

GOLFER'S GLANCE

Time flies when you are having fun, and it is hard to believe that February is already in the rearview mirror. March is the busiest month of the year, with so many events and activities to participate in. Our Men's Member-Guest highlights the month, showcasing our golf course and club facilities. Seeing familiar faces year after year speaks to the reputation of this annual event. Our Ladies' Member-Guest will be hosted in April, which is another great tournament for the membership.

Thank you to all who participated in and volunteered for our LPGA Junior Golf fundraiser. The women were incredibly generous with their time, and the USF Lady Bull team members brought outstanding enthusiasm. The driving range was filled with young golfers, onlookers, and members supporting a great cause and helping future players grow the game.

Mother Nature has certainly shown her true colors this season, which means we all need to do our part by pairing up in carts, spreading out cart traffic, and practicing good course care. The greens have been extremely fast due to the cold weather, so please repair ball marks to keep them as smooth as possible. The maintenance crew will continue regular upkeep throughout the month and will have periodic back-nine starts.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new Golf Course Superintendent, Derek Mizell. He brings a wealth of agronomic knowledge that will only enhance our outstanding staff.

Do not forget to move your clocks forward one hour on March 8. Morning tee times will begin later, and afternoon times will extend longer into the evening. Please be prepared for adjustments during the first few weeks.

Keep it in the short grass.

Mark Trotter & Staff

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

PRO SHOP HOURS

7 Days a week, 7 AM - 6 PM
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SUNSET GRILLE HOURS

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Wednesday & Thursday 7 AM - 7PM
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GOLF & RIVER CLUB

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us in welcoming our newest members to Waterlefe! We're excited to have you join our golf community and look forward to seeing you on the course, around the practice facilities, and at upcoming tournaments and social events.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB:

Joseph Ecker

Matthew Miller

WATERLEFE YOUTH GOLF PROGRAM



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The **Waterlefe Youth Golf Program (WYGP)** is now in its **fifth year** of introducing the game of golf to **underserved and minority youth** in the greater Bradenton area. We currently have 14 participants. Each child now has their own set of U.S. Kids clubs, as well as a golf shirt with our logo. Six of our players are participating in the PGA Junior League this spring.

We are continuing our outreach through a **“Taste of Golf” program**, giving 40 to 50 kids the opportunity to hit Nerf balls from a mat. We also continued our **“Taste of Golf Lessons”** this year, conducted at the Boys and Girls Club of Manatee County. With this approach, we select eight children from the **“Taste of Golf”** event to enroll in a four-week **“Taste of Golf Lessons”** program, which includes hitting from mats and putting on specialized mats. This new approach brought two new participants into our program this past November.

We continue to partner with **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast** to find mentors for the children in our program. Please visit our website, WaterlefeYouthGolfProgram.com, to learn more about our mission and outreach efforts.

The coaching team includes **Matt Primrose** and volunteers **Jesse Davis, Denny Meskel, Anne Walters, and Bob Buchanan**. Also contributing, though not pictured, are **David Horn, Nancy Cole, and John Williams**.

Fundraising Activities

We thank the **WWGA** for collecting more than **3,000 golf balls** again this year. With **Greg Baird’s** help, they were sorted and will be sold to **Play It Again Sports**.

The **WMGA** promoted our Super Bowl pool at the **Super Bowl Skins game**, which sold out before the start of play and generated **\$1,000** for our program.

The third annual **LPGA Demonstration, Clinic, and Pro-Am** was held on February 15. **Brittany Lincicome** once again served as our emcee and also played in the Pro-Am. Five other LPGA players, **Samantha Wagner, Jillian Hollis, Brittany Altomare**, all returning from previous years, and first-time participants **Sandra Gal** and **Jessica Porvasnik**, rounded out the featured players. The **USF Women’s Golf Team** also participated. Two players from the **Parrish High School girls golf team**, the reigning State Champions, were included in the Pro-Am.

