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## BLOCK PARTY

A huge "thank-you" and "hats off" to all the Hosts and Hostesses and attendees of the 2023 DEL TURA BLOCK PARTY! Every year it gets bigger and better. I visited about 10 of them and everyone was having a great time. There were bands, games, dancing and most of all - wonderful food.

Please remember to keep in touch with your neighbors and new friends throughout the year. "Just checkin' on ya!!!" Thanks again to all and see you around the neighborhood. Blessings, Audrey Martin



## ATTENTION DEL TURA CRAFTERS

By Darlene Fincham

I am pleased to announce that the 2023 Del Tura Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th. A special thank you to those who rescheduled their event to allow these dates to become available. Once again, the entire month of April will be open for vendor registration to Del Tura residents only. If you are interested in being a vendor at the craft fair, grab your spot now, because on May 1st I will be sending an email with registration and guideline forms to all former vendors to fill the remaining spots. Please send an email to [delturacraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:delturacraftfair@yahoo.com) with your name, address, phone number (a phone number at which you can be easily



reached), and email address requesting craft fair registration and guideline forms to be sent to you.

Remember it is a first come, first served event, which means I must receive your completed and signed forms along with your payment in order

for you to be considered registered.

We couldn't do this without our volunteers, so if you are interested in being a volunteer, please send an email to [delturacraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:delturacraftfair@yahoo.com) providing your name, email address and phone number.

I am looking forward to 2023 being another fantastic craft fair!



**TOWER DEADLINE:** The 10th of the month, for the following month's issue. All articles and flyers must be submitted in a Microsoft Word document format, or you may drop off at the HOA office in a TYPED or HAND PRINTED format only. Questions - please contact us via e-mail: [dttoweredit@gmail.com](mailto:dttoweredit@gmail.com) or drop them at the office. Thank You



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# PRESIDENT'S KORNER

By Art Keene, President - Board of Directors

Hello fellow Del Tura dwellers. Thank you for taking the time to read this little blurb.

As you probably have surmised, I am the new President of the HOA. Having that privilege, I am responsible for filling this space in the Tower each month. For those of you that know me, you may be expecting a history lesson here.

Since I don't want to disappoint, please indulge me in some Del Tura History. Established in 1984 Chateau Del Tura Golf and Country Club was one of the new

breed of Senior Retirement Communities popping up all over 41 in North Fort Myers. Offering all the latest amenities, as well as 18 holes of golf (the North Course was an addition to the original layout) Del Tura was considered by many to be the top spot in North Fort Myers to retire to.

As we move closer to our communities 40th Anniversary year we can see that a lot has changed since then but a lot has remained the same.

In the coming months I will try to keep you all informed with updates on all things Del Tura. From the potential for a 40th Anniversary celebration to the state of the community with an eye on what is important to you, my neighbors.

I will leave you with this thought:

*"There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals." - Idowu Koyenikan*



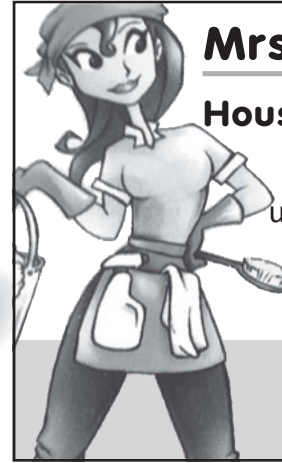
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In addition to the suggestion boxes in the Starlight Ballroom and the HOA Office, you can email your suggestions to us at DTHOASuggestionBox@gmail.com. Please include your NAME, STREET ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER along with the issue you would like the HOA to address.

Briefly describe your issue/concern and any possible solutions. You will be notified when your suggestion is brought before the BOD, and what actions will be taken regarding it.

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**DEL TURA AT-THE-HYDRANT** *By Justine Fitzgibbons*

**Toxic treats**  
 If you find yourself wondering, "What human food can my dog not eat?" while trying to resist your pet's begging face, be sure to check before giving in. While you can feed your dog some human food, certain things can actually be very dangerous for pets. We've highlighted some of the most common foods that can be dangerous to animals:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Apple seeds
- Apricot pits
- Avocados
- Cherry pits
- Candy (particularly chocolate – which is toxic to dogs, cats, and ferrets – and any candy containing the toxic sweetener Xylitol)
- Chives
- Coffee (grounds, beans, and chocolate-covered espresso beans)
- Garlic
- Grapes
- Gum (can cause blockages and sugar-free gums may contain the toxic sweetener Xylitol)
- Hops (used in home beer brewing)
- Macadamia nuts
- Moldy foods
- Mushroom plants
- Mustard seeds
- Onions, onion powder and onion flakes
- Peach pits
- Potato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Raisins
- Rhubarb leaves
- Salt
- Tea (because it contains caffeine)
- Tomato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Walnuts
- Xylitol (artificial sweetener that is toxic to pets)
- Yeast dough

This is not an exhaustive list; any decision to provide your pet with food not specifically intended for animals should be discussed with your pet's veterinarian  
 Most of us pet owners are well aware but there could be something on the list you weren't aware of.  
 If you have a story you want to tell about your dog please email it to me at jfitz818@aol.com include a picture

