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THE DEL TURA WAVE

By Stew Williams

When my wife, Esther, and I first bought our home in 2004, the year of hurricane Charley, our friends, Don and Bobbie Urbanke, explained the Del Tura Wave to us as an important part of life here at Del Tura. Don said that it was a simple fingers out wave, never exerting too much motion or energy. It was a simple acknowledgement of friendship and our feeling of "community" at Del Tura.

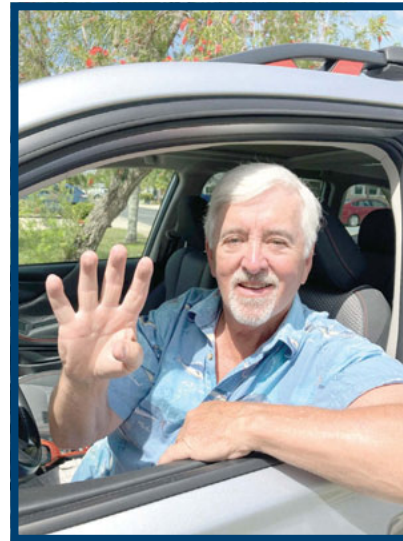
The basic wave while driving is four fingers up while your hand remains on the wheel. A two finger wave, similar to the victory sign or peace sign, is acceptable as well. A single finger wave is rare but if using it, I would suggest it be the index finger. The response is a simple hand motion and can be accompanied by a smile. Actually, lifting your hand and waving it shows that you are in great shape and your extra effort is admired and appreciated. The other day I saw a person who was

walking respond by extending their fingers straight down in a "low five" greeting which I thought was pretty cool.

If riding a bicycle or motorcycle, a simple nod and smile is a safer alternative to taking your hand off the handlebars.

The Del Tura Wave can also be extended to our Del Tura workers and contractors who are here every week in appreciation of their good work and friendship.

Bottom line - the Del Tura Wave is a good thing. It is a sign of friendship which gives us a feeling of a caring community. So what if someone doesn't wave back? Maybe they didn't see you, especially if in a car, or maybe they are having a bad day. My suggestion - give the Del Tura Wave whenever possible. What do you have to lose? And you probably brightened someone's day even though you may not know it at the time.



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PRESIDENT'S KORNER

By Art Keene, President - Board of Directors

As many of you realize, a lot of seasonal residents are preparing to leave for the summer, if they haven't left already. Now is the time when our census falls to about 60 percent capacity, however, this doesn't mean that the community or your HOA takes a break. There are many things that still happen over the summer months.

We continue to see reparations being done for the damage caused by Ian. The roof of the clubhouse building is being repaired and might even be finished

by publication of this edition. Fence crews have visited the property and likely have begun to fix the boundaries that are in need of repair or replacement. The pickleball courts could see the light stanchions replaced very soon and the front wall has been completely repainted. The HOA is aware of a few things remaining that need to be addressed, and are working in conjunction with Hometown American to rectify them as quickly as possible.

There are several Entertainment Committee events in the works before they take a short and well-deserved break for the summer, and I am sure you will be in store for a treat when the summertime events are announced.

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers whose hard work has made this winter season a very fun and successful time. I hope to see everybody back healthy and safe next season. Until then, I remain.



SUGGESTION BOX

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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~ Your HOA Board of Directors



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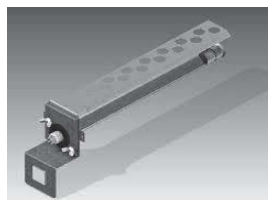


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EDITOR'S NOTE



Sadly, this is the last time that I will be writing to you. By the time you read this, I will have moved away from Del Tura. It has been a privilege and honor to serve as editor of the Tower for the past year and a half and I will forever hold fond memories of this time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Karen Handley for all her help, Lisa Bellanca for doing everything she could to make my first few months on the job easier, all the committee chairs and activity leaders for providing the information residents need to enjoy life here and to stay informed, and especially all the community members and volunteers

who have worked so hard to keep *The Tower* the important community resource it has always been. I hope and pray that the new editor will enjoy this role as much as I have.

Thank you and God bless. ~ Cindy Swisher

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SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

By Glenn Tointon

Friday Shuffleboard League Goes Out With A Bang!

First, the seasonal dual meet final standings were as follows: 1st was Glenn and Marykay Tointon, followed in order were Cam Smith and Martha Annessansley, Dave and Judy Lessard, and Bruce Blackmore and Lynn Brenfleck.

In the sixteen team tourney the results were as follows: In the MAIN it was Cam and Martha, Bernie and Cyndi Grilli, Glenn and MaryKay, and Kathy Boesel and Marcella Carothers. In the

CONSOLATION it was Judy and Dave, Craig Evans and Debra Mormon, Lynn and Bruce, and Dave and Jeanne Csuy.

We ended a fun filled season with a potluck banquet. If anyone is interested in joining next year's Friday League (we can expand to as many as twenty four teams) please email me at glenn1947@yahoo.com with names, email addresses, and phone numbers and I'll get you on our list.

