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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By **Jim Morris**

March has been a super active month. It is fabulous to see all the activity at The Lakes, heavy usage of the Lifestyle and Wellness Center, growing usage of the Racquet Center, sold out events, full golf tee sheets, a very successful first year for the Bocce Ball League (10 teams and 125 players), and lots of members and guests using our dining facilities. As a result of this activity level, there is some frustration in getting dining reservations, reservations for events and golf tee times. The Board and Management are working to increase our capacity in each of these areas. For example, as our staffing has improved the number of reservations allowed for dinner has increased by 50%. We will continue to keep you informed as additional improvements are made.

Proposal to Allow Single Occupancy Golf Carts. There has been some confusion between the recent change on March 31 to return to the pre-COVID limitation of two standard carts per foursome and the proposed operating rule change to allow for single occupancy carts.

First, these are two separate issues and while they are related they have separate intents and purposes.

The limitation of two carts per foursome has been a longstanding Lakes policy and was modified by the Board to conform to the County's COVID protocols. The county rules have been rescinded as of March 31. Bottom line is that the temporary rule allowing four players to ride in four standard carts has been discontinued and we are returning to our long-term policy of two standard carts per foursome. As a side note, the two cart rule has traditionally been waved during the summer months in consideration of summer temperatures and reduced levels of play.

Second, the recommendation by the Golf Committee and endorsed by the Board to allow use of single occupancy carts is not allowed under our current operating rules. This rule change will allow the use of single occupancy carts. The primary reason for allowing single occupancy carts is for the convenience and enjoyment of members who have a single occupant cart. Because of their size and weight, the single occupancy cart will have a smaller impact on the turf conditions. It is worthwhile noting that The Lakes will not provide "single occupancy golf carts". They must be provided by the member.

Third, adoption of this cart operating rule change will necessitate how we manage maximum cart usage. We settled on a point system. The point system is proposed to control the use of “single occupancy golf carts” when used in conjunction with 2-person golf carts to minimize the impact to the golf course. The mechanics of the rule follow. The traditional 2-person golf cart is assigned 2 points and the “single occupancy golf cart” is assigned 1 point. Maximum points allowed are five for a foursome, four for a threesome and three for a twosome. The following is an example for a foursome.

	Type of Golf Cart and riders	Total Points	Allowed
Case #1	2 Two person golf carts with 2 riders each	4	Yes
Case #2	1 Two person golf cart with 2 riders 2 “single occupancy golf carts” Total Points	2 2 4	Yes
Case #3	1 two person cart with 2 riders 1 two person cart with 1 rider 1 single occupancy golf cart Total Points	2 2 1 5	Yes

Case #4	1 two person golf cart with 1 rider 3 “single occupancy golf carts” Total Points	2 3 5	Yes
Case #5	4 “single occupancy golf carts”	4	Yes
Case #6	2 two person golf carts with 1 rider each 2 “single occupancy golf carts” Total	4 2 6	No



The General Manager's Report

By Ron Phipps, GM & COO

As the season begins winding down, I would like to take a moment to recognize all the members who have volunteered their time to serve on Committees of the Club. The committee system is a key component of making the Club function at the highest level we have come to expect here at The Lakes. Recognizing this, the Board held a Committee Interest Outreach meeting where the Board, Committee Chairs and Management introduced all the different committees and opportunities, which members can volunteer for. We had over 70 members in attendance and have received over a 100 Committee Interest Forms, which we considered an overwhelming success.

This month, we will be finishing up the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, which will set the Dues for all categories next year. The Finance Committee will finish their review in April and forward any recommendations to the Board for their consideration with the budget approval at the May Board Meeting.

This is also the time management will begin to plan for summer projects. Phase 3 of the Condo Painting

A similar matrix could be constructed for threesomes and twosomes. The point system is just a method to define the use of “single occupancy golf carts” to protect the golf course.

It can be a bit confusing, mostly because the two events, a return to pre-COVID cart restrictions and the addition of single occupancy carts to the list of approved vehicles, happened about the same time. Hopefully, this explanation helps.

Strategic Plan and Long range Plan Development. On Tuesday, March 29, the Board had a meeting to kick-off the process to refresh the strategic and long-range business plan. The first step will be to have an all-member survey to understand, from the membership, what is going well, what is going not so well and what you would like to see in the future. The survey will be distributed to the membership later this spring. During the summer, the survey results will be analyzed and summarized. In late summer, the Board will review the survey results. In the fall, the Board will use the survey results and other information to develop an initial draft of a strategic and long-range plan. The Board will then share this drafted plan with the membership to get feedback prior to finalizing the plan. The strategic and long-range planning process is a great opportunity to develop a plan to keep The Lakes moving forward for years to come. Stay tuned!

Project is set to begin at the end of the month and run through the summer months, concluding in October. We will also undertake the purchase of several pieces of equipment, Tennis Court resurfacing and the completion of the Clubhouse furniture and fixture install.

The Board has begun the initial stages of updating the Club's Strategic and Long-Range plan. As we have experienced a surge of new members over the last three years, the Board will be conducting a membership survey. We have partnered with the McMahon Group to assist with this process and you can expect to receive your survey in the month of May. This survey provides critical data and feedback for the Board to gauge the membership expectations and experiences they are having here at the Club, so we are urging the membership to complete the survey and share your thoughts.

Finally, for those members that will be heading to their summer getaways this month, please travel safe and ensure you secure your residence. Please check with our Security Department that we have a working key on file, should we need to access your unit in case of an emergency.



LOVING LIFE AT

The

2022 President's Ball



2022 President's Ball



2022 - 2023 Board Members

**Stan Sibell not present*



2021 - 2022 Board Members



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2022 President's Ball



2022 President's Ball



|||||| NEW MEMBERS



By Alisa Ramirez, Director of Membership

*Say Hello to our
newest members!*



Joey Sarno
Lakes Address: 364 Running Spring Drive



David & Mindy Serber
Lakes Address: 407 Red River Road
Away Address: Los Angeles CA



Ryan & Karla Goulet
Lakes Address: 324 Sundance Circle
Away Address: Chino CA



Rebeca Christy
Lakes Address: 129 Bouquet Canyon Drive
Away Address: Huntington Beach CA

NEW MEMBERS |||||

	
<p>Nancy Friedman & Jim Margolin Lakes Address: 173 Bouquet Canyon Drive Away Address: New York NY</p>	<p>Jim & Cindy Darcey Lakes Address: 374 Red River Road Away Address: Reno NV</p>
	
<p>Francine Vasilomanolakis Lakes Address: 115 Lookout Drive Away Address: Seal Beach CA</p>	<p>Jud & Sue Martin Lakes Address: 249 Wild Horse Drive Away Address: Scottsbluff NE</p>
	
<p>Matt, Marcy & John Lyons Lakes Address: 303 Appaloosa Way Away Address: Greenbrae CA</p>	<p>Jeff, Kathy, Jenna & Jacob Randich Lakes Address: 205 Bouquet Canyon Drive Away Address: Olympia WA</p>

New Members' Social Trivia

By Alisa Ramirez, Director of Membership

A fun night was had by all at the Social Trivia event in February. Over 60 new members were treated to lite bites and complimentary beer and wine. Members were picked at random to answer a question about The Lakes or a “surprise question” and rewarded with a bottle of wine for the correct answer. Another great opportunity for new members to get together.



Who is The New Member Welcome Committee & What Are They All About?

By Alisa Ramirez, Director of Membership

The New Member Welcome Committee Members are our Club's Ambassadors to welcoming our New Members. They contact them to welcome them to the Club and let them know of upcoming New Member Events. They let them know they have a few connections to the club for various aspects. It is a very nice warm VIP welcome to all our new members.

Dick Enders, New Member Welcome Committee Former Chair

“Several years ago, the New Member Welcome Committee was a sub-committee of the Social Committee, which was a sub-committee of the House Committee, not very high on the ladder. About that time home prices were declining and there was a strong effort made by the Board to get a handle on the situation. Efforts were made to review and update how The Lakes was marketed, how to best advertise The Lakes, and to turn the trend around. It was recognized that new members were the life blood of communities like ours. An emphasis was focused on keeping new members as well as bringing them in to the social fabric of The Lakes.

The New Member Welcome Committee became the focal committee in this effort. The Committee grew in size and importance. The Committee organized to make new members feel welcome, had new member welcome parties, Golf, and Racquet Center events.

