

Board member spotlight

Meet Debbie McWade

By Martie Thompson

Debbie McWade is a new director on the Master Board as of this past May, but this is not her first foray into neighborhood service — she is approaching her seventh year as president of the Bridgewater Island subassociation with her term expiring next May. McWade said she intends to serve in both positions until her subassociation term is up. She is hopeful that with a number of new and young families moving into the neighborhood — Bridgewater Island is a patio home community of just 39 homes — that someone will step up to fill her seat.

McWade says she often encourages people to volunteer for neighborhood committees and boards and says many times, all it takes is asking.

“I also tell them what someone told me when I first volunteered: ‘It will be painful!’” McWade said.

McWade’s first step into community-wide service was when she served as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on

Oakbridge. She said she volunteered since Bridgewater Island would be directly affected by Alta Mar’s plans to sell acreage and reduce the golf course to 12 holes, and she wanted to represent her neighborhood as well as others potentially affected by something of this magnitude.

Following that, she was encouraged by a few people to run for the Master Board, where she now sits as director and liaison to the Recreation Committee. She said she just attended her first meeting of the Recreation Committee and was inspired by how passionate everyone on the



Debbie McWade with grandson Henry

Photo courtesy Debbie McWade

committee was about recreation.

“I marvel at how it all runs and all that is involved,” she said. “There is Players Park and Players Pool and many events. I think everyone on the committee asks them-

self, ‘What can we do to enhance the community and everyone’s experience?’”

She said that her priorities on the Master Board are communication, transparency and fiscal responsibility.

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President's Comments

By Ray Navidi

I would like to share with you one of our most important challenges that we will have to address in the not too distant future — the overall performance of our waterways system and protection of properties from major storm events.

The system is more than 40 years old and there has been considerable soil erosion and deposits, which have reduced storage capacity and ability of water movement to our pumping stations. A great deal has been accomplished to improve reliability of our pumping stations, which has been covered in Players Journal before; however, more work remains to determine the state of our lakes and conveyance canals in order to have a good understanding of overall system performance.

The PGA TOUR, at its expense, has engaged a third-party engineering firm to conduct a comprehensive field and engineering study to determine the state of waterways and the drainage system affecting its property and any desirable remedial/improvement measures. Its study covers approximately 60 percent of the bodies of water within Sawgrass Players Club. Depending on the outcome of the study and the substance of any recommendations, we may be able to draw some conclusions with respect to enhancing the study and needed improvements to the remaining drainage system, including the waterways.

One thing is certain — it is not a matter of if, but when we need to take action to ensure protection of our properties for the long haul. This may include dredging some or all of the lakes, including clearing culverts between lakes, and/or adding additional pumping capability.

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Bring out the family to Players Park for a night of fun!

By Carol Liittschwager

October is upon us and so is our annual Flicks in the Field.

In honor of Halloween, that friendly witch from “Room on the Broom” will be starring in her short film followed by the 1971 movie classic, “Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.”



What more could any kid want? How about a chance to win not only the movie, but a popcorn container and a

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gift card for Christy's Ice Cream Dream Shop? Plus, one tall person (aka adult) will win a \$50 Peterbrooke gift card. Look for a golden ticket in the candy bar you receive at the entrance for your chance to win!

But wait! Popcorn, candy corn and drinks courtesy of The Oak Bridge Club will be free!

So come on out to Players Park for Flicks in the Field, Saturday, Oct. 27. The night will start off at 7 p.m. with "Room on the Broom" followed by "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 9:10 p.m.

Bring chairs or a blanket and enjoy!

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We are beginning to develop our 2019 budget. In order to be proactive, we will be increasing our dues for 2019. The exact amount is to be determined when we have better information available.

Ray Navidi is President of the Sawgrass Players Club Association.

Prochaska replaces MacDonald on master board

By Carol Liittschwager

What do you do when you need someone who can step right into a vacant master board seat? You recruit the most qualified, knowledgeable and busiest person you know.

With the retirement of Sawgrass Players Club board member Dan MacDonald, the board has done the above in calling on Barb Prochaska to fill the vacancy. She received the highest number of votes in the recent Sawgrass Players Club election among those who were not elected to the board.

Prochaska currently is secretary of the Oakbridge Homeowners Association. She also serves on the master board's Communications Committee and on the leadership team of the Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association. Her new assignment runs until May 2019.

Prochaska's big word is "communication," which she practices every day. Earning advanced degrees in computer science and business led to her 30-year career in project management and software engineering, mainly on federal government contracts.

Not surprising then is her goal while

serving on the master board. She hopes to help increase communication, thereby including more feedback and input from the subassociations.

"We need to better understand residents' concerns, issues and potential for joint actions with their smaller associations to solve common problems," she said, adding that economies of scale are possible.

A Sawgrass resident for more than 10 years, she has already served this community in a variety of ways. Of course, she writes newsletters, currently contributing to the quarterly Players Journal (including this issue) and editing and publishing the Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association newsletter.