May all our followers have a safe and healthy summer.

SHUFFLEBOARD NAME	WON	LOST	FINAL RESULTS
GLENN & MARYKAY	38	7	1ST
CAM & MARTHA	36	9	2ND
DAVE & JUDY	35	10	3RD
LYNN & BRUCE	33	12	4TH
CYNDI & BERNIE	31	14	5TH
MARCELLA & KATHY	29	16	6TH
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DEL TURA CERT INFORMATION

April and May are organizational months for CERT. We are working with Hometown America to formulate, organize, and document action plans for the upcoming hurricane season.



be providing hurricane preparedness information to the community. If you have any questions, please be sure to seek out a CERT member and we will help get you the answers you need.

Hurricane season officially starts June 1st and ends November 30th. That is the window when 97% of recorded hurricanes occur. 88% of those recorded occurred between August and October. But if we learned anything from hurricane Ian, it is cyclones are unpredictable, so always be prepared.

We have a Facebook page, Del Tura CERT. We will use this page to provide important information for extreme conditions and committee updates.

We are always looking for new CERT members. If you are interested in joining our team, contact Bertie Dugo at 617-974-8502.

CERT wants to remind everyone that you should start planning for extreme weather now. For the next couple months CERT will

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DEL TURA MOWING SCHEDULE

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Jun - 5 mows	Sep - 5 mows	Dec - 1 mow
Jul - 4 mows	Oct - 2 mows	



DEL TURA CRAFTIN' IN "THE HOOD"

Come join us on Tuesdays, after coffee until about 3:00, in the Starlight Ballroom.

Bring your own equipment and supplies. If you bring a sewing machine, bring an extension cord as the outlets are few and far between.

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All three courses of Del Tura Golf Course were a sea of PINK on April 1 as golfers played through areas dotted with tribute signs, all in support of breast cancer research.

The Nine-Hole Women's Golf Association is honored to have sponsored another successful event that benefits so many: **all proceeds benefit The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.**

We are grateful for all the support received from so MANY-golfers and non-golfers alike-who gladly stepped up to help in numerous ways.

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AT-THE-HYDRANT *By Justine Fitzgibbons*

Dakota *By Joann Bishop*

Named Pumba by the Cumberland County SPCA in Vineland New Jersey, our Dakota came into our lives on May 4th, 2014. Dakota was not our first rescue. Marley, our chocolate lab, chose us approximately one year prior.

Marley was such a good boy, but needed a playmate. Dakota's life didn't start out that great. He was found in a box, on the side of the road, with his brothers and sisters, malnourished and suffering from skin issues. A good Samaritan brought the box to the CCSPCA where they were nursed back to health and made ready for their forever home.

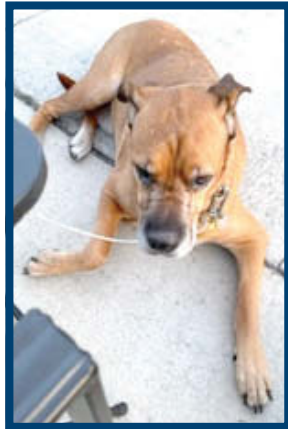
As fate would have it, the timing was when we were looking to expand our fur family. Dakota was brought into the room for a meet and greet. For us, it was love at first sight. The next step was to ensure Marley was as receptive as we hoped he would be. This meeting happened the next day and went as we had hoped. Marley took to his younger brother immediately.

We were told Dakota was a mixed breed, probably Boxer,

Shepherd and Shar Pei. Although we see no Sheppard in Dakota, you can definitely see the Shar Pei in that loveable squishy face. Without doing a DNA test we go with their best guess. We did know he was going to be a big dog, but was not expecting a baby horse. That being said, anyone that has met Dakota knows he is a gentle giant and loves everyone. Marley passed away a few years back, but prior to that they went with us everywhere.

We moved to Del Tura November of 2022, giving up a big backyard and deck for a more relaxed retirement lifestyle. Dakota, now close to 9 years old, fits right in. He loves the dog park and socializing with all his friends. Guests that have been to our home are amazed at his calm demeanor. He just says hello and then lies at their feet hoping you touch him, even if it's with your foot. He is a lap dog trapped in a big dog body.

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DEL TURA FISH By Laura Dritt

Hello Del Tura! My name is Laura Dritt. I have recently been elected the new president of F.I.S.H. Ginnie Benjamins, the former president, has retired from the position after many dedicated years of service. It is my hope that I will be able to continue in her footsteps. I'm not new to F.I.S.H. When I lived in the Chicago area, I was a volunteer with my local F.I.S.H. for many years and I have been volunteering with F.I.S.H. in Del Tura since I moved in three years ago. My contact information is 630-759-1757 and ldritt75@gmail.com.

Some of you might be asking "What is F.I.S.H.?" It stands for "Friends in Service Here". We are a 501C(3) charitable organization, unconnected with the Del Tura HOA. What do we do?

1. We provide rides for people to appointments, to the grocery store, and similar errands when they can't drive themselves.

