

Fishing! Golfing! Dancing! And More!



When Peter Smet of Wisconsin signed up as a new Destin snowbird earlier this month, his aspiration was to join other snowbirds on a deep-sea fishing trip. He achieved that goal a week ago Friday aboard the Destin Princess where, unfortunately, his only catch was one white snapper. Wanting more fish, he decided to fetch his wife Teresa and head to the Knights of Columbus's first fish fry of the season at Corpus Christi Church on Beach Drive. (Long-time vendors, Knights of Columbus and St. Rita's men's club in Santa Rosa, will alternate offering a Fish Fry dinner every Friday through February and a couple of Fridays in March.) Life doesn't get much better!

Well, the golfers might not agree with that. Three outings have occurred in just a little over a week and each one was colder than the one before.

The first 18-hole outing was at Bluewater Bay on January 16. And, while some thought it was too brisk for golf, it was a heat wave compared to last Wednesday's outing at Kelly Plantation where a full field of 70 quickly shrank to about 30 in the 40ish degree weather.



The first Nine & Wine & Whine at Baytowne in Sandestin also saw snowbirds morph into chickens as temperatures hovered in the 50's. After a chilly "nine" many preferred to go home to "tea and seethe" rather than "wine and whine."

The next Nine & Wine & Whine will be Sunday, January 26, at Seascope with a 2 p.m. shotgun start. There are still a few spots available so email, snowbirdgolf@gmail.com to reserve a spot. The Sunday, February 9, outing at Kelly Plantation is full with a growing waiting list.

The next two 18-hole outings will be at Blackstone on Monday, January 27, and at Indian Bayou on Wednesday, January 29. Again, email snowbirdgolf@gmail.com to request more information or reserve a spot.



Things were hopping at last Tuesday's snowbird meeting. Literally! Entertainer Bobby D had snowbirds dancing in the isle to his mix of Oldies, Classics and New Country. For those who'd like an encore, on Bobby's webpage, "bobbyd.com," he offers a calendar that shows all the places he will be performing, and the coolest thing about it is that you can add a venue to your calendar from his site. Check it out!

However, dancing bodies weren't the only things moving at the meeting, event tickets were flying off the tables at record-breaking speed. All three Harbor Party Cruises are sold out. The New Orleans Mardi Gras trip is also sold out. The handful of tickets left for the Valentine Dinner Dance will, no doubt, be gone by the start of next Tuesday's first meeting. Don't let that keep you away, however. Tickets are still being sold for the Soundsations Benefit Concert and the Ladies Scrambles. Information will be available on the first annual Can/Am golf tournament (formerly known as the President's Cup) and on the potentially revised Ladies Luncheon. As always, a plethora of vendor door prizes will be raffled off. And last, but absolutely not least, Todd Herendeen will be the morning's entertainer. When Todd performs, he miraculously brings Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond, Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison among others with him. With the addition of his talented family and band, one morning's meeting won't be enough time to enjoy this extraordinary show, but we're in luck! Todd will also be the T.G.I.T. (Thank Goodness It's Tuesday) entertainer from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at the Seascap Conference Center. Remember, if you show up late, you may get turned away as there is a capacity limit.

Sandwiched between the conclusion of the 11 a.m. meeting Tuesday morning and the T.G.I.T. Party will be the Singles Friendship Club meeting which will be at The Back Porch Seaford restaurant this week.

For all the newly arriving snowbirds, most activities are still accepting participants. All are listed, with contact information, on the website at www.destinsnowbirds.org.