



# Gazette

March 2018



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Thank you to Bob Walker for this great picture of the iguana that lives on the 10th tee box on the South Course. This picture was taken on December 6, 2017.

If you have taken any pictures that you think would look great on our cover, please submit them to [gazette@myhighlandsridge.net](mailto:gazette@myhighlandsridge.net). The pictures must be from within the community.

**WHATS HAPPENING?**

Fri Mar 2 Bulk Trash  
 Sun Mar 4 Badger Bash 3:00pm GV Pool  
 Sun Mar 4 Carter Creek Block Party 5:00pm  
 Mon Mar 5 MC Annual Meeting 5:30pm FH  
 Sat Mar 10 Elegant Junque Sale FH 8am  
 Sun Mar 11 Daylight Saving Time  
 Mon Mar 12 HRHOA Meeting 4:00pm FH  
 Tue Mar 13 HRRC Meeting 10:15am AR  
 Tue Mar 13 MCHOA Meeting 1:00pm MR  
 Tue Mar 13 Pot Luck FH 5pm  
 Thurs Mar 15 Ice Cream & Movie AR 1:30pm  
 Fri Mar 16 Bulk Trash  
 Sat Mar 17 Chorale Spring Concert FH  
 Thurs Mar 22 Coffee w/Birdy AR 9:30am  
 Tue Mar 27 Alzheimer/Dementia Group AR 2:00pm

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Sun Apr 1 Sosely' s Easter Pot Luck FH 3pm  
 Sat Apr 7 Going Away Dance FH 7pm  
 Sun Apr 8 Mentalist Mark Stone FH 6pm  
 Sun May 13 Mother's Day  
 Mon May 28 Memorial Day-Office Closed  
 Sun June 17 Father's Day  
 Wed July 4 Independence Day-Office Closed  
 Mon Sept 3 Labor Day-Office Closed  
 Sat Nov 10 Welcome Back Dance FH 7pm



**Cribbage play has resumed on Monday @6:30 in Founder's Hall. If you want to learn Cribbage please call 517-899-8195. John & Pat Yirsa**

## CLUBS & GROUPS

FH = Founder's Hall LB = Library  
 AR = Activities Room MR = Meeting Room

**African Violet Club:** 2nd Thursday 2:30 pm AR  
 (October-April)

**Bingo:** Wednesdays 10 am, and  
 Thursdays 7:00pm - FH

**Bocce Ball:** Sundays 1:00 p.m. (N-A)

**Book Club:** 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month  
 1:30pm - LB (O-A)

**Build Your Own Bones:** Mon & Fri 11:00am AR

**Ceramics:** Thursdays 9 am - MR

**Chorale:** Tuesdays 3:30 pm, Thursdays 3:30 pm  
 & Saturdays 8:30am FH (O-A)

**Cribbage:** Mondays 6:30 FH

**Fiber Arts:** Wednesdays 10 am - 2:30pm - MR

**Fishing Club:** 1st Monday each month 7-9 pm MR  
 (November thru April)

**Knit & Crochet:** Tuesdays 9 am - MR  
 (November thru March)

**Lunch Bunch:** 3rd Thursday, meet @ FH at 11 am

\*All table games are listed on the Activities Calendar  
 (O-A) = October through April

**Mah-Jong:** Sun, Wed, Thurs 12:30 FH Mon 10 am  
 Tuesdays 7pm

**Paradise Patchers / Quilting Club:**

Monday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm - MR

**Pickleball:** Monday 3:30 p.m., Everyone welcome!

**Pickle Pals:** Tuesdays 10:00 a.m., All girls all play

**Pot Luck Dinner:** 2nd Tuesday of the month  
 5:15pm FH - Sign up on bulletin board in FH

**Shuffleboard:** Saturdays 3:00 pm

**W.A.M.B.A.M.:** Thursday weigh-in 7:30 am -  
 8:00-8:30 am meeting to follow - MR

**Water Aerobics:** Tues. & Thurs., at 9:15 am;  
 Sat., 9:15 am FH pool with Betty Trimble;  
 Mon. & Fri., 9:15 am FH pool with Dot Pansius

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesdays 9 am to 10 am at  
 3115 Oakmont Drive (863) 257-

1621 (Oct-Apr)

**Yoga:** Tuesdays 8:30 am - AR



### REMINDER: Senior Fitness Class\*

B.Y.O.B. or "Build Your Own Bones" is a special class designed for those with limited mobility, allowing you to stay seated for all exercises. Is your back bothering you? Is arthritis a problem? Is your balance a problem? Our class follows video instruction with music and consists of core strengthening, stretching and chair dancing! Easy and fun!!! Please bring a small towel for stretching; everything else is provided. A one time fee of \$5.00 covers your equipment. Stop in any Monday/Friday, 11:00 a.m. - noon in the Activities Room, next to the library. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!! For further information, contact Bobbie Hutchinson at [bobbie614@hotmail.com](mailto:bobbie614@hotmail.com) or 863-471-0655.