2. We provide medical equipment on a temporary basis so residents don't have to buy it when they only need it for a short time.

3. At various times during the year, F.I.S.H. delivers baskets to residents who are just out of the hospital, have lost a spouse, or who are feeling lonely. These baskets are made to cheer up those people to let them know they are cared about in our community.

4. F.I.S.H. sends cards of cheer or sympathy. If you are aware of someone who would appreciate a card, please let us know. Contact us at 239-997-FISH (3474).

5. F.I.S.H. calls residents on their birthdays if we have their birthdate and phone number.

We serve all Del Tura residents. Last year when I broke my ankle, F.I.S.H. was very helpful to me with equipment and rides to doctor's appointments. If you are going to break your ankle, don't break the right one!

F.I.S.H. is in good shape right now. Unlike the Loan Closet (which is not connected to us, but is affiliated with the HOA), none of our equipment was damaged. In fact, we were able to donate some to F.I.S.H. of Sanibel who lost everything. That said, needs change, and equipment wears out and needs replacing. In the past we had a luncheon for everybody over 90 and their caregivers. Right now, there are a number of reasons we haven't done it in the last few years. Hopefully in the future we can do it again. We are always grateful for donations of money and equipment. If we can't use the equipment, we do share with other local F.I.S.H. organizations.

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FISH - Friends in Service Here	Laura Dritt	630-759-1757
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HOA Website	Cindy Brinton	267-642-6477
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EX-GATE GABBER

By Michael Johnson

Last issue we visited a nice, warm climate...Florida; Disney World...This issue let's cool off a little bit and GO SKIING!!

I'm 15 years old and living in New York with my two sisters, a brother, and our parents. I always enjoyed athletics and one day when my mother asked if I'd be interested in taking some ski lessons I answered in the affirmative, with a little hesitation. I reminded my mother it was June and it may be difficult to find ski lessons during this time of the year. She said, "There's a group called Addlepatte. It's run by a fellow who thought it would be a good idea to give skiing lessons during the summer. Kids are looking for something to do."

I gave her a look which prompted her to say, "You'll like it. Addlepatte fits the idea of summer ski lessons, and, you already have the First Aid training." I had taken First Aid because of my interest in swimming. And, you'll remember it was useful during our visit to Disney World....(last issue).

So, the more thought I gave this the more interested I became. After all, what better way to meet girls. Ski for free. I learned that if I was good enough I could maybe get on the Ski Patrol at a number of local ski venues, Hunter Mountain, Wyndam, Mohawk Mountain, and on and on.

So, skip ahead to December. Two of my friends had joined me for the lessons. We completed the course and, I must say, I was a very good skier. Now, all I had to do was see if there was a possibility of joining the Mohawk Mountain Ski Patrol. I had my red ski jacket with a white cross on the back and was ready to head to the mountain. Before I could go to Mohawk Mountain my parents asked if the family would like to go skiing. "Sure" was my reply. My younger brother and sisters were going to be enrolled in ski lessons once we arrived. My parents already knew how to ski.

We were off. I brought my red jacket and thought I'd speak with someone at Mohawk Mountain to see if they needed any Ski Patrol help. I had my First Aid Certificate and my Ski Patrol Certificate. When we arrived, I immediately headed to the First Aid office, showed my ID and asked if they needed help. I was somewhat surprised at the response; they DID need help.

Well, not only do you ski for free when in the Ski Patrol, you always go to the head of the lift line while working...GREAT!!

I arrived at the top of the mountain and immediately heard a call for "First Aid". Another Ski Patrol person grabbed a toboggan and called for me to join him in a trip down the mountain.

Needless to say, I was a bit nervous as we went down the mountain. I noticed a small crowd gathered around a fallen skier. We headed over to the figure laying in the snow. I looked down and the person in the snow looked up at me and said, "Hi son".... It was my father. He had fallen and sustained a broken leg. Well, what a surprise! Down the mountain we went. An ambulance took him to the hospital where he was admitted and stayed for two days. A doctor set his leg and advised us he would have to stay for observation.

Next issue we'll ski in Vermont.

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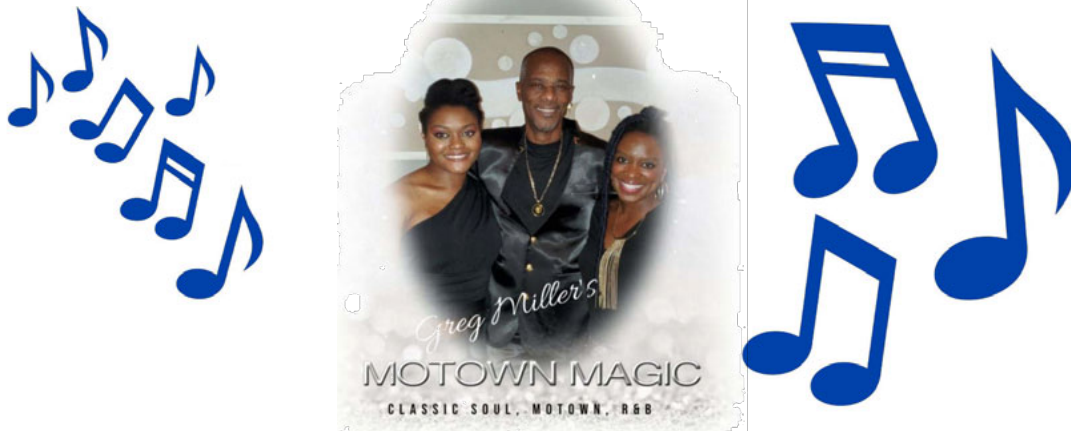
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DEL TURA GARDEN CLUB

By Rosemary Eiden

We got the feeling by the questions asked and the participation that the community embraced the two events. Thank you Del Tura community for supporting them.

