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"Around The Ponds"

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President's Message

Time sure flies by. It's April already; all the seasonal activities are done and all the snowbirds are starting to head back north. We sure are going to miss you and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

For those of us who are staying there are still a lot of activities to do such as golf, card games, pickleball, our beautiful pool, the beach, potlucks, hanging out with friends, and just enjoying life.

Please don't forget coffee plus on the first Saturday of each month in the south clubhouse at 9:00am. FREE coffee and donuts and a great way to meet up with friends. Everyone is welcome.

Special recognition this month goes to Shirley Milledge, who is one of the original residents of Golden Ponds. She recently resigned from the HOA board after many years of service. Special thanks this month goes to Brenda Cavanagh who has agreed to replace Shirley on the HOA Board. Also to Sharon VanDell who is doing a great job as chairperson of the sunshine committee.

The last HOA general meeting for the season is set for April 17th. It's a great way to keep up with what's happening in Golden Ponds.

Have a great summer.

Gary Lange

HOA President



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It is the intent of the ATP staff to deliver the newsletter by the last day of the month. Please be patient as some residents may receive their copy earlier than others. Extra calendars will be available on the table in the north clubhouse. If you have not received your copy, by the first, please contact Frank Forney at 804-491-3104

You can go online to: www.goldenponds.com or <https://goldenpondsfp.hoospace.com/> for a full version of the ATP.

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Manager's Message:

Let's start off by welcoming Joe & Deborah Goebels. They bought 1668 Walden Ponds and they are from Florida.

WOW so hard to believe that it is April. Time sure does fly by. I hope all the snowbirds have had an awesome season and a safe trip home with a healthy summer.

As so many prepare to leave, I just have a few reminders:

Make sure you just power washed your house and that ALL items outside your house are taken inside for the summer. Have someone lined up to start weed trimming your place right away. Have someone walk through your house to check it during the summer. Put down your shutters and prepare for another hurricane season.

Take pride in Golden Ponds and your house. Keep your house up and cleaned, it helps keep the rest of the park look BEAUTIFUL. Those of us that live here full time really appreciate you taking care of your house during your absence.

If you have an item in storage, make sure you weed whip around it. There is to be no weed killer used. Keep an eye out for your neighbors; if you see something that doesn't look right, say something. Once again, if you are requesting to get a new dog, a letter must be written to management saying you wish to do so. Please read your Prospectus stating this.

Make sure all overnight guests are signed in.

No parking of vehicles in the grass.
Slow down and stop at all stop signs.

Sometimes you forget you're awesome, so this is your reminder. Have a great month.

Yvette Peppard - Manager

APRIL 2024 HOLIDAYS/DATES

Apr 1 April Fool's Day

Apr 22Earth Day

Apr 23Passover

Apr 26Arbor Day



Maybe you can help...

Plant a Tree?

Reduce...Reuse...Recycle?

Volunteer to help safely clean our beaches, town roadways or shopping parking lot areas?

We only have our one planet as home. Think of ways that you can help to keep our planet healthy and beautiful this Earth Day and Arbor Day!

And that's no April Fools!

GOLDEN PONDS BOOK CLUB

Our book that we read for the month of March was *The Last House on the Street* by Diane Chamberlain, a compelling story of two women whose lives were connected by a piece of land, but they were separated by almost fifty years. The first character, Ellie, was raised in North Carolina and in the 60's joined a group of young people both black and white, who were working to register black people to vote prior to LBJ signing the Voting Rights Act. Ellie fell in love with a young African American and that forever changed both of their lives. The second of the main characters story, Kayla, starts in 2010 when her husband dies tragically while they are building their dream home on land originally owned by Ellie's family. The two women come together to form a friendship that leads to a decades old mystery.

None of us in the club were raised in the south and knew very little of that period of history. It was shocking to read of the horrible things that were done to people just because of the color of their skin. I personally found the book very disturbing but I'm very glad that I read it and would certainly recommend it.

We have selected the books for the next three months. April is a classic some of us were required to read back in high school, *1984* by George Orwell. May is *She's Come Undone* by Wally Lamb. This book was selected because one of our members actually knows the author. For

June we are deciding on one of the many books by Randy Wayne White who writes many books that take place in Florida.

For those who are heading north for the summer I hope that you continue to read the books and send in an email to share how you liked it. Until next time, Happy Reading.

Alice Peck

LIBRARY NEWS

April is here and it means more snowbirds are headed north. We hope you have a safe trip home.

Thank you for returning your library books and DVD's in the return basket. The shelves are filling up fast.

