



# WILLOW LAKES RESORT REPORTER

From the Board of Directors



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The mediocre teacher  
**tells.**

The good teacher  
**explains.**

The superior teacher  
**demonstrates.**

The great teacher  
**inspires.**

- William Arthur Ward

The Newest News in the park is the activities board and refurbishing of the Directors Board. All will be done soon, we hope. The idea was to focus on things-to-do and The Activities Board should do that.

The directors continue their pursuit of the "Learning Curve". There's a lot more to learn than expected. We're all getting better.

Living in a close community requires rules, otherwise we might be just a mob. No one likes a lot of rules. They are all being reviewed. Any suggestions would be well received. Please pass them along.

Have a Good Summer.

The Board of Directors

## Activities Committee Report

- March 1 Meeting brought new Committee Leaders  
Chair Betty Thompson  
Co-Chair Norva Anderson  
Secretary Carol Cowgill  
Treasurer Jean Stack
- The Golf outing on March 6<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed and had a lot of fun. The Steak and Chicken dinner after the outing was very tasty. Thanks to everyone that contributed to this very fine event.
- The Activities committee held a special meeting 3/22/10
- President Tom Leithauser was present to inform us of the new display board that is now mounted in front of the clubhouse. This board will be the gathering point for all community announcements and sign-ups. It's beautiful, thanks to all who had a hand in its construction.
- The annual Golf Tournament was held March 6, and everyone who played and volunteered had a wonderful time.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> was Ladies Day out at Linda

Church's. This beautiful luncheon was attended by over 30 women. It was lovely, thank you Linda.

- The St. Pat's pot luck was attended by over 100 people, and everyone totally enjoyed the American Idol skit and songs. Thanks to you all and especially Joyce for her organization and production of the skit.
- The BarBQ that was held in March was sold out.
- Scheduling of events for next season has begun. Several volunteers came forward to chair some of the events, but not all events have been spoken for. So please see the listing in the new display case on the front of the clubhouse and sign up for one or more of your favorite events. Also if you have a new idea please, run it by Betty Thompson, pick an open date and sign up. We are looking forward to many new and fun activities next season.
- The next Activities meeting will be held Oct. 4 at 11:00 in the club house.  
Carol Cowgill, secretary

## Bocce Ball Tournament

In February 2010 the first organized Bocce Ball tournament was held at Willow Lakes. Thirty six hearty souls braved a "Nor'wester" and a rainout to compete in the double elimination tournament. What made this tournament unique was there were "professionals" from the regular Tuesday games and others who had never played the game of Bocce Ball before. One avid golf player was heard to quip, "Well at least I didn't lose a ball."

Mother Nature tried to get into the act by throwing cold weather and biting winds at the contestants; but even this failed to damper the camaraderie of the Bocce Ball players. There was much friendly banter among the teams which made it entertaining for the "large" gallery that showed up to watch each day. The three day tournament had all the drama of the NFL playoffs as the last three teams battled for the money. The Colts went undefeated until the Championship games where they were beaten by the Lions who took 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The general consensus was the tournament was a success and a lot of fun. We will attempt to add it to the parks activities next year.

**Sunday Couples League** will continue until the flock leaves the nest and the snowbirds go north. Hats off to Rita Diguier for her hole in one on #2. This was not her first rodeo as she has made three hole in ones on this course. Ride 'em, cowgirl! Congratulations, Rita.

This was the second to the last **Thursday Resident Scramble**. Burrrrr was the order of the day. We played with temperatures in the low 40 degrees with winter winds whipping wildly around us like waterfall whirlpools. Twenty seven golfers braved the cold and performed while wrapped up warmly in layers upon layers of clothes. By the time the show was over, the sun made an appearance. Golfers were stripping off their parkas, "muck-lucks", toboggans, scarves, ear muffs, fur wraps and winter mittens. Three golfers proved that even cold weather can't keep 'em down on the farm when they turned in a -3 under par score. That may not sound very impressive by itself but try doing it the "Ray Charles" way. Close your eyes when you putt. Good thing Larry did not have us sing "It's Crying Time Again" on every green or it would have been that time for us all.

We would have had a lot of golfers questioning our sanity for playing in the rain had it not been for Gary Singer. The Pro Shop provided a barbecue lunch for the 42 golfers and spouses who played our Residents Thursday Morning Scramble season finale. Gary fired up the pit at 4:00 AM and slow cooked the pork until noon. It was a tantalizingly tasty feast that tickled our taste buds. We thank you, Gary. You get top prize for the best pork in the park.

For the final performance, Larry mixed up the fun by playing our "String", "Cheata" and "Magic Ball" games. These three variations were voted the most popular to succeed. Other games died on the chopping block, such as the reverse scramble.

The winning foursome achieved victory with this variation of golf as they turned in a record low, 11 shots under par 28. We played in the rain and sometimes, strong gusty winds whirled around us. The winning team had a secret weapon. Once on the green, we had to putt with a plastic, hollow replica of a golf ball. Showing his best side, Leo Lenze literally laid on the green. With his fine and fabulous physique, he kept the wind from blowing the feather light ball off course. Some gusts were so strong, Sharon's team putted the ball a foot past the hole but the wind blew it back into the hole. Talk about back spin.

