



Directors Corner

Dave Rowan – Secretary

As I write this article for Accents, I am wearing a sweater, long pants and have a coffee close at hand. We are heading out of a longer than usual cold spell and February looks to be back to normal temperatures for South West Florida. Let's hope!

Last night, I attended, along with a good number of certificate owners, a "Meet the Candidates" evening. This year we have four candidates running for three Director positions. The four candidates are:

- Karen Hamilton (#367)
- Sharon Hoover (#241)
- Richard Hull (#63)
- Martin Smyth (#910)

We are fortunate, as a community, to have four highly qualified individuals step forward to run for the three year term on the Board of Directors.

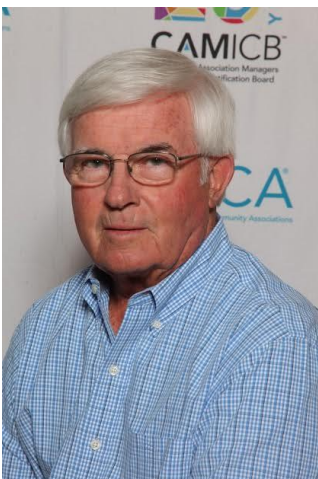
In addition to voting for the directors, you will be called upon to vote on a proposed rule #5 change. This proposed change would allow motorcycles to drive from "gate to home" and "home to gait" by the shortest, most direct route.

As always, we encourage you to partake in the voting process. This is your community. Please vote.

A huge thank you to our three outgoing directors; Richard Hull, President; John Anderson, Treasurer; and Mike Smith. They have served in a variety of portfolios/responsibilities and have always put our community first.

On behalf of myself and the Board, I would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for their time, effort, expertise and dedication in making our community a desired place to live.

Finally, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place on Monday, February 26 at 9:30 am. This brings to an end our present Board of Directors year. The new Board begins immediately with three newly elected members and will continue the challenge of keeping Maple Leaf the "Best of the Best."



General Manager

John Bradly

Season is passing by very quickly and we are now at the peak of the busy season. We welcome any suggestions and comments to improve your community and the amenities. A brief update follows, but a more detailed account is provided at the monthly Homeowner's Meeting on the first Monday of each month.

FINANCIALS. Maple Leaf Estates Homeowners' Corporation finished the 2017 budget year well within budget for both the operating and capital budgets. The unaudited 2017

financial statements and approved 2018 budgets are being sent to all certificate holders. The audited 2017 financial statements will be completed by the Annual Meeting. A financial summary follows this article.

GUESTS IN THE PARK. Over the recent holidays we had a small number of violations of the Rules & Regulations. Most violations pertained to unsupervised children visiting our community, but there were also some violations by visiting adults. *Please remember that visiting children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult when away from the lot they are visiting. We are concerned with their safety. Children under the age of 12 can only utilize the designated swimming pool behind the CanAm Clubhouse unless there are special exceptions granted by the Board of Directors during holidays and spring break. Children under the age of 16 are required to wear a safety helmet when riding a bicycle according to State law and are not permitted to drive a golf cart.*

DAMAGE TO COMMON PROPERTY. There are numerous occasions when someone damages the Park common property. Street lamps have been destroyed when hit by a vehicle. The street lamps cost approximately \$2,800 each. There are many other common elements damaged like fences, vehicle access gates, bicycle racks, furniture, etc. There are responsible homeowners who promptly report the damage to the Park Office, but many times no one claims responsibility. People may assume the Park insurance will take care of damage, but that is normally not the case because we have a \$5,000 deductible per claim. We request that any damage be reported to the Park Office by not only the person causing the damage, but also by witnesses. Your cooperation is important to limit unnecessary expenditures.

WALKING ON MAPLE LEAF ROADS. The original developer of Maple Leaf did not build sidewalks. As a result walkers, joggers, and bicyclists generally use the roads. Obviously that also causes safety concerns. One of the biggest issues is walkers being two, three, or four abreast and traffic has to divert into the other lane. Walkers should stay as close to the side of the road as possible and walk in single file. Walkers should also walk against traffic and wear bright clothing. At night walkers should carry lights and wear reflective clothing.

SPEEDING. The most violated rule in the Park is speeding – it is normally residents and not just commercial vehicle drivers. Don't cause an accident, injury, or even death because you were speeding.

GOLF COURSE. Please read Superintendent Nancy Miller's article for important information about the upcoming golf course rejuvenation. Your golf course is getting a lot of play. You can help the conditioning by filling divots, repairing ball marks, and raking the sand traps.

PRO SHOP. PGA Professional John Sileno offers a great selection of apparel, golf lessons, and other items. We desire to reduce our Pro Shop inventory by as much as possible prior to the golf course closure on April 1st. *As a result the pricing is being discounted by 25%. Additionally if a person spends at least \$100 for apparel in one purchase then he/she is entitled to a free round of golf with cart.*

SANDBAR AND COUNTRY CLUB. There are many things going on in your Country Club. There is Tuesday Happy Hour with entertainment, Thursday night "Wings" with entertainment, special dinners, movie nights, and many other happenings. There are daily breakfast and lunch specials. Sunday breakfast is extremely popular to include breakfast buffet on specific Sundays. Check the flyers, CH 195, and special updates from the Accents Editor.

SALES OFFICE. There is a lot of activity in the real estate area. We encourage you to visit our four very experienced associates for your real estate needs.

RENTER'S RECEPTION. There will be a reception and information session for all renters on Wednesday, February 20th, at 9:30 a.m., in the Country Club. We encourage all renters to attend.

REAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS. If you are a certificate holder and have not paid your 2017 property taxes you can still receive a 2% discount for paying in January or a 1% discount for paying in February.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. The 2018 Park Telephone Directory is available in the Park Office. Old Park telephone books should be placed in recycle and not in the Post Office.

PARK PERMITS. A Park Permit is required for any modification outside the home or on the lot in accordance with the Rules & Regulations.

SPACE REQUISITIONS. The space requisition forms for the 2018-2019 season are available at the Park Office.

LOT CARE. It is not too soon to begin thinking about who will care for your lot when you go north for the summer. We strongly recommend that you do not pay contractors in advance for your lot care. They should be paid only after the work is completed. There have been many instances of contractors only caring for your lot just before you return in the fall rather than doing the work all summer as you assumed the work would be done.

Thanks to all the volunteers who do so much for this great community.

FINANCES AT A GLANCE			
MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31 2017			
	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE
REVENUE			
PARK	3,424,940	3,382,507	42,433
GOLF	796,196	754,402	41,794
SALES	69,462	47,040	22,422
SB/CC	364,416	364,393	23
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,655,014	\$ 4,548,342	\$ 106,672
EXPENSES			
PARK	3,097,380	3,104,349	(6,969)
GOLF	892,171	986,932	(94,761)
SALES	36,811	14,770	22,041
SB/CC	467,863	440,867	26,996
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,494,225	\$ 4,546,918	\$ (52,693)
REVENUE TO EXPENSE	\$ 160,789	\$ 1,424	\$ 159,365
YTD CHANGE IN CASH POSITION			
YTD REVENUE TO EXPENSE	160,789		
ADD BACK DEPREC/AMORT	632,916		
ADD CERTIFICATE SALES	240,000		
LESS MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	(244,018)		
LESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	(418,474)		
ADD ADVANCE ON MORTGAGE	1,400,000		
BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTMENTS	(15,327)		
YTD CASH FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 1,755,886		
CASH POSITION 12/31/16	\$ 2,586,619		
ADDED (USED)	\$ 1,755,886		
ENDING CASH BALANCE 12/31/17	\$ 4,342,505		



Grounds Superintendent
Nancy Miller

**PARK
IRRIGATION**

This year we have had unprecedented requests for irrigation flagging. After your irrigation has been flagged, PLEASE take photos, make a map, whatever you can do to identify your sprinkler locations. We have been flagging 10-12 homes per day since the end of October in addition to repairing and adjusting sprinkler heads. This leaves us little time to do preventive maintenance, check the electrical grounds and other

maintenance on the system. Lack of preventive maintenance can lead to expensive repairs in the future.

LAWN MOWING

Our contract with Blue Heron, the mowing company, is for one cut in December, January and February. We mow early in December and the second week of January so we don't mow during the peak of Christmas decorating. In March, we start bi-monthly cutting again.

COLD TEMPERATURES ON LANDSCAPE PLANTS

We have had some very cold nights during January. If the cold damages your plants, do NOT cut them back or remove them right away. Most of our Florida plants will survive a cold snap. Wait until all danger of cold weather has passed then trim off any damaged areas. There is an excellent chance that the plant will recover completely.

