### NOVEMBER 2024







# Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 1 - Casual Dinner Night Sunday, November 3 - Drena Rago's Celebration of Life 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 Tuesday, November 12 - Member Appreciation 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 Wednesday, December 25 - Merry Christmas! - Club Closed! Friday, December 27 - Low Gross/ Low Net Friday, December 27 - Casual Dinner Night

#### January

Wednesday, January 1 - Happy New Year! Wednesday, January 1 - Red Eye Tournament Friday, January 3 - Casual Dinner Night Thursday, January 9 - County Golf Association Friday, January 10 - Casual Dinner Night Friday, January 17 - Casual Dinner Night Friday, January 24 - Low Gross/ Low Net Friday, January 24 - Casual Dinner Night Friday, January 31 - Casual Dinner Night IN THIS ISSUE

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# **CLUB NEWS**

By Clay Thomas General Manager

In a few weeks, we will be happy to celebrate the end of the 2024 hurricane season. So many of us have been impacted dramatically by the series of devastating storms and record rainfall. As we welcome many of our members back from the north, it feels like the beginning of a return back to normal. Most of the Club has been repaired to its normal condition but there will be some lingering damage for a few more months as we wait in line for companies to attend to our needs here. Most notably, it will be another two months before our patio awning is replaced.

On the positive side, we are excited to welcome all of our members to the Member Appreciation Night on Tuesday, November 12th where members can experience all of the improvements to the Club that have happened this year. Jodie will be in the Fitness Center to show off all of our excellent equipment and discuss his fitness programs targeted to golfers and tennis players. Tim will be at the kayak launch to talk about the great adventures available on the beautiful bayous surrounding our Club. And you will be able to tour the new lockers rooms to see the wonderful improvements there. We will serve hors d'oeuvres in the dining room where you will see the new flooring and carpet installed over the summer.

We look forward to seeing you around the Club





## **GOLF NEWS**

By Mark Codianna Head Golf Professional

We had the annual Monster Day Tournament on October 26th. The pins were placed in "scary" locations on the greens and the scores were high. The lowest net score for the entire event was 77 recorded by 5 different golfers. The tie break method is the USGA countback method where you take the last 9-hole total followed by the last 6 then last 3 then the last hole. Rock Mohr and Al Robinson were two of the players tied at 77. I had to go all the way to the last three holes to determine the winner, which was Rock. Malthe Helt played the black tees and shot 78 gross to win the division by 5 shots. Bonnie Furner won the ladies' net division by four shots and Diane Sargent won the ladies' gross division by an incredible 12 shots. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who participated.

As we flip the calendar to November, I wanted to take a minute to remind everyone of the guest policies from now until April 30th. It is the same policy as we had last winter. Once again, all nongolf members are limited to two times per calendar month before 1:00. Golf members are the only people that can play unlimited golf before 1:00. The range and short game area is open to any category member of the club and anyone who has a tee time that day. It will be closed to the public if they don't have a tee time that day.

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday night and I'll see you around the club.





## **COURSE NEWS**

Green Side UP

By Travis Woods Head Greens Keeper

Despite all of the trauma inflicted upon the golf course over the last two months, it is in remarkably good condition. Our entire maintenance crew and staff members from all other departments pitched in to get the golf course open quickly.

One of the great concerns from the storm surge from Helene was the deposit of salt left in the soil profile. Keeping that in mind, the nearly 18" of rain that Milton brought served to flush the salts through the soil and left the course very green. Helene also caused significant damage to our pump station and left us without power in the maintenance facility for 3 full weeks. So, without the rain from Milton, we might have been watering the course with water trucks.

Although they are still firm, the greens are softening up a little bit as they mature. We have recently aerified which will help the process. In the coming week, we will be overseeding the driving range tee to get it ready for the winter.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club.





## **SOCIAL NEWS**

By Kelly Vaughn Director of Marketing

Thank you to everyone who joined us for German Dinner Night! It's one of our most beloved SLCC traditions, and it was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying Chef's incredible German dishes.

# Community Service Opportunity: Stop, Drop, and Feed

We have a meaningful opportunity to support those in need within our community. On November 9th from 9 am - 12 pm, join The Rotary Club of Seminole, Interact Club, SLCCE HOA, and Seminole Lake Country Club as we "Stop, Drop, and Feed." Bring your donations of non-perishable, high-protein foods to benefit Interfaith Food Pantry, a Seminole-based organization committed to helping those in need. Let's make a difference together!