Today, the New Member Welcome Committee is one of our most important and busy committees.”

Georgia Jones, New Member Welcome Committee Former Chair

“Life before the New Member Committee and potential members meeting with Alisa Ramirez, Director of Membership. How to meet other members was very limited? Golfers on ForeTees, Tennis with tennis

players, Fitness activities, Walking, and Handcrafters. New Members getting engaged with the Club Facilities and Activities and New Member Welcome Basket with various Certificates to introduce them to the facilities. The great New Member Committee is a very successful positive approach. New Members have several opportunities to meet each other such as New Members' Welcome Reception in November, New Golf Members' scramble and New Non-Golf Members' Putting Party in January, New Members' Social Trivia Get Together in February, and New Members' Scavenger Hunt in April.

How the general membership could meet the New Members was a question of the past. Just introduced this season was monthly Come to the Happy Hour Mix and Mingle and Meet our New Members and Your New Neighbors.”

Vicky Hammond, New Member Welcome Committee Chair

“This is my third year on the New Member Committee and my first year as Chairperson. My first contact with new members is usually by an email where I welcome them to The Lakes and highlight upcoming events that they may be interested in attending; I continue this type of contact with them throughout the year. I almost always receive an email back from the new member thanking me for the welcome and I usually gain some facts about them or answer questions they have about The Lakes. At our in-person events, we get to meet many of them and it is fun to put the face to the names so when they see us anywhere in the club they recognize a familiar face. The new members bring such joy and excitement to our club, it is contagious to everyone! We enjoy the benefit of seeing our club through their eyes and it is a great reminder what an awesome place The Lakes is to call home.”

Happy Hour Mix & Mingle

By Alisa Ramirez, Director of Membership

If you attended our Mix & Mingle at the Club in March, we are sure you enjoyed meeting new members and visiting with established members. The happy hour food was delicious, and the bar was 'hopping'. Thank you to our great staff for their responsiveness. Be sure to sign up for the next Happy Hour Mix & Mingle.



SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Lakes Employee Scholarship Fund



Dear Desert Scholarship Foundation,

I would like to take the time to formally thank you for the scholarship you are awarding me. Thanks to your generosity I will find my time in the San Bernardino Graduates program a much more impactful road. Your generosity will allow me to continue my work volunteering with non-profits as well as working towards my greater goal of achieving my CPA and my CMA. Ultimately, I am working towards opening my own foundation and find that any and all help moving towards this goal is greatly appreciated. With this generous donation I will be much closer to completing and paying for my graduates' degree without debt as well. This is something that I never thought imaginable some years ago, however thanks to the generosity of this foundation and the scholarships

provided, both present and past, I find this a very real possibility. This money will be used to support my housing for the year and leaving more of my savings for tuition. This is the plan for the full scholarship and will subsidize the rest through accounting work and experience. This scholarship and help mean a lot to me as I am attempting to do as much proper fundraising for myself and working to achieve and earn these degrees. I attempt to ask for as little help from my parents as possible, housing being the absolutely biggest help possible. With this being said the ability to earn these degrees is only possible to the generosity of individuals at the Desert Scholarship Foundation and those donating their time and money. Thank you for all the help I am being given as it is pertinent to my future plans.

Sincerely,
Paolo Medina

Dear Scholarship Donor,

I am happy to learn that I was a recipient of *The Lakes Employee Scholarship Fund*. I am thankful of your generosity, which has granted me the opportunity to keep progressing in my academic career.



I am currently a full-time student working part-time to stay on track with my expenses. I am hoping to graduate Spring of 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. After graduation, I hope to enroll in a master's program and continue until reaching my goal of becoming a school psychologist.

By receiving *The Lakes Employee Scholarship Fund*, I am able to concentrate on my education alone without worrying too much about academic expenses. Your generosity has allowed me to be a lot closer to my future goals. I hope to finish my career and able to give back to my community. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to keep advancing in my career!

Sincerely,

Karina Jacquez

A graphic featuring four aces (spades, hearts, clubs, diamonds) fanned out against a dark background with glowing particles. To the right is a white rectangular form with fields for Name and Table, and a descriptive text block. At the bottom is a small disclaimer.

The Lakes Employee Scholarship Fund

Name: _____

Table: _____

Your \$165 ticket purchase includes
\$100 tax-deductible donation to Desert Scholarship Foundation for the benefit of The Lakes Employee Scholarship Fund. Dinner and entertainment received is valued at \$65 per person.

Thank you for attending!

Desert Scholarship Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Taxpayer ID: 81-2886019



CASINO NIGHT RAISES OVER \$50,000 FOR LAKES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!!!

The 4th Annual Lakes Employee Scholarship Fundraiser, Saturday, March 26 was a huge success! In addition to "Casino Night," a Live Auction and a delectable four-course dinner prepared by Chef Kellen and his staff were featured.

Gary Wright and Vicky Hiebsch of The Lakes led the fun and boisterous Live Auction. Be on the lookout for Auction winners, Jimmy and Kathy Murphy pedaling around The Lakes on their matching Townie Cruiser bikes, Leigh Combs walking the golf course with her remote-controlled Stewart Electric Golf Cart and Tom Fair zipping by on his new folding electric bike. Other

sought-after Auction items included a 2-night stay at the JW Marriott, a golf package at The Quarry, 4 nights at the beautiful Whistler Chalet (newly renovated), and Dinner for 12 in The Lakes' Wine Room. Due to the popularity of the Whistler Chalet and The Lakes Wine Room Dinner, the generous donors of each gave a second matching item to the auction to satisfy the bidding wars! Drawing items included \$250 gift certificates to Eddie V's and Mitch's restaurants, lessons from The Lakes' Golf, Tennis and Pickleball Pros, rounds of golf for 4 at Desert Willow, Toscana CC, La Quinta CC, and Bend CC courses, as well as cases and magnums of fine wines.

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SCHOLARSHIP GALA



The Lakes Employee Scholarship raises and awards funds to eligible children of Lakes Employees for the purpose of higher education. Most recipients are the first in their family to attend college. This fund is managed by The Desert Scholarship Foundation, a not for profit 501 (c) (3) organization. The Lakes Scholarship Committee raises funds and works closely with the Lakes Administration and its employees.

"Through the continued support and generosity of the Lakes community, the Scholarship Program has been able to award more than \$120,000 in scholarships over the past 4 years, including the awards that will be issued this year to the children of our loyal and hardworking Lakes' employees," said Kathy Salvog, the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.



SCHOLARSHIP GALA



Thank you for being so generous in the past, and at this year's Casino Night Fundraiser! Our need for the Lakes Employee Scholarships is greater than ever. This event is the primary source of funds for our Scholarships. These educational awards truly change lives and YOU are helping to accomplish this worthy goal! We look forward to the next annual fundraiser and look forward to your ongoing support. You will not only experience a fun evening but will be supporting our hardworking Lakes employees who make living here such a special, beautiful place.

Thank you,

Lakes Scholarship Committee



Meet Alan Kirk

By Suzi Katz



Who is this guy riding around the golf course in what looks like some sort of a mini go-cart? It is Lakes' Member, Alan Kirk and this is his incredible story.

Alan and Penny have been Lakes' Members since 2009. Alan served on The Lakes Board of Directors and held the position of Finance Chair during that time, along with numerous other Lakes activities. He was an avid golfer and pickleball player; a fine athlete in whatever sport he participated.

In the summer and fall of 2018, Alan suffered a series of strokes that left his left side paralyzed to the point he was unable to sit up and required two people to lift him from the bed to the wheelchair. Fortunately, his speech was not affected. According to his wife Penny, "It's been a

long, arduous road back... and still is. Alan is not one to give up and now, he is back playing the game that he loves in a new way, one handed using a special golf cart designed for handicapped players."

Penny emphasizes that this kind of recovery takes a team working together. They could not have a better one than the wonderful group of supportive and "hands-on" friends here at The Lakes. In addition, Penny says, "our Golf Professionals Mike Clifford and John McCarthy have gone the extra mile helping us find, purchase, and get permission to use the ParaGolfer cart on the course. John, in particular, has helped Alan every step of the way, finding carts here in the valley for Alan to try, going with us when testing them, sitting in on the delivery and instruction, and working directly with Alan to develop his new one-handed swing."