## Memory Mobile—April 3, 2018

The Memory Mobile is a traveling office of the Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter intended to bring public awareness and dementia-related information to the community. The Memory Mobile offers education and support to those living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and their caregivers. Services include: disease information, community referrals, memory education and care consultations for caregivers and individuals in the early-stage of dementia. The bus will be at Founder's Hall from 10:00am to 3:00pm.



There is no charge for services.



## Badger Bash

A gathering of all Badger Backers (current and former residents) will be held on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-6pm at the Golf Villa Patio.

BYOB and an appetizer to share! This will be an opportunity to meet and greet fellow Wisconsinites living in Highlands Ridge. You are encouraged to wear your Bucky Badger or Packer Garb!

Let's get a good turnout, see you all there. Any questions contact Ed Schams at [schamsfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:schamsfarm@yahoo.com) GO BADGERS!

## Carter Creek Block Party

**Date:** Sunday, March 4, 2018

**Time:** 9 Hole Scramble at the South Course, Shotgun at 1:00 pm  
Mixed Couples

Putting Contest at approximately 3 pm  
Golfers and Non Golfers for pizza at Founder's Hall at 5 pm, \$8.00 per person

BYOB, plates and silverware will be furnished

Please contact Nancy Guillemette with questions. 603 345-2111



Please join Ralph & Linda Sosely as they host the **Easter Pot Luck** on Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 3pm in Founder's Hall.



Remember to bring your own beverage, place setting, serving utensil & don't forget your yummy Easter Dish! Hope to everyone there!



## Going Away Dance, Saturday, April 7, 2018

7pm to 10pm

Founder's Hall, Entertainment Provided by California Toe Jam

Light snacks provided, B.Y.O.B

\$15 per person

We have a few tables still available!



The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Show of the Heartland Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus will be Saturday, March 24 at 2 and 7 PM at UCC 108 E. Butler Ave, Avon Park.

What A Girl.....! Songs you all know about girls. Guest quartet is Boardwalk!

Tickets are available from HR residents Ken Hull or Jim Palmer or at the door for \$15 each. More information call Jim 471.0706.

## Annual Highlands Ridge

Elegant Junque Sale  
Saturday, March 10, 2018  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm in Founder's Hall



No tables are available but come out to see what your new treasure will be. Thank you to some great residents that we have here in Highlands Ridge; there will be a canteen.

Proceeds will a benefit a local charity.

Patio set--Rectangle Table (39 x 63) with reversible top. Four chairs plus one rocker (olive green cushions). Excellent condition. Asking \$300. **Call Kaye at (715) 675-2431.**

Terra Cotta pots for sale. Various sizes, must stop and see. If interested please call **Shirley Faulk at 863 202-0936.**

**Turtle Hitch Mount Cargo Box** - Cargo Box tilts down for access to rear of vehicle. Secure Lock ensures gear is locked prior to driving. Carries 13 cubic feet of cargo. Wired taillights and license plate adapter. Roughly 54" long x 25" wide x 24" high. Like new. **Contact Ron Robinett @ 863-385-8206**

Brass Table & Wall Mirror \$300, Brass Cart \$30, Glass Dining Table w/6 Chairs \$300  
Please Contact **Rusty Rhonemus (765) 749-4592**  
Rusty.rhonemus@gmail.com Photos are available on myhighlandsridge.org.

**For Sale**

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Jet 3 Ultra Motorizer Mobility Scooter. Gently Used New Battery \$500 **Call Larry Musch (863) 273-8595**

White Frigidaire 10 cu ft top freezer purchased new 2 years ago in excellent condition. No ice maker. Ideal for 2nd refig beverage storage. Asking \$150 OBO. 3 drawer black writing desk 48" wide and 24" deep. Hi back chair included. \$75 **Call 304-8030.**

8" Aluminum step ladder, like new \$40  
**Contact Jerry Beastrom (863) 402-1683**

Wicker Dining Room Furniture—white wicker table, glass top with 4 chairs (cushions are washable) 2 white wicker shelves 6ft tall (1 for flat wall & 1 corner shelf both approx. 36in wide. \$350 or obo. **Please contact Bill or Jean Rapp (863) 402-1982.**



# Keep Paradise Clean Next Clean-Up

HIGHLANDS RIDGE RECYCLING

## Benefits of Recycling

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals
- Increases economic security by tapping a domestic source of materials
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials
- Saves energy
- Supports American manufacturing and conserves valuable resources

Helps create jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the United States



The next road cleanup will be:

**March 23 ~ 8:30 a.m.**

Call us (863) 471-1115 and put your name on the crew list so we can get the correct number of vests and garbage pickers! Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. in Founder's Hall compliments of the

Residents Council. The Highlands County Recycling Department provides all the equipment and garbage bags. **All we need is You!** You can walk or use your golf cart.