In the string game, we were given a pair of scissors and five feet of string to extend a shot. Captains kept the string, scissors, fake ball and wits about them. Butch, our bald, bold and beautiful captain, lost the ball on hole #4 and the string on #5, and maybe his wits on hole#9. We found everything except the jury is still out on his wits.

The banquet was held at the Elks Lodge on March 24. It was a great time for fun, fellowship, and food, the final feast of celebration for what has been a memorable golf season. We will remember all the goofy games Larry lofted at us, the frozen fairways, rebel rousing with other residents and renters, the few fine weather days, and the awesome sound of the ball dropping in the hole for a birdie. Thanks for another terrific season of resident scrambles, Larry Johnston. Thank you, too, Bobi, for standing by your man. Larry, you are the king of the kooky links and we are not worthy.

The **Tuesday Resident Scrambles** is still going strong. As long as there are enough golfers to play for a pot, Ed Chase will continue collecting your cash. Two dollars will get you in on the fun for profit. Tied teams play off until one remains. Sign up on the new bulletin board in front of the clubhouse, show time is 3:00 PM with tee time at 3:15 PM.

The **Thursday Away Golf**, to be held at Sherwood Golf Club every week until April 29, had a scramble format for a change of habit in March. It was so successful, it will be played each Thursday if all agree again. For a \$2.00 buy in, you may get it back and then some. Meet in the lounge to rehash the happenings on the holes and hazards. Men and women welcome. Sign up in the mail room by 4:00 PM the previous day so golfers can be teamed up for play. If you sign up, do show up. Don't be like Bill Ekberg. When he remembers to sign up, he signs up twice. When he signs up once, he forgets to show up. When he thinks he signed up and did not, he shows up. Meet at 8:00 AM at the clubhouse to carpool to the golf course.

**Friday Ladies League** is alive and well while Barbara Brede is still in the south. The pitch pot comes and goes, so get your twenty five cents in to take the pot. Pitch your ball in off the green. One of the girls did just that; however, alas and alack, she did not pay up front first.

The **4th Annual Willow Lakes Open Golf Tournament** is the only major of the year here. It is major fun, food and drink. 48 golfers took to the tees for nine holes. Besides playing your own game to determine trophies and titles (actual scores and using the Callaway system), there were additional games on every hole. Most of the games were closest to the pin or pitching games. For a dollar, on water hole #4, you had to be lucky or skillful enough to land your ball within the circle around the pin. You get a part of the pot which started at \$20.00. \$15.00 went to each person for their dollar investment. Volunteers on each hole kept track of tallies.

again, Don did the drinks for donations. He scooted his cart all over the resort and course, serving beer, wine, water and soda. In keeping up with the golfers, exceeding speed limits, dodging bouncing balls and trying to stay on the



### WINNERS OF THE WILLOW LAKES 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNA- MENT

Bill Gwatkin (Men's Low Net Score);  
Barb Ellis (Women's Low Net Score);  
Barb Brede (Women's Overall Low  
Score); & Phil Broyles (Men's Overall  
Low Score)

## Household Tips

- When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead-no white mess on the outside of the cake.
- If you accidentally over-salt a dish while it's still cooking, drop in a peeled potato-it absorbs the excess salt.
- To thicken potato soup, use a small amount of instant potato flakes. It adds flavor and makes the soup smooth and creamy.
- Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator-It will keep for weeks.
- Place a slice of apple in hardened brown sugar to soften it backup.
- When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.
- Brush beaten egg white over pie crust before baking to yield a beautiful glossy finish.
- To determine whether an egg is fresh, immerse it in a pan of cool, salted water. If it sinks, it is fresh. If it rises to the surface, throw it away.
- Cure for headaches: Take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

## GOLF CONT. . .

cart path, Don almost capsized and crashed the cart. Next year, be assured he will be safe and stationary. With several libation stations between holes, everyone can easily satisfy thirsty throats with ease..

Thanks to all the leaders, Larry Johnston, John and Joyce Ritskes, volunteers and golfers who came out for the tournament. A lot of hard work goes into a successful event. Steaks and chickens were cooked to perfection. Kudos to the cooks, Steve Babinsky, Dan Bandy and Dennis Johnson. Larry hit up a lot of businesses in the area for prizes. Please patronize them and let them know how much we appreciate their participation. Gift certificates to cash was given for the golf day. The list is as follows:  
Airpark Golf Academy, Catfish Cabin, Creative Curbing, Dalsimer Landscaping, D & E Hardware, Discount Propane, Ed and Joan Shaffer, Lawrence RV Detailing, Liberty Income Tax Service, Louis' BBQ Restaurant, Moore's Service Ctr., Price-Rite Pool & Spa Service, Sanders Country Mkt., Shear Paradise Salon, Sherwood Golf Club, Southern States Ins., Tree Frog Landscaping, Your Place Restaurant, Village Inn, Willow Lakes Golf Management, Winn-Dixie Laundromat .