**DEL TURA REFLECTIONS** *By Dianne J. Roderick*

**"Remembering a Kinder, Gentler World"**  
 Remember when we were young and carefree? Sure we seemed to have the "bull by the horns" as they say. Never thinking about tomorrow, or even next year! We were just rolling along through life, not a care in the world. The "Golden Years" were something that our grandparents and parents lived through. We were certainly blessed if we were lucky to have them in our lives for that long. Those golden years were way too far in the future for us! Boy, was that a different world back then! I just can't help thinking about what they would be thinking about today's world. Now here we are at the very same age, the carefree days of yesterday caught up to the present way too quickly!  
 Sadly, so many things are different. The world as we knew it has changed in many ways. We have seen many good things in our lives and I'm sure that we can all agree that we are truly blessed to be living here in Del Tura. We are a special community that continues to lead with our hearts. Caring and kindness are just two attributes that describe who we are here. Life would be perfect if we never had to leave the gates of Del Tura! Of course that's not realistic... we need to venture out and enter that sometimes pleasant, sometimes unkind world on the other side of the wall.  
 What is it about that outside world that has me in a complete frazzle these days? I know in my heart that time changes many things and it's hard to stay optimistic in a constantly changing world. Maybe I tend to be a bit of a "Pollyanna" when it comes to expectations, but then thinking pessimistically has never been a part of me. So when I venture out and start my day with a little bounce in my step, I'm really taken back and hurt by the rudeness and disrespect of some people. What happened to good old-fashioned manners? Did they throw out the book? Wasn't there a chapter in there about "kindness and caring"? It seems that in a world that preaches more caring, there is far too little! We were brought up in a world that taught us to show respect to our elders, witnessed respect between elders, and knew that kindness and caring weren't just five minutes long...they were life-long.  
 Most of us were lucky to be cared for and loved by people who encouraged us to spread those lessons of love and caring to others. Unfortunately, that is not the case for every individual. Sadly many people are not born under the best of circumstances and as they grow they've had to overcome many obstacles without the advantage of loving, caring families. So does this mean if the world is not going to change on its own it will have to be our job to be less sensitive to others' disrespect, and more tolerant to insensitivity? I don't have the answer to that. I do know however, we can only make this world a better place if we lead with our hearts and continue to show each other that we care.  
*"Try to be a rainbow in SOMEONE'S CLOUD"*  
 ~ Maya Angelou

**DEL TURA NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE MONTH** *By Margie Hill*

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizing the importance of communities and families working together to prevent child abuse. The goal is to provide support and services to protect children and strengthen families.  
 Child abuse is defined as any act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation, or an act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of harm. Annually, more than 600,000 children are abused in the U.S. each year. Child welfare organizations ensure the safety of more than 7 million minors.  
 Child abuse and neglect can have negative ramifications, both short and long-term. Examples include health issues, criminal acts, psychological and behavioral issues, low self-esteem, substance use disorders and many more.  
 If you suspect that a child is being abused, it is imperative that you seek help for them immediately. You can call your local police department and/or the National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-422-4453. If immediate attention is needed, call 911.  
 To kick off National Child Abuse Prevention Month, please wear blue on April 1st which is designated as Wear Blue Day.  
 ~ Margie Hill



# AMIGOS CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

By Don VanderVeen

Sparked by timely hitting and solid defensive play, the Del Tura Amigos added to their legacy of softball supremacy by winning their second Ford League championship in three years this past season.

Del Tura's A team entered the final game of the season unbeaten in divisional play. No team has ever gone unbeaten in the Ford League divisional format.

The Amigos provided plenty of pop at the plate and received key hitting contributions from the top, middle and bottom of the batting order.

Heading into the final game of the season in Cape Coral, The Amigos had won 16 of their first 18 games. The only blemishes on that overall record were a pair of two-run losses to Magnolia Landing from the B Division in crossover games.

"The competition this year from top to bottom was better all over," Amigos' player/manager Hamilton said. "And everybody was always gunning for the top dogs."

The Amigos infield featured the top four hitters in the batting order with first baseman Jay Traver, second baseman Hamilton, shortstop Jim Yeakle and third baseman Mick "Ultra" Kidwell. That group of infielders consistently turned double plays from corner to corner, from right to left and, mostly, up the middle with the two Jims - Yeakle and Hamilton - splitting time between second base and shortstop.

Amigos' outfielders Tony Henriques, Rick Ichenberg, Craig Lindahl, Bob Peplinski, Bruce "Smitty" Smith, Dave Ulch and Don VanderVeen came up with several defensive gems, while igniting the lineup with some timely clutch hitting at the plate.

"Almost everybody in our lineup contributed to a game-changing moment or momentum swing, whether it was a big hit or a great defensive play," Hamilton said. "We got those contributions all through the lineup."

Amigos' catcher Rick Antaya led the league in putouts at the plate, while pitchers Donnie "Three Y's" Yascynchyn and Dick Rose consistently threw strikes and kept opposing hitters off balance.

Glenn Holmes, Dan McDonald, Rita Szukhent and Donna Ulch also contributed to Del Tura's successful run to the championship.

The pivotal point of the season for The Amigos was a two-game stretch in one week that paved the way for the overall league championship.

The first was a game against defending champion Herons Glen. The second came against hard-hitting league rival Lake Fairways. Both games were

nail-biters, and both were won during the final inning in completely different ways.

Trailing Herons Glen 8-1 late in the game, Yeakle hit a fence-clearing grand slam home run that put the Amigos back into the game, and then delivered a run-scoring double in the bottom half of the seventh inning. Kidwell followed with a game-tying double and - after an intentional walk - Ichenberg delivered the game-winning hit for a 12-11 walk-off victory.

