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Women's Association

Notes from Reenie

The bizarre bazaar.....My mother told me more than once if I didn't put my toys away she was going to give them a new home. I should have listened. This may appear to read as an O'Henry work of fiction with his famous twist of irony at the end, but it is entirely true. I know because it happened to Jim and me.

When it was time to take our company to the airport, we had to take out our beach chairs to make room for their luggage. Actually, two of the better chairs we borrowed from my sister and her husband. We put them in front of our car under the carport as we had done previously with our golf clubs and carts and drove away.

I worked for the bazaar setup later that morning, spending most of my time inside. I ventured out to mark some items and helped an early customer with her purchase. She decided to buy a reclining chair for the few times she enjoyed sitting at the beach. I looked at the matching chair and thought it was certainly more comfortable than the two we owned because it did recline and ours didn't.

On bazaar day I finally found a minute to sit outside on the remaining beach chair and relax before everything was packed up for Good Will. That closed the deal for me, and I bought the remaining chair thinking that now we would have three good ones to share between our families. For \$5 it was one of the many bargains offered that day.

It wasn't until Sunday afternoon when we proudly took the chair to my sister's house that the twist was revealed. Somebody had picked up the four chairs and delivered them to the bazaar where I not only sold them, but I bought one myself. Did I not recognize my own chairs? Apparently not.

Mom was right...pick up your toys.

Women Off to Chihuly and Points Beyond

A little culture and more sightseeing than was desired were the result of the Women's trip to St. Pete where they visited the Chihuly collection of glass art and did some fine dining outside at Moon Under Water. Three ships set sail for this adventure all of them steered by GPS. The sun was shining but under the large umbrella at the restaurant everyone was comfortable unless they overate. It was a short walk to the Morean Art Center where the ladies enjoyed a docent-led tour of Chihuly blown glass works. Much was learned about this Seattle area native who is world-renown for his artistic displays of colorful glass pieces.

A short visit to buy souvenirs in the gift shop, and the three ships set sail for Villas de Golf piloted by their high tech systems. But, alas, only two of the vehicles took a straight line home. One car, it is rumored, due to excessive noise(talking) was unable to navigate the path and returned home by way of Tampa International Airport. Unfortunately,

this reporter dares not reveal her sources as she lives here and wants no retribution for reporting the truth.

The encouragement and help I received this past season made the decision to continue as your non-elected volunteer president an easy one to make. The success of this community is dependent on those who volunteer their time and talents. I look forward to being part of this community next season as we do more for our residents and the community we live in. Thank you and merci.

Association Board Message

The purpose of these monthly articles is to inform you of Board of Directors (BOD) activities and to make available other information that is important to you.

Communication and What You need To Know The BOD finds it interesting when we hear "I didn't know that" or "We were not told that". With the benefit of modern technology and much work, it is safe to say that this BOD is the most communicative BOD in the history of Villas de Golf. Please know that all of the information that you would want to know is readily available in multiple ways. The Association website (villasdegolf.net) literally contains everything you need or would want to know. If you do not use the Internet, we suggest you read this monthly BOD article in the Villadom as it is written to convey important information. You may find it interesting to know that Florida State law requires condominium Owners to keep themselves informed of their Association matters. The BOD does its part by making the information available. Please do your part by keeping informed. Thank you!

villasdegolf.net Speaking of communication, Kent Ward, the Association website master, has added a "what's new" feature on the website home page. You no longer have to search for the newest information posting to the site. Simply select the white "**Click HERE for Newest Info**" button and everything new is right there. This is a very helpful tool to keep up with new happenings. Good job Kent!

Giving Recognition After six (6) years of faithful service as the chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Henry Kostuck is stepping down... "retiring". During the past six years, the B&G has completed scores of work projects, volunteered thousands of man-hours of labor saving the Association literally tens of thousands of dollars, all under the tireless leadership of "Mr. Henry." On behalf of all the Owners, the BOD extends a heartfelt "thank you" to Henry Kostuck for a job well done.

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Landscaping

Bernadette Moriarty

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE...?

There are times that a little retrospective gives us an indication of the future. For those who have been involved in the journey, and for those that have just joined the Villas de Golf Community this year, the Landscape Committee hopes that you will appreciate the efforts expended to re-generate Villas de Golf, while staying vigilant regarding expenses.

At the end of 2007, a notice was posted looking for individuals interested in being involved with having a vital impact on the landscape at Villas de Golf. A small and highly enthusiastic group responded; this group spent many hours working with the Pinellas County Extension Center, and on their own to develop an initial plan. At that time throughout Florida, including Pinellas County, the drought was severe resulting in spontaneous fires and destruction of many acres of land. Therefore, with great concern and anticipation, a proposal was presented to the Owners in the spring of 2008.

