President’s Letter

Judy Berube

I want to thank you for the vote of confidence you showed us, the new Board members. We will try to be transparent, listen to your ideas, and take our time to correct the problems.

I want to thank all those who helped with the election. I know it was a long day.

I want to thank Linda Padovano, Jerry Braden and George Geake for all the time put into the Winter Games. It’s not easy to put all the games in time slots and find people to run them. Remember that across the country, card games are played with different rules. The leaders are the ones who decide the rules for each part of the Winter Games.

Now, let’s enjoy a month of fun and competition!
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Polo Park Business

★ Rules & Regulations Committee Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2019, 1:00 p.m., CCH

The Rules and Regulations Committee will be having its regular monthly meeting on the 1st Monday of February, the 4th, at 1 pm. The agenda for this meeting is pretty simple. We are going to review our rules and regulations document. Please review your copy ahead of the meeting and think about what you feel needs to be changed or added. Please bring your copy with you, I don’t want to make extra copies of something that will be replaced. See you there! Gary Mohler.

★ Golf Committee Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2019, 9:30 a.m., CCH

★ Buildings and Grounds Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 2:00 p.m., CCH

★ Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m. CCH

★ BOD Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the January Board of Directors Meeting are posted on the bulletin boards of both Clubhouses. If you would like a copy to take home, copies are available in the HOA office. You can also read the Minutes at the Polo Park website, poloparkhoa.com. Please take the time to read the Minutes and be sure to attend the Board of Directors meeting on February 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Challenger Clubhouse. The February minutes will be posted in the clubhouses a week after the meeting.

★ Election Committee
Richard Ackerman, Election Chair

At the Annual Meeting on Monday, January 14, Polo Park elected a new Board of Directors for 2019.

First of all I would like to thank all of the volunteers – you all did a great job in a very long day.

Next, thank you to all the candidates for the Board of Directors. As someone said, we are all winners to have so many people want to do such a time-demanding ‘job’.

Thank you, too, to all of the residents who took a great interest in this year’s election. The vote totals were unprecedented.

Those who were elected are: Judy Berube, President and; Gary Mrowka, Vice President and Buildings and Grounds, and Pat Hess, Secretary, Rules and Regulations and ARC.

Remaining on the Board as Treasurer is Dawn Bissell. Remaining as a Director and Golf is Dave Murosky.

★ Polo Park HOA Raffle
Ken Dobosz

Congratulations to Paula Bowry of 106 Challenger Ave and Bradley Ankrom of 173 Jackson Park for winning the HOA Raffle. Their HOA fees will be paid for the year. Thank you everyone for your support.

★ Temporary Closure of Library

Due to receiving a citation from the county regarding the ramp at the library entrance and the lack of a new certificate of occupancy for the building, the HOA board has decided to temporarily close the library until these issues are resolved. The Board made this decision based on an opinion poll taken after a lengthy question and answer session at the very well attended HOA Board working meeting held January 21, 2019. They apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

★ Veterans Committee
Ken Clark, 863-419-7477

The following people were prize winners at our Flag Raising Ceremony on Pearl Harbor Day:

Dick n Barb Dundore chose the book by President Bush.

Mike Bower opted to give his winnings back to the club.

Roberta Nadeau from PP East chose a cookbook with the $50 gift certificate, as did Ken and Marie Detloff.

The Polo Park Veterans Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Boulevard Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m.

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During the year of 2018, the following residents of Polo Park passed into eternal rest. They will be missed.

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★ Income Tax Preparation  
*Pat Munofo, 863-256-5789*

Your Board has authorized AARP the use of your Boulevard Club House to do Federal Income Tax again this year. This service is Free of Charge beginning February 6, 2019. The hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, only on Wednesdays. The last Wednesday is April 10, 2019.

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY. TAX PREPARATION WILL BE ON A FIRST COME BASIS.

You will need evidence of your Social Security Number, a picture ID, your last year’s return and your documents for 2018.

Remember, this is a free service provided by volunteers. Your return must be prepared by one person and checked by a second person, so please be patient.