Two days later, the Amigos had an 18-9 lead over Lake Fairways heading into the bottom half of the seventh. Lake Fairways battled back with their bats before the Amigos were finally able to snuff out the rally and hold on for a heart-pounding 18-17 victory with the tying run stranded on second base. "There is no quit in this team offensively or defensively," Hamilton said. "Jim Yeakle's grand slam that day set the team on fire."

"We had a lot of effort and some timely hitting from a lot of different people. We had a lot of come-from-behind moments to get us over the top."



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**DEL TURA CERT INFORMATION**

In February we held a Blood Drive. We had 19 donors volunteer and we collected 17 units of blood. Thank you to everyone who participated. We will keep you advised of the next collection date.

We also had a very successful Pancake Breakfast. The event was co-hosted with the Del Tura HOA. We planned on selling 120 tickets, and we actually sold 141! Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported our service to the community. The HOA provided the kitchen staffing and food, and our CERT group serviced the dining areas and provided all the décor. We raised over \$400 from our raffles and over \$100 in donations. We will also receive over 50% from the ticket sale

  
**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

income. Thank you to the HOA for your support.  
In March the CERT team is invited to participate in a CERT picnic given by the North Fort Myers Fire Department for teams from all the local communities. Thank you to the Fire Department for your support throughout the year.  
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**DEL TURA MOWING SCHEDULE**

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# DEL TURA SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER IS A BIG HIT

By Don VanderVeen

Del Tura softball players and fans united on a hot and sunny February afternoon to put the "fun" in fundraiser. Hosted by Del Tura's two softball teams - The Amigos and Del Turos - the event was a big hit, featuring 18 holes of golf, followed by a ballpark-themed banquet, award ceremony and raffle.

Players, fans and friends of the two teams joined together for an enjoyable afternoon of golf and fellowship. The day of "fun" was built right into the event as over 200 participated in raising funds to help the two softball teams compete in the Ford League in Cape Coral. The total fund raising efforts exceeded initial projections, "I think the reason it was so successful is that it involved all aspects of our community," said Del Turos player/manager Art Keen. "Golfers got involved, fans got involved, players got involved and significant others got involved. It was a total community effort and that is why it was so well received."

Del Tura Director of Golf, Paul Taggart, opened the course for the outing and the Pro

Shop donated additional prizes that were presented to event winners. Poolside Pub proprietor, Nick Matarrese, provided the seed money that helped pay league entry fees for the two teams. In addition, Larry Moore and Justin Moore of MooreCorp Roofing helped cover costs with a generous donation to the softball programs.

"Overall, the fundraising efforts were very successful, and we look forward to doing it again," Keen said. "We are already planning for next year's event."

At the time of the event, The Amigos and Del Turos were in the midst of their most successful seasons ever. Both softball teams are poised to finish at the top of the standings in their respective divisions. Last year, The Amigos won their second A Division championship in three years, while the Del Turos took their championship chase in the B Division down to the final game of the season.



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# MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Donnie Soper, President, DTMGA

The Del Tura Men's Member/Guest was played Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, 2023. First round on Friday was followed by a cookout in the courtyard provided by Nick and the Pub. Before the second round we had coffee and donuts, and after the second round 164 had dinner in the Starlight Ballroom with food from Longhorn Steakhouse. Both days the food was great, and all seemed happy.

### Results:

#### Blue Flight

- 1st place: Marvin Hill & Jeff Brown total 187 / \$400.00
- 2nd place: Bob Lussi & Greg Cain total 188 / \$250.00
- 3rd place: Chic Palmer & Scott Tarbert total 189 / \$200.00
- T-4 place: Dan Perkins & Al Hasher total 192 / \$125.00
- T-4 place: Gene Thomas & Sean Helmstetter total 192 / \$125.00
- T-6 place: Jerry Beiermann & Mike Olds total 194 / \$16.66
- T-6 place: Vaughn Wedge & Bruce Wedge total 194 / \$16.66
- T-6 place: Tony Mattoni & Nick Mattoni total 194 / \$16.66

#### White Flight

- 1st place: Gregg Reed & Doug Kinzey total 181 / \$400.00
- 2nd place: Steve Downey & Justin Downey total 182 / \$250.00
- 3rd place: Bob Neilson & Bill Misztal total 186 / \$200.00
- 4th place: Marcel Bedard & Ray Croteau total 187 / \$150.00
- 5th place: Don Brown & Scott Sommers total 188 / \$100.00
- 6th place: Mark Blackwell & Charlie Churchill total 190 / \$50.00
- Birdies for the 2 days were \$97.00 each.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped:

Jane Glancy, Bertie Dugo, Maria Soper, Sandy Vassallo, Marly Haag, Jim Vassallo and the man who makes it all happen with \$5,000.00 of sponsor signs, Dave Denman. Paul, Butch and Paula from the Del Tura Pro Shop also played a large roll again this year. Bob Franz and Les Stratton were great as beer babes!

We set a record for the yearly after dinner raffle by giving away over \$2,000.00.

I would like to thank all who played and all who volunteered.