Gardening gloves are recommended.

**PLEASE COME HELP!**

We cover all of Powerline Road, from Arbuckle Creek Road to Highway 17, Whitehouse Road and Altwater Road from Highway 17 to our North Course Entrance Gate.



**Adopt a Road**  
PROGRAM

## Paradise to the Rescue!

Please Donate your ...

**Manufacturer's**

**Coupons**

**In Administration**

**For Troop's**

**Families**

**Box Tops & Labels**

**for Education**

**In Administration**

**Aluminum Can Tabs**

**In Founder's Hall**

**for Shriner's**

**Children's Hospital**

**Domestic Violence**

**Shelter**

**Women's Shelter**

**To HR Volunteers**



### Library News

By: Dot Pansius, *Resident*



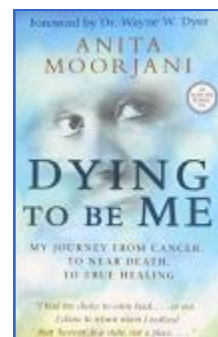
Sometimes Highlands Ridge seems to be rumor central with all sorts of conflicting stories circulating. But just in case you think we're unique in that respect I give you "Groundless" by Gregory Evans Dowd, Rumors, Legends, and Hoaxes on the Early American Frontier. This non fiction offering was donated by friend and resident Jim Norris. It explores the rumors that were spread by colonists and native Americans and "Drawing on specific case studies and tracing recurring rumors over many generations, Dowd explains the seductive power of unreliable stories in the eastern North American frontiers from the sixteenth to the mid-nineteenth centuries." So folks, check your facts!

Heartbreak Hotel by Jonathan Kellerman (lg. Print) has Alex Delaware teamed up with homicide detective Milo Sturgis to solve the mystery of a nearly 100 year old woman living in a luxury hotel. She had met with Delaware the day before, seemingly quite healthy, and asked him to investigate some things in her rather checkered past. She turns out to be "a victim like no other, an enigma who harbored nearly a century of secrets and whose life and death draw those around her into a vortex of violence."

John Grisham's Camino Island deals with the theft of a rare, priceless book from Princeton University's Firestone Library. How the book ends up in a book store in the resort town of Santa Rosa on Camino Island, and how its discovered, provide hours of fascinating reading.

And Then She Was Gone is part of the Detective Jack Stratton Mystery Series by Christopher Greyson.

"Stacy Shaw has her whole life ahead of her. New job, new house and now a baby on the way – everything she's ever hoped for is finally coming true. But on a warm summer night on the way home from work, she vanishes. The police race to find her, but the clues don't add up. Conflicting facts emerge as her story twists and turns, sending the trail spiraling in all directions."



**The Highlands Ridge Book Discussion Group** will meet on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the library at 1:30 pm. Book to be discussed is *Dying to Be Me* by Anita Moorjani.



### Attention Poker Players

Texas Hold'em ladies tournament Monday 5:00 p.m.

Omaha Hi/Lo all players Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Texas Hold'em all players Thursday 6:00 p.m.

All games are held in the Activities Room.

Tournaments are held every week if we have enough players and no other conflicts.

Please call or e-mail Steve or Georgia Trissell for details. 863-873-2676 - strissell2835@comcast.net

### PINOCHLE

We play PINOCHLE on Monday evenings at Founder's Hall. We are looking for people interested in playing a fast moving and exciting game of cards. We are willing to train new players or retrain former players. If you are interested in this game, please contact one of the following individuals:

Dan Seymour at 658-1377

Dot Pansius at 385-4566

George Thompson at 314-8968

**PINOCHLE**  
*anyone?*



### Chaplain's Chat

By: Rev. Bill Commons, *Resident*

#### WHAT DOES YOUR HEART LONG FOR?

French philosopher, Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) wrote: **“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person which cannot be filled by any created thing but only by the Creator... Jesus Christ.”**

The hearts of all human beings are “wired” by the Creator God to desire love, belonging, forgiveness, hope, joy, security, and confidence about the future. *That is why Jesus came, to fulfil the longings of the human heart and to bring us lost wanderers back into the family of God.* “He satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness” (Psalm 107:9)

But we humans are rebels by nature, wanting to do it “my way” and resisting God’s love. Why? Why would anybody ignore or neglect the love, forgiveness and hope that only God can give?