Before John could help Alan with his new cart, he had to get permission from the Golf Committee, Jim Schmid, and Craig Howard to make sure it could be approved for course and green play. The golf committee agreed unanimously, and Jim and Craig gave their stamp of approval as well. John could then begin working with Alan on using this amazing piece of equipment. Anthony Netto, President of Stand Up and Play Foundation and considered to be the Tiger Woods of the disabled golf world, gave Alan and John lessons on Alan's newly purchased overhauled machine and started the process for Alan's back-to-golf-recovery.

There were others along the way who helped Alan learn to use this sensitive piece of equipment and assure him it was safe. Carla and Ron Dilley have a friend

named Chuck, who had used one for eight years. Chuck came to The Lakes with his ParaGolfer and played a round with Alan, giving him more tips on using the machine.

According to John McCarthy, it takes time to build trust and confidence on the ParaGolfer; the equipment is sensitive. In the beginning, Alan had to learn to manipulate the joystick that controls the direction and movement of the machine. For Alan to improve, he had to have the opportunity to play. As Mike Clifford said, "I see him like any other golfer; with time, practice, and repetition... he will get faster and better. Just like everything else in life, it's all in ones' attitude." The other day, Alan came up to Mike with a big smile on his face and said, "guess what...I hit a ball over the water on #4 North!"

In conclusion, Penny says, "While we both wish things were different, we are so very grateful for our family, friends, and The Lakes staff who were instrumental in helping Alan attain the quality of life he now enjoys."

Alan wants to thank his many fellow Lakes golf members who have played with him and been his caddie, as well as other members who have given him a little slack when he is out playing on the course. "Thank you very much and please be sure and say hello when you see me out there!"

For more information about Stand Up & Play and the ParaGolfer, contact Anthony Netto at standupusa1@gmail.com.

HOLE'S -IN- ONE



**ERNIE
WALLERSTEIN**

MARCH 9
3 EAST
3 HYBRID
138 YARDS
GOLD TEES



**RON
ANDERSON**

MARCH 12
9 NORTH
8 IRON
145 YARDS
GOLD TEES



**JEFF
DENHAM**

MARCH 31
4 NORTH
7 IRON
163 YARDS
BLACK TEES

Hitting into the Wind



By Mike Clifford, Director of Golf



Here, at The Lakes Country Club, the wind blows quite often. After learning a very important golf tip many years ago, I think I may have a slight advantage over other pros on windy days.

During a three-month stay in Orlando, Florida, I shared an apartment with a fellow Head Golf Professional and a terrific player from Southern Colorado, Mike Zaremba. He noticed I was struggling with shots into the wind and gave me a lesson I will never forget. Mike says, "if the wind is blowing rather strong into your face, take two extra clubs, choke down on the club and swing easy." If normally hitting a 7 iron into a green with no wind in the face and now hitting into a strong wind, switch to a 5-iron.

This was the most amazing advice ever received and I practiced this shot for several days following. The next week, playing in a PGA winter tour event at Ocala Country Club, I was paired with three other golf pros. We came to a par 3, about 150 yards, with a strong wind directly in our face. It appeared the first pro took out a 7 iron, hitting a firm shot climbing into the wind bringing the ball back, toward us. The ball landed a foot short of the green and backed up further down the hill. The next pro switched to a 6 iron, hitting hard, but still the results were the same. The third pro, also with a 6 iron, looked like he nearly came out of his shoes, hitting the front part of the green, but the ball backed up off the green. All were well short with pitch shots out front of the green.

Now, it was my turn. I took out a 5 iron, choked down about 2 inches taking a very easy swing. The ball bore low through the air and landed softly on the green, about 15 feet from the pin. Saying quietly to myself, "thank you Mike Zaremba." One player made a nice putt for par, two made bogies and I tapped in for an easy par.

Later realizing, when shots are hit more firmly, it imparts extra backspin on the ball and the wind grabs it bringing it higher into the air, not allowing the normal forward trajectory. My softer shot went lower and was only slightly affected by the wind.

I could not help but think. Why on earth, did they not know of this shot? I now use this shot frequently when the wind is in my face. I wish you good luck with this new tip, I know it will help!

LLGA Charity Challenge Golf Mixer

There are so many reasons to Love Life Living at The Lakes. The kindness and generosity of the residents and staff here are at the top of those reasons. The Lakes Ladies Golf Association (LLGA) hosted a Charity Challenge Golf Mixer on March 10. Yes, there was golf, and we will get to that. Moreover, our community raised over \$27,600 for The Desert Cancer Foundation. This foundation supports people with cancer who need financial support. Our deepest appreciation to each and every one of you who donated; every dollar helps. Special thanks to the Charity Committee members who spent countless hours putting all of this together, Denise Petrella, Katie Feeney, Georgia Jones, and Kim Brace. Any Lakes' Member who contributed to this cause was entered into a drawing for prizes. Kudos to our Lakes' staff members

who provided those prizes. Thanks to Mike Clifford, John McCarthy, Paul Grisham, Nathan Butler, Erin Lind, Kim Kleinle, Jon Reckewey, and staff from The Lakes Lifestyle & Wellness Center for donating your time and talents for lessons and services. You provided great prizes!

Now, about the golf. It was a step-aside scramble with all players teeing off from the bronze tees. The theme was "The Pink Book" and we were seeing pink with our delicious lunch that included pink macaroni, pink drinks, and pink decorations. Golf Committee Members Bev Braig, Shirley McEvoy, Lucia Otto, Kay Sigmund, and Chair Jeannie Morris did an excellent job. As always, hats off to our superb golf staff!



Cotton Candy Winners
Chris Felix, Paula Cairns, Cindy Michael



Pink Flamingo Winners
Sheila Johnston, Ty Messenger, Geri Reinardy



Bubble Gum Winners
Beth Brady, Candace Kay, Kris Reckewey,
Karen Franco

Now for the golf results...

Flight Winners

Pink Flamingo Winners

Geri Reinardy, Sheila Johnston, Ty Messenger

Cotton Candy Winners

Paula Cairns, Christine Felix, Cindy Michael

Bubble Gum Winners

Candace Kay, Kris Reckewey, Beth Darby, Karen Franko

Pink Flamingo Winners

Moreah LaBrec, Susan Palm, Doane Naekel, Laura Gordon

Thank you to all the LLGA Charity Challenge Mixer Participants. You are what makes these events fun!



Cancer Foundation Charity Committee Member
Denise Petrella, Katie Feeney, Kim Brace,
Georgia Jones



Pink Flamingo Winners
Susan Palm, Diane Naekel, Moreah LaBrec,
Laura Gordon





LLGA Desert Reflections

The 2022 Desert Reflections has come to an end, and oh my, it was a success! This event kicked off with a Cocktail Party the evening of March 16. The 108 participants looked splendid in their outfits in concert with the theme of "Alice In Wonderland." The decorations were creatively displayed in the Event Center. Thanks to Janet Merrill and the entire LLGA Board for chairing this event. It was fabulous!

This kick-off was followed by two days of golf, breakfasts, and luncheons on March 17 and 18. The first day of golf was a best ball format with day two using a best drive format. The following were Gross Winners along with their guests: Flight 1 "Alices" Vicky Hiebsch; Flight 2 "Queens of Hearts" Susan Kozak; Flight 3 "Mad Hatters" Kay Sigmund; Flight 4 "Cheshire Cats" Sheila Gagne; Flight 5 "White Rabbits" Susan Palm; and Flight 6 "Absalom's" Cathy Richards. These ladies were Net Winners along with

their guests: Flight 1 Moreah LaBrec, Flight 2 Jane Naekel, Flight 3 Kathy Robinett, Flight 4 Lori Kwan, Flight 5 Terri Boyle, and Flight 6 Georgia Jones.

Day one of golf also included a Par 3 Derby and a Putting Contest. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with those activities - Paul Clinton, Ben Gosey, Jeff Kozak, Jeff LaBrec, Roman Markevich, Stan Sibell, Gary Wright, and John Zink. Pari-mutuel volunteers were Betsy Flanagan, Curt Pelley, Margy Powell, John Robinette, and Tim Reid - thanks to them as well. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Our guests were truly impressed with our beautiful golf course and club house. As always, Chef Kellen and the entire wait staff made the breakfasts and luncheons exceptional. Special thanks to our golf pros for their dedication, service, and for just being so fun! LLGA Ladies - your enthusiastic participation makes every event amazing. Thank you to you all!



