### OCTOBER 2024







# Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 4 - Casual Dinner Night Thursday, October 10 - County Golf Association Friday, October 11 - Italian Dinner Night Saturday, October 12 - Poker Night Saturday, October 12/13 - Tennis Level 5 Friday, October 18 - German Dinner Night Tuesday, October 15 - Member Appreciation Night Saturday, October 19 - Tennis Level 6 Thursday, October 24 - County Golf Association Friday, October 25 - Low Gross/ Low Net Friday, October 25 - Casual Dinner Night Saturday, October 26 - Monster Day Tournament

#### November

Friday, November 1 - Casual Dinner Night Thursday, November 7 - County Golf Association Friday, November 8 - Casual Dinner Night Saturday, November 9 - Two Person Match Play Starts Saturday, November 9/10 - Tennis Level 6 Friday, November 15 - Casual Dinner Night Saturday, November 16 - Two Person Match Round 2 Thursday, November 21 - County Golf Association Friday, November 22 - Low Gross/ Low Net Friday, November 22 - Casual Dinner Night Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Dinner Friday, November 29 - NO DINNER

#### December

Thursday, December 5 - County Golf Association Friday, December 6 - Casual Dinner Night Saturday, December 7 - Christmas Shamble Friday, December 13 - Casual Dinner Night Sunday, December 15 - Egg Nog Party Thursday, December 19 - County Golf Association Friday, December 20 - Casual Dinner Night Friday, December 20 - Casual Dinner Night Friday, December 20 - Low Gross/ Low Net Wednesday, December 25 - Merry Christmas! - **Club Closed!** www.seminolelake.net IN THIS ISSUE

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# **CLUB NEWS**

By Clay Thomas General Manager



### Hurricane Helene Update:

The Club was hit hard by Hurricane Helene. The golf and tennis clubhouses were spared of any serious damage but the lower cart barn and the maintenance facility were submerged in about 3' to 4' of water. About half of the cart fleet was lost to the saltwater along with several mowers, utility vehicles, and the beverage cart. We are working now on replacing the damaged carts with temporary rentals. Until that time, there may be some blocks of tee times available only to walkers. Trust that we are doing all that we can to get the temporary fleet here as soon as possible.

More than half of the golf course and all of the tennis courts were flooded with saltwater backing up the bayous and canals. Our staff have all been working exceptionally hard to get our facilities reopened. The golf course and all of the tennis courts are now open for play. We are still dealing with the tremendous volume of debris around the whole property but hope to have it all removed within the next couple of weeks.

One of the issues that we are concerned with is flushing the salt out of the soil. To that end, we will be irrigating a fair amount over the next week or so. So if you are thinking that the last thing we need on the golf course is more water, that is the reason.

We are wrapping up the locker room projects. We plan to have the locker room facilities reopened by October 15th in time for the Member Appreciation Night. We sincerely look forward to seeing everyone here and welcoming our members into the new spaces.

## **Drena Rago**

I am deeply saddened to share the tragic news that our Dining Room Manager, Drena Rago, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 25. Drena was a remarkable human being who would do anything for anyone, and she often did. She did so much for so many in our Seminole Lake community. It would be hard to overstate how many people relied on Drena in so many different ways. Her absence will leave a hole that can never be filled. Drena loved her daily lottery scratch-off tickets, but it was the Seminole Lake Country Club that hit the jackpot when she joined our team 15 years ago. We will always remember Drena.

We will be hosting a celebration of Drena's life for our entire SLCC community at the Club on Sunday, November 3rd, from 2 PM to 5 PM.











## **GOLF NEWS**

By Mark Codianna Head Golf Professional

The Two-Person Labor Day Tournament was held on September 2nd with 21 teams participating. For the first time in a while **Kirk Barker** and **John Paul Lisenbee** paired up in this quota game and finished tied for first place with the teams of **Dave Mone/ Kordell Seidler** and **Mike Orlosky/ Steve Webber**. All three teams finished -1 for their quota. **Steve Webber** and **Rafa Palaganas** had the best individual performances both shooting +3. **Bridget Lisenbee** paired up with **Lindsey Molten** and finished -3 on their team quota and won the ladies' division by two shots. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who participated.

On October 26th we will have our fourth annual Monster Day Tournament. This is a net event where we put Halloween decorations on the golf course and set the hole locations in scary places. It is a lot of fun for me to set up and the members have really liked it in the past. The tournament is open to all golf members and their guests with a valid USGA handicap. All you need to do is make a tee time on the 29th before 1:00.