The response was a vivid reality check for the committee. The expenditure was large and the community, in retrospect, needed more information. The committee was undaunted and believed in the project, but realized that it was a project best executed over a period of time.

At the start of the 2008-2009 season, the Landscape Committee presented a Five-year plan for re-landscaping the common grounds from a dated overgrown setting to a more Florida-Friendly drought tolerant environment. The objective was to assess each area of the complex and determine how each area could be re-landscaped to be more Florida-Friendly in execution, while keeping each area visually attractive; along with how we could reduce maintenance.

The Five Year Plan was presented, and subsequently approved by the Board. The Plan is posted in the Clubhouse, as a retrospective, for those interested.

Are we living up to the game plan...? Currently, we believe we are on track with the five year plan and in most areas we are ahead of the curve. In addition, we have also addressed unexpected situations. The winter of 2010 was a highly destructive force on all plantings throughout Pinellas County. Record low temperatures over record periods of time decimated many of the plantings. Central Florida plantings were damaged and most recovered over time; while tropical plantings were destroyed and needed to be replaced.

Ducks nesting in the pool area in 2011 accelerated the re-landscaping of the pool deck, much to the satisfaction of many owners, who now have an expanded deck to catch the Florida sunshine each day.

Recently, preparation for painting has necessitated the trimming and/or removal of plantings that were placed, at patio areas, by owners over the years. Currently, the Committee is considering a recommendation for providing

a standardized base at the rear of each building that would provide consistency, yet not interfere with the personal beautification by first floor owners.

More often than not, most people from cooler environments cannot appreciate the amount of growth of plantings in Central Florida and, therefore, plant too close to the buildings. Late summer, or as we often call it, the "rainy season" with daily sunshine is a boon to plants. Owners: when planting in the future, please consider the relationship of plants to the base of the buildings. Termites love an easy route into the structures. Plant a minimum of 18-24 inches away from the buildings.

The Landscape Committee is now finalizing this season by looking forward to addressing issues with refinements of poor lawns and compromised trees throughout the complex. This is a major undertaking and will be addressed by the committee in the 2012-2013 season

Many, many thanks to the Landscape Committee members and the enthusiastic volunteers who stepped up over this season and contributed ideas and hard work in maintaining the appearance of Villas de Golf.

Have a good summer!

EUCHRE CORNER

Jack & Dodie

Euchre is slowly coming to an end. Three weeks left in April. Dodie and I leave April 21st and will return Oct. 20 and hope to see everyone back. Have a good summer.

MARCH WINNERS: Noeline Aubrey, Muriel Proulx, Elmer Smith, Mae Gavin.

This Spring's tournament was won by Mae Gavin-first place; Gitta Rahmacher-second place; hilda Wardwell-third place; Reenie Schauf-fourth place and Fred Gatesman-fifth place.

Thanks to all Euchre players for another year of fun.

Jack & Dodie

Social Events

Kent Ward

The cookout has been moved to April 3rd at noon. This will be the final one for the year. No sign-up needed

The Ice Cream Social is Sunday the 1st at 2 pm. Please sign-up at the clubhouse.

The April 7th Guys and Dolls sign-up sheet is now posted at the Clubhouse.

The final Saturday Coffee is April 7th at 10 am. Check out the latest updates and lowered condo prices on the website. <http://www.villasdegolf.net>

Tennis News

Kay Hogan

I hope this won't be the last column, titled, TENNIS NEWS. The March and April tournaments were canceled due to lack of players. There will be no strawberries, champagne and memories, no winners or losers. Hopefully this will not be the year "the day the music died." By that I mean, the ending of that great game of tennis at Villas de Golf. The past players are aging, the injuries more frequent and most of our new owners pick up a golf club rather than a tennis racket. But because tennis, like the other activities that bring together the people into a cohesive unit, its' demise will be sorely missed.

Perhaps it will only be a hiatus and we will again hear the laughter, the smack of a ball, the "Are you sure about that line call?" The good news is that next year, our new owner Carolyn Doherty, has offered to give free lessons to anyone who wants to learn the game of tennis. Anyone who has watched Carolyn play knows that she will be an excellent teacher. Also our campus super-star- athlete, Reenie, after just one lesson, shows great promise and much talent.

Pickle ball is still an option and Kent Ward has suggested a duel tournament, Tennis/Pickle ball, for next year. All of this in hopes that we continue our reputation of being an active community, one that brings all of us closer.

