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BLUE HERON PINES GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY
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President's Message

Welcome to May! We're beginning to experience that special kind of "Florida hot" we've all come to love and appreciate. The kind of hot that say's "Stay inside,

dummy!", and prompts the snowbirds to fly north.

As I said last year at this time, hopefully the seasonal residents have given attention to the departure checklist. I don't think anybody wants to

get a phone call about their patio furniture flying into a pond, or flower pots turning into missiles.

Those of us who stay behind will miss our friends, and look forward to seeing them again in the fall. Meanwhile, thanks for the extra parking spaces!

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer, wherever you find yourselves!

Here are few pictures highlighting the past season at BHP!

Larry Roberts



Golf Cart Parade



LABOR DAY CELEBRATION



Big Brothers Golf



Bean Bag Baseball



Our Auctioneer Gene



Grillin in the Rain at the Auction



Rickie C



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAZZLER'S LUNCHEON



**May 10th
1:00 PM**

The next Dazzler luncheon will be held at
Callaloo Caribbean Restaurant
5500 Deltona Dr., Punta Gorda
Please sign up by May 7th
We will meet at the restaurant at 1:00 PM
If you need a ride call Jean Michalak at
941-676-0549 or e-mail her at
jeanmichalak8@gmail.com

*All Blue Heron Pines ladies
are welcome to join us.*

Drivers please leave me know if you have room for someone in your car in case someone needs a ride.



BHP Open House
May 18, 2019
10 AM - 2 PM



BHP - SUN Pool Party
May 21, 2019
11 AM - 1 PM



MEMORIAL DAY
Monday May 27
11:30 am

A Memorial Day Service will take place at the mail kiosk and clubhouse, to honor all our veterans who are no longer with us.

A "Wall of Honor" will be displayed by the Clubhouse Entrance. If you would like to honor a family member, friend, neighbor, send a picture of your honoree with their name, branch of service and rank if known with your connection to them to Maureen.heger127@gmail.com by May 13th.

The ceremony will begin around 11:30 am. Lunch will be served after the ceremony. Tickets will be sold at the mail kiosk on Tuesday and Thursday starting April 23. Lunch will include sausage, pepper and onions sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad and coleslaw, beverages (BYOB), and dessert. Tickets are \$10.

If you can help with the event or have any questions please contact, Maureen Heger at 732 499-7777.

Sports Report

By Jan Crail

With the winter season coming to an end many sports had their phase ending celebrations.

The inaugural season of Bean Bag Baseball came to an end on Saturday, March 23. All six teams played in a three game elimination with the ultimate championship going to the Trailer Nasty team. Following the games a picnic was held on the clubhouse deck. BBB was a huge success and will be repeated.

Bowling ended with their annual banquet at the Twin Isles Country Club on Saturday evening March 27. Officers were elected for next year and prize money awarded according to the final standings of the teams. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all attendees.

The men's winter billiards league ended on March 13.

On Saturday morning April 6 a members only golf tournament was held with 66 players participating. A catered lunch was hosted at the Pro Shop followed by a golf trivia contest.

Congrats go out to Gene Robinson and Joe Casimir on their recent hole in ones. Also, I understand that other resident golf leagues held their parties, some on site, and others at area restaurants.

Happy trails to all our part time residents. We'll keep the light on for you.

Bean Bag Baseball

Summer Bean Bag Baseball
If anyone is interested in playing
There is a sign up sheet in the
Community Center.



Blue Heron Pines Bowling Banquet

By Doug Howe

The Blue Heron Pines Bowling banquet was held at Twins Isles Country Club on March 27th.

Election of officers was held.

President Rick Schram

Treas. Mark Belknap

VP. Doug Howe

Prize money was given to all teams.

The first place team, the Peacocks, consisted of Nancy Aaron, Karen Belknap, Bud Depper and Larry Neiman.

Best women's scores.

Scratch game Billie Sixt 226

Handicap game. Billie Sixt 293

Scratch series. Billie Sixt 504

Handicap series. Donna Brast 712

Best men's scores

Scratch game Alan Haspel 233

Handicap game. John Kratz 286

Scratch series. Mike DiMeglio 607

Handicap series. Wick Wickman 704

ANOTHER WHITE BIRD!

