

January Facts

January is named for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other into the future.

Stone = Garnet Flower = Carnation

THE JUDGING FORMAT OF MISS AMERICA PAGEANT

Originally, contestants in the Miss America pageant were judged on the basis of body measurements. However, around the 1940’s things changed. They were ranked in evening gown = 25%, talent = 25%, swimsuit = 25% and personality = 25%. In 1960, talent grew to rate 30%. But then in 1986, Talent became 40% of the score.

Today, contestants are given scores in four basic categories: Talent, Interview, Evening Gown and Swimsuit.

The preliminary judging is done by a panel of 7 judges, who then chose the top ten semifinalists. This group of 10 then gets narrowed down by the final panel of 7 judges (usually well-known celebrities). Then to five finalists and then, the winner, who is the one with the highest score of the final five.

The preliminary scoring goes as follows:

- Talent=40%
- Interview = 30%
- On-Stage Personality in Evening Wear = 15%
- Physical Fitness in Swimsuit=15%

Final scoring goes as follows:

- Swimsuit =10%
- Evening Gown=10%
- Talent = 20%
- Interview=20%
- Preliminary Phase Performance which exhibiting various qualities=40%

In 1996, television viewers got to participate in the judging. They were invited to call in their choice for the five finalists, thus becoming the 8th judge.

Any event (birthday/anniversary/wedding, etc.) that is scheduled and not hosted/sponsored by the HOA or other ELS vetted group (Men’s Club/Tennis/Golf, etc) will be required to comply with the Single Event Insurance requirements. Please see Raina at the sales office for paperwork/requirements Single event paperwork MUST be in hand prior to putting event on the calendar.

Lake Fairways Activities Calendar



THE HISTORICAL REASON WE POP CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES ON NEW YEAR’S EVE



By Louise Rhind-Tutt
As the clocks chime midnight on December 31 and a brand new year is ushered in, the familiar soundtrack of fireworks, people cheering, and champagne corks popping will echo across the globe. Many of us will instinctively look for a bottle or two of celebratory fizz when buying wine for a holiday party; in fact, it’s been estimated that a quarter of all champagne bottles sold in America are bought between Christmas and New Year’s, with more than 360 million glasses of champagne and sparkling wine enjoyed in the U.S. each and every New Year’s Eve.

But, why do we choose this particular drink to mark one of the biggest dates in the calendar? While drinking champagne has a long and lavish history dating back centuries, it hasn’t always been an option for the majority of people. The sparkling beverage was once associated solely with royal courts and European aristocracy since royalty and nobility were the only ones who once could afford it.

Things began to change after the French Revolution and the huge societal changes that period brought about; back then, champagne quickly gained traction as a desirable way to celebrate special occasions. And, over subsequent years, that signature pop of the cork before pouring the fizzy, lively liquid would become synonymous with one of the biggest communal celebrations of all: New Year’s Eve.

Things began to change in the 1800s.

By 1800, the act of staying up until midnight to ring in the new year had become more popular, a tradition which European settlers had brought to America. People began to frequent taverns, as well as visiting others’ houses, for fun-filled midnight drinks, which included punch as well as champagne.

As secular rituals began to replace religious ones following the French Revolution, champagne became more widespread as part of a variety of celebrations. One use was to ‘christen’ a ship, for example, before its maiden voyage. Soon, champagne was about to see a sudden huge surge in popularity and availability as prices dropped and sales boomed from six million bottles in 1850 to a whopping 28 million by 1900 as producers began to market the drink for special occasions.

By the end of the 19th century, champagne was widespread at New Year’s Eve parties. While still associated with luxury, it was more affordable for the middle classes as an occasional treat — and what better way to welcome in a fresh start than with an overflowing glass of aspirational bubbles? Today, champagne is still seen as an occasional celebratory drink by most, with New Year’s Eve proving one of the most popular times to indulge. And with a range of cheaper alternatives these days, from cava to prosecco, there’s even more reason to pop a cork this New Year’s Eve.



Cheers to that.



YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00-6:30 Open Tennis 	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool *1:00-4:00 Bunco/LB	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *1:00-4:00 Dominoes/Card Room	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis Resident vehicle stickers are back at the gates.
<div>January 2025</div> <div></div>						
NEW YEARS DAY ELS Offices Closed 		NEW YEARS DAY ELS Offices Closed 		NEW YEARS DAY ELS Offices Closed 		NEW YEARS DAY ELS Offices Closed 
10:00 Undecorate Clubhouse Rooms 	NEW YEARS TOURNAMENT 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 Cards & Crafts/RMH (set up 1:30pm)- <i>last class until April</i> 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park/PG 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L	9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 9:30-12:00 HOA Bd Mtg/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 5:00 Taco Tuesday/K/MH (set up 2:00pm) 6:30-8:30 Euchre/LB 6:30-9:30 Billiards/BR 6:30-9:30 Texas holdem/RMH	12:00-2:00 LFTA Bd Mtg/L 12:00-1:30 Ladies 18-hole Golf Gen Mtg/MH 12:00-2:00 90-s Lunch Group/L/SR (set up 11:00am) 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park PG 6:30-9:30 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-9:00 Gator Races/MH/RMH (set up 6:00pm) 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L	8:00 Trash & Treasure set up/all rooms +L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 7:00-8:00 LF Resident Sales Only 	8:00-1:00 Trash & Treasure Sale/all rooms+L 2:00 Bowling at Bowlero 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm 	9:00-10:00 Coffee 4:00-9:30 Dinner Bridge Club/L (set up 4:00pm) 5:30-10:00 New England BBQ Night/All Rooms (set up 2:00pm) 
5:00-7:00 LFGA Awards/MH 6:30-8:00 Book Club/L 	9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park PG 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L 	9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 1:00-3:00 Quilts of Valor/MH/RMH/PR (set up 12 noon) 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 6:30-9:30 Billiards/BR 6:30-8:30 Euchre/LB 6:00-9:00 EHOA Mtg./L (set up 5:00pm) 7:00-10:00 Men's Club Mtg/RMH	5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park PG 6:00-9:00 HOA Karaoke/MH/RMH (set up 5:00pm) 6:30-9:30 Hand & foot/PR 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L 	9:00-12:00 LF Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-2:00 Men's Golf Lunch/MH (set up 11:30am) 4:00-5:30 Ent Committee Mtg/L 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 5:30-8:00 LFTA General Mtg/LB (set up 4:30pm)	9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 2:00 Bowling at Bowlero 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm 	7:30-9:00 Pancake Breakfast/All Rooms 9:00-1:00 Men's Group/L 7:00-9:00 Boy Band Evolution/All Rooms +L 
2:00-5:00 Updated Home Tour 	ELS OFFICES CLOSED 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park PG 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L 	9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 10:00-1:00 HOA Liaison Mtg/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-1:00 LFGA Mtg/L 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 5:00 Taco Tuesday/K/MH (set up 2:00pm) 6:30-8:30 Euchre/LB 6:30-9:30 Billiards/BR	10:00-4:00 CERT Class /K/MH (set up 9:00am) 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park PG 6:30-9:30 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-9:00 Gator Races/MH/RMH (set up 6:00pm) 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L 	8:30-10:00 Ladies 18 hole Bd Mtg/L 9:00-12:00 LF Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 4:00-5:30 Ent Committee Mtg/L 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 	8:00-4:30 BLOOD DRIVE 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 2:00 Bowling at Bowlero 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm 	9:00-10:00 Coffee 5:00-10:00 Big 10 Dance/All Rooms +L set up 12 noon 
11:00-3:00 Rally for the Cause 	9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park/PG 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L 	9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 6:30-				