★ Residents’ Photos, New Neighbors (and old)  
*Linda Bailey, 863-420-0825*

The Photo Albums in Challenger Clubhouse contain photos of residents arranged alphabetically and by street.

These albums need constant up-dating. We have many new residents who have not had pictures taken and some residents who have never had their picture added to the albums.

I would like to undertake a project to correct that! I am willing to visit each home, by appointment, to take pictures of every new resident and anyone who does not have a photo in the albums.

Just give me a call and we can set up a photo session. Thanks, Linda.
**Chapel News**  
*Carole Lien, 863-424-4380*

During the month of February, there will be chapel on Sunday, February 10, and Sunday, February 24, at 8:30 a.m. If anyone is planning a Memorial Service, please call Judy Berube 863-424-3501.

**Polo Park Business**

**Food Bank**

The Chapel Committee will sponsor the Food Bank as an ongoing project. Donations of cash can be placed in the Food Bank basket on Chapel mornings. Thank you.

**Toys for Tots**  
*Bill Consiglio*

Thanks to everyone that donated toys to Toys for Tots. We collected 551 toys, 263 beanie babies, 7 bikes, 1 wagon, and $200 in cash. The following communities and businesses let us put out boxes to collect toys: Polo Park West, Polo Park East, Thousand Trails campgrounds, Cagan Crossings office, Diromio’s and Holiday Inn.

Thanks for making someone’s Christmas brighter!

**Thank You to Drew Poteracki**  
*Dave Murosky, Golf Liaison to The Board of Directors 814-860-4945*

I would like to thank Drew Poteracki for his past two years of service as Golf Liaison. We plan to continue on the path that was put in place to make our course an enjoyable place to play with friends and welcome outside guests.

I met with Rick and Ken Dobosz, Chair of the Golf Committee, for an overview of the course and work schedules, so I can be brought up to speed on the inner workings of the operations. All is well and it will be a smooth transition with open communication.

I also met with all the Pro Shop employees to set up work schedules, maintain open lines of communication and discuss customer service needs.

Thank you all for being patient as we work through this transition period.

**Welcome Committee’s Cookie Social**  
*Rita Mrowka*

Thank you to all who participated in the Cookie Social, all the wonderful bakers who donated many, many cookies, and the Committee who helped to make this a very special event!! We hope the new residents that attended felt the warm welcome we were trying to convey to all of them!

New resident, Cecelia Cappelen, was thrilled to win the beautiful flower arrangement at the Welcome Committee’s Cookie Social. The arrangement was made by our very talented resident, Marty Gossman.
Thank You Polo Park

★ Evening in Paris Dinner Dance
Saturday, January 19, 2019
Sponsored by the PPIPS Committee
Brenda Reynolds

Although we had some problems with timing of food delivery from our caterer, we had another successful party on January 19!

The band, “The Ladyz and The Boyz” kept us dancing and we had a wonderful time. Linda Bailey had a terrific photo booth with a backdrop of the Eiffel Tower which was created and donated by Romeo and Rose Lerro. The Decorating Committee did a wonderful job and we want to thank Patti Perkins and Luann Dobosz for their generous contributions.

Thank you to our glamorous Cancan girls and to their director, Karen Whittaker. They certainly added a great deal to the evening!

At one point during the evening, every person who helped out in any way was invited to stand. There were so many! Thanks to each and every one of you! The volunteers make Polo Park the fun place it is.
See you next year!

Carol and Norm Young are welcomed to their Evening in Paris by dashing French Maitre D Dennie Meeks.

Guests were treated to a special performance of The Cancan, straight from the Moulin Rouge! In front are Sue Cochran and Mary Mackey. In back are, “Travel Agent” (choreographer) Karen Whittaker, Dee Lundin, Linda Bailey, Judy Mohler, and Brenda Reynolds.

Pat and Dave Hess looking magnifique!
Polo Park Events

★ Hot Dogs
Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., CCH
Marion Geake, 863-514-0806

The PPIPS Committee will be serving Hot Dogs and Soda Tuesdays, on the Patio behind the Challenger Clubhouse. Come for a quick, inexpensive lunch and social time! Mike Radloff is our cook, and you know he does a great job!