Prochaska was a leader in redrafting the Oakbridge Covenants and the ensuing campaign urging residents to vote to replace the outdated rules, adding structure to work for future improvements. She's happy that, "Now we're up and running."

And in her spare time? She chairs luncheons, is creatively crafty, loves club day trips and her book club, calling Sawgrass women "an amazing group of friends."



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The Sawgrass Players Club Homeowners group page is the

place for residents to connect with what's going on in Sawgrass and with each other. Whether you are looking for a good plumber, need a babysitter or have questions about your neighborhood, group members can help.

Join us!

Master association dues to rise in 2019

By Irene Lombardo

At its board meeting on Oct. 25, the Sawgrass Players Club master board of directors will determine the revised dues rate for 2019. It is expected the rate will increase based on critical storm water reserve expenditures, rising costs and continuing issues that must be addressed:

- Our current website provider has been bought out and a new website is being created.
- Two hurricanes and pine beetle infestation

have significantly weakened pine trees. These events depleted the association's emergency reserve, which is slowly being re-established. Nevertheless, it is evident that tree removal costs will continue to increase.

- Major drainage issues still must be addressed. Each drainage project costs approximately \$30,000.
- Clear Waters pond maintenance costs continue to increase for eelgrass treatments, carp replenishment, bio-enzymes and aeration.

The master-appointed committees have been working diligently on budgets over the past two months and have done their best to prioritize work. They and the board understand that protecting property values and preserving our aging infrastructure is paramount to Sawgrass Players Club's ability to maintain its premier status as a community for years to come. The board of directors remains committed to that goal.

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What do your master dues pay for?

All owners of property within Sawgrass Players Club pay master association dues. As noted in the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, assessments levied by the master association are used to promote "the recreation, health, safety and welcome of the residents," in particular for the improvement and maintenance of the common areas, common area elements and common services that benefit residents.

Specifically, dues pay for:

- General and administrative costs for Marsh Landing Management Company's property management services
- Maintenance of master roads, including PGA TOUR Boulevard, Alta Mar Drive, Palmera Drive, Hammock Cove Drive, and a portion of Salt Creek Drive and Players Club Villas Road
- Pumps, pump stations and stormwater operations
- Lake and waterway maintenance, including pond treatments
- Drainage maintenance and repairs
- Construction or reconstruction, repair or replacement of capital improvements
- Access control, including First Coast Security contract, guest/vendor pass administration and gate arm operations
- Street lighting
- Taxes, insurance, and bank, consultation, and legal fees
- Landscaping of common areas, including tree trimming and removal
- Maintenance and operation of Players Pool and Players Park and related recreational equipment and events
- Publication and mailing of Players Journal and development and ongoing maintenance of the Players Club website
- Miscellaneous labor costs
- All equipment and material needs and repairs

Your annual budget and reserve study are on the website at

www.sawgrassplayersclub.org.

What do your subassociation dues pay for?

All neighborhoods are part of the master association. In addition, each of the 16 neighborhoods has a separate subassociation with its own governing documents.

As such, the subassociations elect their own board, hire their own management companies, establish budgets to maintain their common areas and enforce their own covenants and restrictions. Subassociation dues cover the cost of their management company contracts, maintenance of their common properties, capital improvements and administrative costs within their neighborhoods.

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Traffic Hawk is on the lookout for speeders and stop sign violators

By Barbara Prochaska

Have you received a Sawgrass Players Club (SPC) traffic citation in the mail and wondered how it was possible since you never saw a First Coast Security (FCS) vehicle in the area at the time? No, FCS security officers aren't hiding among the trees with radar guns. Instead, the Traffic Hawk, which is an unmanned speed radar with high resolution video, captured the information as you zipped past.

According to Ralph Sylvester, FCS account manager and supervisor, the data and video from the Traffic Hawk are reviewed and a violator's vehicle tag information is compared with vehicle registration information provided to the Marsh Landing Management Access Control Office by homeowners and renters. Traffic citations are then issued for speeding and stop sign infractions accordingly. Homeowners should be aware they can be ticketed for traffic violations incurred by a frequent visitor, renter or service employee they have sponsored to obtain an RFID.

The Traffic Hawk shouldn't be con-

fused with the pole mounted flashing speed signs or the mobile white speed cart along the side of the road. Those are highly visible tools used to deter speed and provide average speed data for indicating problem areas within the community. On the other hand, the Traffic Hawk is a discreetly placed device you will probably never notice. It is moved to different strategic locations on master-owned roadways as appropriate. These roadways include PGA TOUR Boulevard, Alta Mar Drive, Palmera Drive, Hammock Cove Drive and portions of Salt Creek Drive and Players Club Villas Road.

The use of the Traffic Hawk doesn't prohibit FCS personnel from ticketing for some traffic violations, such as running stop signs, driving recklessly or driving off roadways. They will not, however, cite you for speeding since they cannot determine your speed and they do not use radar guns.

When asked if he had any additional information he wanted to share with SPC residents, Sylvester said, "Slow down!"