USF Credit Union continued its support of this event for the third year as our major sponsor. **Auto Financial Group** also renewed its support and increased its donation. New sponsors this year included **Gettel Automotive Group** and **Express Oil Change and Tire Engineers**. A generous donation from **Scott Smith** supported **Brittany Lincicome’s** expanded participation this year.

These donations, along with proceeds from the Pro-Am event that many of you participated in, generated more than **\$9,000** for our program. **Mike Vadala’s** relationship with the **LPGA professionals** and the **USF Women’s Golf Team** made this event an even bigger success again this year.

Our annual fundraising continues with **“Sharing the Green”**, running **March 15** through **March 22**, featuring a silent auction throughout the week, a **“Closest to the Pin”** challenge on Hole 11 on Sunday, **March 22**, and the collection of gently used golf equipment at the Masters event in April. In the past, these events have generated more than **\$3,500** for our program.

All of these fundraisers will bring us within **\$2,500** of our **\$16,000 annual budget**.

Your personal **“Sharing the Green”** donation will help us close this gap. We are a **501(c)(3) organization**, so **all donations are tax deductible**. Please make your donation payable to **WYGP**. Donations can be left in the Pro Shop or given to any member of our Board.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Bob Buchanan

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Steve Byrnes 3/1

MaryAnn Muccio 3/1

Bonnie Tyler 3/1

Mike Perrino 3/2

Ettie McManus 3/3

Barry Sidebottom 3/4

Donald Lewis 3/5

Deborah Reaves 3/5

Kent Stoffle 3/5

Vicki Joshpe 3/6

Brenden Miller 3/10

Kathleen Hantman 3/11

Tina Steffey 3/15

Joel Ambrose 3/18

Casey Portschy 3/18

Syd Xinos 3/19

Lance Christensen 3/20

Darrell Jackson 3/20

John James 3/20

Gary Bevans 3/21

Norm Greenspan 3/22

John Rogers 3/22

Donna Johnston 3/23

Ashley McGee 3/24

Trevor Born 3/25

Dick Schmidt 3/25

Fran Xinos 3/26

Rick Johnson 3/27

Tom Dunlap 3/28

Betty Wagner 3/28

Scott Palmer 3/29

Dave Scott 3/29

Bob Watson 3/29

Gino Picciano 3/30

Karen Randolph
3/30

John Stirk 3/30

Erik Klis 3/31

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS OF OUR FEBRUARY EVENTS

LADIES' DAY

Tue. Feb 10 – Donna Johnston

Tue. Feb 17 – Team of Kim
Gooding + Mary Ann Muccio and
Madelaine Gentry + Monique
James

MEN'S DAY

Wed. Feb 11 – Mark DeLillo

Wed. Feb 18 – Ronald Hantman
and Richard Geib

Wed. Feb 25 – Walt Ruta and Ed
Smith

MIXED EVENT

Sun. Feb 22 – Team of Brian +
Marie Rever and David Horne +
Madelaine Gentry

MARCH WEEKLY SPONSORED EVENTS

MEN'S DAY

TEE TIMES START AT 8:04AM

Wednesday, March 4 – Baker's Dozen

Wednesday, March 11 – Quota Points

Wednesday, March 18 – 9 Ball

Wednesday, March 25 – 1 BB or More

LADIES' DAY

TEE TIMES START AT 8:04AM

Tuesday, March 3 – Baker's Dozen

Tuesday, March 10 – Quota Points

Tuesday, March 17 – Solheim Cup

Tuesday, March 24 – 2 BB or more

Tuesday, March 31 – Net Skins

MIXED EVENT

TEE TIMES START @ 8:04AM

Sunday, March 22

Team Game - 1 BB Gross, 1 BB Net

GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH

From our Director of Instruction, Grant Price

Rhythm is often referred to by the best coaches in the world as “the lifeblood of the golf swing.” Rhythm dictates your timing at impact and plays a key role in delivering a square clubface to the ball. That same rhythm should carry through your entire game, from putting all the way to your driver.

