

# VILLADOM

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## Women's Association

### THE VILLADOM: A PRODUCT OF THE VILLAS DE GOLF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Am I wrong or are we racing toward Spring! Although I was unable to attend the Valentine's Day Dinner Party, every report leads to its having been a delightful evening. Credits and a warm "Thank You" to all who worked to bring it together.

And while we're on the subject of "Thank You's", let's give a few of them to the Board members for their continued work in managing our property; to the men who gave their time and energy to replace our storage lockers; to the women who conjure up the monthly Saturday breakfasts; to the folks who set up the Clubhouse for our various evening activities; and for all our residents, both new and old, who wave a friendly "hello" as they move about the property on foot or by car. We have a warmth and a friendliness that I think would be hard to match in most other active communities.

And now the next step - The Bazaar! A lot of work, it's true, but a lot more FUN! And much of that fun evolves from the willingness of so many residents, men and women, to report for work, to join old friends and made new friends with many a laugh as well as some "oos" and "ahs" as we sort the donated materials and equipment, and transform the Villas Clubhouse into a delightful store! A special note to our "First Timers" - You may well be surprised by the quantity and quality of the products on sale! All are welcome!! No purchase necessary!! OK! So let's get to work. See you at the Clubhouse!

*Barbara Ludden*

*Audrey Gatesman comments:* February was a busy month. The Valentine's Party on the 13th in the clubhouse was a big success. Seventy one residents enjoyed a meal catered by Carrabba's and music for our entertainment was provided by Steve Middents. My committee of Dolores and Bob Becker, Fred Gatesman, Mary Blanchard, Ann Fleming, Reenie Schwab, Hilda Wardwell and Maureen Webster did a great job - "Thank You" very much.

A trip to Largo Cultural Center to see Funny Girl on the 26th was enjoyed by 33 residents and guests. A dinner for some at Marlin Darlin followed.

The ticket sales for the Bazaar raffle are going well. Good Luck! The annual Bazaar, held the first Saturday in March each year, is fast approaching. Maureen Campbell, 6305, 727-593-3066, is waiting calls for your special pickups on Friday, March 2nd.

Coming in March is the St Patrick's day dinner-the sign up sheet is posted at the clubhouse. Jim Flynn and his helpers will be preparing a delicious corned beef and cabbage meal. Sign up early, we can only accommodate 70 to 80 people.

### Notes from Reenie

The word this month is **RECYCLING**. After meeting with Largo Solid Waste representatives, two sites were chosen for recycle bins. One is behind building 2 where the present dumpster sits, and the other is near building 10 where the mixed paper bin is now. Each site will have four 95 gallon bins clearly marked with the type of recycling accepted. These will be emptied weekly during peak season at **NO COST** to Villas de Golf. Please join the many residents who have indicated this is the norm back home. Now it is up to us to make this a success. Please thank Pat L. for all her work on this project.

An important meeting for the Women's Association will take place at the clubhouse on March 6 at 11AM. A planning session for 2012/2013 is on the agenda. We need ideas, dates for events, and, most importantly, we need help to implement the many activities we would like to provide. Bring your ideas and your volunteer spirit. This volunteer presidency sometimes feels overwhelming if I don't know who is out there to help. Just a wee bit of your time is all I ask. Unfortunately, I have no definition of "wee".

Good food can be expected at the St. Patrick's Day dinner. See you around the complex...probably on your way to use the recycle bins.

*Reenie*

## We Recycle!

**Plastic Bottles**  
Any bottle with the opening at the top is smaller than the base "check for neck"

**Aluminum Cans**  
Aluminum beverage cans (no steel or tin cans)

**Mixed Paper**  
ink and envelope, desktop calendar, catalogs, plastic bowls, cereal boxes, styrofoam cups, paper or paper 2012-2011

**Our Blue Recycling Carts are located:**  
See article above

**Questions about Recycling?**  
[www.LargoRecycles.com](http://www.LargoRecycles.com)  
(727) 587-8780

## 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.

**Building Painting Contract Awarded** The BOD has approved a contract that will see all of the Association buildings painted. The scope of work includes the painting of the exteriors of the ten resident buildings, the clubhouse, office and the pool hall, the railing system, the 2nd and 3rd floor walkways, the exterior stairways and the Vonn Rd. wall. The total cost of this contract is \$106,810.00, all of which is currently available in the Reserves. There will be no special assessment. The color was chosen by 47 Owners participating in an invitation to choose between two (2) colors. The color selected (#1) is slightly darker than the current color; there will not be a substantial color change. The painting project is scheduled to start April 9, 2012 and commence daily, weather permitting, until completion in mid-July. The full-time Residents on the 2nd and 3rd floors will be notified when their respective walkways will be painted, forcing the walkways to be closed for four (4) hours. Unit entry doors, windows and lanai enclosures are not included in the scope of work under this contract.