Vehicular traffic rules approved

By Irene Lombardo

At its July 2018 meeting, the Sawgrass Players Club board of directors officially adopted proposed changes published in the summer issue of Players Journal. The changes cover the rules and regulations governing vehicular traffic and an increase in the fine for "Improper Vehicle Use" from \$50 to \$100. Improper vehicular use includes golf carts.

The revised rules provide that pedestrians, bicycles and other types of vehicles have equal right with motor vehicles to the road rights-of-way where sidewalks are not provided; however, pedestrians are limited to the unpaved portion of the right-of-way on the left side of the road facing oncoming vehicles. In addition, pedestrians must cross the paved road only at designated crossings.

Motor vehicles are restricted from operating on an unpaved portion of a right-of-way, except for those performing maintenance. Drivers also are prohibited from breaching any permanent or temporary barrier designed to prevent motor vehicles from accessing a portion of the right-of-way.

Traveling through Marsh Landing?

If you plan to drive through Marsh Landing Country Club, please remember that you must have an authorized RFID to enter that community. Residents from either community wishing to drive through the other cannot use the Visitor's Lane for access. This change went into effect on June 1 of this year as part of a resolution of understanding signed by both homeowner associations.

There is a one-time activation fee of \$15 (cash or check only) to update your current Sawgrass Players Club RFID for use in Marsh Landing. For payment and activation, visit Marsh Landing Management Company at 4200 Marsh Landing Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach. Office hours are Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Contact Pat McInerny at pmcinerney@marsh-landing.org if you have any questions.

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Witches and ghosts and goblins, oh my! Keep kids safe this Halloween

By Barbara Prochaska

“What are you going to be for Halloween?”

That’s the question kids of all ages are asking each other this time of year. How about being a safe trick-or-treater or a careful adult? It’s a scary fact, but on average, children are four times likelier to be struck by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other night of the year.

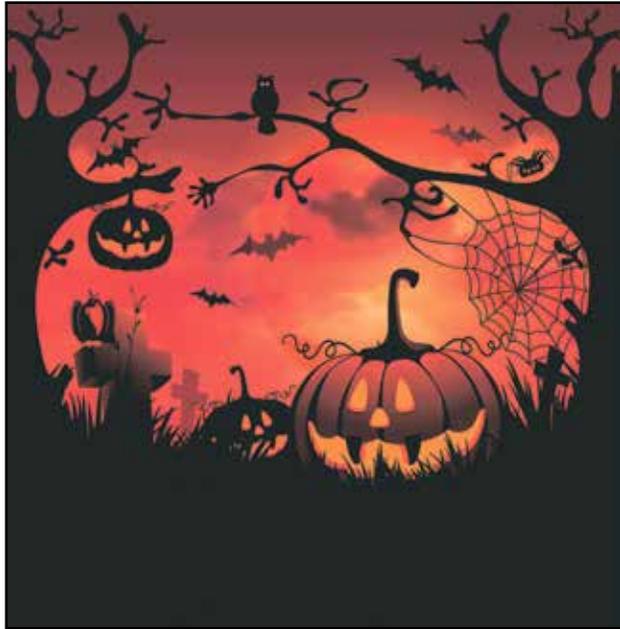


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- Give kids glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

Consider pinning a piece of paper with your child’s name, address and phone number inside their pocket in case they get separated from you or their group.

Children under the age of 12 should have adult supervision. Encourage older kids to trick or treat

with a group of friends, parents or older siblings and have them communicate where they will be going.

Once they head out to trick or treat, they need to have more on their mind than getting the most candy. Teach your children to cross the street at corners using crosswalks; look left, right, and left again before crossing; do not dart out into the street; watch out for cars that are turning or backing up; use sidewalks and pathways when possible; put away electronic

There are several easy and effective tips and behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury. Some of these start at home before they ever walk out the door:

- Avoid masks and use face paint instead.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers.
- Make sure costumes don’t drag on the ground to avoid tripping.

devices; and keep heads up when walking (don’t run!) across the street.

At the end of the evening’s adventures, closely examine all treats your child received and throw away anything that’s a possible choking hazard, not sealed, has torn packaging or looks suspicious (and of course, you may have to confiscate your favorite candy in the process!) If your child has food allergies, check labels carefully. Even hard candies may be manufactured in facilities that process nuts, milk, soy, wheat or eggs.

Adults need to be careful, too

As you drive through the community on Halloween, don’t forget to slow down! Keep an eye out for little ghosts and goblins (and superheroes) crossing streets and walking through neighborhoods. Be especially alert for kids during the popular trick-or-treating hours of 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways. Take extra time to look for trick-or-treaters at intersections, on medians and on curbs. Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.

If you plan to stay home and give out treats, make the outside of your home safe for trick-or-treaters coming to your door. Turn on exterior lights, remove anything from the porch or yard that can be tripped over and restrain your pets.

Be safe. Happy Halloween!