With many members working to make these events happen the events went as planned. Some members had special talents of knowing how a stroll was set-up. Greeters were stationed at each house to check tickets and answer any questions about the individual yards.

Thank you to the hosts that opened their yards: Sandy & Steve Gove, Paula & Bob Major, Lucille & Sal Mineo, Roger Dailaire, and Rosemary & Peter Eiden. They reported having an enjoyable time. We were fortunate to have such fine and varied displays of landscaping.

Some comments:

"The plant sale and garden stroll were incredible - am learning so much."

"Nice choice & variety of gardens to see."

"Been a gardener all my life and this was my first plant stroll participation. Kudos to all the organizers! Was truly enjoyable."

"We heard only positive comments from visitors who were excited about their plant purchases."

"It is an honor to be a part of this group who make our home community beautiful through their interests and talents."

It is our hope to continue to bring the community enjoyable events like these next year. Our year ends on April 30th. We will begin again on October 1st.



Thank you Bob Dubel, Al Clark, Rolando Tecun, Peter Eiden, and Roger Dallaire for setting up the tents and tables.

Thank you Nancy Ashe, Kay Nezamis, Rolando Tecun, Sandy Gove, Andre Dearing, Sue Larson, Mary Lou Buss, and Pat Ostertag for selling plants and general assistance.



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NINE HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF *By Sandy Gove*

Spring in the Del is a wonderful time, with the downside being the loss of our snowbirds. We wish them all safe travels and look forward to welcoming all back in the fall.

Rounding out our 2022-23 golf season was the President's Cup, a four-day match-play event held over two weeks, that began April 5th and concluded April 13th. Results are posted in the dungeon. Congratulations to the winners and all those who participated.

The Luncheon, Business Meeting and Election of Officers was held April 6th. President Justine called the Business Meeting to order and complimented the Social Committee (Chairperson Mary Ann Light, Sue Hooper, Jan Hoffay, Donna Roberts, Sharon Daniels, Joanne Nitka and Maura Englert) on the luncheon and all their efforts for the league this past season. Prior to the Election of Officers, outgoing President Justine Fitzgibbons and Vice President /Tournament Chair Debbie Taylor were applauded for their many years of excellent leadership and dedication to the Ladies' Nine Hole Golf League: each was presented with a plant and a plaque recalling their eight years of service and fond memories.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:



L to R: Dorothy Cook, Secretary, MaryAnn Light, Vice President, Sue Hooper, President Treasurer: Lucy Schaefer unavailable for photo Congratulations to all!

Kathy Klein, Membership, announced our newest member, Patty Trepenier - welcome Patty!

Play for P.I.N.K. golfing fundraiser held April 1st was another successful event: a check in the amount of \$18,000 will be sent to the P.I.N.K organization for its sole beneficiary, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Kudos to the organizers and thanks to all who helped in any way.

- PINK Tournament results:**
Winners: Ladies: Team Moyer,
Men: Team Rose, Mixed: Team Stockinger
Closest to the Pin:
MEN: South 3-Jeff Wolfe 7'1", North 8-Jeff Polglaze 7'1", West 8-Jeff Bartleson 0'5"
WOMEN: South 8-Sue Passineau 9'8", North 2-Jean Reimer 6'9", West 2-Sherry Leverre 6'7"
Longest Drive:
MEN: South 5-Jeff Wolfe, North 4-Dan McDonald, West 5-John Gonsalves
WOMEN: South 1-Brenda Bengé, North 3-Bobby Asper, West 9-none reported.

Following is a poem by one of our members, read at the P.I.N.K luncheon we'd like to share.


Salute to a Survivor *by Nancy L. Davy*
 I never knew I had the strength!
 Cancer taught me that I could
 summon the hope, and prayers, and love,
 that turned bad into good.
 In my journey, I discovered
 that life has no guarantee
 when we are faced with challenges
 that sometimes we can't see.
 And the fear of the unknown
 can be so overpowering
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Exercise									
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		
Sports									
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 peggyterrasi@gmail.com	4:00 PM						
Bocce and Burgers (Sept-May)	Bocce Ball Court	Janet DeCosmo 239-776-9161							3:00
Bowling Mixed League (Nov-Mar)	Bowland Cape Coral	Denise Rose 815-222-6466		1:20					
Golf, Men's 18 Hole League		Bill Gronck 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 NEW	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 allieoop33@gmail.com	8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00	8:00-10:00	
Games									
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			
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					
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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		
Other Activities and Clubs									
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 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		
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Library, open every day	Clubhouse, Lower Level	Barb Jones 239-543-6922 Kathleen Quigley 239-543-1067							
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By Dan Haag, President, DTMA

And the green jacket goes to... Tim Trout!!