LLGA DESERT REFLECTIONS IIIIIIIII



Flight 2 Gross Winners



Flight 4 Gross Winners



Flight 1 Gross Winners



Flight 3 Net Winners



Flight 6 Gross Winners



Flight 2 "Queen of Hearts" Winners Jane
Naekel & Guest



Flight 5 Net Winners



Flight 4 Net Winners



Flight 1 Net Winners



Flight 6 Net Winners



Flight 2 "Queen of Hearts" Winners Jane
Naekel, Susan Kozak, and guests

The Match XIV

The Match XIV ended with Michael and Vicky defeating John and Mike, 5 and 4. Many of our members came out to support both teams. Very windy, but all had a good time!





THE
LLGA
NEWS *Marla Franklin, Chair*

It's now mid-April and many snowbirds are getting ready to leave this beautiful place. It's even more beautiful this year after experiencing the new Fitness Center and Clubhouse. I know there are still many items on the punch list, but that hasn't kept us from having a great time enjoying ourselves.

LLGA members learned at the Charity Challenge Mixer that we raised over \$27,000 for the Desert Cancer Foundation. Contributions came from ALL Lakes members and each one deserves a huge thank you. We have two other charities we supported this year: We supported Toys for Tots with a Mixer as part of The Lakes efforts, and Shelter From the Storm which supports women in need. It feels good to see philanthropy exhibited.

Our Desert Reflections 2-day guest event was such a hit with our Alice in Wonderland theme. Don't we all feel as if we're in a wonderland sometimes? Guests were duly impressed with the indoor facilities, the beauty of the golf course, and the professionalism of the staff. Janet Merrill worked magic with the theme, helped by the LLGA board and Janet Rosentreter.

And this month we've had our April Guest Day and The Joy of Cooking Mixer. Thank you, Julia Child! And remember, the Niners are sponsoring an outing on April 21 and will invite an 18-holer to join as their guest for playing 18 holes converted to Par 3s. It was great fun last year. Our last event of the season is the Mixer on May 10.

A new LLGA board was elected in March and installed this month. Actually, half the members were elected, and the others are heading for their second year of their two-year term. Effective June 1, your board will be:

General Chair	Marlene Langdon
Vice-Chair	Kris Reckewey
Secretary	Betsy Flanagan
Treasurer	Joan Scoll
Communications Chair	Reed Wolff
Handicap Chair	Geri Reinardy
Membership Chair	Barbara Charness
Rules Chair	Jane Naekel
Tournament Chair	Moreah Labrec
Tournament Co-Chair	Vicky Hiebsch
Niners Chair	Cathy King
Parliamentarian	Marla Franklin

An organization as strong as ours takes many people to make it work including a board, committees, Event committees, awards and appointed positions and all those who participate in our events. Thank you for taking the time to be a part of that!

Marla Franklin, LLGA General Chair

Thanks to your generosity!

The Lakes Country Club membership donated a record \$27,655 in this year's LLGA Charity Challenge. Desert Cancer Foundation will leverage your donations to provide \$276,550 in support for cancer patients and their families here in the Coachella Valley. THANK YOU!

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SNACKS | BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DESSERT | BEVERAGES

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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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EGG HUNT

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Racquet Gazebo

*Separate Registration Required

SEATINGS

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$59.95++ per Adult

\$29.95++ per Child (ages 6-11)

*Registration Required

Register your party via our online Event Calendar

**\$40
No Host
Bar**



LOBS, DINKS & DRIVES

April 30

9:00 a.m. Tennis, Pickleball or
Pop Tennis (choice of 1)

12:00 p.m. Check-In for 12-hole Play

1:00 p.m. Shotgun

4:30 p.m. Reception




ALL CLUB EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THE CLUB'S COVID PROTOCOL

Register via our online Event Calendar

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE IS PROUD TO PRESENT

\$45 per person

JUNE 17

5:00 p.m. Cocktails & Magic in the Lobby

6:00 p.m. Magic Show in Theater Begins

No one under 21 will be admitted.

No food service available.

5:00 p.m. Meet at Marvyn's Magic Theater.

Provide your own transportation.

Lakes' Night at

Marvyn's Magic Theater

46630 Washington Street | La Quinta

The Club will purchase a block of tickets. Tickets are non-refundable, but a designated person can take your place.

Individual tickets will not be issued. Your name will be checked off at the door.

If you and your guests are interested in joining a group dining at a restaurant (TBA) near the theater after the show,
please leave a message in the 'Request/Notes' box when registering for the event online.

Register via our online Event Calendar



Breakfast & Lunch | Daily

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Opens at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday & Sunday

Bar | Daily

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner | Wednesday - Sunday

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Reservations Required 760.610.8104

Due to Club events, days are subject to change.

||||||| FOOD & BEVERAGE

April 23
5:30 p.m.
Clubhouse
\$79++

2021-2022 Season Ending
Dinner & Show

DREAMS OF



CIRQUE du LAKES

Register via online Event Calendar

A House Committee Event

April 16
\$20++

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
The Lakes' Picnic Area

SPRING CARNIVAL

Corn Hole • Piñatas • Water Balloons
Balloon Toss • Face Painting
Caricature Artist • Cookie Decorating
BATHING SUITS & TOWELS ENCOURAGED
LAWN CHAIRS & UMBRELLAS WELCOME

Burgers • Hot Dogs
Veggies & Fruit • Chips
Snow Cones • Cookies
Lemonade & Iced Tea



CLUB EVENT WILL BE HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLUB'S COVID PROTOCOL

Register via our online Event Calendar

Wine Dinner

April 21

*Fabulous wines by 'Marchesi Antinori'
with Silvio Di Silvio
Presented by Chris Guy*

6:00 p.m.
Santa Rosa Room
Wine & Dinner
\$125++ pp

CLUB EVENT WILL BE HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLUB'S COVID PROTOCOL

Register via our online Event Calendar

Lakes' Wine Room

Booking Availability

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Sunday

- Occupancy: 12 Maximum
- Minimum Dining Charge: \$700
- Corkage Fee: \$20



To book, please contact ewadlund@thelakescc.com



Lakes' Team Takes Home Inaugural Thermal Cup!

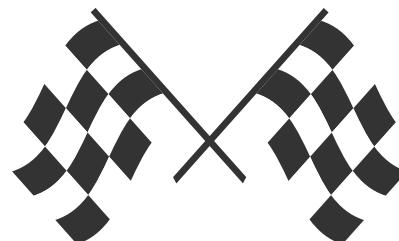
By Leslie Pike, Director of Digital Marketing

Congratulations to Lakes' Members Mark Love, Shannon Menashe, David Oliver, and Eric Smith for proudly bringing home the *Thermal Cup*. On April 6, The Lakes competed in the inaugural Thermal Cup Country Club Relay at the BMW Performance Center. With General Manager Ron Phipps in attendance, as well as a few Lakes' Member Spectators cheering on our team, the competition against 10 other Coachella Valley Country clubs including Eldorado, Toscana, PGA West, Citrus, Tamarisk and Morningside was FIERCE! With Morningside tailing close behind, our team finished first in the 8-lap relay at 536.47 seconds, with two of our 'fantastic four' contributing to the top two fastest individual times, spectacular job Eric and Mark! We hope to condition this tradition for seasons to come!



FINAL TIMES

- #1 **The Lakes - 5:36.47**
- #2 **Tamarisk - 5:37.28**
- #3 **The Quarry at La Quinta - 5:41.02**
- #4 **PGA West - 5:44.11**
- #5 **The Hideaway - 5:47.69**
- #6 **Andalusia - 5:52.28**
- #7 **Desert Horizon - 5:55.13**
- #8 **The Club at Morningside - 5:56.65**
- #9 **El Dorado Country Club - 6:01.39**
- #10 **Toscana Country Club - 6:10.25**
- #11 **The Citrus Club - 6:28.07**





House Committee

By Paul Hosking, Chair

Beyond this season, I am pleased to announce the monthly schedule of events this summer with further details available on the online calendar in the coming weeks.