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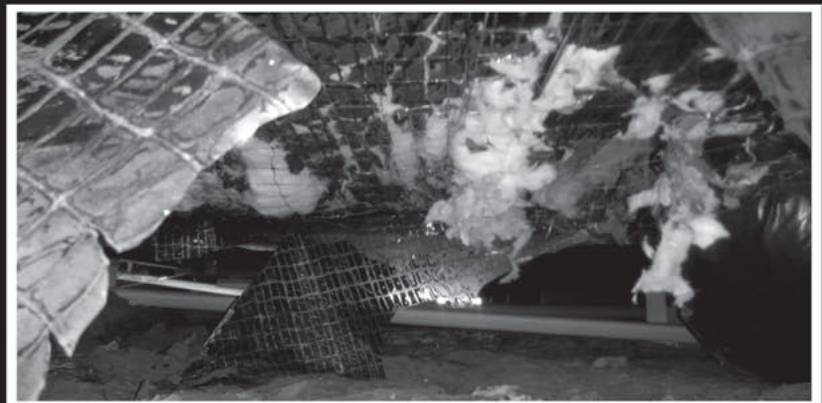
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# EX-GATE GABBER

By Michael Johnson

I'm baaaacckk! But, not as The Gate Gabber because I've retired from the gate. If you don't mind, I'll continue as The EX Gate Gabber. Let's go to Disney World....

When our grandchildren reached the age we thought they'd enjoy a trip to Disney World, we took them. It was Sean's turn. He was about 7 years old and looking forward to winter vacation in Florida, especially a trip to Disney World!!

Margaret and I rented a room at Embassy Suites, just off the Disney property. The first day there we did the whole Epcot tour, rides, lunch, walking and walking, miles and miles. Sean was a trooper. No complaints about all the time spent walking.

When we finally returned to our room we discussed the plans for the following day. Sean was looking forward to a less scientific adventure and more rides and visiting with Mickey and Minnie, but, when morning came, Sean said he'd like to go down to the pool and take a swim. I asked him if he was sure he wanted to delay the trip to Splash Mountain and Frontierland and all the other stuff we had planned the night before. He said he was sure he'd like to go to the pool, so, I told Margaret that Sean and I were going to the pool for about an hour or so and would return in time to head out for lunch.

We arrived at the pool and, surprisingly, there was quite a crowd there. Sean immediately headed to the pool. I found a chair and had a seat. I was not worried about Sean being in the water as he had learned to swim at a very early age and was quite at home around water.

We had been at the pool for about fifteen minutes when I looked out at what appeared to be some minor splashing at the edge of the deep end of the pool. I immediately recognized a young boy who was having some major difficulty grabbing toward the edge of the pool. He was gasping for air and apparently was unnoticed by anyone else. I had taken classes in water rescue many years ago and immediately recalled the instructions about jumping from land into water in rescue mode. I remembered to keep watching the "target", jump into the water with arms extended out to your sides to keep your head above water thereby enabling you to keep the target in sight. I reached the young boy as he was going below the surface again. I grabbed him and reassured him he was okay. I swam with him to the shallow end of the pool and by this time there was a bit of a commotion in the pool as more people realized what was transpiring. The boy's parents were not immediately located but, someone said the father was at the wading pool with a very young boy. He was located and no sooner than he was notified of what was going on his wife appeared hysterically crying and yelling for the boy I had just pulled from the pool. She hugged him and thanked me profusely, going from hugging her son to hugging me and back to hugging her son.

Sean had seen all the activity from the pool and came running over to see if I was alright. We went up to the room and told Margaret of the excitement at the pool. For the remainder of our time at Disney World, at every opportunity, whether we were standing in line waiting for a ride or having a meal or on the cart going back to our car in the parking lot, Sean took every opportunity to tell whatever stranger was within listening distance that his Grampy had, "rescued a drowning boy in the pool at our motel."

Well, it was quite a day and one which I think about every once in a while, wondering what became of that young boy and if he gave much thought to what happened that day many years ago.

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*By Jamie Wyman*

Well hello again. Here we are with another addition about PB.

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Another thing to remember is, if someone chooses to "stay back" on the baseline, keep them back. If you are at the net and your opponents are back on the baseline, you and your partner have a huge advantage so don't "bring" them to the net.

Well that's it folks.  
Have a good day!




## BILLIARDS NEWS

*By Harry Christopher*

Monday Afternoon 8-Ball Tournament - The winner of the Fall session was Harry Christopher. Vito Sinicropi was the winner of the Spring Session.

North Ft. Myers Seniors 8-Ball League - Del Tura has two teams in the 10-team traveling league which plays Tuesday evenings. Because of the hurricane, there was no official league play during the Fall session. However, Del Tura 1 and Del Tura 2 played each other during the session, with Del Tura 1 winning by one game. The Spring Session is in full swing and will end March 21. At this writing, Del Tura 1 is in first place and Del Tura 2 is in third place. Vito Sinicropi leads all players with the highest average and win percentage.