The Del Tura Men's Club Championship was held March 15th, 16th and 22nd. 78 players from the 18 hole and 9 hole leagues competed in the 3 day event.

• Tim Trout was the overall winner for the 18 hole Blue Flight 1. Tom Miller finished 2nd.

• Blue Flight 2: Dennis Burnham was the first place winner, followed by Jerry Butler in 2nd place.

• 18 hole White Flight 1: the winner was Tony Mattoni, followed by Chuck Hokey in 2nd place.

• White Flight 2: winner was Jeff Bartleson and in second place was Don Yaschyshyn.

• White flight 3: winner was Randy Finnerin and in second place was George Divis.

• 9 Hole Flight 1: winner is Scot Wyman, followed by Ken Dodge and Jim Greenwood.

• Flight 2 winner: Joe Mustari followed by Don Brown and Butch Warren.

After the event Nick provided a cookout and keg of beer in the courtyard. Many thanks goes to the pro shop and volunteers.



March was a busy month because the Men's Association also held their annual election. The open positions were treasurer and president. Dan Haag was voted the new president and John Gonsalves is the new treasurer. When Dan accepted the president's position, the vice president position became open. Craig Lindahl was subsequently appointed the new vice president. The other board members will all be returning. Rich Buonfiglio, secretary, Joe Mustari, 9 hole Representative, Dave Denman, awards, Mark Blackwell, tournament chair, Mark Reimer, rules official, and Jay Fitzgerald handicap chair.

We would like to give heartfelt thanks to Donnie Soper as the retiring president of the Men's Golf Association. Donnie served as president for many years and left big shoes to fill! Thank you also to retiring treasurer Bill Ahrens.

As the new president, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments that you may have.



PICKLEBALL

By Jamie Wyman

Happy Spring Ya All.

Well the "snow bird" season is coming to an end quickly (if it hasn't already for some of you). This month we are going to continue talking about certain "shots" that you might use during a pickleball game. Last month we talked about the "third shot" which should be a drop shot. Remember this allows you to get up to the net where you have the advantage. Keep in mind that if it's not quite a drop shot (meaning someone can hit the ball out of the air before it bounces in the kitchen) you may not want to rush to the kitchen line. If it's not a good drop shot you could get caught in "no man's land" (half way between the kitchen line and the baseline) and the return of your shot will probably be at you or your feet as you are moving forward. This is a very difficult shot to hit, especially with any control. Another thing to keep in mind, as you are approaching the net, is it may take you a couple times to "work your way" up to the kitchen line. This will hopefully give you more control and put you in a better position to hit the ball for your return shot. Hitting the ball while you are still moving forward is never a good thing. There is really a lot of strategy when playing the game of pickleball that will come the more you play the game.

Well that's it for this month, safe travels back to your summer homes, if that applies to you!

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DEL TURA BILLIARDS NEWS

Del Tura 1 captured the N. Ft. Myers Seniors 8-Ball League championship, winning 44 of 54 games. Del Tura 2 came in fourth with a 34 - 20 record. This is a 10-team traveling league which plays 2 sessions beginning in November and ending in March. No Fall session was scheduled due to the hurricane.

Vito Sinicropi and Al Young of Del Tura 1 both achieved a league-high 867 winning percentage.

Vito was awarded the league Most Valuable Player award by scoring 349 points to Al's 347.



Del Tura 1 Players: From left to right are Harry Christopher (captain), Bill Michael, Vito Sinicropi, Marcel Bedard and Al Young.



Del Tura 2 Players: From left to right are Tom Haynes, Jimmy Lamon, Dennis Erickson, Ernie Page (captain) and Austin Spencer.

GOOD TIMERS *By Sandra Boykin*

The Good Timer's enjoyed a wonderful lunch at The Boathouse Tiki Bar & Grill in February. There were 18 ladies who came out to enjoy the food and beautiful sunshine! We also had planned to play bingo in February, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we played LRC instead. Some ladies had never played, so it was a new experience. Fun was had by all with winnings and of course snacks and drinks.

We welcomed Laura Strickland at our March 7 meeting. She gives pool exercise classes for arthritis sufferers. She was very interesting and informative. Thank you, Laura. Our March luncheon was held at Gregory's Infusion Restaurant on Pine Island Road, hosted by Bette Cheney. This was a new restaurant to visit for most of us. Bingo was scheduled for March 18 in the Royal Palm Room.

On April 4 the club held a fashion show for our members. Lunch was catered by Jason's Deli. The show was hosted by Ditto's Consignment Shop owner Tracy Minnick. Tracy did a wonderful job of describing the clothes from Ditto. The clothes were beautiful on the models! Our models were Denise Higgins, Rita Immoor, Ruth Ann Lugten, Maureen Johnson, Karen Eaton and Diane Roderick. Our luncheon for April was at Shell Factory hosted by Harriet Hart. Always a good time.

