

Golfer's Glance

A warm greeting from the golf shop staff! We are off and running with a great start to our season. We are very pleased with how the golf course came out of the renovation and it has received many great reviews. The golf staff would like to thank all of you for your patience through the transition of our "new" check-in desk and it really has been great to talk to you as you get ready for your round. Members have asked why we chose to start on number ten instead of number one. The traffic flow is much better and we don't have the heavy cart traffic sitting on the putting green. It has also improved our overall pace of play. Waterlefe rounds should be played in 4 hours and 12 minutes or less and our pace has been great. Extra attention is needed on filling divots. Please take care of our great fairways especially heading into the busy winter season.

We will start our Friday crossover tee times starting November 10th. Please make sure to have your lineups completed ASAP so we can accommodate as many members as possible. Our tee times reservations will still continue to be fourteen days for members, ten days for residents and seven days for outside play.

The tournament season has started, so check your calendars, sign up and enjoy the competition. The sign-ups will be available on the club website. If you need help, we will be happy to assist.

I hope you all have had a chance to meet our new assistant professional, Kole Maytum. He has been doing a great job learning our system and establishing a wonderful rapport. He is available for lessons and club repair. Now would be a great time to "get a grip" on your game.

All the best,
Mark Trotter, Director of Golf

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VETERANS

In this issue of the November Golfer's Glance we would like to honor and recognize all of our Passport Golf Members who are military veterans. We salute these brave men and women who have served our country well and made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom. Veteran's Day is November 11th.

Let's don't wait until that day to say "thank you for your service." Please join us as we express our appreciation and admiration.

AL ALBA US Army 1968-1970; US Army Reserve 1970-1974

DALE ALEXANDER US Air Force 1967-1988

BRUCE AMBROSE US Air Force 1985-2014

RUSS BERGEMAN Retired Lt. Colonel
US Marine Corps 1984-2008

BILL BLACKBURN US Air Force 1966-1970

BARBIE BRAND Retired Colonel US Air Force 1985-2012

JEFF BRAND Retired Colonel US Air Force 1980-2009

BOB BUCHANAN US Army 1969-1971

GERALD BYRNES US Navy 1959-1963

JOHN COEY US Navy

MIKE DALZELL US Navy 1973-1977

BOB DAVIS US Air Force 1969-1989

JESSE DAVIS US Air Force

JAY DEFILPPIS US Air Force

BILL DUNN US Marine Corps 1953-1959

SCOTT ELLSWORTH US Air Force 1966-1972

WALTER EPPARD US Air Force 1951-1954

BILL GRATSCH US Army 1967-1973

RON HANTMAN Navy doctor

KENT HOWELL US Army 1965-1985

DAVID IZENSON US Army Reserve 1961-1967

RICK JOHNSON US Marine Corp 1986-1994

TOM KING US Army 1971-1973

AL KORBA US Army surgeon

DAN LASSETER US Army 1970-1973

PAT LUNA US Air Force 1973-1993

JOE MCGRANE US Marines 1973

GREGORY MUND US Army 1969-1971

JOE NESS Minnesota & Wisconsin;
US Air National Guard 1965-1971

GALE NICELY US Army 1971-1973

JIM NORTON Minnesota US Army National Guard 1963-1971

TOM O'DONNELL US Marine Corps 1972-1996

JOHN OWENS US Marine Corp 1961-1965

DARREN PLATH US Navy

DON PORTSCHY US Army 1962-1964

BRIAN REVERE US Navy

JACK RITCHIE US Army 1970-1972

SAMUEL RONDEROS US Army 2015-Current

STEVE SANBORN US Army Engineers 1968-1970

BARRY SIDEBOTTOM US Air Force 1975-1976

RICHARD SCHMIDT US Army 1966-1968

JOHN STIRK US Army 1953-1958; US Air Force 1958-1977

KEN TARTER US Army 1972-1975

TOM WERNER US Army reserve

KEN WHITT US Naval Reserve 1967-1971

HANK YOUNG US Army 1961-1981

JOE YOUNG US Air Force 1969-1989

WMGA Kickoff Tournament



The WMGA started off the season strong with their WMGA Kickoff Tournament on Saturday, October 21st. Congratulations to our Champions Kenny Bontz, Bruce Ambrose, Joe McGrane, and our newest member, David LeBlanc with a score of 52.3!

MEMBER MANAGEMENT SCRAMBLE



We had our first Member Management of the season! Congratulations to the winning team of Luke McFarland, Tina Steffey, Ligaya Buchbinder, Alan place, and our Assistant Superintendent Josh Brown with a score of 29! Thank you to all of our members played in our event and those that came out to congratulate our winners.