Thank you to the resident who donated John Grisham's newest book, "The Exchange". It is on the shelf for all of you to enjoy. Remember, we have put all the book group books on the shelf once we have discussed them. Be on the lookout for them,

We are still looking for the DVD Ice Castles.

Any books you pull off the shelves or DVD's and you can't remember where you pulled them from, please put them in the return basket. We will return them to the correct place on the shelf.

Once again, have a safe trip home and we will see you next fall.

Linda Merrill

Sunshine Committee

Hello Ponders, Happy Spring! Not many requests for cards in the last month; here is what was sent out on behalf of the HOA:

Thinking of You cards sent to:

- *Bill Breese, 1715 Walden Pond Drive
- *Steve Shields, 9925 Gatsby Lane
- *Bev & Tom Atkinson, 1832 Stonybrook Drive
- *Shirley Milledge, 1697 Bar Harbor Drive (sent to: 5344 Wyndemere Square, Swartz Creek, MI 48473)

Thank you all,
Sharon VanDell
Sunshine Chairperson
cell: 772-979-0571
email: sharonvandell@yahoo.com



April Birthdays

- 1 Larry Durocher, Russ Geiger
- 2 Betsy Bobenmoyer, Pamela Caudell, Laurie Dillon
- 3 Leon Savard
- 4 Dale Shankland
- 5 Eddie Smith
- 6 Randy Smith
- 7 Krystal Eshelman
- 8 Linda Kangas, Joyce Hart
- 9 Ruth Chuqui-Conder
- 10 John Warren
- 11 Grace Gates
- 13 Bob Kennedy, Tammy, McCormick, Ray McIntosh
- 14 Margaret Stiuso, Josie Taylor
- 16 David Deganich, Paul McNutt, Sharon Rubin
- 17 LoriAnn Congdon, Ed Kuhn
- 18 Tammi Holden, Patti Zoyac, Nick Moffee
- 19 Mike Murphy
- 21 Christine Conwell, Cliff Grayley, Pudge Harris
- 23 Donna Ashton, Robert Barr
- 26 Nancy, Montelone
- 27 Grace Montella
- 28 Anne Harris, Catherine Snook
- 29 James Allison
- 30 Sam Eleuteri

April Anniversaries

- April 1, 2010 Michael Piro & Jeanne Jean
- April 2, 2011 Warren & Barbara Greth
- April 14, 1956 Larry & Gloria Durocher
- April 17, 1999 Peter & Carol Loveland
- April 21, 1973 John & Barbara Hodge
- April 23, 2011 Steve Salatino & Mike Richardson
- April 24 2004 Gregory & Kristin Boudle
- April 28, 2000 Jeff & Mary Green
- April 30, 2004 BD & Paula Wilson

THANK YOU'S AND NOTICES

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

Over the last few weeks, I have become very aware of how important all of our volunteers are to this wonderful park. It is a big part of why Golden Ponds is such a special place. In the past I thought that if you were a person who wanted to shoot darts, all you did was show up and voilà, game on! Not the case. Guys come several hours ahead of time to set up the boards the proper distance from the line. But before that, they move tables and chairs and set up scoreboards, and perhaps even figure out teams and competitors. I'm only aware of a small part of it. Every week we have folks who come early to make ladder golf, shuffleboard, horseshoes and bocce happen. There are people who make coffee for Bingo and card bingo and set up tables and scoreboards and call numbers. Someone takes the responsibility of setting up the player every morning six days a week for water aerobics. Someone sets the course every Wednesday for mini putt golf. Someone picks up aluminum cans every Sunday to be recycled and the money is contributed to a function in the park. There are some who man the bazaar shed and pick up donations that go to be sold at our annual bazaar, which brings in thousands of dollars to provide the opportunity to improve our facilities. There are always people who are willing to step up to host a dance or event that benefits us all. Every Christmas a whole bunch of people take and devote their time to make our park a showplace for the holidays. Someone makes sure everything is ready to enjoy the fire pit on Friday night. If we need help,

someone is always there to lend a hand. I know that I've missed a lot of people but I want you all to know whatever you do... you are appreciated.

Alice Peck



👁️👁️LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025👁️👁️

Exciting news. We're only in April and residents are already looking ahead and booking dances for next year. New Year's Eve is scheduled with our favorite DJ Frank Genevick. January 25th get your cowboy hats and boots ready 'cause we're having another Hoe Down! My Brothers Band will be back to help celebrate Valentine's Day on February 15th. We'll be wearing green to celebrate St. Patrick's day on March 15th and dancing to music by Frank Genevick. It's never too soon to plan ahead!