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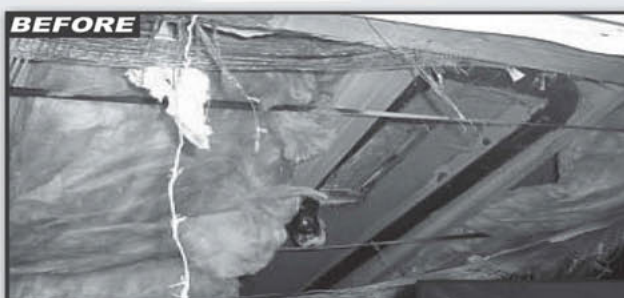
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| Activity   | Location                | Contact  | Monday      | Tuesday                 | Wednesday     | Thursday    | Friday        | Saturday   | Sunday     |
|--|-------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Exercise</b>  |                         |  |             |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Tai Chi  |                         | Marjorie Lord 543-9072   | 8:00-9:00   |                         | 8:00-9:00     |             | 8:00-9:00     |            |            |
| Tap Dancing  | Starlight Ballroom      | Deb Cali 239-567-2925  |             |                         |               | 11:45-12:45 |               |            |            |
| Tura Zumba / Dance Fitness                                 | Starlight Ballroom      | Adele Guthreau 973-865-8336  | 9:00-10:00  |                         | 9:00-10:00    |             | 9:00-10:00    |            |            |
| Water Arthritis (Feb-Apr)                                  | Main Pool               | Laura Strickland, Certified Water Arthritis Instructor, 614-805-2173 |             | 10:00-11:00             |               | 10:00-11:00 |               |            |            |
| Water Aerobics   | North Pool              | Betty Scheetz 609-477-9147   | 11:00-12:00 |                         | 11:00-12:00   |             | 11:00-12:00   |            |            |
| Water Noodle Aerobics                                      | North Pool              | Marylou Buss 612-718-7878  |             | 11:00-12:00             |               | 11:00-12:00 |               |            | 7:00 PM    |
| Water Walking  | North Pool              | Marylou Buss; 617-718-7878   | 8:00-11:00  | 8:00-11:00              | 8:00-11:00    | 8:00-11:00  | 8:00-11:00    | 8:00-11:00 | 8:00-11:00 |
| Yoga Relaxation  | Starlight Ballroom      | Dea Wells 283-5603   |             |                         | 10:30 - 11:30 |             | 10:30 - 11:30 |            |            |
| <b>Sports</b>  |                         |  |             |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Billiards, Men's   | Billiards Room          | Harry Christopher 997-7345   | 1:00-3:00   |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Billiards, Women's (Nov-Apr)                               | Billiards Room          | Ann DeGrande 989-2206  |             |                         | 6:30-9:30     |             |               |            |            |
| Bocce (Nov-April)  |                         | Peggy Terrasi 603-236-2209<br>peggyterrasi@gmail.com                 | 4:00 PM     |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Bocce and Burgers (Sept-May)                               | Bocce Ball Court        | Janet DeCosmo 239-776-9161   |             |                         |               |             |               |            | 3:00       |
| Bowling For Fun  | Bowland Cape Coral      | Denise Goodell 614-792-3024  |             |                         |               |             |               | 2:00       |            |
| Bowling Mixed League (Nov-Mar)                             | Bowland Cape Coral      | Denise Rose 815-222-6466   |             | 1:20                    |               |             |               |            |            |
| Golf, Men's 18 Hole League                                 |                         | Bill Gronek 810-990-5878   |             |                         | 8:00          |             |               |            |            |
| Golf, Men's 9 Hole League                                  |                         | Bart De Graaf 239-599-4404   |             |                         | 8:00          |             |               |            |            |
| Golf, Women's 18 Hole League                               |                         | Margie Blackwell 239-789-8060  |             |                         |               | 8:30        |               |            |            |
| Golf, Women's 9 Hole League                                |                         | Kathy Klein 715-927-1163   |             |                         |               | 8:30        |               |            |            |
| Horseshoes <b>NEW</b>                                      | Horseshoe Court         | Bob Brinker 586-431-0022   |             |                         |               |             |               |            | 3:00       |
| Pickleball   | Pickleball Court        | Janice Dodge 608-225-5227  | open play   | open play               | open play     | open play   | open play     | open play  | open play  |
| Ping Pong  | Jacaranda Room          | Lois McDonald 505-228-1222   |             |                         |               | 2:00 - 4:00 |               |            |            |
| Shuffleboard   | Shuffleboard Court      | Glenn Tointon 920-309-1294   |             |                         |               |             | 12:30         |            |            |
| Shuffleboard, Fun Couples                                  | Shuffleboard Court      | Darlene Brinker 586-431-0022   | 7:00 PM     |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Shuffleboard, Open (Oct-Mar)                               | Shuffleboard Court      | Judy Lessard 239-217-0924  |             | 2:30                    |               |             |               |            |            |
| Shuffleboard, Open (Apr-Sep)                               | Shuffleboard Court      | Judy Lessard 239-217-0924  |             | 10:00                   |               |             | 10:00         |            |            |
| Shuffleboard, Traveling Team (Dec-Mar)                     |                         | Glenn Tointon 920-309-1294   |             |                         | 12:30         |             |               |            |            |
| Softball   | Punta Gorda             | Jim Hamilton 208-313-1321  | 5:30        |                         | 5:30          |             |               |            |            |
| Tennis, Mixed, Open  |                         | Alice Harmon 954 478 4033<br>allieoop33@gmail.com                    | 8:00-10:00  |                         | 8:00-10:00    |             | 8:00-10:00    | 8:00-10:00 |            |
| <b>Games</b>   |                         |  |             |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Bingo, doors open at 6:00pm, sales end at 6:45pm (Oct-Mar) | Starlight Ballroom      | Jack & Janet Blevons 731-0892  |             |                         |               | 7:00-9:30   |               |            |            |
| Bingo (all year)   | Starlight Ballroom      | Liz Poniatowski 800-2935   | 11:00-12:00 |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Bridge, Duplicate  | Jacaranda Room          | Don Mick 239-543-3203  |             |                         |               | 7:00-10:00  |               |            |            |
| Bridge, Open   | Jacaranda Room          | Susan McLay Weis 386-846-0395  |             |                         | 1:00-4:00     |             |               |            |            |
| Bunco, (*All year, 1st & 3rd Wed of each month)            | Poinciana Ballroom      | Patty Large 559-285-2389   |             |                         | 6:00-8:30     |             |               |            |            |
| Canasta  | Jacaranda Room          | Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580   |             | 1:00-4:00               |               |             |               |            |            |
| Dominoes   | Royal Palm Room         | Ruth Anten 997-9779  |             |                         | 5:30-9:30     |             |               |            |            |
| Euchre   | Poinciana Room          | Marcella Carothers 731-3315  |             | 7:00-9:00               |               |             |               |            |            |
| Farkle   | Poinciana Ballroom      | Ruth Anten 997-9779  | 6:00-9:00   |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game                                | Poinciana Room          | Donna Moore 543-5262   | 1:00-4:00   |                         |               | 1:00-4:00   | 1:00-4:00     |            |            |
| Mahjong  | Jacaranda Room          | Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580   | 1:00-4:00   |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Mahjong  | Card Room II            | Pat Steele 863-446-2685  |             |                         |               | 6:00        |               |            |            |
| Mahjong  | Card Room I             | Dianne Bevilacqua 567-2234   |             | 1:00-5:00               |               |             |               |            |            |
| Mahjong  | Card Room II            | Ruth Anten 997-9779  |             | 6:00                    |               |             |               |            |            |
| May I Card Game  | Royal Palm Room         | Jane Sheaffer 330-201-6128   |             |                         | 1:00-4:00     |             |               |            |            |
| Mexican Train  | Jacaranda Room          | Barbara Turner 301-367-0917  |             |                         |               |             | 1:00-4:00     |            |            |
| Pinochle   | Jacaranda Room          | Marcella Carothers 731-3315  |             |                         | 6:45-10:00    |             |               |            |            |
| Rummi-kub  | Jacaranda Rroom         | Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580   |             |                         | 1:00 - 4:00   |             |               |            |            |
| Texas Hold 'Em   | Card room 1             | Mark Clover 239-980-3964   | 3:00        |                         | 3:00          |             | 3:00          |            |            |
| <b>Other Activities and Clubs</b>                          |                         |  |             |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Blood Pressure Readings (before coffee)                    | Starlight Ballroom      | Marcella Carothers 731-3315  |             | 8:00-9:00               |               |             |               |            |            |
| Card Making (Oct-April)                                    | Royal Palm Room         | Mary Kay Tointon 920-309-2121<br>Gay Dye 614-519-8045                |             |                         | 9:00-12:00    |             |               |            |            |
| Ceramics   | Across from bocce court | Ruth Ann Blevins 239-220-9381  | 9:00-12:00  |                         | 9:00-12:00    |             | 9:00-12:00    |            |            |
| Choralaires, (Sep-Mar)                                     | Starlight Ballroom      | Janelle Shallenberger, 765-437-2130                                  |             | 6:30                    |               |             |               |            |            |
| Coffee & Social Hour                                       | Starlight Ballroom      | Kathy Williamson 239-825-5708  |             | 8:00                    |               |             |               |            |            |
| Creative Writers Group                                     | Banyan Tree             | Nancy Davy 239-599-4631  |             |                         | 4:00 PM       |             |               |            |            |
| Garden Club, (*1st Friday of month)                        | Jacaranda Room          | Rosemary Eiden 813-220-9269  |             |                         |               |             | 10:00-11:00   |            |            |
| Good Timers, (*1st Tuesday of month)                       | Starlight Ballroom      | Sandra Boykin 410-491-8824   |             | 4:00*                   |               |             |               |            |            |
| Library, open every day                                    | Clubhouse, Lower Level  | Barb Jones 239-543-6922<br>Kathleen Quigley 239-543-1067             |             |                         |               |             |               |            |            |
| Quilting/Sewing Club                                       | Starlight Ballroom      | Wendy Wells 309-264-9147   |             | After Coffee until 3:00 |               |             |               |            |            |
| Video Corner (check hours in the Library)                  | Clubhouse, Lower Level  | Elaine Schnur 239-464-0623   |             |                         |               |             |               | 1:00-3:00  |            |
| Wood Carving (Nov-May)                                     | Ceramic Room            | Bernie Forsey 239-217-6024   | 9:00-12:00  |                         |               |             |               |            |            |