★ Coffee, Donuts & Chat
Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m., CCH
Ginnie Thompson, filling in for Ria Treur

Please join us every Tuesday morning in the Challenger Clubhouse for Coffee, Tea, or Hot chocolate, with a donut for the low cost of $1.50.

It’s a great way to start off your day, chatting with your neighbors.

★ Bingo Bistro
Tuesdays, 4:00-5:45 p.m., CCH
Barb Dundore, Kitchen Coordinator, 517-896-4126

Bingo Bistro serves dinner and snacks on Tuesdays before Bingo from 4:00 to 5:45. Great food! Come on down to eat dinner with us. See you soon!

★ Bingo
Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m., CCH
Terry Crosby, 863-256-5424

Tickets are sold between 4:30 and 5:45. Come join the fun at BINGO. We’ll look forward to seeing you!

★ Dime Bingo
Sundays, 7:00 p.m., CCH
Darlene Andreachi, 863-424-6431

Join your friends and neighbors for this quick and easy game. All you need to bring is 26 dimes and two quarters, and if Lady Luck is on your side, you may leave with heavier pockets!

★ Winter Games 2019
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE - LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Jerry Braden, 703-881-2689
George Geake, 863-514-7778

Because of an error in the Polo Park Master Calendar, we had a conflict with lunch on Saturday. There is a Mardi Gras Dinner Dance that evening!

The 2019 Polo Park Winter Games will begin on Monday, January 28, and end with lunch on Friday, February 22. The $15 to participate in the Winter Games will include the home-cooked lunch.

★ Polo-Ettes Soup and Salad Luncheon
Wednesday, February 6, 12:15 p.m., CCH
Leanne Crabbe, 863-256-5718
Sue Ridderhoff, 863-420-8250

The next meeting of the Polo-ettes will be February 6th at the Challenger Clubhouse at 12:15 PM. We will be having our annual Soup and Salad Luncheon. If you did not sign up at the last meeting, please call Leanne Crabbe (863) 256-5718 or Sue Ridderhoff (863) 420-8250. Let us know if you will bring soup or salad, or a $10 donation for Palm Crest Assisted Living. Guests are always welcome!
Polo Park Events

★ Pasta Dinner and Music with DJ Mary
Saturday, February 9, 2019, 4:30 p.m., CCH
Ken Dobosz, 860-604-9976

The Polo Park Golf Committee will be hosting a Pasta Dinner with all the trimmings. Plan now to join us and don’t forget to invite your friends and returning snow bird neighbors. Doors will open at 4:30pm, Dinner starts at 5pm and the musical talents of DJ Mary will begin at 6pm. Tickets are only $12 are available at the Pro Shop. Don’t forget to BYOB and a little cash for a 50/50 drawing. For more information please contact Ken Dobosz at 860-604-9976.

★ Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, February 16, 7:00-9:00 a.m., CCH
Tickets $5.00 at the Pro Shop
Or $5.50 at the door
Sponsored by the PPIPS
Rita Mrowka, 716-366-0964

The Polo Park Improvements Committee will be serving breakfast on Saturday, February 16, at the Challenger Club House. We will begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 9:00. Tickets are $5.00, if purchased at the Pro Shop ahead of time, or $5.50 at the door.

Menu: All the pancakes you can eat plus sausage, breakfast casserole, juice & coffee.

★ Poker Run
Sunday, February 17, 2:00 p.m. CCH
Potluck Dinner, 5:00 p.m. CCH
$5 per person
Marletta Frantal 863-420-3317
Emma Vallaire 810-397-8183

Come to the clubhouse at 2:00 on Sunday afternoon, November 11. The forms are $5 each. Travel to five different houses, either by golf cart or auto, and draw a card at each house. You may also purchase a sixth card at the clubhouse for $1 extra.

Fifty percent of the proceeds is divided among the three top poker hands. There’s a booby prize for the lowest hand.

At 5:00 p.m., there will be a potluck to which you can bring your favorite dish to share with all. The prizes will be distributed at the dinner.