GOLF COURSE

GLYPHOSATE/ROUNDUP

I understand the serious concerns that some people have for the use of glyphosate. I will try to ease some of those concerns:

Not safe/Safe

I found many articles on the harmful effects of glyphosate, but not in peer-reviewed or scientific journals. For every article decrying the effects, I found more articles in scientific and government journals showing no causal relationship between glyphosate exposure and cancers.

Toxicity

All products are toxic when a person is exposed to or ingests large quantities – water, salt, food.

Roundup Label – signal words are required for all EPA registered pesticides based on acute toxicity.

There are 3 categories:

Danger

Warning

Caution

Roundup (glyphosate) has and has always had a Caution signal word identifying it as being in the least toxic category of registered pesticides.

History

Glyphosate was introduced to consumer market as Roundup in 1974 and has been off-patent since 1980. It is the most heavily used pesticide in the world.

In 2007 – most used herbicide in US agriculture and 2nd most used in home and garden.

By 2016, there was a 100 fold increase from the late 1970's in use.

As with all pesticides, the label is the law. We have two licensed pesticide applicators on staff and we are ALWAYS extremely careful and conscientious when handling pesticides, for our own protection as well as yours.

For this application we are hiring a professional, licensed pesticide application company to apply the product at label rates.

We will be spraying with large droplets not a fine mist to keep the product out of the air.

EPA studies show that glyphosate is non-volatile and EPA inhalation studies show low toxicity.

Our product is rainfast after 1 hour and adsorbs to soil. The residue is generally immobile so it doesn't affect ground or surface water.

Reentry when dry. To be safe, we are keeping the course closed for at least 12 hours following the applications. We are spraying at 3pm with the course closed until the following morning.

Applications will be postponed if conditions are too windy

SPRAY DATES AND TIMES:

These are the dates and times of the applications, weather permitting:

Tuesday, February 20, 3pm-to 6pm

Tuesday, March 6, 3pm-6pm

Thursday, March 22, 3pm-6pm

IF YOU ARE SENSITIVE TO ANY OF THESE PRODUCTS, PLEASE MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

THE GRASS WILL PLAY AS IF WE'VE HAD A HARD FROST OR A DROUGHT. IT WILL NOT BE DIRT! IT WILL JUST BE BROWN COLORED GRASS!

Glyphosate is one of the most tested and studied pesticides in the world.

These are the studies that I found to be the most scientific and informative:

1. The WHO and FAO Joint Committee on Pesticide Residues issued a report in 2016 confirming use "of glyphosate formulations does not constitute a health risk."

2. European Chemicals Agency recent study – "did not find evidence implicating it to be a carcinogen, a mutagen, toxic to reproduction, nor toxic to specific organs."

3. Cancer Assessment Document

Final report – 10-1-15 Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Potential of Glyphosate

By the Cancer Assessment Review Committee

Health Effects Division

Office of Pesticide Programs

US EPA

states: "Evaluated all available epidemiological studies in open literature that examined the association between glyphosate exposure and one or more cancer outcomes." 115 studies reviewed

"In accordance with the 2005 Guidelines for Carcinogenic Risk, based on weight of evidence, glyphosate is classified as "Not Likely to be Carcinogenic to Humans."

If you have concerns about exposure, we have publicized the dates and times of the applications so please make arrangements to be away from the golf course and those times.

As always – fill your divots, repair your ball marks and rake your bunkers.



President's Message

Rick Hull

Just an FYI, if anyone is trying to schedule a last minute event, good luck! The entire park is so busy this month its absolutely crazy trying to find open time in any of our clubhouses.

Candidates Night was held Thursday, January 18th and I want to thank Chairman, Link Hersey, members Debbie Leshner, Jim Harrison and John Lock for hosting this event. John Lock was the moderator and Debbie Leshner was the time official. There was a smaller crowd than usual, about 150 residents attended, but we were in competition with Wings and Things and Bingo. I wish candidates Karen Hamilton,

Sharon Hoover, Martin Smyth and myself well with their campaign. If not already, residents should be receiving their voting package in the mail shortly. Please be sure to fill out your ballot properly. The AGM meeting will be held at the Queensway building on Monday, February 26th at 9:30 AM.

Diva's Through The Decades were the performers for our Celebrity Show at the Country Club on Wednesday, January 17th. This trio of very talented young ladies sang songs from the 40's on up and if we are ever able to have them return, their show is definitely worth the price of admission.

On Saturday, January 20th Jerry Connelly put on another great show at the Country Club and our chef, Brian served up a great buffet prior to the show. Jerry was introduced to us by his brother Scotty Connelly a dearly beloved resident who passed away several years ago. Jerry's rendition of Buddy Holly and Gene Pitney hits are great and his return to Maple Leaf is always a highly anticipated and well attended event.

The Board of Directors have signed an agreement with a company named Converged Services, Inc. and they will have a representative here at the Queensway building on Thursday, March 8th to discuss Fiber Optic T.V. and Internet service. We are expecting a high volume of interested residents to attend, therefore we will be holding two meetings that day. We ask residents from #1 through #550 attend the 1:00 PM meeting and residents from #551 through #1114 attend the 3:00 PM meeting. Converged Services Inc. will be asking residents what services they are interested in and they also plan to return for other meetings in the fall and next spring. When all information has been gathered as to what the residents are looking for Converged Services Inc. will interview different providers to negotiate the best deal to fit residents needs, then and only then we can decide whether or not to go forward.

Another FYI, the Board of Directors are investigating companies to supply Maple Leaf with a new software package for the park office, accounting, restaurant, pro shop and front gate. Our present systems do not communicate with each other resulting in lost man hours repeating entries over and over. We are presently looking at two different companies, Jonas Software and Northstar. We are hoping to have a decision made by the time our Treasurer leaves office at the end of February. We then would have the new system installed and the staff trained during the off season. The funds for the new system are included in the capital budget for 2018.

On an ending note, let's hope we have gone through the last cold snap of the season.

Rick Hull, President

Report from Mike Smith for February Accents

1. Christmas Pictures

Thanks to Betsy and Dennis Austel of the Photography Club for some great Christmas pictures of Maple Leaf. You can see their pictures on our web site as follows: a) login to MapleLeafGcc.net b) click MEMBERS c) Click HOME OWNERS MEETINGS d) Follow the prompts

2. Golf Rejuvenation Project News

We have added a new button to our MapleLeafGcc.net Home Page "GOLF REJUVENATION PROJECT". Starting in March, you will be able to click on this button and see video clips, pictures and text about the Golf Rejuvenation Project. This will be updated continually through to October, 2018

3. ID Photos

You can add a photo of you and your partner to your directory profile on our web site. This is a great way for us to get to know you. Simply email your photo to support@mapleleafgcc.net and we will put it up for you.

4. Wed Night at the Movies

We have 2 great movies for January

- "Dunkirk" at 7:00 pm, Wed, Jan 24, doors open 6:15 pm, Tickets \$4, Free Popcorn
- "Blade Runner 2049", 7:00 pm, Wed, Jan 31, doors open 6:15 pm, Tickets \$4, Free Popcorn
- See ads elsewhere in this newsletter

5. MapleLeafGcc.net Web Hits

- Top 3 for December 2017 were a) Homes for Rent, 2913 b) Golf Home Page, 2121 and c) Channel 195, 2102

6. Downloads from MapleLeafGcc.net

- Top 3 for December 2017 were a) Dec and Jan Accents, 1921 b) Golf Fee Sheet, 598 and c) Maple Leaf Map, 258

An Update on our Golf Rejuvenation Project:

John Anderson - Treasurer

Some of you have been asking about the status and progress of the golf course rejuvenation project: What is the status? How much did it cost? How many contractors bid on the project? Etc. With this article I will try and answer some of these questions.

Background:

Since many of our residents are new to our community in the past three years I think it is important to provide a little background.

This golf course rejuvenation project was first introduced to our Certificate holders back in 2014 by then Treasurer Rick Flagler when he presented a thirty-year capital plan as part of the preparatory work for the renegotiation of our mortgage. In addition to the normal yearly capital program, the Board at that time identified three additional major projects: the golf course rejuvenation, replacement of the park irrigation system and renovation of the maintenance building. In order to pay for these projects, the mortgage negotiations provided for, in addition to the \$8M base amount, three additional draws of \$1.5M each to pay for these three projects.