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# NINE HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF *By Sandy Gove*

There has been great participation from members for our special events this year, and the Member Guest was no exception. Debby Taylor, of course, did another outstanding job of running the event. This was a perfect opportunity to catch up with friends we've not seen for a time and/or play with our 18 Hole League friends. Beautiful weather added to the enjoyment, followed by another delicious luncheon served by our Social Committee.

**Kudos to the following winners:**

**West Flight 1: Julie Kohn/Denise Rose**

**West Flight 2: Diane Furlong/Moa Shearer**

**South Flight 1: Donna Roberts/Sherry Laverre**

**South Flight 2: Darlene Fincham/Darla Greer**

The final event for the season, the President's Cup, a multi-day event held over two weeks, begins April 5 with play continuing April 6 and completed April 12 and 13. Members are encouraged to participate in this opportunity of friendly competition. Check the dungeon for sign-up sheets. Winners will be posted in the dungeon and reported in the May Tower. Good Luck to all!

A luncheon follows play on April 6 and includes the General Meeting and Election of Officers. The League appreciates all those who have offered to serve as its officers. Congratulations in advance to our newly elected: their names will be published in the May issue.

Lucy Schaefer, Treasurer, reminds us that Membership Dues in the amount of \$30.00 are requested no later than May 1, with a check payable to DTNHWGA left at the Pro Shop. See you on the tee!



# THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO *By Jack Blemons*

Welcome to April. Reading this letter, our HOA sponsored Thursday Night Bingo has come to a close. This will be my final letter until October. We have had a fantastic season of our bingo here with record crowds as well as record payouts to the people who were lucky enough to win every Thursday night. Being as this is my last letter, I want to devote it to all those people who were on our crew to work bingo and also to all of those that were nice enough to come up early every Thursday night to help us set everything up and also those who stayed after the games ended, to help us take everything down and put it away again.