By Sharon Breay

When I first moved here, I knew no water birds. It seemed like every time I saw one, it was “*somewhat*” different than the last one! If you were here last summer, you may have read an article on the American White Ibis, a bird with a “curved” red-orange beak. However, another white bird of about the same size, is the Snowy Egret. And Blue Herons (an article on Herons was written last summer also) can also be white! To add to the confusion, there are three species of Egrets down here!



Let’s go over those three Egrets. The Great White Egret is indeed great, at over 4’ in height, with a wingspan of over 50.” It has a bright yellow bill, with dark black legs. During mating season it develops a greenish ring around its eyes and a beautiful wispy plume of feathers down its back and well past its tail. This plumage was a high fashion trend in the early 1900s, causing hundreds of thousands of Egrets to be killed for their feathers.

You can distinguish a Great White Egret from a Great White Heron by the Heron’s much larger size, the Heron’s heavier bill, and it’s paler legs. In flight, the Great White Egret (like the Heron) flies slowly with its neck retracted, unlike the storks, cranes, ibis, and spoonbills.

The Snowy Egret, also a water bird, is much smaller than the Great White Egret. It is easy to distinguish by its black bill and legs—with yellow feet! This bird also has breeding plumage that was hunted, causing it to become almost extinct.

The Cattle Egret is not a water bird, as it prefers to flock in pastures, feeding on insects on cattle. Cattle Egrets have yellow beaks and yellow legs. The young have greyish beaks, but still are distinguishable by yellow legs. Its breeding plumage has a patch of reddish gray on it.

Does that cover all the white birds down here? Oh Nooo!

SunShine

By Cathy Richardson

Sympathy

We extend our thoughts and prayers to:

Pat Veldhouse #23, on the passing of her
husband David

Ed Dikun #569 on the passing of his
wife Lori



Get Well

Nancy Bacon Lot 508
Diane Nietfeld Lot 704
Sheila Vance Lot 617
Ellie Welcome Lot 310
Ed Dikun Lot 569
Mike Wyman Lot 500

If you know anyone who is ill or lost a loved one,
contact the Sunshine Lady Cathy Richardson #555

Blue Heron Pines 2019 Pool League

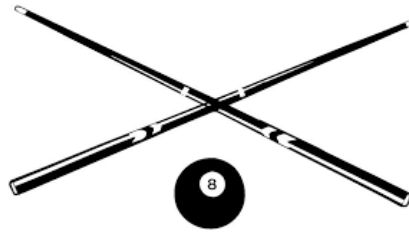
By Tom Breay

Well folks, after 600 games of 8 Ball, shot by 20 different partners, spanning 4 different teams, starting on January 2nd 2019, the BHP Pool League came to a conclusion on Thursday March 21st. The winners were the Blues Brothers, led by Leo Zehnder and Jimmie Lubonski finishing with 162 wins. The Red Necks led by Larry Roberts and Dave Snyder finished in 2nd place with 155 wins, the Green Machine led by Tom Breay and Larry Niemann in 3rd place with 147 wins, and the Black Birds led by Tom Pearson and Don Weichel, finished in 4th place with 136 wins.

The following Thursday evening, March 28th, the individual tournament was held. Approximately 40 players signed up for the single elimination contest, complete with Pizza and wings. During a brief intermission, Jimmie Lubon-

ski was awarded the Bob Brown Good Sportsmanship for 2019. Jimmie completed a grand slam for the evening by besting Don Weichel with 2 out of 3 games for the championship. Congratulations to Jimmie and all who played in the league and the final tournament of the year.

If you enjoy shooting pool, please join us on Wednesday and/or Sunday evenings at 7:00. Both evenings we shoot 8 Ball with a double elimination format. We usually shoot 2 rounds each evening with an entry fee of \$3.00 per round. With 6 or less players we pay out the first 2 places, and with 7 or more, we pay out the first 3 places. The camaraderie is most enjoyable. If you have not shot pool in a while it's much like riding a bike.....it won't take you long at all to pick up where you left off. Join us for a fun evening of shooting pool.