When the Board presented its capital plan in 2016, concern was raised by the certificate holders regarding the extent of the work and the amount of the borrowing. In response the Board invited community input through the formation of three committees: a golf technical committee, an irrigation technical committee and a finance advisory committee. These committees worked together over the following year and made the following recommendations:

- i) The golf technical committee recommended that the course be rejuvenated; however the proposed changes to the design of the course were not needed and should be removed from the plans.
- ii) The irrigation technical committee agreed that the golf course irrigation system should be replaced in view of the plans to totally rejuvenate the golf course. However the committee recommended against the replacement of the park irrigation system. It did recommend improvements in the maintenance program and recommended an asset management approach to the irrigation system in order to build up data and be better able to track problem areas and costs and prioritize system replacement.
- iii) The finance advisory committee also recommended against replacement of the park irrigation system. It identified four options for financing of the golf rejuvenation project for consideration by the certificate holders.

The Board accepted all of these recommendations and proceeded with a Ballot to the certificate holders with respect to the method of financing. By a vote of the certificate holders, it was decided that the project should be financed by an additional draw on the mortgage in the amount of \$1.4M.

It is important to emphasize here that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the shareholders (certificate holders) to protect and preserve the assets of the park. In this respect it was determined that the project was necessary and with extensive input from the community providing additional guidance, the path forward was established.

Next Steps:

The golf course rejuvenation design was completed by our golf course architect, Gordy Lewis who has been working with Maple Leaf on our course for many years and you will see his name on our score cards. The irrigation system design was completed by Regan Irrigation Design. In addition, the Board decided to engage DMK consultants to oversee the entire

project bidding and construction process in order to properly protect the best interests of Maple Leaf during this project implementation. DMK has completed many projects for Maple Leaf over the years and is very familiar with our park.

The bidding process for construction was by invitation to pre-qualified contractors who had expressed a previous interest in our project and exhibited the proper background experience. The bidding was very competitive and eight bids were received. The low bidder for the golf course rejuvenation was Westscapes and for the irrigation system the low bidder was Mondragon, both of whom are well experienced in the business.

The construction project includes two additional components: the re-grassing of the lawn bowling green and an interconnection from the new golf irrigation system to the residential phase one irrigation system. The lawn bowling green is identical to the golf greens utilizing the same grass type and maintenance equipment and it was decided that this facility should properly be re-grassed at the same time. The interconnection of the irrigation system to the Phase 1 residential system will allow the retirement of the Phase 1 Pump Station, which has been an ongoing maintenance problem.

In summary the construction cost for the work is summarized (approximately) as follows and this is detailed in the approved capital budget:

Golf Course Rejuvenation:	\$1,375,000
Lawn Bowling Green	\$ 31,400
Phase 1 Irrigation Connection:	\$ <u>61,200</u>
Total	<u>\$1,467,600</u>

The Path Forward:

The contractors undertaking the golf course rejuvenation will be commencing work on Monday April 2nd. In preparation for that, we will be commencing killing the grass on the fairways and tees toward the end of February. This will involve the use of the herbicide “Roundup” that is in common use for this type of application across the United States. Some homeowners have expressed concerns regarding the safety of Roundup from a health perspective. Our golf course superintendent Nancy Miller has talked about this at homeowners’ meetings and has an article in this issue of Accents detailing its use and risks. The bottom line is that its safe use is approved for this type of application by the US Environmental Protection Agency and there really is no realistic alternative. The dates and timing for the Roundup application will be well advertised to homeowners so that everyone can take whatever precautions they deem necessary and appropriate.

A question has been raised regarding the use of our own staff during the construction period. First of all the pro shop will be closed and all of the starters as part time staff will be laid off for the summer. However the golf course maintenance staff will be an integral part of the rejuvenation project and will be employed through the construction period and beyond. During the actual construction, there are many items of work that will be undertaken by our own staff including such as removal and storing of the existing irrigation sprinkler heads, building of a new timber retaining wall at hole 3, etc. The current schedule projects that the construction contractors will complete their work within about twelve weeks. Following that time period, our own staff will take over for the “grow in” period (July – October)

and will be busy fertilizing and cutting the new grass, replacing the yardage markers, etc. so that the course will be ready for the November 2018 season.

We are looking forward to the enjoyment of our newly rejuvenated course. The greens were last refurbished in 2002 and the fairways, tees and irrigation system are original from the time the course was constructed so we will see a dramatic improvement after the rejuvenation project is completed. The last couple of years have been trying and emotional for many – both golfers and non-golfers. I am hopeful that we can now put all of that behind us and work together in the true Maple Leaf spirit to support our club and make our golf operations an ongoing success.

Creative Writing – A Reading

Walt Lemon

On Thursday, February 8, please join the Creative Writing Group at the Charlotte Center at 7:30 to hear readings of some of our favourite poetry and stories. You may experience bouts of laughter or amusement. Refreshments and snack will be provided. A number of participants have published books and we would be happy to discuss them with you if interested.

Pickleball

Joe Potter, President

Over 140 members have signed up to play on our new pickleball courts, which shows how popular this rapidly growing sport is. The courts are well utilized throughout the day on most days.

We had our second Social of the season on January 15, which was a huge success. Some members wore our new Pickleball Club shirts.

Training for Intermediate players occurred on January 14 and 21, led by Chuck Burgoyne, a top level player and instructor from Ontario, and our Director, Coaching, Fred Cockburn. Advanced training is planned for later in the season. The popular Introduction to Pickleball program continues every Friday at 1 PM, introducing new people to the game, most of whom subsequently join the club. No equipment is needed for the Introduction to Pickleball as we supply both paddles and balls.

Weekly League and Ladder play offer members a competitive experience, but most folks come out just to enjoy this fun sport. A Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 and Sunday, March 4, 2018. A sign-up sheet for the Tournament is posted at the pickleball courts, and the deadline for registering is Sunday, February 18, 2018. Trophies will be awarded to winners at each level of play (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced).

We are trying to stabilize our schedule so that everyone can more easily plan their pickleball play as well as the many other activities available in Maple Leaf. Changes to date have been more frequent than we like as we experiment with various modalities. The current schedule is posted on the bulletin boards at the pickleball courts on Rampart and on our website.

Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018, starting at 1 PM in the Can Am building. In addition to reports from the Executive, there will be an election of Officers for 2018-19 and the awarding of trophies for League, Ladder and Tournament play. A Social, with drinks and snacks, will follow the AGM meeting.

Most people find pickleball easy to learn and fun to play, which may explain the laughter often emanating from the courts. (Park residents tell us the most noise they hear is not the sound of pickle balls but the raucous laughter of pickleball players.) If you want to enjoy this popular game, it is not too late to join our club. Memberships have been discounted to \$20 starting February 1. Call Rob Kenton (979-8647) to buy a membership or just come out to an Introduction to Pickleball session to try out the game.

Happy Pickling.

Entertainment Committee

Pat & Miles McEvoy

Not only have we got a full and varied list of entertainers for Thursday nights in the Country Club we have some additional evenings for your enjoyment. All the items listed below are free to attend at the Country Club. The entertainers play for tips only. On a Thursday night there will be the regular food menu. On the other evenings there will be special menus. Watch for the notices around the Park for more information.

Thursday 1st February **BRETT BAKER & Patti** a welcome return to this fabulous country act



Saturday 3rd February **ANASTAZJA FAMILY BAND** There will be 10 family members on stage. The youngest singer is 2 years old. There will be a special menu available to order on the night. Free raffle for door prizes

February **BLACK VELVET DUO** These two were very entertaining when they appeared here at Christmas. Great sound for listening and dancing

Thursday 8th



Wednesday 14th February
VALENTINES DAY
spend Valentines with us
evening menu will be
The first 50 ladies in the
Valentines Gift. Come
a free raffle ticket for



featuring JUST FRIENDS come and
in the Country Club. A special
available to order on the night.
Country Club will receive a special
early to get your gift. Everyone gets
door prizes

Thursday 15th February ANASTAZJA FAMILY BAND in case you missed them on the Saturday night they will be here again with some different music for your entertainment. The little girl will be on stage again.

Wednesday 21st February IRISH PUB NIGHT featuring FRANK RYAN & THE CELTIC CLAN this

will be a real Irish evening as our Irish chef, Brian, is putting on an Irish menu that will be available to order on the night. These men are professional entertainers from Boston who come to this area for a few weeks break. There will be a free raffle for door prizes.



Thursday 22nd February NICK D
Always a favourite and welcome back to this great entertainer.

There is no charge for any of these evenings and all food can be ordered from the menu. Please be generous with your tips.

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Line Dancing

Denise Holland

Hey Everyone,

NOTE: LINE DANCING CANCELLED WED JAN 24 due to flea market.

We had a rough time this month, we were also cancelled Jan 17 due to new LED lights being installed in the Queensway. However, its all for the improvement of the Park, so on that note, it's a good thing. 😊
Now that the 'LD vacation' is over, are we ready to rev up and start heating up with MORE dancing. You Bet! Remember, at one time, we all had two left feet, but soon, with patience and training, you will ALL be Dancing Machines!