**Painting of Lanai Enclosures** 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 will receive a letter requiring the Owner to paint their enclosures 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 to "Villas de Golf" c/o Leslie Randolph, Manager no later than April 9, 2012. Questions? Call Leslie

**Parking Lot and Road Sealing and Striping** This project will take place March 19 through 23. Notices will be placed in very visible places notifying you of when you must move your car. Residents that are physically unable to move their own vehicle will be assisted by volunteers. Any car not moved, will be towed at the Owners expense. **Note:** The curbs will be painted at the same time. The cleaning of the curbs in preparation of painting will take place sometime before March 19. You will need to move your cars back away from the curbs approximately 4 feet to permit the cleaning. Look for notices to be placed on your cars. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

**Fining Committee** The BOD has initiated the creation of a Fining Committee as authorized by Florida State statute. If you have input, you are welcome to attend meetings where this item appears on the agenda. As you know, meeting postings are on all of the bulletin boards and on the website [www.villasdegolf.net](http://www.villasdegolf.net)

**Security Planning** The Security Planning Committee (SPC) is in the process of preparing an overall security plan and receiving proposals for a security system. The SPC will be holding a committee meeting on March 16 at 9:00 AM at the

Clubhouse to secure Owner input. This matter will be on the March 22 BOD meeting agenda for discussion and vote.

**Vegetation Removal and Cut Back Next to the Buildings** In advance of the building painting start-up, Association owned bushes and trees that are too close to the buildings will be removed and/or drastically cut back. This will dramatically alter the appearance in some locations. Please know that the Landscape Committee will be considering new plantings during the next 12 months. Any new plantings will be Florida Friendly and planted in such a manner as to create some space between the plantings and the buildings to protect the new paint and enable future maintenance. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. *Your Board of Directors*

## Landscaping

Bernadette Moriarty

*How do you know that...?* Over the past few years I, along with my committee members, have often been asked how do you know what to plant and where? Well, it's time to share our secret; and its right here in your neighborhood.

The Florida Botanical Gardens is a great location to explore the many gardens and gain ideas. Located at 12520 Ulmerton Road in Largo, the Botanical Gardens feature over 30 acres of cultivated gardens and 90 acres of natural landscapes to explore. Step through the Tropical Garden to experience bold foliage and bright colors combined to create a feeling of the tropics. Palm trees are vital to Florida as a resource but also for their beauty and grace when added to a landscape. The Native Plants Garden features Florida native plants, including ground covers, wildflowers, and shrubs; each identified for further research and growing requirements. Numerous species enhance these gardens, as well as so many others, including the seasonal display; one can easily visualize incorporating many of these plants in the right location on our own property

Located adjacent to the Botanical Gardens is the Pinellas Extension Center which is part of a nationwide network of land grant universities providing non-biased research based information to the community. In Florida, the Extension's land grant link is the University of Florida/IFAS. Pinellas County Extension serves as a bridge between the research labs of the university and the local community by providing varied educational opportunities.

Although the scope of the Pinellas Extension Center is broad, the Extension's Lawn and Garden program area provides solutions to all types of questions regarding lawns and landscaping, ranging from dealing with pest problems to selection of plantings. The walk-in center provides immediate responses, classes and tours are educational, landscaping design and installation is fostered and The Community Association Outreach program has often provided evaluation and recommendations to Villas de Golf.

The Community Association Outreach program is based on the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program, essentially placing the right plant in the right place for a Florida-Friendly Landscape that is healthy while having a minimal impact on the environment.

Now you know our secret. Visit: [www.floridayards.org](http://www.floridayards.org) or [www.pinellas.ifas.ufl](http://www.pinellas.ifas.ufl) and you too can begin your journey into the world of Florida-Friendly landscaping.

