

VILLADOM

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Women's Association

*THE VILLADOM: A PRODUCT OF THE
VILLAS de GOLF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
OUT WITH THE OLD! IN WITH THE NEW!*

More than twenty residents and relatives joined a large group of Carolers the week before Christmas as they walked through the complex stopping periodically to sing the music of the season.

In the Clubhouse, under the direction of Carol Ann Payne and with the help of quite a few women, a beautiful table was set and a delightful meal was enjoyed by all.

That was then – and this is now! January 1st opens the door to a brand new year. I'm delighted to report that residents who were celebrating Holidays in their home towns are now returning to Villas, greeting friends and looking forward to the months ahead.

In addition to outdoor sports, the nightly "indoor sports" are warming up and plans are underway for special events to come.

As we all know, the Woman's Association has been a preparer of plans and sponsor of some very special activities over the years. In fact, among those already on paper are a Valentines Day dinner dance on February 13, and a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Friday, March 16th.

As the new year unfolds, plans for theater trips, a bus trip to the Hard Rock Café & Casino, and, of course, the yearly Bazaar in March, are about to get underway.

As we start the New Year and, hopefully, to encourage interest on the part of our women residents, the Women's Association is planning a ladies luncheon on January 10th at noon in the Club House. It is our hope that most of our women residents will take time to participate in this get-together. While it is true that Villas does have a plethora of scheduled activities, the Women's Association is open to change. Indeed, we are hoping for new directions and believe they will come from our younger members. A change of direction may very well be a guide to future success.

We look toward our younger women residents to bring fresh ideas, sharing thoughts and interests, and helping us grow into this new Year!

One of the goals of the Women's Association is to add to the enjoyment and pleasure afforded the residents of Villas de Golf. In my mind, I do believe that women and men do, actually, look at things at times through different glasses.

The Women's Association provides an opportunity for us to greet old friends and to make new ones, sharing our thoughts, ideas, and concerns. We hope you will make time to come and share your views, interests, and concerns with us.

As noted before, the quid pro quo is the opportunity to meet some very interesting and enjoyable folks. At least give us a try. We look forward to seeing you on January 10th at noon in the Club House.

Barbara Ludden

Association Board Message

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

Project Updates We have several projects underway at various stages:

1. *Carport Renovation*-The carport at bldg. #6 has been prepared for painting. This work is expected to be completed in January. If all goes well, additional carports will be renovated at a schedule to yet be established
2. *Building Painting*-The bid specifications are now in draft form. A BOD workshop meeting will be scheduled in mid-January to finalize details before bids are solicited. This project is expected to start in March for a duration of several weeks
3. *Sealing and Striping*-The contract for this work has been let. This project will be completed in April/March timeframe
4. *Storage Lockers*-The storage locker faces are being replaced by Buildings and Grounds volunteers...and what a good job they are doing! Thanks guys!

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Landscaping

Bernadette Moriarty

Sprucing Up

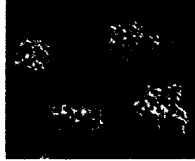
Efforts are under way to restore the planting bed that was removed in order to replace the drainage line at the back of the complex. Planting will take place in January and will include a fresh look. Muhly grasses and variegated arbutus will provide texture and color, while the addition of yatrope shrubs, once they mature, will hopefully provide a natural screening for trapping errant golf balls. This is an area that endures high winds, and mostly sunny conditions. Therefore, our planning is for plants that can endure sun and heat, as well as wind, while providing an enjoyable foreground for viewing the golf course



Yatrope Bush



Muhly Grass



Variegated Arbutus

On another note: As you've been hearing over the past few months, planning is underway to repaint the buildings this spring. In order to facilitate the painting, the Landscape Committee is now evaluating the plantings that are close to the buildings. Some plantings placed through the years will need to be cut back while others, especially aged and woody shrubs, will need to be removed. The Landscape Committee will make every effort to keep you informed, as we progress.

Notice of the next Landscape Committee meeting will be posted.

EUCHRE CORNER

Dodie and Jack

We play Euchre every Wednesday 7:00 PM sharp at the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. Lots of laughs. December winners were: Dwaine Vous, Fred Gatesman, Maureen Campbell and Jack Dunlevy. Maureen Campbell won the Christmass Tournament.

Phone Directory

Ron Veltman

Use e-mail or phone to send all changes.

rveltman@tampabay.rr.com 517-8802.

You must hand in your form approving use of your phone number, etc. to have it printed in the directory.

Pool Exercise Sessions will change to Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11:15 a.m. starting on January 3rd.

Diane Dempsey

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Unit 3207 Thanks to the good legal work of the Association attorneys we are now closer to recovering our outstanding maintenance fees and other expenses. Details will be available by the January 20th BOD meeting.

Telephone Directory The response to the State required authorization form has been less than satisfactory. Several volunteers have made an effort to contact those who have not filled out their forms. If you are one of those, you can submit a form by going to the office during posted hours.

