CASUAL DINNER NIGHT

FEBRUARY 2ND

FEBRUARY 16TH

FEBRUARY 23RD





SOCIAL NEWS

By Kelly Vaughn Williams Director of Sales and Marketing

What a fantastic turnout for our seafood buffet night last Friday! Chef David really outdid himself with a full spread of delicious seafood. If you missed out, don't worry, there are plenty of upcoming events this February for you to join in on the fun.

Mark your calendars for Casual Dinner Night on February 2nd, 16th, and 23rd. And don't forget about our Valentine's Dinner Dance on Friday, February 9th – it's going to be a night to remember with live music by the Easy Street Duo, and Chef Dave's amazing dinner specials. This event fills up quickly, so be sure to RSVP! (727) 410-1976.

If you're in the mood for a meal at home, remember that you can always order breakfast, lunch, or dinner to go by calling the dining room at (727) 392-3008.

And for all the latest updates and reminders about club events, keep an eye out for our weekly emails every Wednesday at 8:30 am. If you're not getting them, just shoot me an email at kvaughn@seminolelake.net and I'll make sure you're on the list.

We love seeing your photos from events at the club, so be sure to share them with us by emailing kvaughn@seminolelake.net. Can't wait to see all the fun memories captured!



TENNIS NEWS

By Erick Chall Director of Tennis Operations



ATTENTION:

WE ARE HOSTING A JUNIOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT FROM FEBRUARY 10TH -12TH Please come watch! Courts are closed to outside play.

February 17th we have a junior tournament with limited access to courts

February 24th we will have limited access to courts.

Gary Hutton's team was at Sectionals in early January defending its 8.5 50+ title from last year. Unfortunately, the team just fell short of reaching the Finals. Team members are **Brian Hodapp, Ray Pasinski, Dave Palmer, Ed Jagger, Craig Hajdich, Gary Hutton, Tom Berning, Mauricio Caccia, Chris Eversole, Matt Bilger, John Hockin & Bob Maisner.**

JUNIOR NEWS!

We hosted the USTA Junior State Championships G14 and G12 earlier this month. These include the top 64 girls in the state of Florida. It is very hard just to get in this event and to win a match is an accomplishment. Our girls played great and fought hard. **Freddie Hendricks** won 3 matches, **Brianna Vok** won 2 matches, **Hartley Milne** won 2 matches, and the players winning 1 match were: **Annika Anuskiewicz, Daniella Alpert, and Naya Silver**



Team members (left to right) are Brian Hodapp, Ray Pasinski, Dave Palmer, Ed Jagger, Craig Hajdich, Gary Hutton, Tom Berning, Mauricio Caccia & Chris Eversole, and not pictured: Matt Bilger, John Hockin & Bob Maisner.



Daniella Alpert, white pants, Naya Silver, white shirt, Jordana Alpert, blue and pink top, Hartley, Milne, yellow top, and Coach Matt, in purple warming up for their state matches.

We Love Our Members



Members Kent & Teresa Magill



Members Bruce & Saundra Burnham



Member Doug McArthur



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Member Paul Wilson



Member Don Sharp



Member Steve Webber