May 1: Lakes International Film Festival

June 17: Marvyn's Magic Theater

July 14: Escape Games at The River

August 4: Palm Springs Air Museum

September: Visit to Idyllwild, Date TBD

On behalf of the entire House / Social Committee, thank you for your enthusiastic participation in our social program so far this season. Our goal has been to "raise the bar". There are clear signs that we are making progress and building momentum that will carry into next season and beyond.

The first week in April has been particularly busy with the completion of the Bronze and Silver season ticket packages with the Coachella Firebirds at the Acrisure Arena, the announcement of the exclusive 2022/2023 Broadway Package in collaboration with the McCallum Theatre and our team's participation in the inaugural Country Club Cup at the BMW Performance Center.

In addition, I want to thank Event Chairs, Jennifer Carter, Jo Young, Sue Newton, and Mary Enders for three fabulous onsite events in the past month, Dueling Pianos, Ladies Night, and the March Chef's Cooking Demo. Going forward, 'Lakes Live' is imminent and we will wrap up the season with our Spring Carnival on Saturday April 16.

We are now finalizing next season's House Event Calendar. We are proposing a blend of old and new experiences curated in response to member feedback from our January and February House Committee surveys.

Thank you to all the members of the House / Social Committee, management team, and staff that make all this possible; undoubtedly a team effort. We are also pleased to welcome Arnie Cader as our new Board Liaison.

In conclusion, we wish our snowbirds safe travels during the coming weeks. We look forward to your return.

A House Committee Event

Lakes' International Film Festival

MAY 1

2:30 P.M. | Event Center

\$49⁺⁺ | Includes Dinner & 2 Movies

In recognition of the Palm Springs International Film Festival, The Lakes is delighted to welcome local film expert Jason Bruecks & Director Leo Zahn as our special guests as we showcase one of the greatest stars to call the Coachella Valley home, Frank Sinatra. The event will begin with a presentation by Director Leo Zahn on the making of his recent documentary, "Sinatra in Palm Springs," followed by a screening of his film. Following dinner, Jason Bruecks will prepare us for a screening of the original "Ocean's 11".



**Register via our
online
Event Calendar**

Healthy Living!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

LECTURES AND ACTIVITIES

APRIL

Quit Smoking Now!

Five-week group-based smoking cessation program. \$100 participation fee. To register, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-834-3798

Fighting Cancer with a Fork: Food Safety for Cancer Patients

TH, Apr 7, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Peichieh Wu, Registered Dietitian To register, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-834-3798 To join online, visit Zoom.us/j/3506725911 To join by phone, call 669-900-6833 and enter meeting ID 350 672 5911

Bariatric Surgery Information

SA, Apr 9, 10 a.m. to noon Bobby Bhasker-Rao, MD Board Certified in General Surgery To register online, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-778-5220 To join online, visit GoToMeeting.com/Join/262589909 To join by phone, call 872-240-3212 and enter meeting ID 262 589 909

Advances in Atrial Fibrillation (Afib) Therapies

TU, Apr 12, 5 to 6 p.m. Andrew Rubin, MD Board Certified in Electrophysiology and Cardiovascular Disease To register online, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-423-4855 To join online, visit Zoom.us/j/91339348734 To join by phone, call 669-900-6833 and enter meeting ID 913 3934 8734

Colorectal Cancer: Risk, Screening and You

W, Apr 13, 4 to 5 p.m. Don Gardener, NP To register online, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-423-4855 To join online, visit Zoom.us/j/97589664971 To join by phone, call 669-900-6833 and enter meeting ID 975 8966 4971

Innovative New Treatments and Techniques for Shoulder Injuries

TU, Apr 19, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Patrick St. Pierre, MD Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery To register online, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-423-4855 To join online, visit Zoom.us/j/91339348734 To join by phone, call 669-900-6833 and enter meeting ID 913 3934 8734

Bariatric Surgery Information

W, Apr 20, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bobby Bhasker-Rao, MD Board Certified in General Surgery To register online, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-778-5220 To join online, visit GoToMeeting.com/Join/262589909 To join by phone, call 872-240-3212 and enter meeting ID 262 589 909

Yoga Workshop for Beginners: Vinyasa Flow

TH, Apr 21, noon to 1 p.m. Shay Moraga, ERYT 500, YAEC Shay's Warriors To register online, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-834-3798 To join online, visit Zoom.us/j/94466776010 and enter passcode 364603 To join by phone, call 669-900-6833 and enter meeting ID 944 6677 6010 and passcode 364603

When Your Feet Hurt, Everything Hurts: Innovative New Solutions to Common Foot and Ankle Problems

TH, Apr 21, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. David Friscia, MD Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery To register online, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-423-4855

To join online, visit Zoom.us/j/91339348734 To join by phone, call 669-900-6833 and enter meeting ID 913 3934 8734

Bereavement

Every W, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Held at the Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center To register, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/SupportGroups or call 760-674-3618

Breast Cancer Information

Every W, noon to 1 p.m. Held at the Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center To register, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/SupportGroups or call 760-834-3798

A Woman's Guide to Healthy Aging

W, Apr 27, 4 to 5 p.m. Cari Sudmeier, NP To register online, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/Calendar or call 760-423-4855 To join online, visit Zoom.us/j/97589664971 To join by phone, call 669-900-6833 and enter meeting ID 975 8966 4971

Blood Drive

TH, Apr 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Held at the Annenberg Health Sciences Building To register, visit LStream.org or call 800-879-4484

ONGOING SUPPORT GROUPS

For information or registration call the number listed, or visit EisenhowerHealth.org/SupportGroups.

Adults Molested as Children

Every W, 4 to 5 p.m. To register, call 760-340-2336

Alzheimer's Family

Every TH, 9 to 11 a.m. To register, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/SupportGroups or call 760-836-0232 To join online, visit Zoom.us/j/87146753155

To join by phone, call 669-900-6833 and enter meeting ID 871 4675 3155

Bariatric Surgery

Second M of month, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Held at the Annenberg Health Sciences Building To register, call 760-778-5220

Caregiver Support

Caregiver Support

Second and fourth TH of month 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Held at the Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center To register, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/SupportGroups or call 760-834-3798

Grupo de Apoyo Contra el Cáncer en Español

El segundo y cuarto lunes del mes, mediiodia a 1 p.m. Llame a 760-773-1426 para confirmar asistencia o para más información

Multiple Myeloma and Blood Cancer

First and third TH of month 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. To register, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/SupportGroups or call 760-834-3798

Ostomy

First TH of month, 1 to 3 p.m.

Held at the Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center To register, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/SupportGroups or call 760-773-2999

Prostate Cancer Information

First and third M of month noon to 1 p.m. Held at the Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center To register, visit EisenhowerHealth.org/SupportGroups or call 760-834-3798



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5 Spices for a Healthy Gut:

The road to vibrant health is paved with good intestines!

By Valeria Batross, Director of Lifestyle & Wellness

There are many nutritional supplements available that support gut health, probiotics, prebiotics, enzymes, fiber, amino acids, and botanicals but did you know you probably already have a good start on the medicine chest for keeping your digestive track happy with what is sitting in your kitchen cabinet?

There are 5 spices that will do wonders to promote healthy gut, why not make your food work for your gut instead of against it?

1. Cayenne pepper

Cayenne pepper is a popular spice in Mexican, and Asian cuisines, often used in the form of dried powder or flakes. The key to describe cayenne on the digestive system is “stimulant” It stimulates the taste buds, which in turn stimulates saliva production, hydrochloric acid secretion, pancreatic enzymes from the pancreas into the small intestines, and bile secretion from the liver and gall bladder, all of which aid digestion. On the heat scale, cayenne is a medium hot pepper- hotter than jalapeno but cooler than habanero.

2. Ginger

Ginger has been used for centuries to soothe the GI tract, its most notable benefit is alleviating nausea, vomiting, motion sickness, post-surgery, and cancer chemotherapy drugs. One of the ways ginger benefits the GI tract is by increasing the mobility of the GI tract, which increases the rate the stomach empties. Several studies have found that consuming ginger protects the stomach from ulcer-causing agents, such as aspirin. Next time you blend your smoothie add a small piece of fresh ginger and enjoy the many benefits Ginger has to offer.

3. Cinnamon

Cinnamon, like several other spices on this list, has powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. Cinnamon is best known for its ability to help lower blood sugar and antimicrobial effects against the harmful bacteria, *C. difficile*. Be sure to add plenty of cinnamon sticks to your hot apple cider or apple puree.