Our luncheon for May will be hosted by Ginnie Benjamins at Micelli's Italian Restaurant on Matlacha, date TBD. Also, we are looking into a boat tour leaving out of Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda. We always have a fun time, come out and join us! We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 4pm in the Starlight Ballroom at the clubhouse.

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By Dianne J. Roderick

"Birthdays"

How different birthday celebrations are in these "golden years" of life! As children we had very little to say on how our special day would be celebrated. Our birthdays were usually celebrated with a Sunday dinner with the family. In the lean times, it was celebrated with our immediate family at supper time with a candle on top of a cupcake. During the good times, we were treated to a big family gathering, complete with a double layered cake topped with our favorite frosting.

Remember how we used to blow up balloons? I don't remember helium for balloons back then. I do remember though, how red our faces would get as we tried to get enough of them blown up to use for decorations. Then the fun part began...brushing those balloons on our shirts and trying to find surfaces that they would stick to. We probably didn't realize it then but we were actually performing static electricity experiments and definitely having fun doing it! See Physics can be fun!

I was also reflecting back on the gifts that we received back then and how much we appreciated them. Simple gifts that gave us so many hours of pleasure. A few that I can recall are the board games, puzzles, Mr. Potato Head (real potatoes needed), Slinky and Pick-Up Sticks. I'm sure you can all add to this list with your favorites.

Of course we can't forget about those party games! They seemed to be less competitive in

those days. Most of them involved individual skill and teamwork. Some of my favorites, in the early years, were Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Musical Chairs, and Clothespin in the Bottle. The balloon and egg relays and Tug of War were fun, too! Everyone went home happy, each with a goody bag filled with candy and a small prize from the Five & Ten Cent Store.

Before I knew it the years went by and I was planning parties for our children. Birthdays seemed to become much more sophisticated. Now there were themes to think about: Barbie, G.I. Joe, Strawberry Shortcake, etc. Everything had to be coordinated from the balloons to the tablecloth, napkins and cake! Even the guest list grew. Now in addition to our many relatives and a few neighborhood friends, we now have their classroom buddies. It was amazing how many people we could fit into one small house. Thank goodness for the summer birthdays and a big yard!

Now as I celebrate my golden year birthdays, I feel that I have come full circle... the little things that made me so happy in my youth are the same things that fill me with contentment now. I have to admit though that with each birthday I become a bit more melancholy and my heart yearns for those wonderful, simple times of my youth. Then I reflect back on all those memories and realize how blessed I am. I can honestly say that I'm still appreciative of a cupcake with a candle on top, and when I blow out that candle I thank God for the beautiful life he has given me.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

By Stuart Rosenthal

May recognizes Mental Health Awareness. Mental health is defined as "a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn and work well, and contribute to their community." The World Health Organization clarifies that mental health is "more than just the absence of mental disorders or disabilities. To achieve optimum mental health is not just managing active conditions but to consider ongoing wellness and happiness."

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) assesses that, in the U.S., 1 in 5 adults experience mental health issues annually. No one is exempt from developing a mental health disorder and these disorders are one of the leading causes of a disability. Medical conditions, adverse childhood experiences, social constraints, financial difficulties, and biological


factors can contribute to the development of mental health disorders.

The symptoms of mental health concerns are numerous. Some common examples are excessive worry, continuous feelings of sadness, difficulty concentrating, extreme mood changes, evading friends and social situations, fluctuations in eating habits and changes in sleep patterns.

Do not be afraid to reach out if you or someone you know needs help. Your health insurance, primary care doctor or state/county mental health authority will be able to provide resources. You can also call the NAMI Helpline to research what services and supports are accessible in your area. If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org to speak with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.