## Tennis News

Kay Hogan

Another cool and windy day greeted the ever brave, small group of tennis players. What they lacked in numbers ( eight,) they made up for in enthusiasm. We had the pleasure of watching our newest member, Carolyn Doherty, an excellent player and joy to watch. The winners were Carolyn and Frank Clifford who played bravely, though plagued with sickness. Second place went to Maggie Turner and Bill David.

The drop-in tennis on Tuesday and Fridays seems to be fading and the recurrent theme throughout this season is lack of players. It is hoped that this is only a temporary phase, and that someday soon, we will again have more than memories of what once was. In the interim, we encourage participation in Pickleball, which is easier than tennis, and open to more age groups. With this game, it is hoped that we can continue to utilize the court and bring back groups of happy, competing, active people. Community is participation, is the Villas de Golf.

The next scheduled tournament is slated for March 10th with the Social to be determined.

**Line dancing** is every Thursday morning at 11:00 am. We are learning some new dances. Come join us for some fun.  
*Dolores Becker*

## EUCHRE CORNER

Dodie and Jack

Every Wednesday- Everyone welcome. February 15th we had a tournament for Valentine's day. Winners: 1st place: Maureen Campbell; 2nd place: Nancy Linton; 3rd place: Vadis Voas. Other winners for the month: Mae Gavin, Bob Enever. Way to go Bob, winning twice in one month.

**CUE CLUB** Wanna be where the action is? Then saunter or mosey on over to the POOL HALL on Monday mornings--9:00 am--to SHOOT SOME POOL. ALL men are welcome. The latest winner was George, and I understand, that "they need more men"! Our Aunt Tish would say: "honey, who doesn't"!

Most recently, the CUE CLUB sponsored a STAG PARTY that I hear was a HUGE SUCCESS. I also heard that the ham steaks were grilled to perfection by Jim Flynn, and that all the trimmings were very yummy. Connie & Mary were the hostesses with the mostest and were greatly appreciated for all their hard work.

"THE GUYS" then marched on over to the POOL HALL for some friendly games of pool. And yes, they played for money. Even though there was some BOISTEROUS HOOTIN' & HOLLERIN' that could be heard for miles 'n miles, no paddy wagon came to take them away. whew!!! BOY O BOY, wouldn't you have liked to been a fly on the wall? You bet'cha! So if you like to SHOOT POOL, win some money (more players=more money), then now's the time to check out the CUE CLUB.  
take care, Elaine, sister of Barbara #7307

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**The Ladies Golf League** wants to congratulate our member Barb Armstrong for her hole in one on Feb. 18th. She had her hole in 1 on #15 and used a 7 iron.-great job Barb. Our birdie winners for Feb. were Joy Wray and Dolores Becker. Hope to have more for the month of March. Sign up at the clubhouse before Thursday and join us for a delightful morning of golf.. Our tee time starts at 9:30 am every Monday morning.  
*Dolores Becker*

## Bike Club

Dolores Becker

We will be having our March bike trip on the 9th of the month. We are sorry that we couldn't do the trip in Feb. because of the weather. We will be heading down Walsingham Rd., over the bridge to the Pub for lunch. Come all for a fun time.

## Shuffleboard

Leonard Murphy

The shuffleboard season has two weeks left and the play-offs will start on March 14th and the finals on March 21st. We will get together in the clubhouse at 5:30 pm on the 21st for prize presentations. Please remember to bring snack/finger food to share-coffee and soft drinks will be provided. You may BYOB. Non-playing spouses and significant others are most welcome. All those who substituted are also welcome.

## Chairperson Needed for Building and Grounds Committee

The B & G Committee was formed some 7 to 8 years ago to consolidate the volunteers that wished to work on needed projects here at the Villas. Over the years those volunteers have saved the Association many thousands of dollars. The last project involved the outdoor storage cabinets. That project alone saved the Association over \$15,000. The Board would like to see that the B&G continue its volunteer efforts, however, our present Chairperson, Henry Kostuck, wishes to step down as Chairperson and we need a replacement. A committee like this cannot function without a leader. The Board needs someone to take over the position of Chairperson that Henry has so ably fulfilled for the past many years. If we cannot fill this position the Board will need to temporarily suspend the B&G committee.  
*Bob Shafer*

# SEW 'N SEWS

I have now RIPPED OPEN THE SEAMS, to let the cat out of the bag, and let you in on our little secret, which is SEW fantastic. GET THIS: SEW not only will you be able to purchase our FAMOUS YO YO CARDS, and the MOST BEAUTIFUL HAND PAINTED CARDS at the BAZAAR on MARCH 3rd, you will also have the opportunity to purchase a MOUTH WATERING SEW 'N SEWS COOKBOOK featuring just DESERTS, which have been taste tested & approved. PURE YUM!!!! SEW come & check it out! And remember, the SEW

'N SEWS meet every Wednesday at 1:00-4:00 pm ish at the Club House. Bring your "STUFF" to work on, or if you so desire, you can learn to make a 60 DEGREE TABLE RUNNER. I am in the process of making one, and I must say, it will be SEW beautiful when it is done---h-m-m-m-m---I actually said when and not if-cool.