4. Oregano

Oregano, also known as wild marjoram, is a member of the mint family. It has a long history of use for gastrointestinal complaints, dating back to ancient Greece. Oregano contains an active ingredient, carvacrol, that is responsible for many of its antimicrobial properties. One of the most common causes of gastroenteritis from “food poisoning” is *Campylobacter jejuni*. Studies indicate this little bug can be inhibited by Oregano. Try an oregano rub on your chicken with grated lemon peel, oregano, and olive oil.

5. Turmeric

Turmeric is a spice commonly used in Indian cuisines like curries and masalas. The curcuminoids in turmeric provide many of the health benefits attributed to Indian dishes, primarily their anti-inflammatory effects, increased bile acid secretion which is essential for fat digestion, and bowel transit time. Turmeric is not prone to destruction during cooking and can benefit individuals with constipation.



\$60 PP
6-Week
Thursday
Series
Limited
To 26

ALL CLUB EVENTS
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COVID PROTOCOL

Learn dances such as Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango,
Rumba, Cha Cha, Samba, Salsa and Swing!
Learn the fundamentals or polish your technique.

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6-Week
Tuesday
Series
Limited
To 26

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PROTOCOL

Members Only

BALLROOM
Dance

Ballroom • Latin • Swing

March 31 - May 5
Mind & Body Studio @ 4:00 p.m.
Register via our online Event Calendar

Members Only

BALLROOM
Dance

Ballroom • Latin • Swing

March 29 - May 3
Mind & Body Studio @ 4:00 p.m.
Register via our online Event Calendar

Floral Design Class

April 27 | 2:00 p.m.

\$45 Includes Material & Libations

Wellness Center

Class Is Limited

The premiere full service floral and event design studio "My Little Flower Shop" brings their expertise to teach you how to design and create your own flower arrangement for any special occasion!

Register via our online Event Calendar

Sip Back & Relax

Wellness Party

April 22
4:00 p.m.
Wellness Center

Learn about our new facial offerings, and the organic skin care Eminence. Eminence Organics combines over 60 years of herbal craftsmanship and innovation with Hungarian-inspired techniques to offer award-winning products that deliver results.

CLUB EVENT WILL BE HELD IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THE CLUB'S COVID PROTOCOL

Register via our online Event Calendar

\$25 pp **EXPERIENCE A**
CRYSTAL
SOUND BATH!

April 25

Event Center @ 5:00 p.m.

REGISTER ONLINE VIA OUR
EVENT CALENDAR

Experience an amazing musical and healing Tibetan bowl & Gong sound bath relaxation performance with sound healers William and Crystal Cordell from Bliss Chakra Spa.

Revive Mind & Body through Sound, Energy, and Vibrations.

Bring supportive pillows for neck and back, blanket, and wear comfortable clothing.

You will be in a supine (face up) position for 60 minutes.



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PROTOCOL



Feliz CINCO DE MAYO
Racquet Center Exhibition

5:00 p.m. Pop Tennis Exhibition
5:30 p.m. Pickleball Exhibition
6:00 p.m. Tennis Exhibition
Dinner to Follow

Best Pros in
the Valley!
\$40++ pp

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WITH THE CLUB'S COVID PROTOCOL

Register via our online Event Calendar

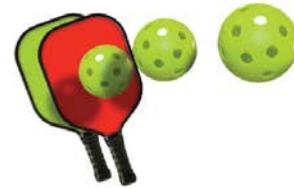
Racquet Center Clinics

Monday

PICKLEBALL INTERMEDIATE CLINIC (3.0-3.5) 8-9AM
PICKLEBALL BEGINNER CLINIC (2.0-2.5) 9-10AM

Tuesday

TENNIS DOUBLES SKILLS & DRILLS (2.0-2.5) 8-9AM



Wednesday

TENNIS LIVEBALL CLINIC (2.5-3.0) 8-9:30AM
TENNIS LIVEBALL CLINIC (3.5-4.0) 9:30-11AM
POP TENNIS BEGINNER CLINIC 11-12PM



Thursday

TENNIS DOUBLES SKILLS & DRILLS (3.5-4.0) 8-9AM

Register online
or at Pro Shop.
Space is Limited.

Friday

TENNIS LIVEBALL CLINIC (2.5-3.0) 8-9:30AM
TENNIS LIVEBALL CLINIC (3.5-4.0) 9:30-11AM
POP TENNIS INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLINIC 11-12PM



Men's Pickleball Club Championship

On Saturday, March 26, we brought back the Men's Pickleball Club Championship!

Donny organized a 6-team round robin format, which had every team play one another at least once and man-oh-man was it a lot of fun! The level of pickleball was high and the support from the fans on the sideline was tremendous! A big thank you to everyone involved!

Medalists from the day:

Gold: Frank Taylor & Terry Rosentreter

Silver: Ken Kinakin & Chuck Burkett

Bronze: Don Beer & Bill Schoen



PICKLEBALL CUP





Pop Tennis Clinic & Exhibition

What a great turnout for our biggest Pop Tennis event of the year as we had 32 members for the clinic and at least 50 who enjoyed our high level, interactive exhibition!

As per usual, the pros from Venice beach were amazing as was our Head Teaching Professional Jon Reckewey.

A big congrats to our members Linda McConnell, Sue Ellen Katz, Nurit Sheehan and Arlynn Feldman for “beating the pros” from Venice and winning some awesome Street Paddle gear!

Well done to all!



CLUBS WITHIN THE CLUB

Handcrafters



 NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

Twenty-nine Palms Office, Family Service Center, Building 693, Suite 106, Twenty-nine Palms, CA 92278

17 Feb 2022

From: Director, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Twenty-nine Palms Office
To: The Crafters at the Lakes Country Club
SUBJ: LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR HANDMADE ITEMS

1. We received three bags of your handmade quilts, blankets, and stuffed animals from the Government and External Affairs Community Liaison Office aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. I wanted to thank you for this generous donation and commend you on the time and effort you put into these beautiful pieces.

2. The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society was founded in 1904. The Society provides financial assistance and education, as well as other programs and services, to members of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, their eligible family members, widows, and survivors. The Society also receives and manages donated funds to administer these programs and services. Our main goal is to help each person who comes to us get support for their immediate needs. Our long-term mission is to help Sailors and Marines become financially self-sufficient by learning how to better manage their personal finances and prepare for unplanned expenses.

3. The items we received from your organization will be distributed to attendees of our Budget for Babes classes. This workshop helps Navy and Marine Corps families develop a family budget, gives tips on how to save money, and introduces them to other expectant Navy and Marine Corps parents. Every participant receives a gift that includes a baby blanket handmade by a volunteer.

. Thank you again for your kind donation. We are grateful for your support of the military community.

Jaine Sonell





Bowling League

The 2021-2022 Lakes Bowling League concluded, and all members had a great time!

The League Champions were team Beauty & the Beasts composed of Dan Krystan, Diane Dykema, Peter Lambert and Ernie Wallerstein. Congratulations to the winners!

Following are our other notable season high bowlers:

Women's Division

Peggy Mason: High Scratch Game 184
 Kim Zink: High Scratch Series 504
 Joan Scoll: High Handicap Game 266
 Leslie Baker: High Handicap Series 701

Men's Division

John Zink: High Scratch Game 221
 Cliff Dobler: High Scratch Series 575
 Ed Rosen: High Handicap Game 274
 Bob DeMaster: High Handicap Series 722



Other notables were Kay Sigmund and Peter Lambert who won the perpetual Fred Nothdurft trophy and Cliff Dobler who won for *Most Improved Bowler*.

Our annual banquet dinner was held on April 2 where all winners were recognized with trophies and prizes handed out to the winners.

The 2022-2023 bowling season begins on November 15, 2022. We are always looking for bowlers to join our League. Don't hesitate to join us even if you haven't bowled for a while. This is a social league and we are all out to have fun and some exercise.

New next season...we would like to welcome Lakes' Employees to join our Bowling League. We welcome all levels of bowlers. Just let us know your desire to bowl and we will place you on a team. Please contact Fred Charness at 760.773.3979 or e-mail fcharness@aol.com.

FLY FISHING CLUB \$200 Annually

Trout & Bass are Catch 'N Release Only!