First, a thank-you for our team members: On our back table with us were Karen Rivit, Ruth Ann Lugten, Sheri French and Barb Clancy. Also, our callers, Joe Mustari, Jane Sheafer, Gina Scott and Ally Rosen and also Liz Poniatowski and Gina who helped Karen call back the numbers of the people who yelled bingo. All

these people make our bingo so much fun every Thursday night, and Janet and I want to say a BIG thank you for all their help.

Also, we want to thank all the others I said that helped us set up and take down everything: Tony and Gema Giannantonio, Dennis Raczkyk, Carole Fleischhacker, Tim and Bobby Brown, and also Art Keen who was always willing to help us when we needed some technical help.

If I missed mentioning anyone, I'm sorry as my memory isn't always the best. In closing I want to remind everyone that starting in April, the crew that works summer bingo while we are gone will be running bingo again on Thursday nights, so everyone who aren't snowbirds like Janet and myself can keep attending bingo until we return again in October. Thank you all again and have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you again in October. ~ Jack and Janet

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## SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

By Glenn Tointon

**SOMETHING EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LEE COUNTY SHUFFLEBOARD**

Lee County has twenty-four of some of the best shuffleboard courts in the state. And guess what? They are for your use Monday through Saturday from 12:15-2:00 during winter hours and earlier during the summer. Each day you draw numbers and play three one-half hour games, each time with a different partner. They are located behind the new Library on Business 41.

My name is Glenn Tointon and a few years ago someone introduced me to this program. At first, I was somewhat nervous. Even though many were amateurs there were also pro's, some of whom were Florida Hall of Famers. I soon realized they weren't there to "beat the pants off me" but to teach me strategy and finesse as we played. Everyone I met was so wonderful and accepting that I often felt guilty when I didn't go there to play.

Since that time, I have begun to enter tournaments for fun. Sometimes I'm paired with a pro, other times it's amateurs only. I'm proud to say I've actually placed four times!

I'm sharing this with you because even if you have never played shuffleboard, you are welcome (and encouraged) to join in the fun.

At Del Tura we are lucky to have two Hall of Famers, Jack and Debbie Norton, and another on his way is Bill Hamilton. By the way, shuffleboard is not just for the elderly. In fact, many states have leagues starting at nine years old! Shuffleboard is for all ages.

This week Debbie accomplished something that is almost never done, she took first in the main three weeks in a row. Bill also won the main recently. Jack and I paired up last week to take second in the main. Jack attributes his recent success to Bill for pointing out how to correct his stroke. We all help each other!

I hope you give this some thought and join many of us who enjoy playing at the county. The first three visits are free and then it's \$20.00 for the whole year! Feel free to call myself or any of the pros for more information. Trust me, it's very addicting at any age.



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# GARDEN CLUB By Rosemary Eiden

## Del Tura Garden Club Outings are a Great Feature

It was interesting to see how the Fort Myers Federation of Gardens designed their garden. The Berne Davis Botanical Garden has much participation from the Master Gardeners. Some members take a section on as their own. The Bromeliad Society and the Orchid Society have nice displays there as well.

The Berne Davis is a bit older than ours. We are on the right path with ours. We just need to add a bit more plant material and soon the bushes and trees will be mature size.

If you like bromeliads, sedums, and desert rose, Maree Gardens will be your outing to go on. There is much variety to choose from. The

pleasant sales people will help you make a choice. The grounds are beautifully designed so you can see first hand how to use these plants. This outing is March 29, at 9:15am from the parking lot.

Our last outing this season will be Sundance Orchids. It's a bit like Maree in that the orchids are many and many sizes to choose from. Some hang in trees, others grow in the ground, while others can grow on a trellis. If you would like to go on this outing, let Karen Toothman know: (304) 282-7345.

You do not need to be a member to go on these outings. We will meet in the lower parking lot at the clubhouse on April 26th at 9:15am. We will carpool from there. We usually get back around 2pm.



Berne Davis Outing, February 28th: left to right from top: Carol Dubel, Bob Dubel, Karen Toothman, Rosemary Eiden, Janice Dodge, Jacquie Johnson, Kay Nezamis, Bette Ewing/Cheney, Susan Adgate, our guide, and Rolando Tecun

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## DEL TURA BOWLING By Cindy Baron

The Del Tura bowling league meets Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. After 16 weeks of play, "Hurricane Alley" is in first place with team members Nancy Ashe, Chris Bunker, Jane Larsh and Steve Stigall. "Pat's Posse" is in second place, consisting of Sue Carson, Sue Smith, Julia McDonald and Pat Henry. Individual high average for the men is Tom Larsh with 175.92 and John Thayer with 171.96. Individual high average for the women is Denise Rose with 174.96 and Janet Huss with 172.57. Handicap

series high for women is Julie McDonald with 686 and Dave Traver for the men with 701. Handicap high game for women is Sue Larson with 248 and for the men, Robert Harris also with 248.

League officers are Cindy Baron, Sue Baron and Denise Rose. We are always looking for new players to add to our subs list. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, please contact Denise Rose at 816-222-6466.

## DEL TURA BALLROOM DANCING THANK YOU

Thank you! A huge thank you and shout out to the folks who attended our ballroom classes in January and February. We had such a great time with all of you. We enjoyed teaching others about ballroom dancing and all of you did such a marvelous job. We are very impressed with your dedication and willingness to learn. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful card and gift.