Mini Donut Spiders

Here’s a simple DIY Halloween food craft to make with your kids, courtesy of It’s Always Autumn (www.itsalwaysautumn.com). All you need are large pretzel twists, mini chocolate donuts, M&Ms, and a little frosting or chocolate chips.



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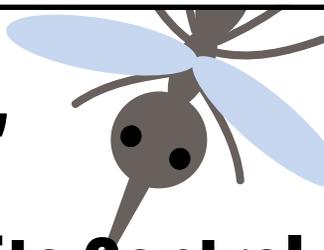
Mini spiders

- 1 – Use a sharp knife to cut the two curved sides off a pretzel.
- 2 – Carefully push eight pretzel curves into the top of a mini donut to form legs. Press slowly so you don’t snap the pretzels.
- 3 – Melt a little chocolate in a sandwich bag or place a bit of frosting in a sandwich bag. Clip off a tiny corner and pipe some chocolate/frosting onto the mini donut, and use it to stick two M&Ms on for eyes.

Easy, cute, fun Halloween treats the kids will love!

Source: <https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com>

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- Dusk** – avoid outdoor activity when mosquitoes are most actively feeding and flying.
- Dawn** – avoid the outdoors when “the light is changing in the sky.”
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- Dress** – cover exposed skin to block mosquitoes’ access to your bodies.
- Drain** – dump standing water from pails, flowerpot saucers, old tires, toys and other artificial containers.

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Committee volunteers are needed!

Volunteers are the backbone of our master association. If you are interested in offering your time and service to the community, we have several committees that would be eager to have you join them.

The Recreational Facilities Committee is seeking volunteers to help with planning community events and facility improvements. The committee meets as needed, about six times during the year.

The Covenant Enforcement Committee is in need of hearing officers or alternates. The committee hears appeals from residents who wish to

protest fines issued by the board of directors for failure to comply with Sawgrass Players Club covenants and restrictions. Alternates fill in for members of the committee who are unable to attend a meeting. Hearings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of Marsh Landing Management Company at 4200 Marsh Landing Blvd., Suite 200, Jacksonville Beach.

Please contact Kristy Richland at krichland@marshlanding.org if you are interested in serving on either committee.

Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association update

By Barbara Prochaska

Join us for a night of dinner and dancing

A night of dinner and dancing is coming up Nov. 30 when Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association (SPCWA) holds its Holiday Gala at The Lodge & Club. It's one of the many fun events and activities that the group holds throughout the year.

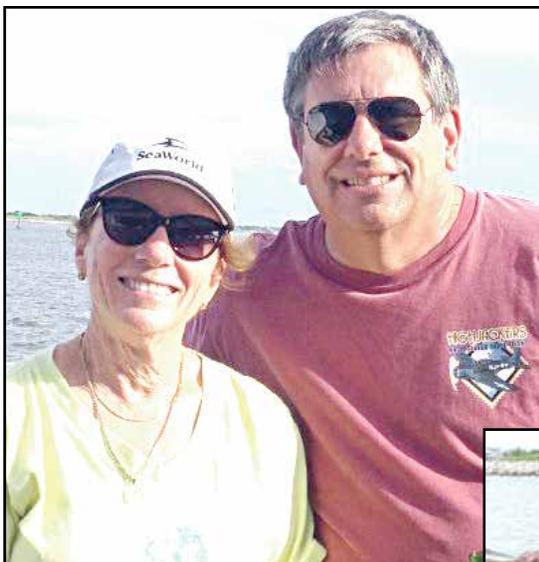
SPCWA is not just any ordinary club. It's a women's social club started 34 years ago by a group of neighbors just like yourself. It continues to thrive with women of all ages from all communities within Sawgrass Players Club.

Different monthly activities are offered to suit varying interests. And just to keep things interesting, special

events are planned throughout the year.

But most of all, SPCWA is a group of women supporting each other and having fun! All women in Sawgrass Players Club are invited to join; it

spouses, significant others and guests, recently enjoyed a private sunset cruise around St. Augustine. At the Ladies Luncheon in September, members were regaled with stories by the historian for the World Golf Village Hall of Fame & Museum. Besides the Holiday Gala, upcoming events include the annual Holiday



Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association members and spouses enjoyed a recent private sunset cruise.



doesn't matter if you are a homeowner or renter.

SPCWA members, along with

club. Or why not try your hand at Bridge or Canasta? Or discover new dishes to whip up at Recipe Club? Are you a golf lover? Get into the swing of things with the Golf Group. Or test your skill at Mah Jongg or Scrabble. Do you love to quilt?



Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association

Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association discover new dishes to prepare at Recipe Club.

A new quilting group may be forming soon! Foodies will enjoy checking out local establishments with friends at Lunch Out, Ladies Night Out or Girls Night Out. And spouses and significant others are invited to join some activities, such as Trivia Night, Happy Hour and "Mix & Mingle," which is held at Players Pool weather permitting.

There are five book clubs, including one daytime Pops performed by the Jacksonville Symphony and Chorus.