### WINNERS OF THE MARCH 11, 2010 Phil Broyles, Bobi Johnston, Leo Lenze & Stan Hartman



### WINNERS OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2010 THURSDAY MORNING GOLF SCRAMBLE Clyde Sutton, Ron Diger & Bob (Mr. T) Thompson

## FUN FOR ALL

Laster's Last Stand BBQ was a rousing success. The hard work by Denise, Jo, and Ira, culminated in a great BBQ meal. The country atmosphere included a "Willow Lakes Most Wanted List", jokes, and country dress. The food was some of the best BBQ you will ever eat. One of the best parts of the night were the many new faces attending. There seemed to be great interest in having more BBQs in the future. As usual, Mr. T (Bob Thompson), emceed with his wit and style, thanks Mr. T. Many thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who attended. An extra thanks to Ira and Cynthia Lasters family for doing the cooking and serving.



# BIRTHDAYS

## APRIL

1- Margaret Wilcockson	16- Winona Guinn
1 April Gwinn	16- Jack Revelle
4- Barbara Bledsoe	16- Alison Mogle
4- Stan Hebner	16- Marcia Taylor
8- Mick Lalonde	17- Deinese Maynard
10- Randal Walti	18- Bill Fatz
10- Jay Mountz	20- Cynthia Babinsky
11- Pat Byers	21- Robert Meredith
12- James Montgomery	23- Linda Gott
13- Nancy Hebner	25- Jean Ann Muntz
14- Barbara Bledsoe	25- Buddy Firebaugh
15- Bill Eberle	28- Linda Hess
16- Ron Boyd	30- Al Eaton

## OCTOBER

2- Pat Gruber	16- Carol McDougal
3- Louise Voight	18- Alice Holly Williams
3- Butch Knutsen	19- Leo Lenze
4- Vicky Dubois	19- Harold Dubois
4- James Kadlec	19- Terry Osborn
5- Pat Morris	22- Ken Salley
5- Geraldine Montgomery	23- Beverly Van Gorden
8- Dave Archer	23- Sandra Gentry
9- Ellen Lenze	24- Homer Quick
12 Larry Schmitt	25- Marilyn Eakin
10- Doyle Rigney	28- Viola Faulkner
14- Chet Dyer	29- Henry Spiegel
14 Jeanette Garst	30- Joe Walker
15- Joe Mota	30- John Faulkner

# April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 POOL PARTY
4 Easter Dinner	5	6	7	8	9	10 LET US ENTERTAIN YOU 7 PM
11	12	13 BOD Meeting 10 a.m.	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# ANNIVERSARIES

## APRIL

1- Bob & Marge Williams
4- Peter & Barbara Ellis
8 John & Anne Bilos
10- Henry & Rosalind Spiegel
15- John & Tina Monteson
15- Joseph & Betty Meyers
16- James Elder & Marcia Taylor
17- Dennis & Pat Hennig
17- Don & Carolyn Dyer
19- Dallas & Fran Stringfellow
21- Robert & Sandra Legrow
22- Dan & Kathy Ponder
29- J. Thomas & Lynn McGrath

## OCTOBER

2- Ralph & Linda Hess
3 Ken & Carolyn Salley
8- Bob & Pat Gruber
10- Lee & Linda Gott
12- Barry & Louise Voight
12- Jim & Martha Farley
16- Mike & Betty Thompson
16- Ed & Joan Shaffer
18- Al & Fran Eaton
19- Bill & Audrey Ekberg
31- Steve & Cynthia Babinsky

Activities Committee Monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 11:00 AM. Everyone invited and encouraged to attend. Help make Willow Lakes a fun place to be.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Pool Party, watch for posters for time and details.

April 4th Easter Dinner out of the Park - Paul's Steak House - Sign up and time in the Kitchen

April 10<sup>th</sup> Let Us Entertain You in the clubhouse.

### MONDAYS

9 A.M. Exercise Video - 10 A.M. Water Aerobics -11 A.M. Activities Mtg. (1st Mon. Mthly.) - 7P.M. Bingo Purchase Cards before Game

### TUESDAY

9A.M. Exercise Video - 10A.M. Bocce Ball - 10 A.M. Water Aerobics- 3:15 P.M. Resident Scramble - 6:30 P.M. Cards/Poker

### THURSDAY

9A.M. Exercise Video - 10A.M. Water Aerobics

### WEDNESDAY

9 A.M. Exercise Video - 10 A.M. Water Aerobics - 2 P.M. Pokeno - 6:30 P.M. Christian Fellowship (non-denominational)

### FRIDAYS

9 A.M. Exercise Video 9 A.M. Shuffle Board 1 P.M. Ladies Golf - 4 P.M. Attitude Adj. Peace Park 6: 30 P.M. Cards/Poker