We have handouts that teach you "What the Steps are Called" and "How to execute Them".

Your Teachers are:

- *Dorothy Whitehead*, Intermediate, current & new songs, dances.
- *Joan Gibson*, Beginner, Intermediate, current & new songs, dances.
- *Corinne Brownridge*, Beginner, Intermediate, current & new songs, dances.
- *Lise and Gord Gladman*, Beginner, Intermediate, new songs dances .Naida Johnson, Beginner, Intermediate, new songs, dances.

January 31 and Refresher Feb 7

Jeff Papiez: Will teach *One new Dance* to the tune of *Two New Songs*, *January 31* with a refresher on *Feb 7*. Everyone is invited to watch, learn, join in anytime for the fun of it! 8 pm - 8:45 pm

Wednesdays, Queensway, 7 pm Beginners / Refresher

Wednesdays, Queensway, 8 pm - 8:45 Intermediate

We welcome experienced dancers at the 7 pm Beginners, to provide extra "feet" for the Beginners to watch and follow along.

Line Dancing is fun for all ages, Arrive on your own, bring friends, make friends.

Dress in *comfortable, cool clothing*, Dancing is a warm activity.

Wear smooth soled shoes, that support your feet. (not flip flops)

Bring water to refresh yourself.

If you want to laugh, have fun, enjoy good company and music, then join us Wednesdays to Stomp, Vine, Hitch and Boogie your way to fun and friends.

A one time seasonal donation of \$10 contributes towards our Social & expenses.

Line Dancing finishes March 14, 2018

See you Wednesdays, Denise Holland

Country Club Dinner Shows

Gerri Church

On Sunday, January 13th, Sheila and Denny Yeary, known as The Sweethearts of Branson, were the entertainers for the first-of-the-season dinner shows at the Maple Leaf Country Club. An excellent performance and a delicious meal served up by Chef Brian and his staff gave residents a most pleasant evening.

On February 25, our committee made up of Jane and Russ Dean and Karen and Nick VanLeeuwin will be presenting the second and final dinner show of the year. This promises to be another sold-out dinner show. A young and energetic couple, Crystal Gage and hubby Ryan, who entertained us last year, will be back due to popular demand.



COUNTRY CLUB DINNER SHOW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

FEATURING CRYSTAL GAGE AND RYAN

5:30 DINNER; 7:00 SHOW

TICKETS \$25 ON SALE CANAM 1 - 2 PM MONDAY FEBRUARY 5

DINNER CHOICE PORK OR SALMON

MAXIMUM 4 TICKETS PP

INFO 941-876-6769

Ballroom & Social Dance Club

The Dance Club meets every Tuesday @ lesson followed by some general continuing to develop our Cha - Cha previous music for (East Coast) Jive, residents and renters and we look fun and practice together. Partners are



2:30 to 4:30 at the CanAm for a 1 hour dance routine dancing. For the month of February we will be routine. The general dance music will feature Foxtrot and Rumba. The dance club is open to all forward to welcome you for an afternoon of dance always welcome but not required.

Roger Marsh & Penny McDonald, 905 726 8255

Duplicate Bridge Club

Mavis Trivett President

Please visit our Website for information about our Bridge Club. www.bridgewebs.com/mapleleafgcc/

January brought returning snowbirds home to Maple Leaf. We enjoyed meeting our old friends again at the club, and welcoming new folks to our Duplicate Bridge Community. We encourage you to join us for some competitive play, as you pit your skills against other pairs playing the same hands. It's lots of fun, and you meet great people.

Congratulations to Betty Alexander and Mary Raeside - winners of our Memorial Tournament which was held on Saturday, December 13. They did so in fine fashion with a great score of 74.44%. Well done ladies.

We hosted our first Swiss Team Game of the season on Saturday, January 20. This is a different format than our normal games, but it is also a fun game. Bridge, in all its formats expands the mind, and keeps your brain active!

Please take note of our Special Events and Saturday games in February:

- Saturday, February 3 - Regular Game
- Monday, February 5 - Spring Club Championship
- Saturday, February 10 - Swiss Team Game
- Wednesday, February 21 - Pizza Night and Regular Game -
- Our Pizza Night is free for Members, \$5 for Guests

Joe Potter will present two lessons for Intermediate and Advanced players- please see dates below. The cost for each lesson is \$5 for members, and \$10 for non members, if space is available.

- Saturday, February 17 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon - 2 over 1 Lesson
- Saturday, February 24 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon - Cue Bid and New Minor Forcing

All Duplicate Bridge games will be held at the CanAm. Sign up for our Monday and Wednesday games is by 6.45 p.m. Sign up for our Saturday games is 12.15 p.m. for a 12.30 p.m. start. Dues are \$15, Table Fee is \$1 and Guest Fees are \$3.

Please check Channel 195 for Duplicate Bridge Club Announcements.

Flea Market 2018

Pat McEvoy

By the time many of you read this message the flea market will have been and gone. We would like to thank the 100 volunteers that make this event so successful. In the past we have raised over \$5,000 to be spent on the Park itself. We will publish our distribution of funds in the next Accent and at a Home owners meeting.

Garden Club

Norman Harrison, President

Garden Club members are looking forward to seeing you at the Pancake Breakfast on February 3rd. If you are still in need of tickets, you can contact Norm at 255.8303. The Garden Club celebrated the new year with Master Gardener speaker, Marge Kang. Ms. Kang's presentation entitled "Thinking Preferences of Gardeners and How it Affects your Approach to Gardening" was both enlightening and informative.

Please come join us on February 10th for the next meeting of the Garden Club at the Can-Am. New members are always welcome. If you have not already joined, membership is \$5. Meet and Greet coffee and snacks will be held from 8:30 AM until 9:00 AM. The presentation is followed by the business meeting of the Garden Club. Bring your own mug for a door prize ticket.

Please remember you can memorialize and honor your loved ones at any time with a donation to the Maple Leaf Beautification Fund. Envelopes can be picked up in the CanAm Center and at the Main Office. Any questions will be addressed by Mary Donnellan 781.308.9546.

Please contact Norman Harrison 255.8303 or Jolene Scofield 769.3559 if you need additional information or bring your questions to the meeting. See you there!!

Computer Club

Denise Holland

Woo Hoo, It's February, O.M.G. where does the time go! It certainly isn't slowing down in this burrr Cold Weather! The Computer Club is open every day, year round for Members. You can become a MEMBER or RENEW membership by contacting Bev Murray (in the ML Directory) Saturday Mornings: 9-11:30 am at the Clubhouse (beside Library) or at the Computer Club Meeting Feb 12 at the CanAm, 9 am coffee/membership/course signup, 9:30 Meeting.

For Computer Club information on Meetings, Open House, Courses, etc, query: mapleleafcomputerclub.com (no pswd)

We do not put financial reports or personal information on the website, as there is no "pswd" to access this information. Meaning, *anyone* can access this site.

NO cable for Channel 195 ?

Keep up with Current Events, cancellations, new happenings etc, by going on your internet and query: mlgcctv.com, click on Maple Leaf Channel 9, Bookmark page, so it will be at your fingertips, next time.

Don't know how to do that.. Sat Morning 9 am/12 noon, we will help, Sorry, you must be a member, folks never stop at just one question (most times, lol).

COURSES: all courses are 2 hours, Cost: \$10 each. Members only.

*If you have questions, need assistance, pop in Saturday Morning 9-12 & we'll try to help. LAST PASS: Teacher Jane Pauls, Assistant Dan Lahaise, Harry Durrant a) Tuesday, Jan 23 Time: 1 pm - 3 pm **LAPTOP** Training b) Tuesday, Jan 30, Time: 1 pm - 3pm **IPAD/IPHONE** Training*

IPAD Beginner: Teacher: Chris Vaughan, Assistant Dan Lahaise, Denise Holland, Tuesday, Jan 30 Time: 9 am - 11 am

(Please remember: An Apple Ipad is an Apple Ipad.

A Samsun, Blackberry & others are called TABLETS, you will be lost trying to learn IPAD on TABLETS)

GOOGLE PHOTO: Teacher: Ken Morris

Unlimited storage of pictures, (that's right, unlimited, no cost) Learn how to Navigate, Make movies, etc Friday, Feb 2, 9 am - 11 am

VPN Teacher: Dan Lahaise (Virtual Private Network- send msg(s) do banking, on an encrypted network- Free)
a) Monday, Jan 29, 1 pm - 3 pm, LAPTOP Training b) Wednesday, Feb 7, 1 pm - 3 pm, IPAD / TABLET training (yes, both)

WINDOWS 10: Teacher Ken Morris Friday, February 9th, 9am -11 am

Sign up for classes at Computer Club, beside Library. Or call Denise Holland (in Directory). Membership costs \$25 for one, \$35 for two in same household. You must be a Member to sign up for courses.