To find out what is planned, just take a look at the monthly newsletter "Connect!" available on the resident home page of the Players Club website at sawgrassplayersclub.org.

If you want to see what it's all about, attend any scheduled event or activity. To find out what is planned, just take a look at the monthly newsletter "Connect!" available on the resident home page of the Players Club website at sawgrassplayersclub.org.

To learn more about SPCWA, please send an email to info@SPCWA.org and the membership chairman, Carol Zehil, will contact you. A membership form can also be found by going to www.SPCWA.org.

We all love our pets, but it is important to be respectful of our neighbors when visiting the community's common areas, including the recreation field at the park.

Please follow these regulations so that the common areas may be enjoyed by everyone.

Be a considerate dog owner



1 Keep pets on a leash at all times, as required by St. Johns County ordinance.

2 Clean up after your pet. Doggy bags are available at the park entrances.

3 No animals are allowed in the Tot Lot or inside the Players Pool enclosure, in accordance with Sawgrass Players Club Association Rules and Regulations.

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If you have a security issue, a First Coast Security patrol officer is always on duty.

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Oakbridge seeks board candidates

We want you! The Oakbridge Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for its board of directors. There will be three open board director positions due to the expiring terms of Art Gormley, Debi Gerbert and Alison Caraher. The vacancies are for three-year terms beginning in December 2018. The board of directors typically meets the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

The deadline for nominee submission is Oct. 19. Please contact Oakbridge property manager Jean Cline at (904) 273-9832, ext. 111, or jccline@mayresort.com for more information or to get an application.

Cypress Creek updates its entrances, ready for Halloween

The new entrance signs and landscaping for Cypress Creek are finally complete. It was a long and difficult process with several mishaps, noted Bruce Barber, Cypress Creek president. But they are happy with the results.

The completion is just in time for the onslaught of witches and goblins expected to invade Cypress Creek on Halloween. Known as the “Trick or Treat Capital of Players Club,” Cypress Creek welcomes kids of all ages to come and enjoy a safe and fun evening.

Cooler weather should keep algae down

By Irene Lombardo

This summer has been hot. Warm water and fertilization of lawns have helped algae grow and bloom in our waterways.

“We are fighting high temperatures and nutrient overload,” said Joseph Lawton of Clear Waters, Inc., which has been working to address the problem.

The subassociation areas most affected by the outbreak are Players Club Villas, between Lakeside and Water Oak and from there all the way to Oakbridge, Bermuda Court and the Salt Creek pump station.

Clear Waters is treating the affected waterways every 10 to 14 days, depending on the issues. But, Lawton notes, “We have to abide by the instructions on the labels of the products in use.”

Cool weather, he believes, will solve the problem.

St. Johns County regulates the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus to prevent excess nutrients from entering our waters as a result of drainage and runoff. Currently, fertilizers cannot be applied within 10 feet of surface water. The ordinance also prohibits fertilizer application if heavy rain is likely or if the National Weather Service issues a flood, tropical storm or hurricane watch or warning for St. Johns County.

Lawton recommends that homeowners and/or their landscapers spray fertilizer away from water rather than toward it, to prevent wind from picking up some of the product and carrying it toward the water.

These golf terms are par for the course

By Journal Staff

Golf is a game of sport and skill that can be played at any age. Millions of people in North America participate in golf as a recreational endeavor or a professional pursuit. As of the spring 2016, 25.13 million people in the United States played golf over the previous 12 months, according to Statistica.

Although golf can be traced back to the Netherlands during the Middle Ages, many people concur that the modern game of golf — played over 18 holes — is a Scottish invention.

The popularity of the sport began to spread throughout the world from Great Britain. The first permanent golf club in North America was founded in 1873 and was named Canada’s Royal Montreal Club.

The first 18-hole course in the United States was The Chicago Golf Club.

Understanding the terminology is key to becoming a full-fledged golf fanatic. While golf lingo is extensive, here is a sampling of some of the more popular terms to get novices started, courtesy of the PGA.

Approach: A shot hit towards the green.

Attack: The relative angle at which the clubhead approaches the ball at impact.

Backswing: The motion that involves the club and every element of the body in taking the club away from the ball.

Birdie: A score of one under par on a hole.

Bogey: A score of one over par on a hole.

Bunker: A hollow comprised of sand or grass that serves as an obstacle.

Carry: The distance a ball will fly in the air.

Chip: A short approach with a low trajectory.

Chunk: A poor shot caused by hitting the turf.

Divot: The turf displaced when the club strikes the ball.



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Downswing: The swing forward from the top of the backswing.

Eagle: A score of two under par on a hole.

Golf range: A facility where people can practice golf swings.

Grip: The positioning of hands on the club.

Hole: A round receptacle on the green that the ball is aimed into.

Lie: As it relates to the golf ball, the position when it has come to rest.

Links: Specific term for a course built on linksland, which is land reclaimed from the ocean.

Mulligan: An extra shot taken on a poor first shot.

Par: The score an accomplished player is expected to make on a hole, either a three, four or five.