### **Upcoming Events!**

- Casual Dinner Nights: Mark your calendars for our upcoming casual dinner nights on November 1, 8, 15, and 22. Check your weekly emails for more details, and remember, reservations are a must!
- Member Appreciation Night: Join us on Tuesday, November 12th, from 5 to 7 p.m. for Member Appreciation Night! As our way of saying thank you, enjoy free appetizers and happy hour prices. It's a great chance to connect with department heads and fellow members. Please RSVP to (727) 392-3008.
- Thanksgiving at the Club: If you're looking to relax this Thanksgiving, join us for a festive Thanksgiving dinner at the club! Space is limited, so be sure to call the dining room at (727) 392-3008 to reserve your spot.

### **Holiday Party Reservations**

Planning a holiday party for your office? Look no further than Seminole Lake Country Club! Call us at (727) 391-3318 to check availability and let us help make your event memorable and stress-free!



## **TENNIS NEWS**

By Erick Chall Director of Tennis Operations

We are survivors! So many of our players suffered catastrophic damage from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Our hearts go out to you. You are continually in our thoughts and prayers. If you want a break and relieve stress, come out and play tennis or pickleball! We are pleased to announce that our Club is up and running with all courts playable and fitness center open. Our Club took on quite a hit as we lost our clay, water damage, and a tremendous amount of debris. We added over 12 tons of clay with more to go, an enormous amount of debris, and a great deal of cleaning and sanitizing. Repairs are moving forward, and our players are returning to play. There is still cleanup, but we are chipping away at it. So please excuse our mess around the courts. I am so proud of our team and volunteers who worked tirelessly every day to get us up and running just days after the hurricanes while dealing with their storm issues at home. In the meantime, many other tennis facilities around the county are still under repair, and it will be a few months before they are opened back up for play.

Special thank you to Vicente; Coaches Jorge, Matt, Eddie, Ty, Hatim, Todd, and wife Paula; Erick's girls Kelly, Kate, and Hazel; Coach Jodie and daughter Kavya; Office staff: GM-Clay Thomas, Terry Walker, Kim Northup, Dale Salmon, Eileen Marquez, Joy Dsa, JoAnn Lind, member Connor Scott, and volunteer Eddie Beach. Thank you to cart technicians Ron and David for helping me fix the clay spreader. Thank you, Coach Todd, for chainsawing several trees. That was key. The weekly ladies' leagues have suspended competition until Jan of 2025. They encourage everyone to play if they can. We are accommodating USTA teams from other clubs so competitive play can continue.

That said, if you wish to play, reserve your court. We are packed in the mornings and evenings and may not have a court for you if you have not reserved it. Our members get priority, but we must know that you want a court at least 24 hours in advance. If we have non-members who have reserved a court and you give us 24 hours notice, we will call the non-members to reschedule their time.

To accommodate the pickleball players from our beach areas, Erick has opened the pickleball courts to free play for non-members until Nov 1st. We have met several pickleball players, and we welcome them to join our family. Pickleball memberships are only \$39 for a single membership and \$59 for a family membership. They include unlimited pickleball, access to the clubhouse and restaurant, the new fitness center, access to the kayak launch into the bayou, new locker rooms, and much more!

Hurricane Cleanup!

The Halloween social for the weekday ladies' leagues was a hit! The social included fun drills, round robin, costume contest, mimosas, bloody marys, food and desserts. Congratulations to our costume winners: TIE for First place, Kim Northup "Punk Rocker" and Kathy Betnancourt "Cruella" for Dalmatians, Second place Nancy Harper "Jack Sparrow" and 3rd place Jessica Ward "Duck".



Kim Northup, Connie Kilgore, Coach Jorge, Ellen Johnson and Caroline Stupple.







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

By Chef David Justice



**Soups** Crab Corn Chowder - Chicken Vegetable Barley

> Salad Traditional Caesar Salad

**Entrées** Herb Roasted Tom Turkey over Traditional Stuffing with Giblet Gravy

Crabmeat Stuffed Flounder topped with a Chardonnay Cream Sauce

> Carving Station Honey Glazed Ham

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 1ST

NOVEMBER 8TH

NOVEMBER 15TH

### NOVEMBER 22ND





### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

By Stacy Perdue Membership Director

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

### GOLF

FRANKLIN BRADLEY BARRY & ELLEN FORD WILLIAM LEBAS WILLIAM PIKE DAN STOERMAN

> **TENNIS** ISABELLA INMAN LISCHER FAMILY

SOCIAL RICK & LAURA WILDEY

## **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



Kathy Bethencourt "Cruella" Nancy Harper "Jack Sparrow"



**Tennis Flooding from Hurricane Helene** 