The Open House on Friday, January 19, at the Charlotte Ctr. 1 pm- 3 pm was excellent, a good turnout of Members & visitors learning about our Great Club.

Your Board is here to provide, Information Sharing, New Technology, and Support of its Members.

Live, Laugh, be Happy, from all of us, to all of you.
Denise, Barry Holland, Bev Murray, Ken, June Morris,
Bill Rudd, Dan Lahaise.

Lawn Bowling

Heather and Michael Comba

Salvation Army Christmas Drive.

The lawnbowling club wish to thank the generous folks in Maple Leaf for donating \$2143.50 AND 20 BARRELS OF FOOD. A donation gratefully received and needed this season.

Opportunities for new bowlers. . Get a bit of exercise, sunshine and make new friends lawnbowling. Maple Leaf offers many opportunities to belong to a group and experience the thrill of playing a team sport. Lawnbowling does require flexibility, balance and coordination. This sport does not require quick reflexes or fast movements. Come out and see what we are all about every weekday morning and then come out any Thursday in February at 1:30 to roll the bowl towards that jack. Email hcomba@comcast.net for more information.

Opportunities for Advanced Bowler. On February 14 there will be a clinic on 'Rules You Need to Know and Measuring Tips. To register send an email to pgcourtice@gmail.com Learn a little, play a little, learn a little more.

Social events. Christmas eat and Bowl, New year's day eat and Bowl, New Year's pot luck and Last Man standing were well attended and provided opportunities to mingle, share laughs and of course munch down holiday treats. The last man standing was Don Heywood and the last lady standing was Lin McKewan.

Coming up is **Fun Day in February.** This is an invitational game day with a fun bunch of tricky, silly ends. Ask a lawnbowler to invite you to come.

Accomplishments. The **Men's Only Trophy** winners were Vince Beal, Paul Garrod and Frank Phillips. In second place Chris Garner, Phil Payne and John Casey. The **Ladies Only Trophy** winners were Francine Beal, Christine Garner and Marjorie Jones. In second place Shirley Judge, Susan Butler and Chris Palmer. The **Presidents Trophy** pairs winners were Warren Gallienne and Sheldon Jobb. In second place Heather Comba and Bill Santin. The **Men's Single Trophy** winner was Don Heywood. In second place Paul Courtice. The **Women's Singles Trophy** winner was Glenda Courtice. In second Heather Comba. Congratulations to all competitors and remember winning is a bonus.

Photo Club

Mary E Ausel

Members appeared to have a good time at the Photoshoot/social on Jan.19th at Bayshore Live Oak Park. Members applied techniques learned in the prior Photo Club meeting. These pictures will be reviewed in February's club meeting.

Please note, February is bringing a **change of schedule and location for our Photo Club activities. We will now hold our February and March meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Can Am Building.**

Tuesday, Feb.6th- Review Club Members photos/ use editing techniques. Accept nominations for Photo Club Executive Board. Present guidelines for "People's Choice" photo competition for the ML Arts and Craft Show.

Tuesday, Feb. 20th— Guest speaker Clyde Sweatt from Punta Gorda Visual Arts Center will present on photography and provide information on an upcoming photo exhibition for Southwest Fla. As always, all are welcome!

Strawberry Festival, March 14, 2018

Mae Van Houzen and Sydney Schaeffer, Publicity Directors

Mark your calendars for the largest social happening of the Maple Leaf season: the "Strawberry Festival". This mouthwatering event will take place on Wednesday March 14th, 2018 and you won't want to miss it. This year we are welcoming back a favorite with the children, "Me" The Magician for entertainment for children and adults. There will be musical entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure.

"Tennis members please mark your calendar for our Strawberry Festival.
Hulling day is March 13 at 1p.m. and Strawberry Festival Day is March 14, from 2-4 p.m."

More information to follow in the March Accents. See you in March



Annual Nurses' Luncheon and Golf Tournament

Merry Little

Just a reminder that Friday, February 23 is the date of our annual Nurses Luncheon and Golf Tournament. Please join us for lunch and a celebration of the contributions you have made to the lives of so many people.

Participating in the golf tournament?

We have tee times for only six teams so sign up early. The tee sheet will be posted behind the pro shop in early February.

Tickets are \$14.00 and will be available for sale at 3pm on Tuesday Feb 6th and Feb 13th in the Sandbar or by calling Merry Little 941 979-9694 or Suzanne Moore 743-5420.

Keyboard Orchestra

Helen Neal

Spring is the season for love. Join the Keyboard Orchestra for a fun afternoon as they present "What the World Needs Now" at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22nd at The Queensway. This high energy show features songs you danced to, romanced to, and fell in love with.

\$5.00 Tickets will be sold at Happy Hour on February 6th and 13th, 2018, as well as at the door the day of the Concert.

Shuffleboard

Brenda Eichberg

A successful mix & mingle social plus mini sign-up was held Jan. 07/18 and enjoyed by all who attended. On Feb. 10/11 there will be a doubles tournament to be held at the CanAm courts, it is a two day event so if you win you must be available to play the playoff game on Sunday, Feb. 11th, afternoon. You must have a current membership to play in this tournament, it is a random draw for partners. Sign-up sheets will be at both courts.

There will be a BBQ on Saturday, Feb. 10th at noon, which will be open to the public, at the CanAm parking lot.

If you need a current membership please contact Dale at 941-629-4675.

Maple Leaf Tennis Club

TENNIS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - Lindsay Brannen

The Tennis Improvement Committee continues to initiate upgrades to our facilities and also to plan out future improvements to keep our facilities state of the art. We are very proud of the five new court benches that have been purchased for the comfort of the players. We also purchased twenty cushions to make for a more enjoyable environment for spectators to watch the quality tennis our members exhibit. We are currently investigating future improvements to the lighting, the court surface, as well as upgrades to some of our equipment. These are long range plans that we will monitor and keep the members updated.

TENNIS TOURNAMENTS – Karen and Nick VanLeeuwen

On Saturday January 13th, 39 men participated in the Men's Triples tournament. Once again the weather was great, and the cheering from the sidelines was even better! Triples play is a twist for many of us, so that adds to the interest for the participants, and encourages us all to work together (to win the game and to figure out where we're supposed to be standing for the next game!). Thank you to all participants for a great day. Congratulations to the following winning teams:

A flight -WINNERS - Dick Keller, Rick DePauw, and, Jim Pauls; FINALISTS - Werner Eichberg, Doug Smith, Jeff Papiez

B flight – WINNERS - Dave Zakikian, Harry Herms, and, Murray Knights; FINALISTS - Glenn Houghton, Tom Henry, Doug Collins

Results from the upcoming Ladies Triples tournament will be on the tennis website and in the March Accents.

The Maple Leaf Cup tournament will go ahead on February 10th. It is always a fun event with lots of participation from Tennis Club members. To cap it off, there will be a BBQ on the Sundeck where the Maple Leaf Cup Winning Team will be announced. Keep your eye on the Charlotte Courts bulletin board to sign up for the event.

Our members and guests are excited about the Tennis Dinner Dance, scheduled on Friday, February 16th, 5:30 p.m., at the Queensway Center. By request, Hurricane Charley's is providing a great selection of cuisine and Black Velvet is entertaining you with the best dance music in Charlotte County. Ticket prices are the same as last year, \$30 each for members, \$35 for guests, and can be ordered by contacting Sue Lawson (941) 249-5023.

Due to the colder than usual temperatures in early January, the FUN DAY was cancelled this year. We are sorry for any inconvenience in having to adjust your calendars.

Golf Association

LaNell Burgsteden

The Mixed Pairs Tournament was played on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018. 92 golfers participated despite the cold morning temperatures; everything went well, and we stayed on schedule. We had lots of competitive play and enjoyed a tasty lasagna dinner afterwards. Thanks to all who played, and special thanks to all those who helped with organizing the event as well as the Sunday social, from the shack to the kitchen and in between.

Winning teams were as follows:

Morning:

1. Sharon & Ron Keyes.
2. Marcia & Dave Vajcovec.
3. Anne & John McCormick.
4. Linda Hemstead & Jim Iancale.
5. Roberta & Yvon Tarte.

Afternoon:

1. Nancy & Mike Rooney.
2. Chris McGowan & Art Babiak.
3. Becky & Glenn Thompson.
4. Ann & Brian Hall.
5. Glenis Caswell & Neil Wagg.