WWGA SPOOKTACULAR

Thank you to all of the ladies who participated in our our 2023 WWGA Spooktacular! As always, it was a howling good time!



Bat flight winners:
Linda Schultz and Ligaya Buchbinder



Witches Flight winners:
June Flaim and Michel Callahan



Ghosts flight winners:
Lisa Phillips and Sandy Buchanan



Pumpkin Flight winners:
Mary McLain and Beth Locke

Congratulations TO THE WINNERS OF OUR OCTOBER EVENTS

LADIES' DAY

Tues., October 3 – Team of Mary Luna, Tina Steffey, and Sheree Ruck

Tues., October 10 – Donna Johnston

Tues., October 17 – Tina Steffey and Barbara Stander

Tues., October 25 – Team of Robin Belcher, Tina Steffey, Trudy Shrum, and Ligaya Buchbinder

MEN'S DAY

Wed., October 4 – Team of Rudi Floyd, Syd Xinos, Robert Watson, and Jerry Cianfriglia

Wed., October 11 – Ray Struck

Wed., October 18 – Team of Richard Geib, Jerry Cianfriglia, and Brett Steffey

Wed., October 25 – John Turchan

MIXED EVENT

Sun., October 8 – Ken and Janis Bumgarner and Brian and Marie Revere

Sun., October 22 – Donald and Lois Lewis, and Bob and Sandy Buchanan





NEW SHORT GAME PRACTICE FACILITY

The new practice area located behind the tenth tee box is now ready for your use. Please use the maintenance parking lot adjacent to the practice area for parking. Do not use the tee box roundabout. Stairs are located in the parking area for your convenience. Yellow practice balls will be available to use. The new green is designed for bunker, chipping, and pitching practice only, not putting. The maintenance crew will take care of any divots that may occur. Thanks for your cooperation and enjoy the new addition.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sheree Ruck 11/1
Johanne Trudel 11/4
Lisa Tiger 11/5
John Bolds 11/7
Ed Dephilippo 11/7
Jim Covino 11/8
Jim Peeples 11/8
David Sands 11/8
Jim Carey 11/12
Keila Brunson 11/14
Robin Belcher 11/16
Joseph Luiz 11/16
Tom Tosi 11/16
Margaret Vadala 11/16
Herb McCarty 11/17
Linda Tosi 11/17

Wendy White 11/17
Scott Tiger 11/18
Mike O'Connell 11/21
Susan Owens 11/21
Ulf Andersen 11/23
Stephen Carroll 11/23
Glen Joshpe 11/24
Judy Bosko 11/26
Aaron McFarland 11/26
Darren Plath 11/28
Craig Schoenfeld 11/28
Mark Puster 11/29
Ray Rowland 11/29
David Shanahan 11/29
Dorothy Green 11/30
Megan Klein 11/30

HERE'S TO MORE LIFE, LOVE, AND ADVENTURES TO COME!

*Message from our
Superintendent*

NOVEMBER MAINTENANCE UPDATE

As the winter months approach, it's essential to start needling tine greens which aids in the movement of water and getting air down into the root system. This process will help with water movement and allow air to reach the root system. Additionally, monthly pigment applications will commence in November on fairways to maintain their color during the winter season. This is strictly a colorant that will define fairways through the winter. One of our greens, Number 6, has been affected by Pythium blight, a moisture-related disease. We continue to spray fungicides weekly to address the issue, and have also added plugs to promote growth in the affected area.



NOVEMBER WEEKLY SPONSORED EVENTS

MEN'S DAY

TEE TIMES START AT 8:04AM

Wednesday, November 1
Individual Game — Low Net

Wednesday, November 8
Individual Game — 9 Ball

Wednesday, November 15
Individual Game — Net Skins

Wednesday, November 22
Individual Game — Quota Points

Wednesday, November 29
Individual Game — Baker's Dozen

LADIES' DAY

TEE TIMES START AT 8:04AM

Tuesday, November 7
Individual Game — 9 Ball

Tuesday, November 14
Team Game — WWGA Semi-Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 21
Team Game — 1 BB Odd, 2 BB Even

Tuesday, November 28
Individual Game — Net Skins

MIXED EVENT

TEE TIMES START @ 8:04AM

Sunday, November 12
Team Game — Step Aside Scramble

Sunday, November 26
Team Game — 2 BB Even, 1 BB Odd

LADIES' 9-HOLE LEAGUE

TEE TIMES START @ 2:20PM

Wednesday, November 1
Individual Game—"Mystery Low Net"; Pro Shop
throws out two holes

Wednesday, November 8
Welcome Back Scramble-3pm SG

Wednesday, November 15
Team Game - 3-2-1; 3 best net scores holes 1-3, 2
best net scores on holes 4-6, 1 net best score on
holes 7-9