Please call Marletta ASAP if you would like to volunteer as one of the five stations. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

These poker runs have been a lot of fun and maybe you’ll be a lucky winner!

★ Mardi Gras Party
Saturday, February 23, 2019,
6:30-10:30 p.m., CCH
Tickets in ProShop, $12 each
Carol and Jim Aldrich, 734-476-9079

HAPPY DAYS WILL BE HERE AGAIN - THE HAPPY DAYS BAND THAT IS

Once again, come and enjoy The Happy Days Band, starring entertainers Gabriele and Mary Giuffre, brought back by popular demand after great shows every year since 2015. We’ll have a great show, party and dancing with songs by Elvis, The Blues Brothers, Neil Diamond, Roy Orbison, Tom Jones and many other well-known and well-loved artists from the past. Maybe we’ll even be entertained by a visit from Elvis or the Blues Brothers. No matter the cast of characters, you are in for four hours of a great party.

Tickets are $12 each, available at the Pro Shop from January 21st to February 22nd. Bring hors d’oeuvres to share at your table and BYOB. Be sure to stop by the photo booth and have your picture taken with or without a Mardi Gras mask. Coffee and a surprise treat will be provided. Wonderful door prizes will be awarded early and throughout the evening and there will also be a split raffle. Doors will open at 5:45 and we’ll keep the party going until 10:30. We look forward to seeing you there!

For More Information, call Carol Aldrich.
Ham Dinner and Dance
Saturday, March 2; CCH
Doors open at 5:15 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets in Pro Shop February 4; $14 each
Dawn Bissell, 863-424-9101

Enjoy a complete Ham Dinner and dance the night away! Kim and the Kadillacs will provide our musical entertainment.

Barnyard Bingo
Wednesday, March 6, 6:00, C
Donation: $10.00, tickets available at Pro Shop
Terry Crosby, 863-256-5424

We’ll be having a Barnyard Bingo on Wednesday, March 6.

Come play our special form of Bingo and have a lot of fun! We will begin the evening with a special dessert, coffee and tea. If you wish to have anything else to drink, please bring your own.

We’ll play 60 games of Barnyard Bingo and you may win enough meat for a delicious dinner! Also, we’ll have a 50/30/20 raffle and door prizes. Call Terry if you have any questions.

Carport Sale and Bake Sale
Saturday, March 9, 2019

Start going through your “stuff”. Remember, “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure”! Also, think about baking some cookies on the cooler days in February, and freeze them for the bake sale!

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
St. Patrick’s Day
Saturday, March 16, 6:00 p.m., CCH
Tickets in pro-shop from 2/11 until 3/10: $14.00
Sponsored by PPIPS
Shirley Hosner, 863-420-2940

This is a fundraiser sponsored by the Polo Park Improvement Projects Committee (PPIPS). Doors will open at 5:30; dinner will be served at 6:00. We will be serving a traditional St. Patrick’s Day dinner. Punch and coffee will be served; you may bring other beverages of your choice. Door prizes and a 50/30/20 split. Come and celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with your Polo Park friends! See you there!

Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, March 23, 2019, 3-6:00 p.m., CCH
$5 per person
Additional points can be purchased for $1 at the event
Lynda Poteracki, 847-738-0089

BACK BY “POPULAR DEMAND”!

Plan now to join us for this very fun team event. You can participate in a golf cart, car, or on a bike. Participants will be given a list and exactly one hour to find as many items on that list as possible. The team that returns with the most items on the list within the one hour will be our winners! So find your team mate now, and then ask friends who are not playing if you can stop by their house to find items you can’t find at your house. In the event of a tie, your return time to the Club House will be the deciding factor. While ALL the items are being counted and our winning team is decided, please stick around and watch the fun, you might just be surprised what kind of “crazy stuff” people have found in their house. So, BYOB plus appetizers or sweets for a Scavenger Hunt Potluck.

Tickets will be available in the Pro Shop starting March 1st.