Fishing Hours & Location
 Lake 22 Fish caught in Lake 22 are not for consumption due to non-potable water.
 Daily • Before 7:30 a.m. & After 5:00 p.m.
 Open only before golf rounds begin & after daily rounds conclude.

Email LakesFlyFishingClub@gmail.com for additional details

15th Annual Benefiting the CV Boys & Girls Club

Picnic Lunch • Prizes • Fishing
Gather at the picnic grounds & then head to #2 South Lake

fishing Derby

Fishing equipment provided

Members may assist by helping take a child in their cart out to the lake. 25 children ranging from 10-15 years of age are expected. Everyone is welcome to come & watch the fun! For additional information, contact Howard Wilson

**April 20
2:00 p.m.**

CLUB EVENT WILL BE HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLUB'S COVID PROTOCOL

CLUBS WITHIN THE CLUB



Laredo Lane Duck Derby



The residents of Laredo Lane have been holding a Duck Derby for many years, except during COVID restrictions, of course. For the first year since the Pandemic began, on March 26, 50 residents from the street gathered at the home of Linda & Marc McConnell for great food, drink, and to watch 10 ducks “race” down the Laredo Lane Lake with Greg & Joanne Martin overseeing the high stakes betting before the race. Hiker Duck won the “race” after a last-minute relocation of the finish line due to a shift in the wind. Everyone had a grand time and they are looking forward to next year’s Derby.



Hours of Operation

YEAR ROUND

6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. to Sunset

Except when adjustments are required to accommodate golf events, access, South #9 golf course maintenance, overseeding and/or frost delays, as determined from time to time by the association and management, the daily hours are noted above.

THE LAKES'
DOG
P A R K

Dog Park Rules & Regulations:

- Access to and from the Dog Park is by way of golf cart, entering and exiting our **South course, hole #1 only**.
- To accommodate small and large dogs, the Dog Park is separated into two sections. Small dogs are welcome to play in the large dog park. Water dispensers as well as separate entrances are available for both parks.





By Teresa Falconer

Community Manager & Executive Coordinator

Pets at The Lakes

Club Pet Policy

As a friendly reminder, there are certain guidelines in our Club Rules & Regulations that assist in the enjoyment of pets for all Members.

Pets are NOT allowed:

On or near Golf Course, which includes:

- Chipping & Putting Practice Facilities
- Driving Range
- Our Lakes

Inside any Club building, which includes:

- Lifestyle & Wellness Center
- Golf Shop
- Golf Locker Rooms and/or Card Rooms
- Clubhouse
- Racquet Center
- Racquet Center Lounge
- Administrative Office / Building
- Facilities Office

On or near Racquet Center Courts, which includes:

- Pickleball, Tennis, Or Pop Courts
- Stadium Court and /or Seating
- Racquet Center Patio

Inside any dining venues, which includes:

- Charlie's Patio
- Mountain View Bar, Grill and/or Terrace
- Event Center
- Santa Rosa Room and/or Terrace

Near Our Community Amenities:

- Pools & Spas
- Bocce Ball Courts
- Basketball Court
- Playground
- Lakes and/or Waterfalls

Pick Up After Pets. Pet owners are expected to pick up after their pets and dispose of waste properly.



Leashes. Except when inside a unit and/or enclosed courtyard, dogs must be on a leash at all times.

Feeding Of Other Animals. Members and their guests are not to feed feral cats or animals that are not their own.

Under the American Disabilities Act, California law allows only Registered Service Dogs in public places; i.e. buildings, dining venues.

- Only dogs may be registered as a service animal.
- Emotional Support Animals are NOT the same as Registered Service Animals.





MARCH SECURITY REPORT

SECURITY REPORT

By Miguel Gonzalez
Director of Security

Reported Incidents

2022030610-Property Theft

2022030711-Property Theft

(Total of (8) Members transported via ambulance)

Alarm System Summary

Total Member (upgraded) alarm systems are up to 548 Units and we currently have 354 Units with the original Radionics Alarm Systems which 121 of those units Security/Members are testing manually. I will remain the point-person for Member alarm questions. Please feel free to contact me at the Main Gate for additional information on how to inexpensively upgrade your current alarm system.

Please remember, that even if your phone provider says that for a monthly fee, you can place your phoneline on "vacation hold" and that your alarm system will still send a signal to the Main Gate, it WILL NOT. This communication between each unit and the Main Gate remains a mandatory life safety requirement and only through the addition of a GSM radio and a new Honeywell system, can the normal telephone landline be eliminated.

MARCH 2022 SECURITY STATISTICS

Patrol Officer Response Review

GENERAL RESPONSE TYPE	MAR	2022 YTD	YTD MONTHLY AVG
Member Assistance or Complaint	105	322	107
Open Garages Observed / Closed	104	231	77
Medical Emergency	8	16	5
Residential Burglary (Attempted or Actual)	0	0	0
Vehicle Burglary (Attempted or Actual)	0	0	0
Vehicle Theft (Vehicle or Golf Cart)	0	0	0
Aggressive Dog or Bite	0	0	0
Missing Property	2	2	0

PATROL OFFICER RESPONDED FALSE ALARMS	MAR	2022 YTD	YTD MONTHLY AVG
Alarm Responses Handled	26	138	46
Member-User Error	3	48	16
Vendor-User Error/No Code	4	13	4
Unit Found Secured/Nobody Home	3	20	7
New Alarm Battery Installed or Sensor Issue	16	62	21

VISITOR PASSES ENTERED & PROCESSED THROUGH THE MAIN GATE <small>(EXCLUDING CUSTOM PASSES CREATED FOR MEMBER OR CLUB EVENTS)</small>	MAR 2022	2022 YTD	YTD MONTHLY AVG
Initial Passes Issued	13,236	36,910	12,303
Repeat Scanned Passes	2,323	7,156	2,385
Total Passes Processed through the Visitor Lane @ Main Gate	15,559	44,479	14,826

Financial Report



BY TODD CHALOUX
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Accompanying this article is the Statement of Operations through February 2022. It was a good month for the Association across all departments. Golf reached a new milestone with a total of 8,117 rounds played. This is the highest monthly total on record for The Lakes Country Club. Food & Beverage operations were close to being in full swing and the forecasted year end variance is now solidly in positive territory.

The month of February shows a positive variance vs. budget in the amount of \$75,771. Through the first eight months of the 2021-2022 FY the Association is showing a positive variance vs. budget in the amount of \$113,200. The following are department's results for the period from February 1-February 28, 2022. We will focus on the departments with variances of \$5,000 and 5%, which are highlighted in red.

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- **Food & Beverage** - \$22,713 negative variance vs. budget. This negative variance can be attributed to two specific areas. Revenue from sales of Food & Beverage came in \$7,000 under budget and Cost of Goods Sold were \$12,300 over budget. Management is working on addressing the cost overruns.
- **Merchandise** - \$7,554 positive variance vs. budget. This variance is mostly related to gross profits coming in \$4,500 better than budgeted. There

was also a timing difference vs budget in the expenses for operating supplies in the amount of \$1,400.

- **Golf Services (Pro Shop)** - \$16,602 positive variance vs. budget. This positive variance is directly related to revenue. Non-Resident golf dues and guest green fees came in \$18,700 better than budget for the month of February.
- **Golf Course Maintenance** - \$33,943 positive variance vs. budget. This department continues to have staffing challenges. Indeed, payroll and related expenses were \$38,818 under budget.
- **Racquet Center** - \$10,921 positive variance vs. budget. The Racquet Center continues to see most of the variance coming from the payroll and related expenses. This area alone came in \$6,800 under budget. There were also some savings in the expense under operating supplies in the amount of \$2,400. At this point in the Fiscal year this is being treated as a permanent variance.
- **Security** - \$9,015 positive variance vs. budget. This variance comes from a mixture of being under budget in the salaries and related expenses area by \$14,000 and being over budget in other operating expenses, in particular Repair and Maintenance for security vehicles which came in \$5,800 over budget. This line item will be over budget by year end.
- **General and Admin** - \$25,221 negative variance vs. budget. As was the case in the previous month there is no one item that makes up this negative variance. The largest item that contributes to this negative variance is in payroll and related expenses. This area came in \$6,900 over budget. Another area that was over budget for the month was expenses for training and seminars which came in \$6,800 over budget for the month. This expense is a timing difference and will eventually come in under budget by year end. Member relations also came in over budget by \$3,500 and is expected to finish the year being over budget by \$12,300.