Starting in October, our Assistant Golf Professional Nick will be teaching a weekly kids' golf clinic. It will be every Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:30 and the cost is \$20 per junior golfer. The clinic is open to all kids ages 6 to 12 and will cover different topics each week. Golfers of all skill levels including beginners are welcome to join. Call the golf shop at 727-391-6255 to sign your junior golfer up each week or just show up at 4:30 and head to the bar for happy hour while your junior is improving their golf game.



## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

By Stacy Perdue Membership Director

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

**GOLF** Bret Doudna Frank Giannone Dillon Moran

### **TENNIS**

Nils Neermann Jessica and Rachel Spravka

> PICKLEBALL Jared Fuller Alex Hernandez

SOCIAL Chandler Burke Jeffrey Burke Ross Kashtan



## CHEF'S CORNER

By Chef David Justice





German Dinner Night

#### Friday, October 18th

ALL ENTREE'S SERVED WITH SOUP OR SALAD, BAKED GERMAN RYE BREAD AND DESSERT

#### ENTREES

Sauerbraten - Marinated German Pot Roast

Jagerschnitzel - Thin Cutlets of Pork Crispy Fried and Topped with a Brown Mushroom Gravy

Assorted Grilled German Sausages Served over **Marinated Sauerkraut** 

SIDES



German Potato Salad **Braised Red Cabbage Marinated Sauerkraut Baby Carrots and Brussel Sprouts** 







## **SOCIAL NEWS**

By Kelly Vaughn Williams Director of Sales and Marketing

Join us for our Friday Casual Dinner Nights on October 4th and 25th! It's the perfect opportunity to unwind, enjoy some delicious food, and connect with friends.

Italian Dinner Night has been rescheduled from last month and will now take place on October 11th.

For our fans of German cuisine, October 18th is a date to remember! Our chef will be crafting a fantastic spread of traditional German dishes in honor of a cherished Seminole Lake Country Club tradition, started by our former Dining Room Manager, Liz, who was from Germany.

If you'd like to attend any of these Friday Night Dinners, please call the dining room at (727) 392-3008 to reserve your spot.

Thinking about your upcoming Christmas party? Consider hosting it at Seminole Lake Country Club! Our venue is ideal for holiday gatherings. Call (727) 392-3008 to check availability and start planning.

Lastly, we love seeing your memories at the club! If you have any fun photos you'd like to share, email them to

kvaughn@seminolelake.net, and you might see them featured in our newsletter or on our Facebook page.



## **TENNIS NEWS**

By Erick Chall Director of Tennis Operations

### Pickleball News: "It's a Big Dill"

We are adding more Pickleball courts! We are turning that old concrete slab into two stadium pickleball courts and will add four additional permanent pickleball courts for future events and programs.

A new Pickleball Academy is starting at Seminole Lake! We will offer organized classes for beginners to advanced levels that build on each other, catering to each level with appropriate skills and play.

-New Socials, Ladders, and tournaments are coming as well.

-We are looking for any members who would like to run a drop-in group.

-More details coming soon!

If you have any questions, call (727)-394-1733.

### Junior News!

Congratulations, players and coa<mark>ch</mark>es, for the great results.

USTA L6 Championships September 9th.

Congratulations G12: Maddie Harrison 2nd Place, Jordana Alpert 3rd place, Kavya Johnson 4th place

G14 Daniella Alpert 2nd place

USTA L7 Championships September 21st

Congratulations B12: Luke Barlow 2nd place, G12 Maddie Harrison 2nd place, Kavya Johnson 3rd place

G16's Layla Taylor 2nd place

USTA Junior Circuit B12 Green: Andrew Dietrick Champion, Logan Hayden 4th place

### October Junior Tournament Schedule

Oct: 12th. USTA L5 Championships

Oct: 19th USTA L6 Championships







Logan Hayden

### We Love Our Members



Let's congratulate member SAM BUCK for making a hole-in-one on #16 with his pitching wedge!



Members Carolyne Smith, Emily Futch, Joanne Richardson, Luann McEwan and Diane Sargent participated in the Labor Day Tournament on September 2nd.



Members Joanne Richardon and Emily Futch

Members Carolyne Smith and Lori Karns



# HURRICANE HELENE