**“Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee”.**

The God who made you and loves you with an everlasting love, wants to receive you back into his family through faith in Christ and His death on the Cross for your sins. Yes, we have all “messed up” in some ways, wandering far from God, but HE WANTS TO FORGIVE ALL YOUR SINS if you will turn to Jesus with a sincere heart of faith and receive him into your life.

**FOR A LONG TIME GOD HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU. WILL YOU LET HIM FIND YOU?**

**“Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy-hearted and I will give you rest” (Jesus Christ, Matthew 11:28)**

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE HRCF (Highlands Ridge Christian Fellowship) **monthly meeting on March 11 in the AR (Activities room) at 3pm.** **Joanne Kirkpatrick**, gifted Bible teacher, will show a compelling **video journey through the cosmos** and will lead a **Bible Study showing GOD CREATING AND SUSTAINING THE UNIVERSE.** BRING YOUR BIBLE AND A FRIEND!



### Chorale News

By: Karen O'Laughlin, *Secretary*



Ah, Spring!! It’s just around the corner and **“IT’S ABOUT TIME”!** And this just happens to be the theme of our upcoming concert on March 17 in Founder’s Hall. And, **“AS TIME GOES BY” “A WONDERFUL DAY LIKE TODAY”** is always just around the corner! And living here in paradise it really is always just **“ONE FINE DAY”!**

Hmmmm. I see a pattern here! Yes, those are a few of the wonderful songs we are rehearsing and **“IT’S A MOST UNUSUAL DAY”**, or it would be, if you don’t feel like singing along, or even want to get up and dance. I’ll leave a few surprises for you...I can’t spoil all the fun. But I know you’re going to love the selections. Some good ol’ rock n roll, some **“OLD TIME RELIGION”**, and a lot of nostalgia! You won’t want to miss it!

Our new sound system will be ready by the concert and we are all excited about that and realizing how all of Highlands Ridge will benefit from this new system. We hope new stage lights will be installed soon as well.

Also, don’t forget our new Patron Season is ongoing and we couldn’t do what we do without you. Check with the HR Office or contact Jo Johnson. And a huge thank you to all in advance.

So be sure y’all come on down to Founder’s Hall at 7pm on Saturday, March 17. You can catch the concert again at St. John United Methodist Church in Sebring (behind Walmart) on Sunday, March 18 at 4pm.

You won’t be sorry! So come on and let’s **“GET HAPPY”!**

## CRITTER CORNER



By: Denise Beauparlant, *Resident*

As spring begins in sunny Florida, wildlife start their reproductive season... in other words baby season is just around the seasonal corner. Often times well intentioned people will call me to say their is a kitten, or a baby squirrel, bunny, raccoon, possum, armadillo in their yard and they want to “save it”. The first advice I always give is to return the baby back where you found it as the mother often leaves the babe where she feels it will be safe while she goes off to hunt, returning hours later to retrieve it. I advise to watch the baby and if Mom doesn’t return by nightfall to take the baby, wrap it in a small towel, place it in a box with a small water bottle filled with warm water. We will then make arrangements to transfer the baby to a licensed wildlife rehabilitation. It is illegal to possess wildlife without the required county/state and federal permits.

Many young animals perish at the hands of well meaning individuals, who use incorrect feeding techniques and improper diets. There are also many websites that do not offer proper advice and that is how most people get into trouble. Wildlife rehabilitators are trained professionals, well versed in the specific nutritional, behavioral, and environmental requirements of each particular wildlife species. If an animal cannot be returned to its parent, its next best chance for successful return to the wild can be provided only by such highly skilled persons.

Trying to feed an orphaned baby with an untrained hand could cause fluid to go into their lungs instead of their stomach. An overfed orphaned baby cannot digest large amounts of formula, feeding the wrong type of formula, such as cows milk, human infant formula, and other causes severe diarrhea, severe illness and dehydration. A cold or orphaned baby cannot digest its food. Attempting to feed when they are not at their proper body temperature will also result in death.

Orphaned/abandoned wildlife babies usually fall from great heights, have wounds from predators they’ve escaped from, have internal injuries, or were abandoned because of a birth defect they have, that we may not be able to see yet. Feeding an animal with any of these will result in the death of the animal. So leave the rescue to the experts. Locally we have a wonderful wildlife rescue called Little Critters Rescue and they can be reached by calling Teri Doscil their president at 863-235-0418. As you can imagine the cost to rehabilitate these young ones is very high. Donations to Little Critters Rescue are greatly appreciated and can be made through their Facebook page. Also they are always in need of powdered goats milk and KMR powdered kitten formula both of which can be purchased at Publix and dropped off at my home at 3006 Oakhill Dr., and I will see that they receive it.

