

GOLF TOURNAMENTS AND OTHER EVENTS



On Monday, February 13, The Canadian snowbirds, many in matching red hats and shirts, arrived early at the Golf Club at Bluewater Bay, hoping to avenge their loss to the Americans in last year's Can/Am Cup. It wasn't meant to be. The Americans trounced their northern neighbors 17 ½ to 5 ½. The format was a two-person scramble pitting one twosome of Americans against a twosome of Canadians. Individual winners included Barb Nuckels of Michigan, and

Phil Davern of Pennsylvania with winning low-net scores of 68. Closest to the pin awards were as follows: Marsh course: # 6 Phil Davern (American), # 4 Jeanne Urban (American), Bay course: # 7 Don Spencer (Canadian), # 3 Debbie Gallant (Canadian), Longest drive awards went to: Dan Rzcznik (American), Suzanne Hagan (Canadian). Results included 23 matches with 3 ties. 12 of the matches were won by 3 points or less. Kudos to the "Ricks" who worked so hard to make it a success: Rick Mettle, Cochair and captain of the American team, Rick Baker, cochair and captain of the Canadian team, and Ric Caner, scorekeeper and prize chair. A great time was had by all, and the Canadians, no doubt, are already planning their revenge for next year.



Last week was a week for bus tours.



Wednesday, February 8, was a bus trip to Biloxi that was exclusively for Destin snowbirds. President Ruth Beckett entertained the chockfull charter en route with BINGO and a "Heart Race." Not familiar with heart races? Well, you'll just have to be sure to sign up for next year's excursions. Beckett is planning to offer two exclusive snowbird Biloxi trips next season.

On Thursday, February 9, two busloads of snowbirds headed to Panama City to see a performance at the Todd Herendeen Dinner Theater. "He was better than I've ever seen him," said Don Collins. I didn't think he could outdo last year's show, but he did," he added. Bud Noonan remarked that he and his wife Pat loved it. "Thank you to our great Snowbird Club for making these events happen," he said. Patty Daun of Wisconsin has been the organizer and chair of this incredibly successful trip which is sure to become a standard annual snowbird event.



Early Sunday morning, a busload of snowbirds headed to The Big Easy to enjoy some Mardi Gras fun. In order to break up the long trek home, a stop was made at the Beau Rivage for the night. The next day, everyone enjoyed a little free play at the IP Casino and Resort before heading home. Not everyone was able to beat the odds, but the fun and camaraderie were definitely unbeatable. Thanks to Don and Joan Collins and Joy Meyer for all the work they did to make this another enormous success.



Speaking of successes, the annual Craft Show drew a large crowd on Tuesday, February 7, where a dozen artistic crafters displayed their creations. Unique gifts and one-of-a-kind items were plentiful for the Roost-filled crowd. Congratulations to chair Char Myers for a job well done, again.



Besides the craft show, there was a collection taken for the American Cancer Society at the Tuesday, February 7 meeting. A check for nearly \$1,200 will be presented to Melanie Row, senior development manager for the local chapter, on Tuesday, February 14.

Cheryl Jones and Company drew a large and fun-loving flock of snowbirds to Lulu's for the third T.G.I.T. party. Remember, Tuesday, February 21, will be the last one. Snowbird favorite Bobby D will be the entertainer, so early arrival is highly recommended. Your snowbird badge will be required at the door along with a \$5 admission fee.

Registrations are still taking place from 8:30 to 9:45 before each meeting and storage tickets are still being offered at \$20 per stored item at the meetings. Check the website at www.thedestinsnowbirds.com for more details.

This coming week, the Singles Friendship Club will meet for lunch after the meeting at Indian Bayou Golf and Country Club.