2012 Annual Membership Meeting The "First Notice" was mailed to all Owners. The meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. If you have not already done so, please sign and return the "Voting Certificate" enclosed with the 1st notice letter. This certificate is required by the State.

Unwanted Noise The vast majority of our Residents are respectful of their neighbors by ensuring that unwanted noise does not leave their units. However, the BOD does receive complaints. The BOD reminds all Owners that they are legally obligated to adhere to the Association Documents and Rules governing excessive and unwanted noise. In so doing, your neighbors and the BOD thank you!

Your Board of Directors

SEW-N-SEWS

COME ONE COME ALL, to the Club House on January 11th from 1:00-3:00 pm, or maybe even 4ish if you so desire.

WHY? SEW you can learn the ins & outs of making a beautiful TABLE RUNNER.

Or, if you prefer, bring your own project to start, finish, or just to hear the ooh's and aaah's of what you have done since the last time everyone was together.

It will be SEW great to hear the HUMMING of the SEWING MACHINES, seeing the PRESSING of MATERIAL, the MEASURING OF SQUARES, and just enjoying the chatting & all the LAUGHTER that keeps you in STITCHES. I SEW hope you join in on the FUN.

Take care, Elaine, sister of Barbara #7307

As the year ends our thoughts turn to our friends who have passed away or moved away for health or other reasons. We send them and their families our best.

Tennis News

Kay Hogan

Tennis news or lack thereof. The court is in great condition with the new paint job. The fences glisten and the lines are well defined. Missing last month and this, are the players, the most essential part of the game. Perhaps when the holidays are over we can resume tournaments and celebrate yet another year of tennis.

The sad fact is that we do not have enough players. The sadder possibility may be that tennis will be over. With that in mind, Jim Hogan is proposing that we have a meeting sometime in January, the date to be determined later, to discuss the problems and the future of tennis.

In a similar vein, we are anxious to promote pickle ball and get more people interested. It is a fun game and easier than tennis. Suggestions on how to stir the interest and perhaps give lessons are welcome and would be discussed at the meeting.

It is not only about the games, it is about keeping the spirit of Villas de Golf alive. Do we want to become just another group of condos where people come and go, where community comes from small groups and not from participation by many?

Let's hope the laughter, the back and forth, the joy of tennis is not just a piece of memory that will continue to fade.

Line dancing will resume on Jan. 5th at 11:00 am in the clubhouse. We are looking forward to our regular members returning from their vacation up north. Audrey, Vadis and Barb have been holding down the fort till Julia, Phil, Monique, Betty, and Mary come back from their holiday. It was nice to see Judy Shafer visiting us one afternoon. Come and join us for some laughs.

Dolores Becker

Men's Golf League News

Skip Parminter, President

We wish to welcome several new members to our men's league and let others know that there is still room for more members.

We play every Thursday with the first tee-off time 9:34 am. The sign up sheet is located in the pool/exercise room and you must sign up by 6 pm on Sunday to play on Thursday.

The cost to join our golf league is only \$1.00

Book Club

Judy Shafer

The next Book Club meeting has been changed to Thursday Jan 26 at 1:00PM. All welcome. Come and share the 'cool' stuff you've been reading.

Check out our library!! Anna Menaglas has donated a whole bunch of popular hardcover books!! You will be amazed...Check it out!

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The Ladies Golf League is having a great start this season. We have 3 groups every Monday morning. We are able to accommodate 4 groups. Please sign up by Thursday. We have a new golfer joining us every Monday, Rae Jones from Bldg #3. I am happy to say we have some good golfers in our group. Birdie winners for the month of Dec. were Barb Armstrong #2, Nancy Linton #15 and Dolores Becker #8, 13, 16 and 18. Come join us for a fun morning. We start at 9:30 am every Monday morning.

Dolores Becker

Bike Club

Dolores Becker

We had a very successful bike trip on Dec the 16th. We headed down Walsingham Rd. over the bridge to the nature preserve on Indian Rocks Beach. We then proceeded to Guppy's for a delightful lunch. Our bikers that trailed with us were, Walter Carow, Dwaine and Vadis Voas, Howard Edwards, Fred Gatesman, Steve Couzelis and Dolores Becker. We were happy to have joining us for lunch Audrey Gatesman, Connie Edwards and Rae and John Jones who will be joining us on our bike trips. Next month we will be biking the back roads to Taylor Park then onto the Pinellas Trail over the East Bay bridge to the Suncoast Restaurant for a bite to eat. Come join us for a fun afternoon .

Shuffleboard

Leonard Murphy

First I want to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2012 filled with joy, love and peace.

The sign-up sheet will be posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board early in January. Sign up early as interest is high again this year.

Depending on the number of teams, the season will likely begin on January 25th or February 1st.

Cost will remain the same, \$7.00 each, with most of the money going to the end season winners

Looking forward to seeing all you avid shufflers.