Putt: A shot on the green.

Stance: The position of the feet.

Tree work may impact traffic

The pine beetles continue to wreak havoc in our community. The master association has contracted with Tree Masters to remove dead and infected trees. Crews will be out felling dead and diseased pine trees along master association roads, which could impact traffic temporarily. Please drive carefully and be aware of workmen as you drive past crews. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Landscape Now



Let's talk trees

By Irene Lombardo

Do you have pine beetles on your property? If so, arborists recommend removing dead and infected trees as soon as possible to help stem the spread of the critters.

The beetles colonize one tree and move on to the next once the tree is dead. They can kill a tree in two to four months. Aside from the aesthetics and the cost of removing dead trees, outbreaks also increase the potential for damage to homes from falling trees.

Check for pitch tubes on the outside of the bark, reddish brown boring dust around the base of the tree and in bark crevices, and a crown color of off-colored needles—orange, red, yellow, or a combination of those colors.

Live Oaks: One of the broadest spreading of the oaks, the

live oak provides large areas of deep, inviting shade. Once established, a live oak will thrive in almost any location and has very good wind resistance. It is a tough, enduring tree that will respond with vigorous growth to plentiful moisture on well-drained soil.

One of the biggest problems with live oak is the lack of pruning. It is not a “plant-and-forget” tree. Because this tree can live for such a long time, it is very important to develop proper trunk and branch structure early in the life of the tree. Following planting in the nursery,



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Dying pine trees



Photo courtesy Texas A&M AgriLife
Southern Pine Beetle

prune the tree each year for the first three years, then every five years to age 30. Edward F. Gilman professor, Environmental Horticulture Department; and Dennis G. Watson, former associate professor, Agricultural Engineering Department, UF/IFAS Extension, do not recommend pruning live oaks when they are just emerging from winter dormancy.

It's important to trim the live oak's canopy to improve its ability to withstand heavy winds, especially before a hurricane. Also clip low branch tips, remove suckering shoots from the trunk and cut off dead or broken branches any time of year.

Source: *Environmental Horticulture Department, UF/IFAS Extension. Revised December 2006.*

Canals, ponds and their banks: Who owns what?

By Irene Lombardo

Confusion reigns (or rains) over who takes care of the banks along our waterways.

The simple answer is that Sawgrass Players Club master association owns and controls the water.

Individual homeowners own and are responsible for their land to the waterline.

All the vegetation, bulkheads and erosion are on private property as stated in the St. Johns County record. As a result, homeowners are charged with all maintenance of lake banks.

Those needing a list of vendors to help manage the banks may contact Erin Hires, ehires@marshlanding.org or Heather Lenhart, hlenhart@marshlanding.org.

Players People

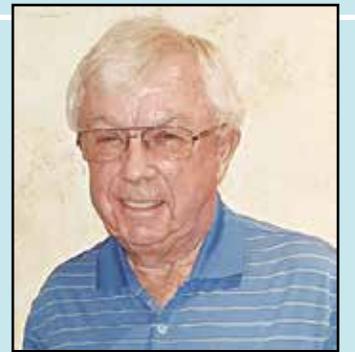


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John Flynn

John Flynn of Players Club Villas has been named chairman of the Operations, Maintenance & Waterways Committee. He has big shoes to fill left by Carl Crist of Water's Edge, who has been a member of the committee for 14 years and chairman for 12. We are pleased to report that Carl has agreed to remain on the committee **Sandy Stam** of Cypress Creek has been named to the Civic Liaison Committee Our deepest sympathies to **Judy Alger** of Salt Creek whose husband, Bill Alger, passed away in August. Bill spent many years

as a member of the Salt Creek board of directors, serving as Treasurer. He also was a Covenant Enforcement officer for the master association's hearing committee. RIP, Bill.

Bicyclists Take Note!

Safety is everyone's concern. Bicycles driven at or in excess of 15 mph must be driven on the roadway. When driven less than 15 mph, bicycles are permitted on Sawgrass Players Club sidewalks; however, pedestrians always have the right of way. Additionally, when coming up behind a walker or runner, bicyclists should give warning to those individuals on foot to avoid an accident.



A reminder from the
Sawgrass Players Club Association



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So you think you know the SenioRITAs?

By Karen Aaro

Most people in Sawgrass have heard of the SenioRITAs, but many don't know who we are or what we do.

This is the 19th year for the SenioRITAs tennis fundraiser at Sawgrass for the RITA Foundation. RITA is an acronym for Research

Is The Answer. The tennis tournament was started by Chuck Jantz 21 years ago. Sawgrass member, Mary Pappas, came up with the idea to make this tennis tournament for women 40 years and older; hence the name SenioRITAs.

The all-volunteer committee of 30 people, most of whom are Sawgrass members, work from March to November planning and soliciting sponsorships and donations. For the past three years, Karen Aaro and Chuck Jantz have been co-chairs.