To help find a natural rhythm and flow in your swing, start on the putting green. Close your eyes and make a few practice strokes, focusing on the smooth flow of the putter. Then move to chipping and recreate that same sense of flow, paying attention to where the ball would be at impact. Gradually progress through pitching, half swings, three-quarter swings, and eventually full swings.

As you work through the bag, you will begin to build a natural flow to your motion, regardless of technique. That flow will help you return the club to impact more consistently.

Prioritizing rhythm over power leads to better contact and ultimately more speed, distance, and accuracy. It is a far more productive use of practice and warm-up time before a round than searching for something new each day.



If you 'd like to book a lesson with Grant, text him at 941-840-3289, or visit www.grantpricegolf.com



Save The Date

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

March 2 – Nine and Dine
March 4 – Niners Shotgun
March 5 - 8 – Men's Member Guest
March 16 – Solheim Cup Monday
Pairing Dinner
March 17 – Solheim Cup

APRIL

April 1 – Niners Shotgun
April 11 & 12 – WWGA & WMGA
Masters Weekend
April 18 & 19 – Ladies' Member Guest
April 25 & 26 – Club Championship
April 27 – Member Management Scramble
April 28 – WWGA Semi-Annual
Meeting

DINING UPDATES FROM JESSICA

It is hard to believe we are already in **March** after such a full February at the Sunset Grille. We kicked off the month with the **Member-Management Scramble** and the **Ladies' Member-Member Tournament**, complete with luncheons both days.

The fun continued with the **Super Bowl Skins Tournament** luncheon and a spectacular **Mardi Gras Dinner**, where **Chef Jeff** and **Chef Bo** brought the flavors of Louisiana to life with a **New Orleans-inspired menu**.

With **Men's Member-Guest** weekend just days away, we look forward to another great event. Thank you for your continued support of the Sunset Grille. We truly appreciate our members and guests.

Jessica Kaufman-Lamb
Food & Beverage Manager

Ladies' Member-Member

Even with cooler conditions, our ladies brought great energy to the course for the Ladies Member-Member. It was a beautiful day of camaraderie and competition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OVERALL WINNERS:

Stephanie O'Donnell and Leslie Carroll



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LOW GROSS WINNERS:

Seydi Byrnes and Jayne Lassen

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FLIGHT WINNERS:

Kathy Bortner and Colleen Welmer
Susan Meckling and Julie Leydon
Audrey Bilotti and Nancy Cole

FROM CHEF'S CORNER

What a great February, from **Super Bowl** weekend to **Mardi Gras** and all the birthday celebrations in between. We are rolling out our new menus, including an updated dessert menu and specialty drinks. Be sure to look for them on the tabletop displays.

A special thanks to **Fran Xinos** and **Elaine Antonelli** for all their help with the **Mardi Gras** decorations. It added so much to an already tremendous event.

We are now moving on to the biggest event of the year, **Member-Guest**, where we get to show off the Sunset Grille in all her glory.

Our new Sunset Grille menu launches March 9.

Thank you,

Chef Jeff

Head Chef

FAT TUESDAY MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras at the Sunset Grille was a Fat Tuesday celebration to remember. Members and guests arrived dressed in festive flair, bringing incredible energy that kept the room lively all evening. From snapping photos at our themed Photo Booth with fun props to enjoying king cake, jambalaya, oysters rockefeller, and other New Orleans-inspired favorites, the night was filled with great food, laughter, and celebration.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it such a fun and memorable evening.





MARCH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Nine & Dine	3	4 Niners Shotgun Men's Day	5 Men's Member - Guest	6 Men's Member - Guest	7 Men's Member - Guest
8 Men's Member Guest	9	10 Ladies' Day	11 Men's Day	12	13	14
15	16 Solheim Cup Pairing Dinner	17 Ladies' Day Solheim Cup St. Patrick's Day 	18 Men's Day	19	20	21
22 Mixed Events	23	24 Ladies' Day	25 Men's Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 Ladies' Day				