Thanks for caring for our wildlife in Paradise!

Need Help With Your Taxes? AARP Tax-Aide is here for you. Our IRS –certified volunteers will help you file, for **FREE**. AARP Tax-Aide brings **FREE ELECTRONIC FILING** of your Federal tax returns and many state returns. The service is fast, accurate, and our IRS-certified volunteers are ready to help.



Local tax preparation sites are at: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church\*, the Grogan Center, 595 East Main Street in Avon Park (across from Avon Park High School) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and American Legion Post 25, 1490 US 27, Lake Placid on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The service will be available at the Avon Park location from February 1 until April 17, at the Sebring location from February 5 until April 16, and at the Lake Placid location from February 1 until April 14th.

Please provide last year’s Federal return as well as all the documents for filing your 2017 return. You must provide a copy of last year’s State return if you want us to file for 2017.

Any questions, call Sam Cline at 317-523-9383.



# What is Hand & Foot?

This game is a variation of Canasta. Hand and Foot card games is played with **4 to 6 standard decks**, and was ideally designed for 2 players but four to six players can also play it forming a team of two or three. Usually, number of decks is one more than the player but it is not standard.

This game is widely famous in **North America**. There are no standard rules with various variant available. Each player is dealt with two hands; the first set of cards dealt is Hand while the other set of cards dealt is Foot.

<http://www.gamblers007.com/how-to-play-hand-and-foot-card-game-rules-and-variations/>

## *Lost Weight, Feel Great!!!*

How often has this been our mantra! But how do we do it? How do we keep from adding pounds and begin to reverse the trend?

There are many plans to choose from: South beach diet; Nutrisystem; Weight Watchers; 17 Day Diet; low carb diet; grapefruit diet; etc, etc, etc.. Did you know there's support and help right here in HR? We call ourselves WAM-BAM! We have a private weigh-in every Thursday, 7:30-8:00am, in the Activity Room.

Then at 8:00 we:

- Share ideas
- Have presentations
- Try new recipes
- Enjoy a fun contest as we work toward our goal
- And much more!!!

So if you want a caring group or just need to weigh in once a week, come check us out. Stop by any Thursday for a visit. Get a step ahead of those New Years resolutions and have a plan.....WAM-BAM!!! **Cost?** \$10.00 a year and one quarter each week.....an inexpensive way to do something important for your health. Please feel free to call Deb Martens, 863-257-3139 if you have any questions.

*See you lighter! WAM-BAM*



**The HR Fishing Club** meets the first Monday of the Month in the Meeting Room at 7pm. We welcome anyone interested in fishing the many different lakes in Highlands County. You do not need a boat to join, we try to match you with a boat owner. We have monthly tournaments, usually on Wednesday mornings, Please stop by a meeting & maybe you would like to join us! Officers are: Dennis Cox, President; Bruce Martens, Treasurer; Dennis Birkholz, Secretary.

Just a reminder that open-play **tennis** is being played on Thursday & Saturday mornings starting at 9am. We could also do Tuesdays if we have at least 4 players. Open Play means that there is no need to schedule & if more than 4 players show up they are rotated in after 1 game. All skill levels are welcome & we have 2 spare rackets to borrow for those of you that do not own one but may want to play a while before you decide to buy one. Please contact Carla or Don Hebert [scad2@hotmail.ca](mailto:scad2@hotmail.ca) or (863) 445-1680.



**The Ridge Report**

By: Birdy Whitehouse, *Property Manager* ~ [birdy@myhighlandsridge.net](mailto:birdy@myhighlandsridge.net)

**Hello Everyone and Welcome New Residents of Highlands Ridge!****What are the numbers?**

In Highlands Ridge, there are 446 site-built homes and 185 manufactured homes, which makes 631 beautiful homes within our wonderful community. In 2017, we had 43 new homeowners, 42 resales and 1 new home built. 28 resales in the site-built home villages and 15 in Marina Cove. In 2018, we have as of 02.23.2018, 7 resales in Highlands Ridge and quite a few homes with contracts and sales pending.

**Welcome Lili Rodriguez!**

Please welcome Lili to the Highlands Ridge team as our Activities Director. Lili moved to Avon Park in August of 2017 and lives with family. She is originally from Brewster, New York. She has one guinea pig and her name is Wookie. She is a vegetarian and enjoys reading.

**Update from Hurricane Irma:**

After 85 loads of hurricane debris removed from the property; we obtained a burn permit from the state and burned more hurricane debris. We still have lots of hurricane debris to cleanup and burn. When we are ready to burn, we will notify everyone. The RV/Boat storage area has a new fence on the east side and all the fence on the west side has been repaired. Founder's Hall siding is currently being replaced now along with some other minor repairs.