All of the proceeds go directly to Mayo Clinic for breast cancer research and to Baptist Medical Center Beaches for

patient services. Over the course of 19 years, more than \$4.4 million dollars, including matching funds, has been raised for the cause. Contributions to Dr. Al Copeland at Mayo Clinic go directly to his lab for triple negative breast cancer research.

Over the years, \$300,000 has been donated to his continued search for a cure.

The SenioRITAs also have two endowments at Mayo. There are seven

endowments at Baptist that were purposefully named "The SenioRITAs at Sawgrass." There is pride in honoring the Sawgrass name as the wonderful host site that it is.

The SenioRITAs event is broken down into three parts: Kick-Off Pusser's Party, Auction Party, and Tennis Tournament.

More than 200 people attend the Pusser's party, which this year fell on Oct. 2.

The auction party will be held at Sawgrass Country Club golf clubhouse on Oct. 17 and begins at 6 p.m. The theme is French "Ooh la la" and features both a live and silent auction, light French cuisine and a cash bar. Some live auction items include a home catered dinner made by Executive Chef Mike at Sawgrass; Sea Island Inn trip for two; Caribbean trips to St. Lucia and Antigua; North Carolina mountain condo for one week; Streamsong golf resort; music in your home by Murray Goff and Gene Nordan; a day at White Oak; a Catamaran cruise for 12; and a signed Patrick Reed Masters pin flag. The silent auction includes more than 200 items, such as local restaurant offerings, golf at local courses, golf and tennis lessons, jewelry, house and garden, accessories, day trips, theatre tickets, wine and gift baskets. You can purchase tickets for on our website (www.the-rita-foundation.org/senioritas) or at the door.

The tennis tournament hosts more than 300 women who come from all over the country to play tennis for three days, Oct. 19 – 21. Pink flags honor breast cancer survivors and those who lost their fight. The dramatically placed flags line the walkways and honor friends and family. Breakfast and lunch are provided to the players, as well as goody bags and trophies. The cost is \$100 per player, and there has been a wait list for years. Vicar's Landing provides a shuttle bus to

and from the golf clubhouse to the tennis courts. There are raffle prizes and a cash bar. It's a fun and festive atmosphere. On Friday night, Oct. 19, there will be an exhibition doubles match featuring players on the University of North Florida women's college team. Pizza will be provided by Papa Johns.

Every year it is a challenge to solicit donations and corporate sponsors, but with this tenacious and hardworking committee, the following corporate sponsors pledged their loyalty this year: SunTrust, Main Street America, Fields Auto Group, Best Bet, Regency Centers, Morgan Stanley, Advanced Disposal, JOI, Vicar's Landing, InMotion Physical Therapy, Carrabba's, Publix and multiple generous individuals in the Sawgrass community and beyond.

Since you are in the neighborhood, come out and join the parties, watch some good tennis, cheer on the Sawgrass players, and support a cause that you now know a little bit more about. Visit www.the-rita-foundation.org/senioritas should you be interested to attend any of these events or to make a donation. You can sign up online and learn even more about the SenioRITAs.

Karen Aaro is co-chair of the SenioRITAs.



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Golf Cart Operators Take Note!

Safety is everyone's concern.



A reminder from the Sawgrass Players Club Association

All golf cart operators must carry a valid driver's license. Parents are responsible to ensure their underage children do not drive golf carts. Citations will be issued to parents of underage children found violating this requirement. Additionally, each person in the golf cart must be seated, and children may not ride in the lap of a driver.

Board member spotlight cont. from pg. 1

“I believe that as president of the Bridgewater Island subassociation, I honed my communication skills,” McWade said. “I feel strongly that we all work for the homeowners and we are lucky to have such dedicated and talented people on the board and the committees.”

McWade is from Louisville, Ky., where she lived until she married her husband Tom, who was with the FBI. They were transferred for his job first to Washington D.C. and then to Philadelphia. Debbie McWade

continued her 30-year career in banking at local banks in each location, going from being the head teller at Liberty National Bank in Louisville

before retiring as a member of the institutional investment services department at PNC Bank in Philadelphia. By 1999, Tom McWade faced mandatory retirement from the FBI and Debbie McWade told him if he was retiring, she was also. They planned their move to Florida as a “package deal.” She said they initially looked at moving near friends and family in South Florida, but the desire for a change of seasons led them to North Florida. Tom McWade’s passion for golf led them to renting a home in Sawgrass Players Club until they could find just the home they wanted to buy ... which ended up being the patio home in Bridgewater Island that had a screened patio and water view, per Debbie Mc-

Wade’s wish list.

Debbie McWade said she wasn’t a golfer when she moved to Sawgrass, but decided to take lessons so that she could see more of her husband. She now loves golf and still plays a few times a week with friends at Oakbridge and monthly as a member of the Beaches Ladies, a competitive group that plays at different clubs in the area, something McWade calls “a real treat.”



Photo courtesy Debbie McWade
Debbie McWade with daughter Melissa, grandson Henry, and Fiona the beautiful dolphin.