The Ladies Golf League last day of golf will be April 30th. Congratulations to our March birdie winners: Sue Flynn, Joy Wray, Rae Jones and Dolores Becker.

Men's Golf League News

Skip Parminter, President

We held our end of season Banquet on March 23rd with 44 members, guests and invited guests in attendance. We had a very enjoyable meal prepared by Jim Flynn and his helpers, Joe, Connie, Mary and Christine. The highlight of the evening was the awarding of prizes to the, 3 hole-in-one winners, Joe Shifflet, Ed Morrissey and Leonard Murphy. Our President, Skip Parminter made the presentations and thanked everyone for coming, Don Payne spoke of the 37 years he has been involved in the league and all the wonderful people he has met. Our golf league will continue until end of April with the regular sign -up sheet posted in the pool hall

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Buildings & Grounds

Henry Kostuck

Early into this season, I informed the Board and my colleagues on the Buildings and Grounds Committee of my intentions to retire from my position on the committee; I also reported that I would remain in that position until a replacement would be identified. Thus far, no one has stepped forward to take on the challenge. Consequently I remained with the committee until now.

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The SEW 'N SEWS worked like busy bees in preparation for this year's bazaar, which by the way was a huge, and I MEAN HUGE SUCCESS--thanks to YOU.

Hard at work making her FAMOUS YO-YOS was Anna Menagias. Our 1:00 pm Wednesday CRAFTERS also included: Sandy Kokie, Dodie Thomerson, Colette Killebrew, Jean Quinn, Elaine Chentfant (that's a me) and OUR SHIRLEY. Special THANKS to Carol Walker for her colorful DISH CLOTHS, and to Caroline Dougherty for her beautiful HAND-PAINTED CARDS.

I actually finished TWO REVERSIBLE TABLE RUNNERS & TWO REVERSIBLE TABLE TOPPERS, which I must say are AWESOME!!! And yes, I shall be teaching this to my granddaughter. I believe I like this project ALMOST as much as the pillow cases.

SEW, won't you come & join us---new members & visitors are always welcome. We will be putting our NEEDLES & THREAD away soon, but, we will be back in January with fresh ideas.

FYI #1: our DESSERTS ONLY COOK BOOKS were a BIG HIT, and please note that they are still available.

FYI #2: we are in need of USED CD'S for our next project. Thank You. Any ??? please call SHIRLEY SPRIGEL-518-8573. take care, elaine

At the beginning of the season, 14 volunteers signed-up to work with the B.&G.C. Invariably, there were always 5 to 8 volunteers available at anytime that we were involved in a project. One of the two main projects that we completed was the resurfacing of the lockers at a cost of \$3,120.00.

As directed by the Board, I collaborated with Kent Ward of the Social committee and Reenie Schauf of the Women's Association to work out a plan to renovate the clubhouse. The renovations were completed at a cost of \$3,066.38 and the results have drawn many compliments from the owners. No monies were expended for labor. Volunteers worked a grand total of 495 hours.

While some owners who have volunteered for years have faded away, newcomers have stepped in to assist this year, notably Mike Doherty, Dan Frenette and Dave Weyer spent many hours with us.

I want to thank my colleagues on the B.&G.C. and the volunteers, past and present for their cooperation over the past six years. Many thanks to the Board for the trust that they placed in us.

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Painting of Lanai Enclosures (re-published from the March Villadom) "By Association documents, the maintenance, including painting, of unit lanai enclosures, are the responsibility of the Owner. Owners of lanai enclosures that currently need painting have received a letter requiring the Owner to paint their enclosure at this time. The good news is that the BOD has secured a competitively bid price on behalf of the Owners to paint the enclosures at \$135.00 per enclosure. It is recommended that all Owners go outside and look at their lanai. If your lanai will need to be painted in the near future, and if you want to take advantage of this low price, all you need do is to send a check payable the "Villas de Golf" c/o Leslie Randolph, Manager no later than April 9, 2012. Questions? Call Leslie."

Building Painting Project To Start Painting work starts Monday April 9, 2012. Building #1 will be the first building to be painted with each building painted in order ending with building #10. The scope of work also includes the clubhouse, pool hall, office and the 2nd and 3rd floor walkways. The alcove carpets on the 2nd and 3rd floors will be replaced with new upon completion of the painting. Work is scheduled to be completed in mid-July.