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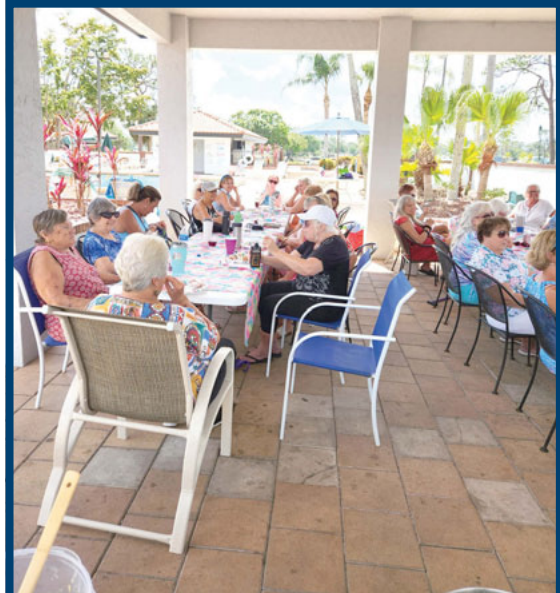
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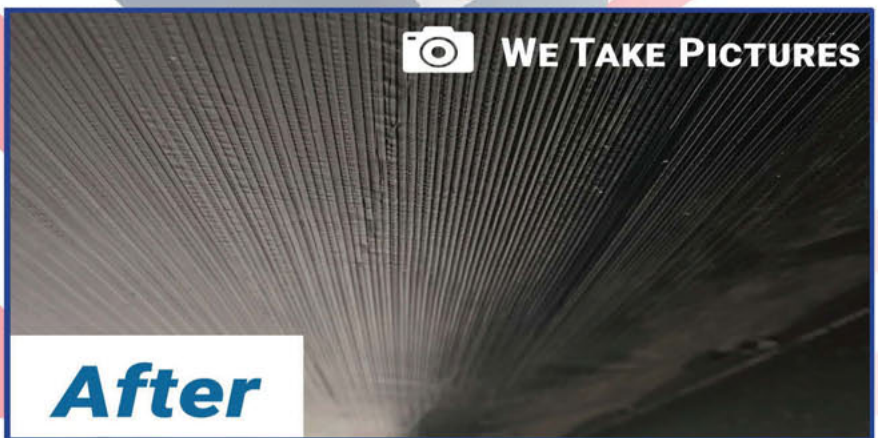
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DEL TURA BOWLING *By Cindy Baron*

The Del Tura bowling league finished the 2022-2023 season on Tuesday, March 28. After 20 weeks of play.

The first-place team was "Ten Pin Wizards" with Sue Larson, Barbara Green, Barry Green and Sue Brown.

Second place was "Hurricane Alley" with Jane Larsh, Steve Stigall, Chris Bunker and Nancy Ashe.

Third place was "Pat's Posse" with Sue Smith, Pat Henry, Julia McDonald and Susan Carson.

High Handicap Game winners were Danny McDonald, first place with 291, John Thayer, second place with 283 and Dave Traver, third place with 277.

High Handicap Games winner for the ladies were Ace Kelly, first place with 279, Susan Carson, second place with 275 and Louise Thibodeau, third place with 253.

High Handicap Series for the men, John Thayer, first place with 765, Tom Larsh, second place with 734 and Dave Traver, third place with 713.

High Handicap Series for the women were Denise Rose, first place

with 696, Rita Kidwell, second place with 690 and a tie for third place between Julia McDonald and Debbie Roush with 686.

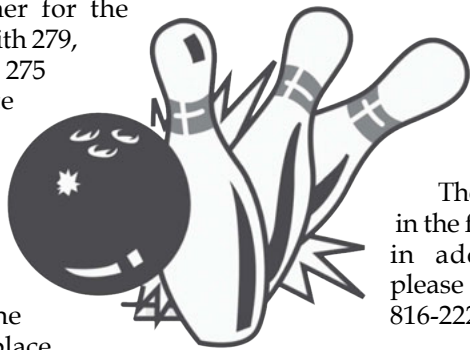
High Averages for the season were John Thayer (176), Denise Rose (174), Tom Larsh (173.70), Tom Wight (173.07), Janet Huss (169) and Sue Brown(155).

On April 4, the league played a fun 9-pin no tap tournament followed by a Pizza Party at Nemo's. Prizes were given to all players based on team standings and handicap games and series.

Winners of the 9-pin no tap tournament were Janet Huss (812), Tom Demshak (792), Mark Huss (776), Danny McDonald and Dino Gaston (tied 755), Julia McDonald(723) and Denise Rose (718).

League officers are Denise Rose, Cindy Baron and Sue Baron.

The League will start again in the fall. If you are interested in additional information, please contact Denise Rose at 816-222-6466



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WRITER'S WORKSHOP By Nancy Davy

The Creative Writers Workshop has been blessed with the banyan tree, which always seems able to provide shade, even on the warmest of afternoons, and being outdoors in the fresh air seems to inspire creativity. *Just a reminder that if you'd like to join us as a new member, please text me (607-769-5766) OR email me to let me know you are interested. My email address is ndavy01@gmail.com. You'll need to provide me with your name, your email address, and your cell phone number. We are nearing the end of our season, but I'd be happy to bring you on board before our next season starts.

This challenge is Personification. Write a story from the perspective of a pair of your shoes, or an article of your clothing or jewelry. Try to use several senses (sight, sound, smell, touch (ex. textures) in your descriptions.

- As an additional level of challenge, try giving the subject you are describing a human struggle relatable to one of your own.

Example:

My laces are torn and tangled; my leather exterior dry and dirty, and rough to the touch. I lie in darkness on the closet floor, forgotten. It wasn't always this way. I sigh wistfully and remember the days of my youth.

When I first came here and was taken out of the box, a man picked me up and slid his feet into me. He tied my laces tight and we were off! We worked hard together for years as he would mount a riding mower and travel for what seemed like miles. Then he'd push a hand mower on the banks near the country road where we lived as well as at the large plant where we worked. I would travel up and down the ladder with him as he painted various buildings or painted the guardrails near the plant entrance.