**Speed Limit is 20 mph!**

The speed limit throughout the community is 20 mph. We have many residents, guests, and vendors walking, cycling, etc. It is important for everyone's safety to abide by the posted speed limit.

**Attention Marina Cove Residents:**

If you have not paid your ad-valorem or trash invoices, please contact the office asap. The notices have been sent to our collection agency!

**Thank you:**

Thank you to the monthly volunteers who participate in the Adopt A Road Cleanup!!

**Let's Keep Highlands Ridge Beautiful!**

Our Highlands Ridge library will have a table at the Elegant Junque Sale. Stop by to "shop" and meet Mary Harden. Mary has recently moved to Highlands Ridge and has volunteered to take over as coordinator. We residents are fortunate to have our library and the volunteers who keep it in order.

Thank you  
Fran Hooker

**Highlands Ridge HOA****By: Willie Faye Myers, Secretary**

At our February 2018 HRHOA Board meeting, Birdy Whitehouse relayed the following information. There are intermittent problems with the automated gates at the South Course entrance. Street and stop signs that were destroyed by Hurricane Irma will be replaced. If you are aware of a missing sign, please notify the Administration Office. There is ongoing debris removal from the hurricane. HRH is still awaiting issuance of the building permit for construction to commence on the maintenance building.

The Board received a resignation letter from Gary Dobreiner, effective February 1. Motion was made by Pat Shine, seconded by Rick Nicholson, and approved by the Board to appoint Walter Chevillet to fulfill the vacancy created. His term will will expire March 2019. The Annual Meeting of the HRHOA will be held at 4pm on March 12, 2018. There are four positions open for election due to the expiring terms of Ron Robinett, Dale Huffman, Willie Faye Myers, and Gary Nielson. Ballots were mailed out on February 13, 2018. If you have not received a ballot, and are a HRHOA member, please contact a Board member.

HRHOA members on the ballot for the election are: Dale Huffman, resident of Oak Run, Nancy Owens, resident of Scottish Links, Willie Faye Myers, resident of the North Course, and Dave Smith, resident of Arbor Green. You may also write in a candidate on your ballot. Please either return your ballot in the return envelope by USPS, or drop in the HRHOA mailbox in front of Founders Hall before March 9, or bring to the Annual Meeting on March 12. You may also assign a Proxy on your behalf. Also included with the ballot is a Paradise Grille Survey. As you may have noticed, the building is undergoing construction by owners Joe and Pam Pace. Please complete the survey and return with your ballot, or give to any HRHOA Board member. Your input does matter, and your optimism is noted.

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting. We are excited with all the good happenings going on in Paradise!

**HR Residents Council****By: Brenda Scruton, Secretary**

The annual meeting was called to order by President Cindy Robinette on February 5th at 4:00p.m. at Founder's Hall. Roll call was called by Secretary, Brenda Scruton. All council members were present. They were as follows: President, Cindy Robinette, Vice president, Jim Haas, Secretary, Brenda Scruton, Treasurer Bob Master, council members, Pat Doberiner, Sue Nicholson, Susan Ingram, Jim Abercrombie, and Karen O'Laughlin.

Nominations were read and voted upon. Your new officer's for 2018-19 are: President, Jim Haas, V. Pres. Glynda Sarno, Sec. Jim Abercrombie, and Treas. Bob Master. Leaving the board are Cindy Robinette and Pat Doberiner. Brenda Scruton agreed to stay on the board, but not as secretary.

A very big thank you to outgoing President, Cindy Robinette. For the past 4 years she has headed the troops admirably. She brought many innovative and fun ideas for successful events. If you see her around, please thank her for her service.

We would like to welcome new members, Glynda Sarno, and Sue Jennings. We are sure you will both be great additions to the board.

Bob Master, our treasurer is still looking for that elusive 25 % of residents who have not paid their dues. It is very simple. Just drop your payment of \$5.00 per person in the office. Thanks. Happy March.

**Marina Cove HOA****By: Bobbie Hutchinson, Secretary**

GREETINGS to all Marina Cove residents and guests!!!

The Quarter Raffle held on February 11, 2018 was a HUGE success! Thanks to all who attended and to all the folks who made this event a hit! A donation of \$1,315.14 will be given to each of the charities, Food For Families and the Veterans Association. Plans are already underway for next February's event.; plan ahead for creating a donation gift basket for the raffle.

Please remember to pay your MC annual dues (\$10.00 per household). Mail checks to Rose Epling, Treasurer, MCHOA, 3420 E. St. Andrews Dr., Avon Park, FL 33825 or use the MCHOA mailbox outside FH. Please remit by March 5, 2018.