Unit Shut Down Checklist As final reminder to the departing snowbirds, you are required by the Rules and Regulations to "shut down" your unit in accordance to the captioned checklist, published in the March Villadom. If you need a copy, it is available on the website or stop by the office during posted hours. (continued next column)

Thanks to Jack Dunlevy for his salvage of golf balls and those who bought them. He has donated \$190 to the Women's Association for 1560 balls sold in the last six months.

Shuffleboard

Leonard Murphy

Our shuffleboard season has come to an end for another year. We had 62 regulars and several spares take part in a very successful season. there were many highlights and I'll mention just a few. Number one, being bribed by 2 regulars from building 4, I returned the money, it was not enough. Another one was having a sub throw the game by using the gutter in a very important game. He has been banned for two years. Anyway folks it was a great season of shuffleboard and the weather was very cooperative

A great get-together was held after the finals in the clubhouse with lots of delicious food and the awarding of prizes: *Championship round*: 1st Jack Dunlevy and Lucille Anderson; 2nd Jim Hogan and Don Payne; 3rd Ken and Carol Swierenga; 4th Kent and Gretchen Ward *Consolation round*: Jim and Reenie Schauf (Egon sub); Bob and Judy Shafer; Ted Lahn and Ed Gaughan; Maureen Campbell and Bernadette Moriarty.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank-you to everyone for their cooperation, patience and generosity.

Other Recent BOD Action

1. **Association Security System**-In response to recent thefts, the BOD approved the installation of a new security system with the following benefits
 - Using highly visible cameras, a significant deterrent to future crime is established
 - Produces quality images that are a useful tool for the police should they be needed
 - Protects valuable Association owned equipment and property
 - Is expandable to meet future system growth if needed
 - Helps establish a higher overall "comfort level" among the Residents
2. **Improving How We Manage Rule Violations** -The BOD has created a new standing committee entitled the Resolution Committee (RC) to better administer and manage future instances of Owner violations of the Rules. For details, see the March 22 BOD meeting minutes now posted or on villasdegolf.net
3. **Drainage Ditch Cleaning**-The City of Largo will be cleaning the "ditch" on the south and west sides during the month of April.
4. **Extensive Concrete Repairs Completed**-Much needed building and stairway concrete repairs were completed following a several week long project.
5. **Landscape Improvements**-The BOD approved the first landscape renovations of the season. The work will take place at various locations on the property. We wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer season.

Your Board of Directors

CUE CLUB Since Monday evenings didn't work out as well as expected, the CUE CLUB will again be meeting at 9:00 am on MONDAY MORNINGS. POOL STICKS & CHALK are provided, so all that is needed is YOU.

The lucky winner of the NINE BALL TOURNAMENT was Bob Lefferts. If you have any ???'s, please call CLYDE SPRIEGEL--518-8573.

FYI--this year's CUE CLUB session will end sometime in mid April. Hope to see you soon, take care, e

Washers and Dryers We have had the "new" washers and dryers for nearly three years now and people are still using the wrong detergent. It is very important that only "liquid" detergent labeled "he" be used in the washers.

Costly service calls have been made by MacGray to correct problems caused by the use of wrong detergents. Thanks for your cooperation.

Bob Shafer, President

Mon- Bridge 7:00

<<<<<<RECURRING EVENTS>>>>>>

Thurs-Line Dancing 3:00 Bingo 7:30







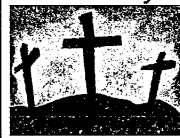
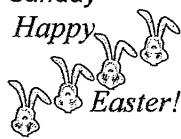
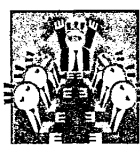

Tues-Tennis Round Robin 1:00, Dominoes 7:00

Fri-Water Exercises 11:00,

Wed- Water Exercises 11:00, SEW & SEW 1:00, Poker 6:30, Euchre 7:00

-Tennis Round Robin 1:00

Villas de Golf April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 April Fool's Day Palm Sunday</p>  <p>Ice Cream Social 2 pm</p>	<p>2</p>   	<p>3 Final Captain's Cookout 5 pm</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Social Comm 1 pm</p> 	<p>6 Good Friday</p> 	<p>7 Passover</p> <p>Coffee 10 am Bldgs 7&9</p> <p>Guys & Dolls Tee off @ noon Social 5:30 pm</p>
<p>8 Easter Sunday Happy Easter!</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Bd Mtg 2 pm</p> 	<p>13 Stag 5 pm</p> 	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Earth Day</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Arbor Day</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>'May 1</p>	<p>2 Check Channel 96 for latest updates</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>

NOTE: ALL VEHICLES MUST HAVE SOME FORM OF IDENTIFICATION OR RISK BEING TOWED