- **Water and Lakes** - \$22,259 positive variance vs. budget. This variance is coming from expenses for Fertilizers and Chemicals (\$12,295) and repair and maintenance on lake components (\$11,000). Much of this is expected to be expensed by year end so this falls under timing differences. One area that is well over budget for the month is electricity cost which came in \$5,000 over budget.

Balance Sheet

- Total Reserve Replacement and Operating Cash/investment balance at month end totals \$9,092,949.10.
- Homeowner Accounts Receivable totaled \$583,639 net of the allowance for doubtful accounts.
- The outstanding loan balance for the Solar System is now down to \$61,905.
- The outstanding loan balance for the Lakes 20/20 project stands at \$12,951,014.
- Currently there are 820 Members that owe on the Lakes 20/20 @ \$130 per month – Current Payoff is \$14,505.13. As a note 82 Members have paid in full.

Other Noteworthy Items

- The number of members 90 days delinquent stood at 6 as of month end.
- Currently there are 3 liens filed against Members and all three are at the attorney for collection.
- 1 Member is making payments and 1 was sent a pay or lien letter and another was contacted regarding the outstanding balance. If payment is not received a pay or lien letter will be sent.
- There were 0 bank owned properties as of month end.
- From July 01, 2021 – February 28, 2022, 43 properties have closed escrow.
- COGS for the Merchandise Dept through February – Hard Goods 77.6%, Soft Goods 68.7%.
- Budgeted Golf Member Count for February: Resident-394, Intro-38, Non-Resident – 24, Total 456.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

The Lakes Country Club
Statement of Operations February, 2022

	Year-to-Date thru February 28, 2022			Forecast for Year ending June 30, 2022		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues						
Assessments and other income	\$ 10,713,637	\$ 10,492,475	\$ 221,162	\$ 16,052,038	\$ 15,791,098	\$ 260,940
Food and Beverage	1,080,714	1,551,543	(470,829)	2,000,137	2,616,173	(616,036)
Merchandising	364,107	369,748	(5,641)	631,552	659,833	(28,281)
Golf Services	752,985	649,066	103,919	1,019,276	897,743	121,533
Spa & Wellness Center	186,785	16,450	170,335	288,385	24,450	263,935
Racquet Center	1,935	3,000	(1,065)	2,685	3,750	(1,065)
Gross Operating Revenues	13,100,163	13,082,282	17,881	19,994,073	19,993,047	1,026
Direct Operating Expenses						
Contingency	-	-	-	112,244	112,244	-
Food and Beverage	1,839,175	2,139,886	300,711	2,920,755	3,451,790	531,035
Merchandising	410,292	458,694	48,402	728,707	777,047	48,340
Golf Services	569,886	547,918	(21,968)	837,711	820,457	(17,254)
Spa & Wellness Center	435,000	261,803	(173,197)	679,306	424,203	(255,103)
Racquet Center	186,229	238,625	52,396	280,875	339,994	59,119
Total Direct Operating Expenses	3,440,582	3,646,926	206,344	5,559,598	5,925,735	366,137
Net Operating Revenues	9,659,581	9,435,356	224,225	14,434,475	14,067,312	367,163
Indirect Operating Expenses						
Golf Course Maintenance	1,741,895	1,832,606	90,711	2,500,065	2,595,638	95,573
Facilities Maintenance	3,632,750	3,493,032	(139,718)	5,380,376	5,198,164	(182,212)
Security	623,978	666,049	42,071	947,808	1,001,751	53,943
Administration	2,775,623	2,600,153	(175,470)	4,124,162	3,933,877	(190,285)
Water & Lakes	790,527	861,908	71,381	1,296,814	1,337,881	41,067
Total Indirect Operating Expenses	9,564,773	9,453,748	(111,025)	14,249,225	14,067,311	(181,914)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 94,808	\$ (18,392)	113,200	\$ 185,250	\$ 1 \$ 185,249	

The following are the usage statistics for the month; both 2021 and 2022 are shown for comparative purposes.

Golf Memberships	Feb-21	Feb-22
Golf Members - Resident	368	428
Golf Members – Intro	38	32
Golf Members – Non-Resident	22	27
Golf Members – Total Count	428	487
LMGA (Men's) Golf Members	302	345
LLGA (Ladies') Golf Members	204	236
LLGA (Ladies') Niners / Social	76	86
Hole in One Club	361	411

Golf Rounds	Feb-21	Feb-22
Member Usage	5,853	6,627
Guest / Tenant	387	564
Family Member	71	240
Organized Play	429	686
Total Rounds	6,740	8,117
Individual Members	575	731
Different Households	410	450

Lifestyle & Wellness	Feb-21	Feb-22
Member Usage	Closed	2,205
Guest Usage	Closed	29
Total Usage	Closed	2,234
Individual Members	Closed	403
Different Households	Closed	299

Food and Beverage	Feb-21	Feb-22
Different Households	509	700

For the Month Ending February 28, 2022		
Department	MTD Actuals	MTD Budget
Assessments & Dues	1,328,865	1,309,109
Food and Beverage	(84,153)	(61,440)
Merchandise	9,625	2,072
Golf Services	33,910	17,309
Golf Course Maintenance	(150,460)	(184,404)
Lifestyle & Wellness Center	(42,595)	(37,994)
Racquet Center	(19,486)	(29,777)
Facilities Maintenance	(409,381)	(418,268)
Security	(73,736)	(82,751)
General & Administrative	(333,633)	(308,412)
Water and Lakes	(76,372)	(98,631)
Total	182,585	106,814
		75,771

POPULAR TECH TIPS, TRICKS & SHORTCUTS



By **Leslie Pike**,
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Whitelisting Lakes' Domain

With unsolicited and unwanted emails becoming a larger problem, email services have made their spam filters more stringent. Unfortunately, these tougher guidelines for filtering can cause legitimate emails to be mistaken as spam. To make sure you continue receiving our messages, we suggest that you add us to your *whitelist*. A *whitelist* is a list of email addresses and/or domains that you want to receive email from. Adding an address or domain to your whitelist ensures that emails from that address will not be filtered as spam. To ensure that the email we send you ends up in your inbox, and isn't mistakenly sent to the Junk folder, please whitelist our domain which is @thelakescc.com.

Instructions for a few of the popular mail systems can be found by visiting our website [Our Club / Stay Member Connected](#).

You'll need to check with your mail provider or contact your IT administrator (schools and companies) for instructions on how to whitelist a domain within their respective mail systems.

Upcoming Technology Classes

THE MARKUP CLASS
\$10 PP

APPLE CLASS WITH iCREATIVE
April 19
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Event Center

If you do not know what Markup is on an iPad, iPhone, and Mac, this class will be such a treat! Add compelling text to any photo, add a signature of yours (or multiple signatures) to any PDF document, and use these compelling features on ALL of your Apple devices.

REGISTER VIA OUR ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR

"Club communication is at the heart in all that we do and it takes priority. Each season, we aim to introduce new tools to benefit our Members."





WOW!!!! CHECK OUT THESE NUMBERS!! THE LAKES IS ON FIRE, AND WE ARE THRILLED TO BE A PART OF THESE EXCITING REAL ESTATE TIMES. IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING SELLING YOUR HOME, IT IS ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT TIME, AND WE ARE THE RIGHT AGENTS TO ASSIST YOU.

We are also inundated with rental requests for next season. The rental rates are also going up, and this is an excellent source of income should you be taking some time away from the desert next year.

Many of our snowbirds are leaving or have left; we wish you safe travels and an awesome summer. Please call us should you need a licensed property manager in your absence. We are here to service all your real estate questions, and needs!

Summary Statistics

	Mar-22	Mar-21	% Chg	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	% Chg
Absorption Rate	1.37	2.43	-43.62	1.34	3	-55.33
Average List Price	\$706,444	\$420,787	67.89	\$629,911	\$391,742	60.80
Median List Price	\$719,000	\$339,000	112.09	\$622,950	\$339,000	83.76
Average Sale Price	\$661,643	\$428,783	54.31	\$608,981	\$356,292	70.92
Median Sale Price	\$642,500	\$437,950	46.71	\$450,000	\$355,000	26.76
Average DIM	21	80	-73.75	22	79	-72.15
Median DIM	20	67	-70.15	25	54	-53.70



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