Twenty guests attended the last MCHOA board meeting on Feb. 12, 2018. Thanks for participating; your input is important to us! The next regular board meeting is Tuesday, March 13....time and place to be announced later. Please plan to attend and meet your new board members!

We hope to see you at the MC ANNUAL MEETING on Monday, March 5, 2018. Join us for a pot-luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. in FH; sign-up sheets are in Administrative Office. MC provides the main dish (turkey & gravy), with residents providing side dishes to share. The meal will be followed by a meeting and election of board members. PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your own place settings (dinner plates, utensils & beverage). We will provide coffee, water, and napkins.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP & FEASTING WITH YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!!!



## **Phone Numbers & Addresses**

Beastrom, Jerry & Helen  
5040 Birkdale Dr– Golfside Villas

Brelinski, Roger & Charlene  
3368 E Pebble Creek Dr– Hidden Creek

Epling, Ellis & Rose  
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Milam, John  
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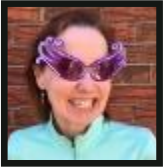
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### LGA NEWS

By: Deborah Reimer, *Vice President* [HRLGA18@gmail.com](mailto:HRLGA18@gmail.com)



In January, the LGA held a successful **2x4 Tournament**. It was so well attended this year that, next year, we are hoping to run it as a shotgun event and maybe with a social gathering afterwards.

Congratulations to our 2018 winning teams.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Flight Teams	Score	2 <sup>nd</sup> Flight Team	Score	3 <sup>rd</sup> Flight Team	Score
1st	Dunham/White	120.700	Guillemette/Owens	130.700	Freeman/Baker	130.025
2nd	Reimer/Meyer	132.425	Hoogterp/Hathorn	131.500	Kalis/Wick	130.075
3rd	Anthony/Oleseck	132.525	Edwards/Borrell	133.825	Miner/Palmer	132.625

By the time you read this article our **Round Robin Tournament** will have taken place while I was up in Winter Wonderland visiting family.

But I'll be back in time to warm up for the **Choose-Up Tournament** on Wednesday, March 7. Play will be on the North course, followed by lunch in the Tavern. The LGA 18 members would like to invite the LGA 9 members to join us for this event. This year the D flight will pick the teams.

Watch for the poster and be sure to sign up for the **Member-Guest Tournament** on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the South Course. If you don't know anyone to ask but would like to play, contact Chairperson Bobbie Pinckney for some names of people who would like to be invited. Please let her know if you, or your group, are able to provide a basket for the raffle. Funds from the raffle go directly to support the tournament.

Mary-Ann Wick, Lucille Ferrigan and Sue Hover will organize the **LGA 9 & 18 Mixer** on April 2 at the South Course.

For our last special event of the season, the **Farewell Scramble** will take place on April 4 at the North Course. After an 8 am shotgun a lunch will follow.

Looking way into the future, the 2018 **Divorce Open** will be held on Nov 15 & 16 for golf then followed by a banquet on Nov 17. Check out the Early Spring Registration form in this month's Gazette.

As with all special events, refer to the posters for the details and then go to the North Course Pro Shop to sign up and pay.

Now for a bit of Golf Housekeeping:

We revert back to our 8 am start for the weekly games at both courses starting in March 5<sup>th</sup>.

In the South Course Sign Up room, the weekly game sign-up sheets are available for a couple of weeks in advance. A few days before the game day, the Pro Shop will send you an email with your starting time. Please contact the Pro Shop right away if there is a change in your schedule. We now have a wait list. Please cancel early enough so these people can be given the opportunity to play.

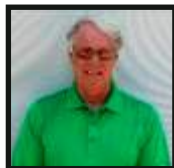
At the South Course, the first group will take the Closest to the Pin boxes out and if you are the last group, please remember to bring them in. This pertains to all games played, even on Shelter Day. Though all the money collected on Shelter Day is donated, we still want to recognize all the winners.

On hole # 13 (SC), if the Red tees are not at the front of the tee box, then the first group will move them forward. If the South Course Pro Shop is closed, slide all scorecards and CTP cards into the Green Box located in the Sign Up room.

Remember to enter your own scores. This applies for play at both courses.

The game results are now posted at both the North Course (by the back door) and in the South Course Sign Up room.

Until next time, smile and remember a quote from Ben Hogan; the most important shot in golf is the next one.

**MGA News**

By: Phil Hunter, Secretary



Reminder to all MGA members of the Member/Guest on March 22-24.

Sign up at the NORTH COURSE in the 3 ring binder and please pay with a check for \$250. Your guest's greens fees are included but if you are not a member of the course, you will need to pay your green fees each day. Deadline to sign up is March 3, 2018.

