

Golfers enjoy the Sun

Mother Nature has finally shown the Destin Snowbird golfers a little mercy and, even the anticipation of the Super Bowl couldn't keep 50 appreciative players away from the Regatta Bay Golf and Country Club last Sunday for a pleasantly sunny, fun-filled 18-hole round of golf. Hopefully, she will continue her benevolence for the remaining eight outings that are planned. Included in those outings is the inaugural Can/Am Cup, pitting our Canadian snowbird golfers against their American counterparts. Details about this two-day event, and all sorts of other interesting and important information can be found on our website at www.destinsnowbirds.org.



While golf is still going strong, other activities are beginning to wind down. Linda Zukonik and her registration team will be available to welcome new snowbirds just one more time on Monday, February 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. Linda will then change hats and, with the help of past president Jackie Roberson, will begin selling tickets for storage boxes at each Tuesday morning meeting. Information on box size, space availability and costs can also be found on our website.



Chairpersons Sandy and Gene Holzer threw a party at Merlins Pizza for a job-well-done by their prize committee canvassers. Two canvassers in attendance were Mary and Larry Green of South Dakota. Larry had served in the Air Force and Mary came from a military family so, five years ago, when they decided to become snowbirds, Destin was their destination of choice. However, this was their first year as volunteers.

"They announced that help was needed and we thought, why not?" said Mary. She added that they enjoyed helping and were able to meet new friends, but their future as canvassers depended on the rate of recovery from her torn rotator cuff. We wish her well and hope others will consider following their example as volunteers.



Pat Hager's writers group is beginning to plan for their annual finale where each member of the group will exhibit their expertise whether it be prose, poetry, music or photography. Mark your calendars for the free presentation on Friday, February 21, 1:00 p.m. at the Destin Public Library. You will be amazed at the talent within the Destin snowbird club.



Speaking of talent, the performing arts students of NWFSC put on an awesome performance at last Tuesday's meetings. The Roost almost seemed to sway to the beat of "Mama Mia" as snowbirds were drawn, singing and clapping into the jubilant environment. For first time snowbirds Steve and Miki Erickson of Minnesota, it was just the stimulation needed to convince them to purchase tickets to the Sunday,

February 16, Soundsations Benefit Performance at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center on the NWFSC campus. Tickets will be available again at next Tuesday's meetings and also at the door on the day of the performance.



It's difficult to say whether it was the entertainment or the final craft show that drew the capacity crowd to the Roost last Tuesday. The assortment of jewelry, scarves, purses, note cards, linens, and so much more, were of a higher quality than ever before. New items like seat belt covers and cloth heating pads were among the unique offerings. Chairwoman Joanne Andrychuk's contact information is on the website for anyone who wants to learn more about showcasing their crafts at one of these special meetings.

There will be another capacity crowd next Tuesday and the reason why is no mystery, Tareva Henderson Boone and her husband Pat Boone will be the morning's performers. While the duo will be new to the snowbird club, they are not novices. Tareva, a six-time "Star Search" winner, cut her first record at age 12. She has had numerous TV appearances and has played concerts in Nashville, Branson, Pigeon Forge and Myrtle Beach among other places. She's known for her sultry country sound but can belt out R&B with the best. The miracle of surviving a horrendous accident has also drawn her into Gospel music and she is a worship leader for Haven House Ministries. This year, she will be inducted into the prestigious Louisiana Music Hall of Fame. This is one show you definitely won't want to miss, but if you do, you can catch them at the afternoon's T.G.I.T. party at the Seascape Conference Center from 3 to 6 p.m.

Singles won't want to miss next Tuesday's Friendship Club meeting at Brotula's immediately after the 11:00 a.m. meeting.