We absolutely love Del Tura and the wonderful people who live here. We are hoping to teach again in January and February 2024 and hope to see old and new faces. We look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor! ~ Ken and Cindy Baron



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| 15<br>LIVE<br>MUSIC<br>2-5           | 16<br><b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>FUNDAY</b><br>DRINK SPECIALS | 17<br><b>SMOKN BILL</b><br>LIVE MUSIC<br>5-8  | 18<br>KARAOKE<br>PARTY<br>5-8  | 19<br>LIVE MUSIC<br><b>COLTON</b><br>5-8  | 20<br><b>TRIVIA NIGHT!</b><br>THIRSTY<br>THURSDAYS  | 21<br><b>MIKE GLEAN</b><br>LIVE MUSIC<br>5-8PM       |
| 22<br><b>BETHANNE</b><br>LIVE<br>2-5 | 23<br><b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>FUNDAY</b><br>DRINK SPECIALS | 24<br><b>SMOKN BILL</b><br>LIVE MUSIC<br>5-8  | 25<br>KARAOKE<br>PARTY<br>5-8  | 26<br>LIVE MUSIC<br><b>COLTON</b><br>5-8  | 27<br><b>TRIVIA NIGHT!</b><br>THIRSTY<br>THURSDAYS  | 28<br><b>JOHN G.</b><br>LIVE MUSIC<br>5-8PM          |
| 29<br>LIVE<br>MUSIC<br>2-5           | 30<br><b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>FUNDAY</b><br>DRINK SPECIALS | 5/1<br><b>SMOKN BILL</b><br>LIVE MUSIC<br>5-8 | 5/2<br>KARAOKE<br>PARTY<br>5-8 | 5/3<br>LIVE MUSIC<br><b>COLTON</b><br>5-8 | 5/4<br><b>TRIVIA NIGHT!</b><br>THIRSTY<br>THURSDAYS | 5/5<br><b>CINCO</b><br><b>DE MAYO!</b><br>MIKE GLEAN |

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First: Dick Boesel  
Second: Dianne Yarian  
Third: Sonny Jelonek  
Fourth: Kristy Giovo

2/28/2023  
First: Lynn Everett  
Second: Bruce Blackmore  
Third: Jeff Czuchaj  
Fourth: Marcella Carothers

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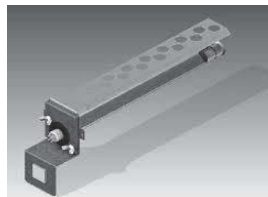
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| 4/01 Ferro, Salvatore   | 4/12 Beale, Howard      | 4/22 Dearing, Andree       |
| 4/01 Green, Laura       | 4/12 Bennett, Barb      | 4/22 Englert, Mark         |
| 4/01 Harmon, Alice      | 4/12 Maaske, Charlene   | 4/22 McTamney, Pat         |
| 4/02 Oostema, Hennie    | 4/12 Ryan, Paul         | 4/22 Scott, Gary           |
| 4/02 Roderick, Dianne   | 4/13 Intini, Jeff       | 4/23 Doucette, Kathleen    |
| 4/03 Cole, Carolyn      | 4/14 DeMandel, Joe      | 4/23 Gove, Sandy           |
| 4/03 Kurza, Ruthie      | 4/14 Naumchik, Chris    | 4/23 Smith, Linda          |
| 4/03 Woodruff, Mark     | 4/14 Tamayo, Marianela  | 4/23 Steckler, Mark        |
| 4/04 Green, Barbara     | 4/15 Dowling, Wendy     | 4/23 Whalin, Randy         |
| 4/04 Radel, Barbara     | 4/15 Loson, Stan        | 4/23 Wright, Kevin         |
| 4/05 Boyd, William      | 4/15 Quinn, Casey       | 4/24 Cousins, Michael      |
| 4/05 Halek, Theresa     | 4/16 DeVost, Patty      | 4/24 Terrasi, Peggy        |
| 4/05 Larson, Connie     | 4/16 Dowling, Kevin     | 4/25 Egizi, Rosemarie      |
| 4/05 Pryor, Cheryl      | 4/16 Healy, Charles     | 4/25 Hone, Louis           |
| 4/05 Slack, Ian         | 4/16 Masse, Richard     | 4/25 Vandenwyngaert, Nancy |
| 4/06 Duffy, Daniel      | 4/17 Andrews, June      | 4/25 Vommero, John         |
| 4/06 Schmidt, Joe       | 4/17 Reimer, Debra      | 4/26 Brown, Don            |
| 4/06 Young, John        | 4/17 Swisher, Vern      | 4/26 Ellmann, Margaret     |
| 4/07 Angelilli, Joe     | 4/18 Ritrovato, Jeffrey | 4/26 Jovanelly, Carolyn    |
| 4/07 Brassem, John      | 4/18 Scheetz, Betty     | 4/26 Larson, Dan           |
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| 4/03/65 Robert & Donna Crawford, 58 years   | 4/20/90 Mark & Cheri Dietrich, 33 years   |
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| 4/06/02 Donald & Diane Skinner, 21 years    | 4/21/90 Jay & Mary Fitzgerald, 33 years   |
| 4/06/90 David & Melissa Wagner, 33 years    | 4/23/94 Joe & Judi Schmidt, 29 years      |
| 4/06/91 Tim Brown & Roberta Pett, 32 years  | 4/24/04 Ron & Rochelle Clough, 19 years   |
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