Your Board members (Lathwell, Swan, Cline, Hunter, Dobie, Gray, Sosely) are pleased with the participation so far in our events each month. We reduced the number of monthly events with hopes of improving participation. It seems to be working well that there are no stroke adjustments between white and gold tee players, but at the North Course we are allowing white tee players to use gold tees on #9 and #11.

Here are the results of the 4 Man Scramble held at the South Course on Tues., Jan. 23:

1st flight - 1st-Tirdil, Jerome, Hubinek, Freeman 2nd-Greene, Cooper, Dundas, D.Brown 3rd-Beaudoin, Shearer, K.Smith, Lynd

2nd flight - 1st-Cline, Bennett, Chiaradini, Blesch 2nd-Wade, Best, Hall, Moore 3rd-Danielson, Bratt, Jennings, Albrecht

Here are the results of our 2nd Play with a Pro event held on Feb. 8. Names in large print indicate winners of the individual winners with their Pros. Thanks goes to Sam Cline for all the work/time he puts in organizing the PWP's and posting all the results.

White flight - 1st-Greene/Dundas 65 2nd-MAUCK, Lathwell 65 3rd- Hunter/Morrill 66

White/gold flight - 1st-Cline, I.Smith 59 2nd-D.Stewart, MCDONNALL 60 3rd-Gray/Olesek 61

Gold 1 - 1st-MURPHY, Martens 61 2nd-Ashcraft, Griffin 61 3rd-Niehoff, Eglinton 62

Gold 2 - 1st QUAY, Blesch 52 2nd-Bennett, Wade 57 3rd-Jennings, Albrecht

White skins: Brown 3, Dundas 2, Fine, Mauck \$13 each

Gold skins: Ashcraft, AJ Davis, W.Jones, McDonall 2, Murphy, Niehoff \$18 each

Next Play with a Pro is Thurs., March 8 at the North with an 8 a.m. shotgun.

And mark your calendar for the Going Away Scramble at the South Course at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3!

Happy golfing!

**Jay Jamasey Song:** *A Baptist pastor decides to play hooky on a Sunday to play golf. He's playing the best golf of his life when an angel asks God, 'Are you going to let this slide? Do something!' So God says, 'Watch this.' The pastor hits a 425-yard tee shot and the ball goes in the hole for a double eagle. The angel asks, 'Why did you reward him?' God says, 'Who is he gonna tell?'*

<https://www.pga.com/news/golf-buzz/best-golf-jokes>



**9-Hole LGA News**  
By: Janet Weidemann, Vice President



Our Sadie Hawkins Day on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> celebrated with a Gasparilla event that featured pirates threatening the golfers while crossing the bridge on #8 on the South Course and a pirate ship in Founder's Hall. John Owen showed the pirates his prowess when he defeated them in the ring toss with 5 straight winning ringers.

There were 64 players who competed in the YO-HO-HO golf game and the winners were:

**Flight One** 1<sup>st</sup> Ron & Mary Ann Beyer and Rich & Judy Kidd scoring a 68; 2<sup>nd</sup> with a score of 69 was Al & Anne Eckleman and Tom and Janet Weidemann. In 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 73 was Phil & Deb Hunter and John Owen and Martha Killoran. Following with a 74 was a tie (won by card draw) by the teams of Jim & Patti Haas with Dick & Vivian LaMorte and Al & Barb Depont and Mike & Susan Beaudoin.

**Flight Two** was headed by Wes & Martha Jerome with Vern & Elaine Hall, shooting a 65. 2<sup>nd</sup> was Jim & Sue Hitmar and Don & Laraine Valentine with a 76. The following all had a score of 79: 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Judy & Dean Burmaster with the blind draw team of Ann Evans & Michelle Eakin; 4<sup>th</sup> place was Bob & Cindy Becker and Chris & Joan Hill and 5<sup>th</sup> place went to Sam & Jo Cline and Rita Beck & Mary Jacobs.

Dinner and Music by Two Smooth ended our Gasparilla party. It was time to put away the beads and transform our pirates back to our 9 hole ladies. Many thanks to Cheryl Shine, Cindy Becker and their teams for a memorable day and evening.

A reminder that Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> will be the St Pat's Day couples tournament followed by dinner and dancing. Be sure to see the sign-up sheet in the screen room for this event and remember to get your golf and dinner reservation in BEFORE the DEADLINE.

Thank you to the 18 hole women's group for decluttering and cleaning the screen room. It looks so much nicer and we appreciate your efforts.



# SAVE THE DATE !



Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>



# 2018 Divorce Open

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Thank you-Danny Dipascale for the Hawk & Cindy Robinett for crane pictures.