For more information or if you would like to give us a hand with this very fun event, please call Lynda Poteracki at 847-738-0089

Welcome Committee’s Strawberry Social
Sunday, March 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m., CCH
Rita Mrowka, 716-366-0964

Old Fashioned Strawberry Shortcake & Ice Cream plus music by the “Sunsations”.
Clubs & Groups

★ Clubhouse Availability
Judy Berube, 863-424-3501

If you need to use one of the clubhouses for any activity or function, call Judy Berube, 863-424-3501 and leave a message or email her at djbup2u@aol.com. Also, if you would like your activity or event posted on the sign board at the front of the park, let Judy know and it will be taken care of.

Our bylaws provide for the use of the clubhouses for private parties. At the May 2017 meeting, the Board approved the fee of $100.00 for private parties to help with the costs of maintaining the clubhouses. Notice of a private party will be posted on the door of the clubhouse during a private function. Please......let’s have respect for our neighbors and their families who are having a private function. We’re sure you would want the same respect and consideration given to you.

If there is someone from outside of Polo Park who wants to speak to the community, they should also call Judy Berube to make arrangements.

Anyone is welcome to join any activity at any time!

★ Polo’s Solo Go Go’s
Tuesday, February 5, 1:00 p.m., CCH
Dolores Childress, 863-427-7681
Alice McCauley, 863-280-8992

The Polo Solo Group consists of widows/singles who are interested in getting out of the house. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Challenger Club House to decide what we will do each Tuesday of that month. It could be a lunch or movie, or once a month a play on a Sunday. Sometimes, it’s a holiday meal at the clubhouse. We have recently lost some members, due to health problems and other reasons, so our group has gotten smaller. We invite new members and possibly new ideas of fun things to do. Please call Dolores Childress at 427-7681 or Alice McCauley at 280-8992 for more information.

★ Ladies Bible Study
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m., 831 Polo Park Blvd.
Lee Kilbourn, 863-424-3600

We have a Bible Study for women every Thursday afternoon. Currently, we are meeting at the home of Margaret Wright, 831 Polo Park Boulevard.

Every third Thursday, we meet at 11:00 and carpool to Bob Evans for breakfast or lunch!

Physical Fitness & Sports

★ Beginners Line Dancing
Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., CCH
Marianne Helmprecht, 631-672-1418

My name is Marianne Helmprecht and I teach beginner line dance classes. I will teach you the steps it takes to do a dance, and I go over the dances each week and you will see improvement in yourself each week. Line dancing is fun and great exercise, balance and it also helps your memory. I would love for you to join us each week and join in the fun. Any questions you can call me at 631-672-1418.

Bring a bottle of water, and wear shoes with a leather sole, or if you wear sneakers; get an old pair of socks and cut the tube of the socks of, then put the cut tubes over your sneakers.

Check out the article below and come join my class!

Health Benefits of Line Dancing as Activities for Elderly
Why Should Seniors Engage in Activities?
It is often witnessed that after the age of 50 a person starts living a depressed and dejected life and if we consider the present situation where parents are discarded by their own children after attaining the old age, then there is a need for the seniors to engage themselves in activities. Keeping the present scenario in mind, many activities for seniors are being promoted by various institutions to cater to the need of these senior citizens. Some of the activities are sing-along, animal shelter volunteer day, chair dancing, tai-chi, etc. One such activity is – line dancing for seniors.

What Is Line Dancing?
Line dancing is actually a choreographed dance with repeated steps and in this form of dancing the dancers are lined up in a row or in the form of a circle holding each other’s hands following the lead dancer. This form of
dance, i.e., line dancing is absolutely suitable for seniors as it does not require a person to be highly skilled in any form of dance nor does it require any sort of freaky dance moves. This form of dance involves slight physical movements to keep your body fit and does not expect you to do a cartwheel, somersault, or a back flip.

Is Line Dancing Suitable For Elderly?
Line dancing for seniors is the best and appropriate way to get rid from all the burden and stress of life. Obviously one can’t expect an elderly to run like usian bolt, or swim like Michael Phelps. Moreover, line dancing is highly beneficial for seniors as it keeps them young from heart. Also it helps them to build a social circle and provides them with the opportunity to make new friends which will lead to happy and cheerful old age. A scientific research says that dance raises the endorphin levels in one’s body which helps to combat stress and depression. Apart from social benefits, line dancing for seniors also has health benefits.