As recipients of the beautiful quilts presented to us at the March HOA meeting, we would like to recognize the Blue Heron Pines Quilters with a Huge Thank You. No one knows how much we appreciate your time and hard work. Ken Ramsey & Tim McPhillips



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FMO District Meeting

April 2019

By Mary Roller

The meeting was opened at 1pm by District 7 President John Bowman. The Pine Lakes HOA President welcomed the attendees and told us a bit about their community. It is a ELS community with 864 home sites, 281 are Estate Owned (the homeowner owns the land). The remaining home sites are land leased. Pine Lakes has a Ballroom, Bocce, Golf , a Pub, Tennis, Pickleball and more. They have an 18 hole Executive course and also have golf privileges at their sister community Lake Fairways, which also has an 18 Executive golf course.

Guest speaker, Steve Albright is a former Insurance Adjuster (now the Lake Fairways/ Pine Lakes golf pro), spoke regarding replacement cost vs. actual cost when a homeowner claim is filed. He used an example of a roof replacement; over 10 years there is an emphasis on the cost. He explained the 4 types of coverage in a policy listed on the Declaration Page:

Dwelling

Attached structure (lanai, carport)

Contents - he encouraged the attendees to take photos on the contents of your home and the roof so you have a record for any future claims. Keep all receipts, if possible.

Deductible. Usually 10% of the value of your dwelling - this could include hotel expenses and/or food while home is being repaired.

Mr. Albright urged us to take photos every year of the roof. If any damage occurs, you will have a record of "before". He told us that if there is any damage, however minimal, the entire section of the roof will have to be replaced depending on the amount of damage. Keep any receipts and documents you receive.

If there is a storm (a named storm), take numerous photos to show the adjuster. If the window or roof is damaged, cover damage as soon as possible to limit additional damage. For a roof with deductible coverage, get a list of 3 roofing contractors to be contacted after you have spoken to the adjuster.

Special endorsements for your policy: Golf cart, jewelry, any other possession of value you want to make sure is covered.

There are Public Adjusters who will work with you, *but* they will take 7% of whatever your receive from the insurance company, *so beware*, if dealing with a public adjuster, check credentials. They can be helpful if there is a total loss.

Jessica Cantwell and her assistants from Life Care of Punta Gorda brought their balance equipment testing unit to test individuals for balance issues. Several attendees took advantage of the testing. They received a printed copy of the results to take to their doctor for his review.

FMO President Jerry Durham gave an update on the proposed legislation and the issues that had the FMO pulling it from consideration. There were some "gray" areas that many felt the Park Owners could use to discriminate against homeowners. Those areas need to be clarified before the bill can be reintroduced.

Trees have become a major issue in many communities. Whose responsibility is it when they become a safety issue that could fall on a home? It may be the homeowner's responsibility to have the tree removed even though they did not plant it, and it is on property that they do not own.



MAY



1st	9th	21th	29th
Bill Bentley	Craig Lindley	Janet Allen	Ed Herbert
John Kratz	10th	Bob Blakslee	30th
2nd	Barkley Eckert	Bob James	Kay Oetting
David Miller	Connie Phillips	22nd	Mark Wesaw
Joan Zeschke	12th	Betty Duncan	Vinni Zito
4th	Mariene Skonie	23rd	31st
Helen Hyde-Russel	14th	Tim Flintoff	Judy Henderson
7th	Cathy Richardson	Dennis Frank	Carolyn Merrill
Joann Bowers	15th	25th	
Becki Guerin	16th	Bill Bartz	
Carol Harroun	Joan Jessop	28th	
8th	19th	Jerry McKain	
Char Brown	Nancy Fee	Charles Wiggins	
	Russ McKain		

MAY



3rd		
Jim & Sara Hire		
6th		
Tom & Sharon Breay		
12th	19th	27th
Joseph & Jane Targowski	Joe & Bunny Lane	David & Debra Tittle
16th	21st	29th
Jerry & Patty Clarke	Seth & Nancy Kimbrel	Gerald & Inge German
Rick & Pat Schram	Jerry & Ann Marie Lulling	Edward & Doris Leatherman
Gary & Nikki Ward	Craig & Barbara Lindley	

There are some residents that do not have birthdays or wedding anniversaries listed in the *Gator Tales*. We realize that some prefer not to have those events listed, but if you have been missed and would like to submit your information, or if you want your info removed, please notify Peter McNaughton pg12572@gmail.com

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INFORMATION REQUEST

We have no resident information for the addresses below. Communication is essential in any community and the Resident Directory, is an important part of that process. Emergency notices, residents contacting each other, HOA records are all important functions.