The next events will be:

Men's Senior and Super Senior Tournament - Feb. 7 , Feb. 14

Presidents Cup Tournament on Sun. Feb. 1

Ladies Senior and Super Senior on Feb. 27th

Watch for announcements on the notice boards and Channel 195 and sign up in the Pro Shop.

We are happy to announce that 29 enthusiastic individuals signed up for the Taste of Golf program and are enjoying learning how to play the game. Future tournament players perhaps?

Free Weights Program

Keith McGruer

19 MORE PEOPLE QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER CPR IN EMERGENCIES!

At the end of January, the Free Weights Program sponsored 19 residents to complete the CPR course organized by the Park Office. Over 100 people participate in the Free Weights program on Wednesday and Sunday mornings. Added to the 11 participants last season, there are now 40 more qualified people in our community. The modest contribution the Weights participants make has been invested for the benefit of all Maple Leaf residents.

Residents and renters are invited to participate in the Free Weights program. It is especially beneficial for those involved in other physical activities such as golf, tennis, pickleball, bocce, etc. However because the program focuses on building strength, increasing flexibility and improving balance, *every* person can benefit from this program. Join us Wednesday and Sunday mornings at 7:35 until 8:30, either on the sundeck or in the CanAm if the weather is not cooperating. For further information, call 624-3627.

Pennsylvania Night

Kathy Wagner

January 27, 2018 at the Charlotte Center. There will be a covered dish at 5 p.m. For good food and fellowship please call Kathy 941-255-9692 for reservations. This is for present and former Pennsylvanians.

Have you Met.....?

Enid Lunt

Corrections of origin from last edition:

330	Queensway E	Bruce and Michele Anderson	Mechanicsburg PA
949	Acadia Ct	Ada Gardner	Port Severn ON

The following new neighbors have recently joined our community. Please make it a point to stop by and extend them a warm welcome.

69	Huron Ln	Thomas and Beth Ford	Battle Creek MI
99	McKenzie Ln	Jon and Leslie Manship	Moncton NB
165	Maple Ln	Pamela MacIntyre	Toronto ON
201	Beaver Cr	Irene Stitch	London ON
357	Queensway E	Rene and Lise Broeders	Tecumseh ON
363	Queensway E	Scott and Janet Laduke	Maple Leaf 418
380	Sumac Cr	Walter and Kathleen Twyford	Hamilton ON
934	Niagara Cr	David Perkins and Charline Gray	Toledo OH

The Maple Leaf Newcomers' Welcome Committee also offers their greetings to all our new homeowners and wants to let you know that we are available to help answer any questions you may have regarding Maple Leaf or the greater community. Watch for notices regarding our next Newcomers' Welcome Gathering which will take place in the Country Club on Monday, February 12 2018.

Mark your calendars and come and mingle!

Newcomers' Welcome Gathering

Enid Lunt

Are you a relatively new homeowner or renter? The Maple Leaf Welcome Committee invites you to attend our final Newcomers' Welcome Gathering of the season to be held Monday Feb 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Country Club.

This is an informal gathering meant to give you the opportunity to meet and mingle with other newcomers to the Park and to get your settling-in questions answered. Are you wishing to find someone who does repairs or maintenance? Are you looking for an interesting spot nearby to visit? There will be folks on hand to give you answers or at least point you in the right direction.

This event comes very highly recommended by the many others who have attended previously. Watch for our notices via the community bulletin boards, Channel 195 or on your computer at www.mlgcctv.com. Welcome to Maple Leaf and we hope to see you on Feb 12!

Established homeowners, if you know anyone who may benefit from our gathering, please pass on our invitation. The Welcome Committee appreciates your support in welcoming new neighbors to your street and activities. Your efforts do make a difference and go a long way in helping to keep our Park the 'Best of the Best'.

Billiards Club

Stan Noel Secretary

The results of the January 8, 2018 8- Ball Billiard Tournament are as follows:

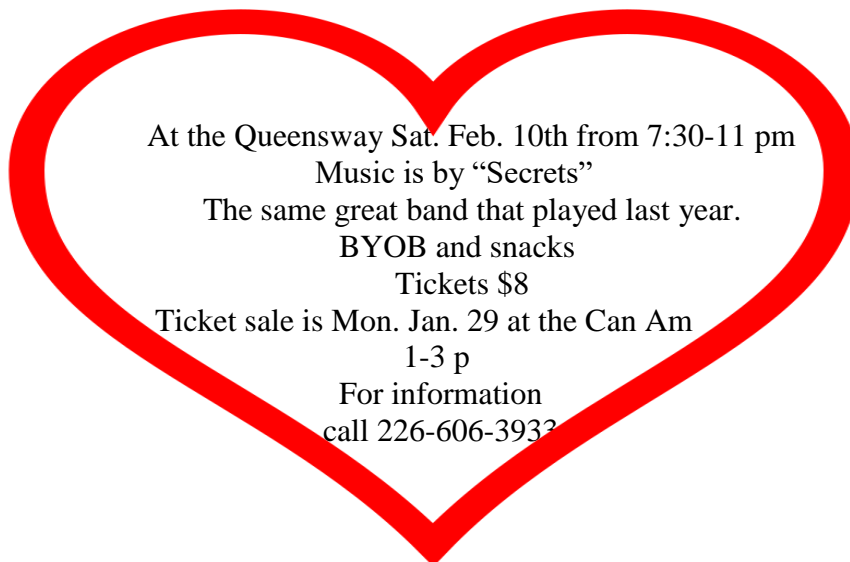
1st Place Ken Hamilton & John Shaw
2nd Place Jim Bayens & Jim Kelly
3rd Place: Charlie Heckel & David Neiser

We normally have an 8-Ball or 9-Ball tournament every month so watch for postings for future tournaments on Channel 195 or check in the Billiard Room. Sign-up sheets will also be available in the Billiard Room.

The Billiard's Couples League is going very well. New players are always welcome. However both players need to be members. They meet every other Friday evening. The time they play is posted on Channel 195 and also in the Billiard Room.

Come join the Billiard Club. New Billiard players are always welcome. You don't have to be a PRO to play

Valentine's Dance



CPR/AED Refresher course

We are, again, offering a refresher course for those people who have previously completed a CPR/AED certification course.

The is not a recertification,

But strictly to refresh memories and build confidence on how to proceed in an emergency.

It will be conducted at the Charlotte Main room on Tuesday, February 13 or Thursday, February 22 from 9-12 Please sign up at one of the mail boxes, bring a \$5 donation to cover supplies and a kneeling pad or thick towel.

For information call 226-606-3933

Travel Club

Court and Eden Wells

Give your sweetheart♥ the gift of a lifetime for Valentine's Day -----A CRUISE !!!!!!! 🚢

Plan to attend the Wine & Cheese 🍷🍷 kickoff party for our 2019 cruise

Thursday February 15 at the Can Am 2:00 p.m.

The destination is the Western Caribbean on the world's newest & most revolutionary cruise ship, Symphony of the Seas You will experience a Broadway show. , an aqua theater ,an ice skating show , Central Park ,royal promenade , and the Boardwalk

A representative from Royal Caribbean International and All Aboard Travel will be making presentations.

Everyone welcome.

" Sea You There "



New York Night

When: Saturday, February 17th

Time: 5-8 pm

Where: Can Am

Cost: \$8 pp BYOB

Food provided: Pizza, Buffalo chicken wings, NY cheesecake

For info call: Joe or Kathy Costa @ ph: 585-230-7691

Linda Messbauer @ ph: 585-747-1267

Karen Kobel @ ph: 585-469-7396

Maple Leaf Model Boat Club

The Maple Leaf sailing club operates on a beautiful sweet water lake in the middle of the Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club – a gated community catering to Canadians and Americans living or vacationing in Port Charlotte, Florida

Though the club is not huge in numbers, with visiting sailors from other surrounding clubs, sailing days bring 6-12 boats to the start line. What the club may lack in numbers, it more than makes up for with its first class facilities, welcoming spirit and gentlemanly sailing. Parking is within 30 feet of the multi-acre sized lake. Ergonomically contoured benches accommodate our soggy bottoms comfortably. A long and wide dock extends far into the lake allowing members to

launch and retrieve boats easily. The size of the lake keeps wave action to a minimum, making racing our Soling class boats a pleasure. Nearby rest rooms allow a level of comfort and convenience.