Health Benefits Of Line Dancing
It has been discovered that the line dancers can cover 5 miles of the ground in just one evening. Just ponder how immense would be its health benefits, line dancing for seniors not only helps to maintain their physical health but mental health also at the same time. It decreases the risk of diseases like Alzheimer’s disease and dementia (by massive rate of 76%). It boosts up their energy levels, increase cholesterol level, helps to manage weight, reduces the risk of heart disease, conditions the body, increases stamina and above all keeps them mentally fit(as seniors will have to do mental exercise to remember the steps).

The Ultimate Choice
There are numerous activities for seniors to choose from but line dancing for seniors is the best option because the risk of diseases like dementia is reduced by 76% in comparison to other activities which reduce the risk of this disease by 35% (reading), or by 0% (playing golf, swimming, bicycling). Such benefits of line dancing make it an apt choice for the seniors over other activities.

★ New Attitude Aerobics
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m., CCH
Brenda Reynolds, 863-427-7900

Our “New Attitude” Aerobics exercise class welcomes men and women to join us at the Challenger Club House on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00. We do about 25 minutes of cardio dance, 30 minutes of weight-bearing exercise and then hit the floor for tummy and legs.

Time to get up and start moving for flexibility and mobility. We have a lot of fun with lots of friends. Please join us! All are welcome!

★ Sit and Be Fit Class
Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., CCH
Jan Thraen, 863-604-6930

We would like you to join us every Tuesday and every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Challenger Clubhouse for a half hour of doing easy exercises! If you have any questions, give Jan a call.

★ Chair Yoga
Saturdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., BCH
Helen Daher, 352-408-6163

At this time, due to lack of interest, chair yoga will no longer be meeting. Any questions, please call 352-408-6163.

★ Horseshoe Club
Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
Sue Benware, Secretary, 863-420-9399

Our Monday play of horseshoes has resumed. Anyone wanting to play, show up by 10 a.m. We play for approximately 10-12 weeks. Also, our in-park play with other communities on Wednesday mornings has begun and will continue until February 13. We are always looking for more players, so if you are interested, come on down!

There is no tournament play in February due to Winter Olympics.

★ Pickleball
Monday thru Thursday at 4:00 p.m.
Fridays at 9:00 a.m., At the tennis courts
Gary Mrowka, 716-366-0964

Please join us Monday through Thursday at 4 p.m and Friday at 9 a.m. If you have never played and would like to learn this fun way to exercise, we would love to teach you this game. The more players, the better, as we can divide up according to skill level. If you have any questions, please feel free to call anytime—716-366-0964.
Physical Fitness & Sports

★ Polo Park Golf
Ginnie Thompson, 315-575-1242

In case you missed my talk about the Golf Course at January’s Cookie Social, I thought I’d make it into an article to remind everyone of what a great golf course we have.

The golf course is in great condition. We have a golf committee, that meets monthly, the 1st Monday of each month at 9:30 in the Challenger Club House. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings where they can voice their opinions, and concerns. In January’s meeting it was determined that all New Homeowners will be given a voucher for free golf to see just how great our golf course is. If after that you opt to buy a membership, you will also receive a discount the first year of 10%. We have many opportunities for golf. Check your Polo Park calendar for the times of the men’s and women’s scrambles. Scrambles cost between $1.00-$1.50 plus greens fees.

We have a great time Fridays at 3:00 for our couples golf. This is also a scramble. We alternate who is in charge, and that person takes the money, and makes dinner reservations, where the prize money is distributed. We also come back to the clubhouse after dinner to play cards (Nines or Wizard). It’s a fun day from morning til night. Twice a month there are tournaments on Sundays. The 2nd Sunday of each month will be “Play your own Ball” (where you could win prize money, no matter what your playing level is). January’s winner took home $26. January’s first “Play your own Ball” had a great turnout despite the many football games being televised and the cookie social. We had 16 men and 10 women come out for this event. Congratulations to Kathy Swihart who shot a 30, and Jim Vallaire you shot a 31. They set the bar high for us to improve upon these course records, but I’m sure many will try. Bring your own foursome for this event, or come alone and you will be put on a foursome. The last Sunday of each month will be team formats, something fun, where the format changes. Details are always posted on NextDoor and Facebook prior to the events. If you have ideas for team formats, please let me know. We are always open for new fun formats.