**FLU SHOTS FOR THIS FALL
OCTOBER – Early NOVEMBER**

Royal Care Pharmacy on Feeder Road is willing to come to Golden Pond's to administer the Flu Shot.

They would like to know approximately how many people would be interested.

The vaccine has to be ordered ahead of time. You will need your ID, Medicare recipients need their Medicare Card & supplement insurance card if any.

There is a Sign Up Sheet in the Club House. This is just a head count not a binding appointment.

For more information please call Ruth Chuqui-Conder 475-4638



ITALIAN THEMED POTLUCK SUPPER

This time we are having a themed potluck supper. Let's do something Italian! The possibilities are endless from pasta to salads, from breads to antipasto, from appetizers to desserts. Come and join us in the South clubhouse on Saturday, April 27th from 5:00 to 6:30pm, but don't wait till the last minute because options dwindle. There will be a sign-up sheet in the North Clubhouse at least a week prior to the supper. Bon appétit!

Alice Peck

'TIL WE MEET AGAIN

On Saturday April 6th we will be holding our annual 'Til We Meet Again Event in the Woodstock Field in the front of the park from 2-5. It is always a fun time with good music and great food. Bring your chairs and the beverage of your choice and plan on having a good time. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs and the fixings provided by funds from the aluminum can recycling program. We ask that each household bring something to share for potluck; salads, Mac and cheese, desserts, beans chips etc. The Music will be provided by Chimps On A Limb as it has been in past years. It's always a good time and an opportunity to make new friends and spend time with old friends before the summer season starts.

Kristin Boudle



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Almost everyone loves ice cream, so come join us for a sundae on Sunday April 14th from 2:00 - 3:00 in the South Clubhouse. We will serve several flavors of ice cream and at least one that is sugar free. As always, there will be a good selection of toppings and surely you can find some that are simply irresistible!

Alice Peck



BAZAAR NEWS!!!!

DONATION DROP OFF
BAZAAR STORE
April 10th and April 24th, 2024

(Wednesday)
9:00am – 11:00am

ARRANGE FOR LARGE ITEM PICKUP
(any day)

Contact Bazaar Chair
Sonny DeLaurentis
609-206-9973

Please – No hutches, entertainment centers, sofa beds, older style TV's or anything broken or in poor condition.

Preview Bazaar Items on the GP HOA Website:
<https://goldenpondsfp.hoaspace.com/cgi-bin/index.pl>

Co-Chair: Jerry Griffin 609-334-7140

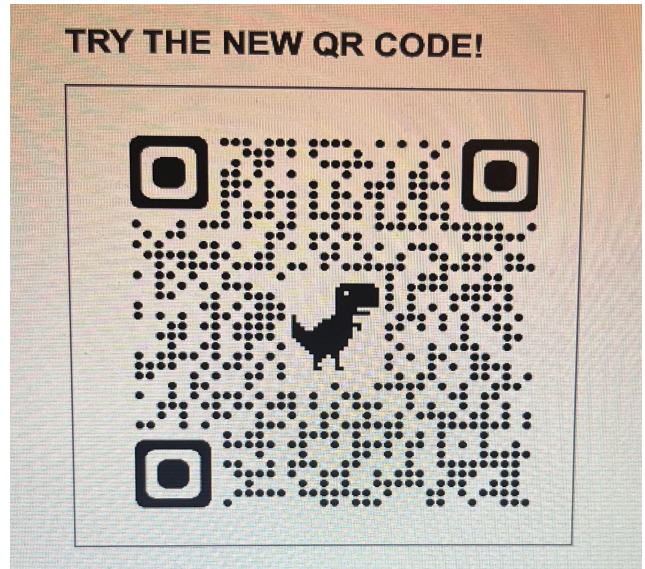
LOOK FOR UPDATES ABOUT GOLDEN POND'S SHIRTS & HATS AROUND OCTOBER!
Barbara Chenette 772-359-6968

GENERAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

CHAIR YOGA
THURSDAYS @ 11:00 AM
CONTACT: DONNA ASHTON 607-371-2039

GOLDEN PONDS HOA WEBSITE NEWS! NEED A QUICKER ACCESS TO THE HOA WEBSITE??? TRY THE NEW QR CODE!

How to use:
Open camera app on your phone/tablet
Aim camera at the above QR Code (Don't take a picture) but center QR Code to see on your camera.
A website popup will appear on your screen.
Click on the popup and away you go!!!!



WATER EXERCISE
AEROBICS: M-S 9:15 to 10 AM
WEIGHTS: M-F 10 to 11 AM



(COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS)

Russ Landt wonders if...

“So, you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?”

Ponders say...”Noooo! We playPICKLEBALL!”