Wednesday, November 22
Individual Game - Mutt & Jeff; low net score on
par 3's and 5's only

Wednesday, November 29
Individual Game - Count Your Putts; Pro Shop will
throw out 2 holes



SAVE THE DATE FOR PASSPORT MEMBERS' EVENTS

December

Monday 12/4 - Member Management
Scramble

Wednesday 12/6 - Niners Shotgun

Tuesday 12/12 & Wednesday 12/13 - WMGA
Calcutta

Tuesday 12/12 - WWGA Charity Event



Course Care FILLING DIVOTS

Since we have reopened, we have seen an unusual number of unfilled divots. In order to keep our pristine playing conditions day in and day out we all must be proactive at filling divots. If you take a divot, fill it. If you see one that has not been filled, fill it. If you have a shot away from the cart, please take a scoop of sand or sand bottle with you. Our carts have two bottles and two buckets of sand, so there is no excuse to not fill divots. For those with private carts, we are happy to fill your cart up with sand as often as you need it. There are also bottles you can swap out at both comfort stations on the course. The golf maintenance staff will also maintain the par three tees. Please help by taking a scoop/bottle with you at the time of play. Secondly, we just completed a complete renovation of our greens. Even though they are firm, our putting greens do receive ball marks that need to be repaired. The golf staff will be happy to assist and show the proper way to fix. We will be having a series of videos regarding course care and etiquette. [Click Here](#) on our first video on how to fill a divot.



Waterlefe Youth Golf Program

November 2023 Update

We now have 15 kids (which has been our goal and is our max) enrolled in our program. The last 5 are a result of our partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast to include their kids that want to learn to play golf and have BB or BS that play golf as well. This is a result of the "Taste of Golf" that we conducted at their "back to school" event in August.

We continue to conduct lessons on Sundays at 3pm rotating through driving range, chipping, putting and then on the course. Matt Primrose, our PGA Pro, is the lead instructor with assistance from Denny Meskill, Sue Owens and myself. We are using the US Kids program in which the kids get tested on the various skills and receive achievement pins as they progress.

We looking for a few more Mentors for each of the kids to enrich their golfing experience. Steve Glynn, a new Waterlefe member, has started the process to become a Big Brother/Golf Mentor for one of the boys in our program. We still have 3 girls and 4 boys and their parent(s) that are interested in having a golfing Mentor. Our Mentoring program is in conjunction with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Sun Coast. Here is an overview of the Program:

Purpose:

- Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth
- To enrich the golfing experience for the boys and girls enrolled in the WYGP
- To encourage continued involvement in learning golf
- To have "fun" with golf, as well as, reinforce US Kids lessons and the values of the WYGP (go to WaterlefeYouthGolfProgram.com for additional information)

What's required:

- Meeting the parents and kids in the WYGP program (profile for each kid will be provided ahead of time)
- Matching with compatible parent(s) and kid
- Completing the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BB/BS) process and complying with their program requirements
- BB/BS process takes 6 to 8 weeks to complete, process includes interviews, background check, fingerprinting and references
- Spending a minimum of 4 hours/month (BB/BS requirement) with your kid playing golf, as well as, other activities

Opportunities:

- River Run Golf Links in Bradenton provides access to their course, after 5pm, to play up to 9 holes for free, when available (including cart).
- Waterlefe Golf Members can take their kids on the Waterlefe course on a time available basis, as well. BB/BS, who are not members at Waterlefe, will have access to the Waterlefe course once per month to play up to 9 holes on a time available basis at no cost.

WYGP Support:

- Diane DeGennaro is the Mentoring coordinator
- WYGP golf shirts and US Kids booklets will be provided for Mentor
- Kids have clubs, shirts and hats and we will provide golf balls and tees
- For kids that are participating in PGA Jr League, we will cover the cost of the program and provide any additional equipment

Sign Up and Additional Information:

- WYGP contact is Bob Buchanan at 813-340-9233 or email at bobansandy@gmail.com.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters contact is Jessica Swift at 941-746-7000 or at email at jswift@bbbssun.org.

Thanks for your continued support,
Bob Buchanan




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NOVEMBER

SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY

			<div>1</div> <div>Men's Day</div> <div>Niners Shotgun</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>WMGA Member-Member Match Play Series Begins</div>	<div>4</div> <div>WMGA 1-Day Member-Member</div>
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<div>12</div> <div>WMGA 1-Day Member-Member</div> <div>Mixed Event</div>	<div>13</div> <div>9 & Wine</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Ladies' Day</div> <div>WWGA Semi-Annual Meeting</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Men's Day</div> <div>Ladies' 9 Hole League</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>
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