Our golf course is in great condition, partly due to our great group of volunteers. Volunteers are always welcome. They meet Wednesdays at 12:30 at the Pro Shop, where trees are trimmed, holes are dug, whatever needs to be done to help maintain the course. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Dobosz (Chairman of the Golf Committee).

That about sums it up. I hope to see some of Polo Park’s new neighbors golfing, taking advantage of the pass for free golf to see for yourself what a great golf course we have.

★ Thursday Golf
Dick and Ria Treur, 407-288-4275

Every Thursday, from the beginning of November through the end of May, a group of golfers gets together to carpool to a nearby golf course. We play different 18-holes courses in Kissimmee, Orlando, Clermont and Lakeland, sometimes with lunch included.

We play our own ball; it doesn’t matter how good or not-so-good your game is, we have low and high handicap players.

Both men and women are welcome to join us. There is always a sign-up sheet in the Pro-Shop.

You don’t have to commit to come every week, but come as often as you can.

For questions or more information please call Dick Treur at 407-288-4275.

From January 15 until March 19, Dave Hess will be in charge of this golf outing. His phone number is 407-569-6561.
Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways for you to volunteer in Polo Park! It is only because we have so many volunteers that we are able to keep our monthly fees so low. You probably have friends in other communities who easily pay ten times as much per month primarily because these communities have “paid employees” such as an Activities Director. We don’t need an Activities Director in Polo Park….we have each other!

If you are looking for a way to help, read all of the articles in this issue and you will find a place where you can be of service.

★ Golf Course Rangers
Jim Godec, Ranger Coordinator, 270-559-9505

Polo Park Golf Course is in URGENT need of volunteer rangers, plus substitutes for people who are unable to be there. Please call me if you can help out. I appreciate the help. Thank you!

★ Well of Hope Food Bank
Carol Lien, 863-424-4380

The Chapel continues to support the Well of Hope Food Bank with financial donations – NOT FOOD. The need has become great for families and with the addition of seniors also needing help. Anyone interested in helping us support this with financial donations, see Mira Haack or contribute in the box at the Chapel. Thank you.

★ Care Bears
Gloria Gabrielse, 616-723-3876

The Care Bears program sends cards to residents during an illness or after a death. If you know of an illness or want to report a death, please contact Gloria. Thank you.

★ Helping Hands
William Lanzelotti, 863-420-9454

Helping Hands needs more volunteers since we have lost a few.

If you are in need of transportation to an appointment, please let me know as soon as possible. If we don’t know of an appointment until the day before, it’s sometimes difficult to find a driver.

Many thanks to all the good people of Polo Park who continually make it possible for those of us without transportation to survive and thrive.

★ Project Beds For Cats
Fatima Delle Donne, (863) 227-5281

Hi Furrfriends: hope everyone had a great Holiday Season! The Project Beds for Cats and myself, would like to say a “BIG THANK YOU” to all that made donations of material to make the beds. But we are still in need of FLANNELS by the yard, BATTING and POLY-FIL. The BATTING I use to work with king size pillowcases and make PADS instead of beds. The POLY-FIL I use for the BEDS. So, if any of YOU are able to contribute with any of the above materials, would be wonderful!!! I have to Quality Control Helpers, always checking and making sure the work is being done correctly. You can view the pictures of Midnight and Bibi on the job.

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The cabins range from $1069 for an interior cabin, to $1269 for a balcony.

A $250 per person deposit is due with your reservation form; a second payment of $550 per person is due by July 8, 2019; and the final payment is required by October 9, 2019.

Call Seanna, 863-420-9038, for more details, and to get a registration form.

From our Residents

★ Word Find
Lynda Poteracki

Happy Valentine’s Day!
Each of these clues can be found within the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward or forward. Circle them all to solve the puzzle.

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