The friendly reputation of Canadians is upheld in this club. Well set buoys provide ample windward – leeward racing as well as offering a variety of box course configurations that bring challenging wind shifts into play. We meet Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to noon, and aim to sail 7 races. Scores are kept, and a “sailor of the month” receives a plaque which he holds for the month. Though racing is taken seriously, rules are self-enforced in a most gentlemanly fashion, eliminating shouting and berating each other for inadvertent infractions. Visitors are always welcome. For further information please call

Commodore: Paul Romanos 203-979-2366

Secretary: Edward Abrahams 941-627-9231

Ladies Golf League

Muriel Mischook, Vice Captain

I hope everyone has enjoyed our busy golf season so far! We had a great **New Member Breakfast** on Wed. Jan.10 followed by our **18 Hole Shot Gun Scramble and Luncheon** on Tues. Jan. 23. During the delicious luncheon, we had a special presentation by **Nancy McGruer** titled “**Fitness for Golf..... and Life**”. Nancy is a McGill University Graduate, retired Physical Education Teacher and all around sports and fitness enthusiast!

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 4: Ladies League Golf Cart Wash is back! Bring your dirty golf carts to the **Queensway Clubhouse from 10-2PM** and for a **\$5 donation** you will get a “**professional**” cart wash from our golfers. Come out and support our Ladies League!

Feb. 6: Ladies Invitational “Flowers & Showers”. If you have signed up, please **be on time for 7:30 a.m.**, dressed in **red and white** and make sure that your **bag has your name** on it. Get ready for an amazing day of golf, food, prizes and friendship!

Feb. 20: In lieu of the Flight Tournament this year, we will play a “**Stableford**” game of golf. The format, which will be explained on the day of, is based on awarding points for the score played on each hole. New and fun!

Time is flying so let’s enjoy our now warmer days on the course with friends and easy swings!

Men’s Golf League

Gary Croskey, Captain

There are now over 100 men golfers in our League. We continue to encourage homeowners and renters to come play in the league as guests. Weekly team prize winners, closest to hole winners for the different handicappers and skins game are still part of our program. Guests are allowed to play at least twice without having to pay Golf Association and Mens league fees, but must pay applicable green fees. Sign up on Wednesday morning in the starters shack or on the list posted behind Golf Pro Shop until Friday noon.

Communication with Men’s League golfers via email and Channel 195 has been implemented. Players, both active and potential, are encouraged to check out Men’s League Notice Board at back of Pro Shop as well as the Bulletin Board inside Starter Shack. We have posted our Volunteer Coordinators Committee Meeting Minutes/Agenda, along with our Operations & Duties at these locations.

Thanks to the work of our volunteers who make the league thrive. Gil Richard runs our scorecards, and Bud Lawry is in our Starter Shack to welcome you and get you off to play. Rick Wall and Rick Sleeman do a wonderful job for our Luncheons. Next Luncheon is Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the CanAm. Our end of season SCRAMBLE and LUNCHEON will be Wednesday, March 28, 2018. The luncheon will be in the COUNTRY CLUB. Please mark your calendars, attend, to meet our active people in the Park.

Hole In One

Sheridan Yetman

A great time was had by all at our January Social Event. Our on screen video displayed the expertise (re-enactment) of the Hole in One for Jim Iancale, Nancy Rooney and Yvon Tarte. Nancy stole the hearts of just about everyone in attendance.

The 50/50 had a payout of \$225. The lucky ticket was drawn by Muriel Mischook and won by Elizabeth Barrett, congratulations Elizabeth!

Our membership continues to increase each month and I would expect this to continue in February. As of writing this report we have one person with a Hole in One for January and hopefully there will be fore before the end of the month. With David Warren on the camera and Ken Facer operating the equipment at the Queensway, we should have another video for our February event which will be held on the 14th February from 4:00-6:00 p.m. which is Valentine's Day so bring your sweetheart and entertain her at the Drink of the Month Table which I understand will celebrate this "SPECIAL DAY OF THE YEAR".

There are still three socials remaining in this season, so I encourage all members of the Golf Association to join the Hole in One where memberships are always available at the door through Betty and Carol at \$20 for the season. Remember, you do not have to have had a hole in one to join!

I would like to thank all the committee members for their dedication in helping to make this social a wonderful event. I had asked for help earlier and am pleased that it came in abundance. Thank you all.

If you have "out of town" guests staying with you, they are welcome to attend for a fee of \$5 per person.

Please bring your current membership card and "wear your name tags".

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL!

Bocce Club

Sharon Cisco – President

Now that the holidays are over the park will be in full stride towards the rest of a very active season. The Bocce Club is no small part of that. At this writing 254 members strong are taking part in this very popular and fun sport. More are joining each day. With a very flexible schedule of playing times everyone should be able to fit a game or two in their busy Maple Leaf schedule. So come and join us. There is always room.

On November 25th the **Grand Reveal Wine and Cheese** was held at the Queensway to a large and enthusiastic crowd. The members were happy to meet and greet each other and the appetizers were a big hit. A special thank you to Hope Adams and her daughter Kerry for putting forth such a delicious table. Also thank you to the all the volunteers who made this event happen.

Finally the **Grand Reveal** was announced. The Bocce Club Executive Board last season decided that there needed to be a special designation for those exceptional individuals who have built this club over the years. **Glenn Sawdon** was active with Bocce before there was a club, helped form the club and helped build the courts we have today. We lost Glenn last year and it was only suitable that his name should be forever part of our Bocce Court. The sign was unveiled and the plaque bearing his name mounted to it. His wife Sandy accepted this honor in his name.

By the time of this printing the Bocce Club will have hosted a very successful January luncheon to celebrate the start of the New Year and to share holiday memories with Bocce buddies. Warm conversation, delightful music and an elegant

Chicken Cordon Bleu meal will make for a wonderful event. More details next month!

On the less serious side the next activity is the annual...

Bocce Club Fun Day!

Saturday, February 17th

10 am to 1pm

Queensway Center

Unique games, laughter and challenges to make you test your skill. Fun to do and to watch. Oh, and a light lunch too! **Watch for the sign up sheets on the board at the Bocce Courts. Tickets for the lunch at Queensway Center will be \$3.** Don't forget to wear your membership badge.

Mark your calendar! The last event for the season will be the **Annual General Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 10th from 10am to 1pm at Queensway** for elections and planning next season. Having fun? Think of taking a more active role with the Bocce Club. Volunteers are always warmly welcome!

Arts & Crafts Club

Carol Hebert 258-8924

Our 2017-2018 season is in full swing! Our 324 members are registered to 26 full time classes, 14 mini classes and 10 pottery classes. Over 75 teachers and teacher assistants share their time and talents to offer quality instruction for your enjoyment.

Our club is so thankful for our teachers' generosity and hope all students will also show their appreciation by attending classes, by respecting basic courtesy regarding punctuality and usage of cell phones and by striving to complete the assigned projects.

Many teachers spend time and money preparing lessons to cater to the needs of all their students and make sure all students attain the best result. Appreciate and enjoy!

Many classes are full but some mini classes that have a later starting date still have space for late comers. If you are interested call Kathryn Garrett at 625-3407. You need to be a member to register for classes. Call Barb Dunsmore at 979-5217 to acquire your membership card

Let yourself be inspired!
Have fun creating and sharing!

Canadian Snowbird Association

Don McElroy

Mark your calendars for Monday, March 19, 2018, 1:30 p.m. in the CanAm. There will be a presentation to Snowbirds, covering the benefits of being a CSA member, border crossing issues, US Forms 8840 and W-8BEN, travel medical insurance and the Canadian Retiree Visa. Lobbying various Canadian and U.S. Governments will also be discussed. Question & Answer period.....Further information in the March Accents.

Wednesday Night at the Movies



Dunkirk

Directed by Christopher Nolan

Country Club

7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 24

Tickets \$4 per person at the door, Cash Bar

Free Popcorn

Door Prizes – Hot Dogs \$3 – Pizza Slices \$2

Doors Open 6:15 pm

Wednesday Night at the Movies



Blade Runner 2049

Ryan Gosling and Harrison Ford

Country Club

7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 31

Tickets \$4 per person at the door, Cash Bar

Free Popcorn

Door Prizes – Hot Dogs \$3 – Pizza Slices \$2

Doors Open 6:15 pm



Maple Leaf Real Estate Group



Barbara
Collins



John
Meissner



Shauna
Platt



Vickie
Teel

Call us at **941-629-0219**

Sales Office Notes for February

John Meissner

Welcome back everyone; We know you've come to an unusually cold Florida this past week, but you've avoided the shoveling and the freezing pipes up north, so there a lot to like about being here.

Here's a synopsis of Maple Leaf Real Estate 2017:

We survived Hurricane Irma, with very minor damage.

61 listings were sold here in 2017, and all the buildable lots but 1 are now sold. 41 of the 61 sold were listed by the 4 agents in our Maple Leaf sales office.