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT 2024 RESULTS



Women’s Regular Season Champion!!.....*DEB BURSEY*

Men’s Regular Season Champion!!.....*TONY DEJULIIS*

Most Improved Player

Women..... *KATHY KEES*

Men.....*HENRY BURY*

Mixed Doubles Champions

TERESA DELANEY & HENRY BURY

Women's Doubles Champions

THERESA DELANEY & DONNA ASHTON

Men's Doubles Champions

GARY BEJIN & PAT HUMMER

Congratulations to all! I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Golden Ponds Pickleball League. It was a *great* season! I hope to see everyone return in the fall. Have a great summer!

Paul Rodrigue

Carport Mini Golf 2024

Once again, we have concluded our golden Ponds carport mini golf for another season. During 2023/2024 we tried a couple of scenarios to determine what the best fit is for golden ponders. The kitchen was utilized as the beta site for setting up in one location and the second was traveling around the park with nine hosts setting up in their carport driveway. We will reach out to the past participants and hosts to determine our direction for 2024/2025. With that said, please feel free to contact me through email marshalloug03@gmail.com or Facebook messenger with your input.

Overall, we averaged 24 participants per week with some highs and lows. I would like to attribute that to this year's weather, which wasn't typical of the Sunshine State. The wind and rain were a challenge for our community in all outdoor events. Let's put that behind us and look forward to next year.

Throughout the season, we had no dominant low score winners in either men's or women's categories. The weekly winners were nicely distributed throughout the participants and were recognized weekly on *Around the Ponds* and *Past and Present* facebook pages. We did have a few holes-in-one which were also recognized. Congratulations to all winners!

I would like to thank our carport hosts for their efforts to set up challenging mats which, in many cases, were quite unique in design. A large "Shout Out" to them from the organizers and participants. Thank you.

The organizers would like to thank the following for offering their carport and time towards the success of Golden Ponds Carport Mini Golf:

Leon Savard/ Susan Gertibauer
Doug Marshall/Sharon Bond
Carol Shaw
Robin Blackman
Vikki Benedict



Betty Breadner
Linda Huber
Dick & Judy Huffington
Lynn & Nancy Leiterman

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Donna Ashton and Paul Rodrigue for working with me as a team towards the success of carport mini golf this year. I once again reiterate that Paul and Donna brought carport mini putt to Golden Ponds and their dedication to building and improving the social activities at Ponds should not go unrecognized. Thank you both for your efforts and contribution.

 Everyone, have a great year and I look forward to seeing you next fall!

Doug, Marshall, 1692 Christmas Cove 

Editor's Message

Hello neighbors and welcome to the month of April here on the Treasure Coast! You may have noticed the photo on the first page as the Fort Pierce Inlet. There are two parks that border the inlet and they are both great! The Fort Pierce Inlet State Park offers a pristine beach and sparkling clear waters that are great for swimming and snorkeling. On the southside of the inlet is Jetty Park that boasts world class fishing along with many areas of free parking along its inner beach locations. You can walk or, if needed, have wheelchair access to most of this area's boardwalk (paved walk). You can sit on any bench or in a number of any of the great restaurants and watch the boats come from and go to the Atlantic Ocean! How great is that! Better than any youtube video I've seen. Our area is truly special. There are many treasures to be found here and not all of them are gold and silver from some shipwrecked vessel! I encourage everyone to catch a day breeze from this area to refresh your soul.

As many of our snowbirds head north, there is much to do to prepare for this trip. Whether your plans are to travel via drive, fly, train, bus, bike or walk (imagine that!), please take your time and embrace the journey. There are so many exciting things to experience along the way. This is the key to having an enjoyable and stress free time.

From what I have been told, things begin to slow down here in our park for the next few months. I think there may be less to write about so I hope folks will consider sending me articles that they would like published. It can be just about anything...from a special family recipe to a movie review to a short story or crafting tips,,the sky's the limit!

However, I do ask that if anyone would like to have anything published, that you submit the information to me by the 20th of each month so there is adequate time for handling. Please note that items for submission are subject to final approval for content. Some clip art, photos and inserts may be edited for printing and are only printed in black and white. Please visit our GP website to see our ATP in all its beautiful color!

I can be reached anytime at debbeliveau@gmail.com. All submissions must be in writing to me either by email or delivered into the ATP mailbox in the North Clubhouse. If neither of these options work for you, please contact an HOA Officer and they can assist you with getting in touch with me. My number is in our phone directory. Please leave me a message and I will return your call as soon as I can. Thank You and Happy Spring!



Sincerely: Deb Beliveau, Editor/Publisher