Also, if you have an IRON, or IRONING BOARD, or maybe some MATERIAL or SPOOLS OF THREAD that you no longer want/need, the SEW 'N SEWS would love to have 'em, as we will soon have storage in the Club House.

Thank You. *Take care, Elaine, sister of Barbara #7307*

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Detach and Save!! *Villas de Golf Association, Inc. Last revised 2/18/11*

## Unit Shut Down Checklist

### Required\*

1. Turn the power to the hot water tank off
2. Turn your main water valve off (located in your unit). Test value\*\*
3. Take appropriate action to control the relative humidity in the unit to a level of 60% or less for the purpose of preventing mold, mildew, or other toxic substances. Tips \*\*\*
4. Remove all perishable food products
5. Remove all garbage
6. Place all non-perishable food products in roach proof containers
7. Arrange to have someone check your unit every two (2) weeks. *Note: Most or all home insurance policies have a similar requirement.*
8. Lock all windows and doors
9. Ensure that a duplicate door entry key is on file in the office
10. If you are leaving a car over the summer, make sure there is a key in the office
11. Put all patio furniture or anything else that will fly during a hurricane, inside your unit
12. Place several roach bait traps around the unit
13. Leave the dish washer and refrigerator doors open for ventilation

### Recommended

1. Unplug all electrical devices
2. Leave any necessary instructions on the counter for anyone responding to a problem on your behalf
3. Secure an A/C "maintenance agreement" with a local A/C contractor. Leave copy on the counter
4. Cover toilets with Saran Wrap to prevent insects and animals from entering through a dry trap
5. Seal all sink traps
6. Change the air filter
7. Stop the newspaper and mail delivery
8. Replace all smoke detector batteries with new
9. Store your bicycles inside the unit

### \*Required by the VDG Rules and Regulations

#### \*\* How To Test Your Main Water Value

- Turn the power to the hot water tank off
- Turn your main water valve off
- Open all cold and hot water faucets
- After 5 minutes, if you see any water dripping from any faucet, your value is defective
- If defective, replace with a new (quality) ball valve and re-test

#### \*\*\*Tips On Humidity Control

- All units vary depending on the level, amount of sun on the unit, quality of windows (air exchange) amongst other factors. Most units will require some mechanical means to control the humidity to 60% or less. Many Owners leave their A/C on set at 80 degrees or less. Using a humidistat connected to your A/C system may be an option. Some units must use a de-humidifier during the summer months.
- What works best for you may require some experimenting
- If in doubt, seek professional advice

Mon- Bridge 7:00

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

Thurs-Line Dancing 11:00 Bingo 7:30

Tues-Tennis Round Robin 1:00, Dominoes 7:30

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 March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Check Channel 96 for latest updates			Sign up to help on the Bazaar.	1  <i>In like a lion</i>	2 Bazaar Setup 8:30 AM Send any contributions for sale.	3 BAZAAR 9:00 AM Come early to make the best selections. Refreshments and goodies for sale.
4	5 Landscape Comm 2 PM	6 Women's Association Mtg 11 AM	7	8	9  Bike Ride 11 AM <i>See Sign-Up Sheet</i>	10 Tennis Tournament 8:45 AM  Social TBD
11 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	12	13	14	15 Book Club 1PM 	16 St. Patrick Dinner at 4:30 PM 	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Guys & Dolls  Tee off @ noon Social 5:30 pm
18	19	20 <i>Spring Begins</i> 	21 Shuffle Awards 5:30 PM	22 Board Meeting 2:00 PM	23 Men's Golf Banquet 5:30 PM	24
25	26 Social Comm 1 PM	27 Cookout noon 	28	29	30	31  <i>Out like a lamb</i>

**NOTICE-Leaving Check List on Back, Detach and Save**

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