Of listings sold, average listing price was \$116,400, average selling price was \$110,800. The listing to sold ratio is 95%. Average sold price per heated square foot = \$95. Of course, there are many other factors that go into the valuation of property. If you'd like to know how your house stacks up, give me a call and we'll provide a free estimate, no obligation to sell.

Preserving the value of your home-

Since many of you are snowbirds, its easy to forget as the years go by how the homes do age, even when you're not here to enjoy them. Avoiding some basic maintenance and some remodeling or improvements may seem like good economics but can be detrimental to the home's value, and actually pose a danger to your asset.

Heritage homes, the ones built in the 70s and 80s, mostly have membrane roofs that have 30 year lives, and many were replaced after hurricane Charley, but those that have only been patched or repaired may be in danger of failing. Newer homes' roofs are approaching the end of their lives ; many have already been replaced. If you've never been in Florida during a summer downpour, I can tell you it is an impressive amount of water and it will get thru a weak roof. If that

moisture sits for a month or two while you're gone, you have some other costly repairs in addition to the roof replacement.

I recommend you have your wiring checked, especially in the heritage homes. The wiring there is 40 years old; and the Florida heat, humidity and little critters take their toll.

Many of you have a humidistat; the little dial next to your thermostat. I've heard many wild ideas about how this is supposed to be used. I can clear that up for you right now; while you are here, the dial should be in the "on" position (all the way to the left). When you close up for the summer, put it on the setting of the highest you want the humidity to get, regardless of temperature (I would say 60% max). Then set your thermostat on the highest you want the temperature to get (no higher than 84). This will keep mold and mildew from building up over the summer.

Lastly, I recommend you be sure the crawlspace beneath your home is properly sealed with wire mesh, and the vapor barrier is in place and in good repair. Florida is full of little critters that love to live in your home while you're away, and they can get in the smallest holes and crevices.

Keeping good maintenance in practice, and updating fixtures, flooring and décor over time will add to your enjoyment and help you keep your investment at its highest value.

If you'd like a free estimate of your value; give us a call or drop by the sales office. If you're thinking of selling, or you have friends thinking of buying, Talk to us. I can tell you that no other agents outside of our park have as much good information about your property, and understand the value of Maple Leaf as a lifestyle, as the folks in the Maple Leaf sales office. Don't waste your time educating an outside real estate agent; come to the folks that know your needs here in maple leaf better than anyone.

Woodworkers

-- Bud Lawry

Members are encouraged to attend the General Membership meeting on February 6th at 9:00 in the CANAM.

Three new board members will be elected. The election committee has nominated three candidates: Les Payne, George Schock, and David Smith.

Get to know them. They are in the shop often. They and others who may be nominated prior to the election will be introduced at the meeting and asked to give a few brief remarks.

It's been busy in the shop. The new saw is getting good use during supervised hours. Also a number of classes have been well attended; the reindeer and puzzle board classes were before Christmas and the pen-making in January. A cheese-board session will be offered soon. Please watch your emails for future offerings.

A tip of the hat to Doug Langlotz for directing a very successful Toys-For-Tots campaign. He has already started on next year's toys. Watch the workbench for opportunities to help finish toys.

Next time you see Wade Osborn, thank him for updating our first aid kit, bringing both phones on line and for assuring that our red emergency button is functioning properly.

You still may join (or pay your dues) by seeing Doug Dunlop on Monday afternoons in the shop or by calling our membership chair, Wayne Rose, at 941-380-1007 for other options.

All Maple Leaf residents are reminded of our Repair Café on Sunday Feb 25, 9-12 in the Can Am. We will be providing you with repair assistance/advice in the following areas: Bicycles, Computer/IPAD/etc., Small appliances, Golf Carts, Jewelry, Knife Sharpening, Pottery, Ceramics, Sewing and small furniture repair. As a reminder: ALL ITEMS FOR REPAIR MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE CAN-AM.

A couple of reminders for members: ALWAYS wear your name tag and please clean up after yourself. Supervisors do a lot of great stuff, but they shouldn't have to clean up after you. They are not your Mom...

Audubon International Nature Award

Mike Comba presented the Audubon International "NATURE AWARD" to Rick Hull.

The award was granted to Maple Leaf for projects carried out by members of the Natural Resources Committee, and is Audubon's highest recognition.

In 2017 the Committee submitted Projects for all five tracks of the Audubon International Environmental Program. Project details are listed under the NRC heading (other clubs) on the Maple Leaf web site.



Cribbage

Alex Bostock

Join us for an evening of Cribbage on Wednesdays, 6:30 pm sharp in the Charlotte Center.
Bring \$1.00 for prizes.
941-787-5353 for further information.

Thanks

On behalf of the hosts Gerard & Lise Nadon, I would like to extend a warm & sincere thank you to all who came forward to volunteer for this very successful dance party. We know this & any event in our park can't operate without our volunteers. Thanks to Sandra & Dave Ackland, Jim & Kathryn Garrett & Sharon McDonald & Gary McMillan.

Karen Kobel
Coordinator, Corporate Dances

Thanks

Many thanks to all the friends and neighbors in Maple Leaf for the love and support you have given to me since Vern's passing. Vern would have been pleased that so many attended his celebration of Life. He valued very highly his Maple Leaf friends and I feel blessed to have such wonderful people in my life.

Dale Syme

Thank You

Thank you to all the hard workers that came out to beautify Michelle Berger's yard. Don LaDuke, Murray Knights, Drew Robertson, Dick Keller, Greg Freeman, Jeff Papiez, David and Jocque Forsythe, Mike and Sue Page, Harry Herms, Linda Zakikian, Brenda Roop, Wendy Muzyka, LaNell Burgsteden and Sharon Keyes.

Michelle Berger is a young lady who just lost her husband about 6 or 7 months ago. Michelle is blind and lives with her service dog, Z. Again thank you and may God bless each one of you (If I left anyone out please forgive)

Lorette Pinto

Deaths

Dec. – Virgil Hemphill # 633

Jan – Jacqueline Olmsted # 948

Murray Smith # 316

Dianne Westcott # 1041

Norm Wrigley # 133

February 2018

Check channel 195 for changes/additions

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 Wings & Things with Entertainment 4-8 CC	2	3
4	5 Homeowners mtg. 9:30 Q Dinner Show Tickets 1-2 CA	6 Happy Hour with Karaoke 3-7 CC	7	8 Wings & Things with Entertainment 4-8 CC	9	10 Tennis Tournament C and CA Shuffleboard BBQ CA
11	12	13 Happy Hour with Karaoke 3-7 CC	14 Valentine's Day in the Country Club Hole In One 4-6Q	15 Wings & Things with Entertainment 4-8 CC	16 Tennis Dinner Dance 5:30 Q	17 Bocce Fun Day Q New York Night CA
18	19	20 Happy Hour with Karaoke 3-7 CC Golf Course Spraying 3-6	21	22 Keyboard Concert 4pm Q Wings & Things with Entertainment 4-8 CC	23 Nurses Golf and Luncheon	24
25 Dinner Show 5:30 CC	26 AGM 9:30 Q	27 Happy Hour with Karaoke 3-7 CC	28			
Weekly Activities 7:15-8:30AM Exercise with weights CA & Deck 12-2 Partner Dance (inst.) C 7-9 Bridge C	8:30 Latin Cardio Exercise CA 9:30 Book & Film Club C 12:30-4PM Keyboard Q 6:30-9:30 ML Singers Q 6:30-10 Dup. Bridge CA 7-9:30PM Euchre C	9-10AM Exercise with weights C 9AM Keyboard Practice Q Bocce 1pm 3:30 Yoga 6:30 SQ dance rounds Q 7:30 SQ Beginners Q 7PM Progressive Bridge CA 7 pm Pinochle C Happy Hour 3-8 CC	7:15-8:30 Weights Class CA & Deck 9:00 Latin Cardio Exercise CA Yoga Adv. 10:30- 12 Q 1PM Ladies Bridge CA 1pm SQ Dance Workshop Q 6:45 Cribbage C 6:30 Dup Bridge CA 6:30 Cards & Games C 7PM Euchre SB 7-9PM Line Dance Q	9-10:30AM Yoga Q 9-10 Exercise with weights C 9A SQ Dance DBD CA Creative Writing 9-11CC #3 11 SQ Dance Mainstream CA 7-10 Bingo CA Wings & Things 4-7 CC	8:30 Latin Cardio Exercise CA 8:45-10:15Yoga Q 10:30-12 Yoga Adv. Q 10:30-11:45 Tai Chi CA 1PM SQ Advanced CA 3PM SQ Dance Weekly Dance CA 7PM Bid Euchre CA	12:30 pm Duplicate Bridge CA