McWade came to rely on her neighbors, family, friends, and golf colleagues as Tom passed away seven years ago. Today

she enjoys walking, lunch with friends and going to the beach as well as visiting her daughter and grandson who still live in Louisville (“There’s nothing like being a grandmother,” she said) and her step daughter and step son, who live in South Florida and Los Angeles respectively.

She admits to being a “slave” to her Fitbit, which she acquired six months ago. She makes sure she gets her 10,000 steps in daily. But most importantly, she believes in having a “glass half full” mentality.

“My philosophy is that it takes as much energy to smile as it does to frown,” McWade said. “You can change someone’s attitude by smiling.”

Players Pool parking lot to be temporary home for UPS pods

It won’t be long before the holiday shopping season will be upon us. As in previous years, UPS will be placing one of its delivery pods at the Players Pool parking lot beginning Nov. 15 until Jan. 7. The pods are loaded with packages that are delivered by UPS drivers via golf cart.

Average daily volume nearly doubles during the holiday season. According to UPS, storing packages in the neighborhood and using golf carts with a trailer to deliver them enables the company to make deliveries faster and more economically.

The Pantry Raiders

Simple vegetarian dish packed with flavor

By Journal Staff

Vegetarian dishes are often loaded with flavor, which might come as a surprise to those who do not adhere to vegetarian diets. In fact, many dishes that originated in India, a country known for its flavorful, spicy cuisine, are vegetarian dishes that are popular the world over, among vegetarians and meat-eaters alike.

For those who want to try something simple, flavorful and vegetarian, the following recipe for “Lentils with Spinach” from Monisha Bharadwaj’s “India’s Vegetarian Cooking” (Kyle Books) checks all the boxes and will no doubt surprise those who feel the most flavorful dishes are those with meat.

Lentils with Spinach

(Serves 4)

- ¾ cup yellow lentils (toor dal), washed
- 3 large handfuls spinach, chopped
- 2 tbsp. sunflower oil, divided
- 1 tsp. coriander seeds
- 3 dried red chiles
- ¼ cup freshly grated coconut
- 1 tsp tamarind concentrate, diluted in ¼ cup water
- ½ tsp. turmeric
- Salt, to taste
- 1 medium onion, sliced

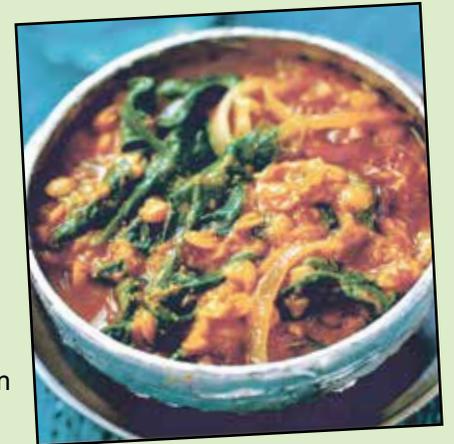


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Lentils with Spinach

1. Put the lentils and 1 ½ cups of hot water into a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the lentils are mushy, about 35 minutes.
2. In the meantime, place the spinach in a pot along with a little hot water and heat it for a couple of minutes. Add it to the lentils.
3. In a separate pan, heat half the oil and fry the coriander seeds until they turn dark, then add the chiles and coconut. Reduce the heat and stir for a couple of minutes. Remove from the heat, let it cool slightly, then tip it into a blender along with the tamarind and a few tablespoons of water and blend until you get a fine paste.
4. Add this to the lentils, along with the turmeric and the salt.
5. Heat the remaining oil in a small saucepan and fry the onions until golden, then add them to the lentils. Reheat thoroughly and serve hot with rice.

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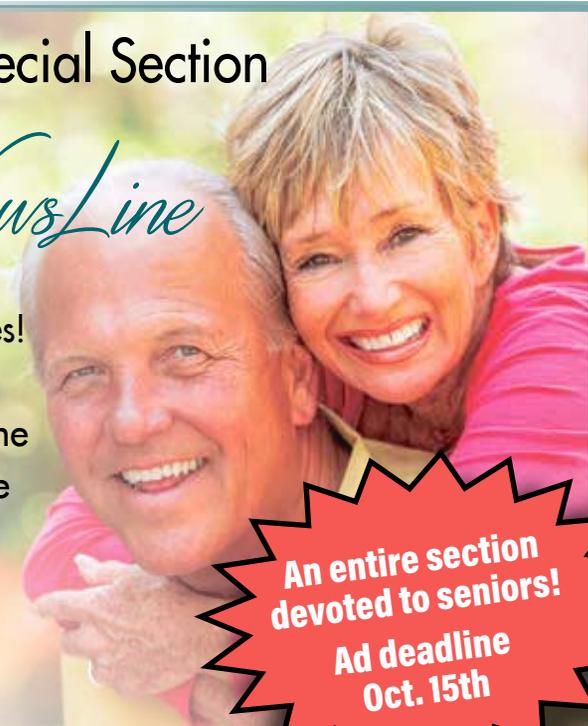
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