If you live at any of the Lot Numbers below please contact Peter at Pg12572@gmail.com, or look me up in the directory. We would like to make our directory complete, and need your information.

Here is what we need:

Lot Number & Street
First and last name of residents residing at the Lot Number
Email addresses
Phone Numbers
Home State
Optional information would be:
Birthdays and anniversaries.

12 Christine Ln
35 Christine Ln
115 Wendy Way
144 Philadelphia
261 Jeffery Dr
270 Sheryl St
339 Susquehana
365 Potomac Dr

378 Christine Ln
387 Potomac Dr
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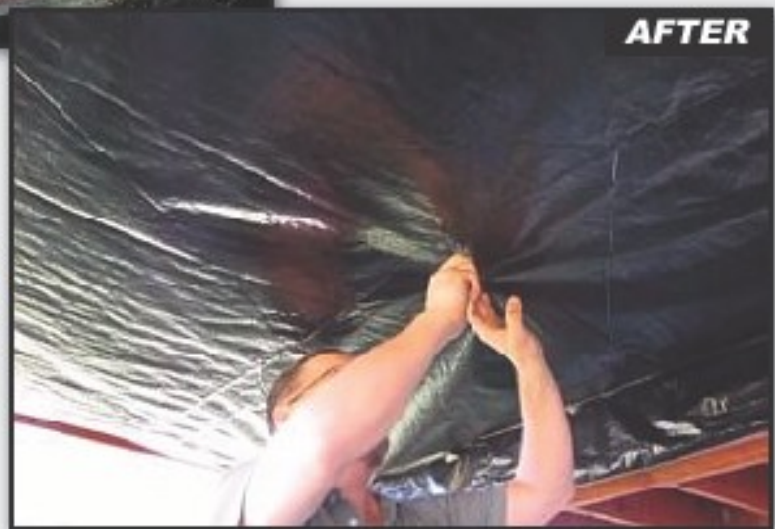
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And....They're Off!

By Jan Crail

Blue Heron Pines Downs opened on Saturday evening, April 13th for their annual horse races. Approximately, 150 hopeful residents arrived toting their BYOB's and snacks. The tracks were set up center court and betting windows were opened. Ponies snorted in their stalls awaiting for their silks to be put on.

The crowd roared as they were announced and paraded to their positions. Horses advanced according to the throwing of the dice with the winner being the one to pass the finish line first. Winning jockeys were given a medallion, flowers, and had their picture taken. Bettors holding the winning ticket rejoiced and scurried to pick up their winnings. Losers not so much.



The winners of the first six derbies ran for the BHP Gold Cup that was won by Melanie Bigos atop Pink Lady. Racing concluded with the Bodacious Tata Cup which featured all male jockeys clad in pink. Donations from this were donated to the American Breast Cancer Fund. A share the wealth raffle was also held.

The exhausted stallions retired to their barn with visions of appearing in *The Run For The Roses* next month in Kentucky!

Very much credit is to be given to Cathy Richardson and her crew for revitalizing this very successful equestrian event.

The BHP Angel Network

“The service we render others is the rent we pay for our room on earth.”

Wilfred Grenfell

We would like to welcome all new residents of Blue Heron Pines to our community, and to remind old and new residents of a volunteer service consisting of Blue Heron Pines neighbors and the Angel Network.

The Angel Network is a volunteer service to assist our neighbors in helping them with short term assistance.



Since our inception we have responded to over 50 calls for assistance. We offer rides to doctor appointments, shopping and minor home repairs. If a need arises, please contact the office for a referrals to the Angel Network. A member of the Angel Network will meet with you and discuss your needs to determine if we can help.

Our volunteer feedback to date has been very positive. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Angel Network, please contact

Bob @ 815-307-6194 or
Ann Marie @ 248-330-4831.

BHP Downs Derby



BHP Gold Cup Winner



Bodacious Tata



Beanbag Baseball Playoff & Lunch