My "new leather" smell is a distant memory, as my outer surface was often spattered with paint before it was discovered and wiped clean. If one were to sniff me at the end of the day, they would be greeted with a combination scent of sweat, freshly mowed grass, paint and gasoline.

My soles slowly began to wear. I was with "my co-worker" as he ran the forklift,

bulldozer, and other machinery, when he worked inside on the production line and even ran one of the large machines during season. His feet were never idle, and neither was I.

But then something changed. I heard the word, "retire." What does that mean? My friend didn't come to get me anymore, and the house became silent.

It's dark in here! I don't understand. Why doesn't someone come to get me? I can still do things! Just because I'm worn doesn't mean I'm worn out! Just because I'm old doesn't mean I can't contribute! I'm still useful. I still have value. Someone, please. Come open the door!

I hope you enjoy the following responses:

Personification: The Rings That Bind
by Maureen Monroy

The three of us are a set now, but first there was just one.

I was sitting at my usual spot in the jewelry store in Old Town Alexandria. This very excited young couple came in - looking for just the right engagement ring - nothing too fussy for her. They looked at me first, I could tell we were a match - but they were intent on seeing each available ring. Finally, they came back, and said "this is the one". We had such fun - the planning, the parties, the well-wishing - just a magical time.

Then the Big Day came. Another ring joined us. It didn't sparkle - there were no gems. But it certainly had that certain gravitas. I was deeply moved when the Priest sprinkled Holy Water and Blessed the Wedding Ring. Now there were two of us. It took a bit for us to find the right fit. The Engagement Ring sparkled with the fun, expectations and excitement of youth. The Wedding Ring was different - even though there were no stones in that ring, it was the rock upon which they would build their home and family.

The years went by, the stones had to be reset, the rings were stretched to make room for the tired knuckles. Then one day a third ring was added. It was a thank you for the years of love, hard work, tears and laughter. This one has gems that sparkle - not for

youthful expectations, but for such fond memories and trust in the future.

So, the three of us -the rings of their youth, middle age, and old(er) years have come to meld together quite comfortably. Life has soldered us together into one beautiful ring.

Personification: The Noose
by Tom Adgate

As my cousins and I dangled, we would each scream, "Pick me! Pick me!"

As the uniform of the day came together, suits, shirts, and shoes, we were always the last item to be picked. Sometimes he took his time picking his tie; others, it seemed as if it was the closest to him. Mood played a big part in one of us getting selected. When he was down, he would invariably pick a bright cheery one - a 'happy tie', if you will.

For certain situations, our man had special ties. When he had a client that he had to make a difficult decision on; whether to take the deal or go to trial, he wore the tie with dice in the pattern. He always asked his client; "Do you want to roll the dice?" Typically, we would lay down his chest, awaiting his client's answer. When we moved with a great sigh, that meant he didn't agree with his client's choice.

Occasionally, our guy would pick a cousin from a different mother, the bolo. With the big silver boot buckle, that was a sign he came to kick up some dirt. Since retiring, he gave away all but two of us. His favorites that had seen many ups and downs, despite not needing us; he couldn't let us go. I suppose a wedding or funeral will arrive when we once again get to take a ride. Until then, we just hide in the corner of the closet, and surprise him occasionally. We all want to do "the dangle dance" when he looks our way.

Personification: My Companion
by Nancy Ashe

I always looked forward to accompanying you on cold winter mornings. I'd wrap myself around you. You adorned me with colorful scarves and pretty shiny buttons and pins. I was so proud and jumped for joy as you wrapped yourself inside me on

your daily adventures.

While at work, you hung me up carefully near your desk. My job was to be ready when you needed me and I was always excited to be there for you.

I delighted as we took short trips to appointments and shopping. You would serenade me, singing along with tunes on the radio. While sitting at a restaurant or client's home or a quick stop to run an errand, you would gently cascade my collar, arms and back on a chair. That was so nice of you. I was included and overjoyed to sit quietly waiting for our next event.

When the weather was severe, we bravely ventured out together into the storm. Whether it was rain or snow, you brushed me off and allowed me to look proper, proud and magnificent.

The day came when you discussed buying a home in Florida. I was not aware of the temperatures or climate in Florida. I had never visited Florida but remained excited to visit a new destination.

We jumped on a plane and headed south. You were so excited; telling all your friends about your new escapade. Off to the plane we go and whoa, it is hot!!! You had no need for my warmth or protection from the elements. You carefully wrapped me on your arm and off we went. I felt loved and needed.

You carefully hung me up in a lonely dark closet. I barely saw you but could hear your voice that was filled with happiness. I was lonely and felt useless. A month passed and you came by and grabbed me as we rushed to the car to get to the airport. After a quick flight you put me on. Yay! I was once again in motion!

After deplaning, here came your wonderful arms hugging me after a long, lonely separation. I said to myself, "she loves me, we are back together". It was a wonderful week.

I keep those memories alive. I know I will travel once again. I hear you laughing, talking and moving about. I know you are happy. I am happy to be near you. We are one and I look forward to our next trip to the Northeast.

Love, your knee length woolen coat



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