



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PYC Board of Directors

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Happy Birthday



12/05	Butch Karrels
12/06	Bob Banta
12/07	Cheryl Rhoads
12/09	Tim Hill

Commodore – Tom Williams



After all the excitement at our Crystal River event I was hoping our bad weather challenges for the 2023 year were at an end. Predicted bad weather caused another postponement for the Geocache outing . It was unfortunate that we had to cancel but since we received approximately four inches of rain that day, I am glad we did. Safety on the water is of utmost importance.

Several of you have already signed up for an event for the 2024 season and I thank you for that. I will be bringing the event sign-up sheet to the Christmas banquet and any other events until it is full. Please remember that it is expected that all members choose at least one event to host. If you are new or unsure of what needs to be accomplished just ask one of our board members/officers or any of our experienced members. I am certain we all would be willing to assist you. (continued on page 2 ...)

Commodore Continued – Tom Williams -



What a great experience we had at the Veterans Day Paratrooper Drop in Lake Eustis. As a veteran myself I am always excited to assist other veterans. Often it may be something as simple as a thank you or a few minutes of conversation but in this case, it was a bit more involved. We had six pontoons from PYC to assist in recovering the paratroopers from Lake Eustis after their drops. Approximately 165 veterans jumped out of the historic Tico Bell (of WW2 D-Day fame). Obviously, the water temperature was a bit cold, so it was imperative that we got these veterans out of the lake as soon as possible as well as recovering their parachutes. Our club received some good recognition and publicity in a local newspaper. The PYC member pontoons which participated were: Karrels, Mest, Smith, Rhoads, Allen, and Williams. There will be two more jumps in 2024 and I have included them on our events sheet. If you would be interested in helping out in one or both events just let me know when the date gets closer.

We passed out several of the new key fobs with club applications inside, so I'm hoping we get a new member or two.

Scott Smith proposed an idea to me recently, not sure if this was tried in the past or not but I think it is a good idea. He would like us to form an emergency team who would be willing and available to assist other members if they needed assistance while out on their pontoons. The thought is that instead of waiting for Sea Tow or similar groups a more immediate response would be beneficial. If you think you might be interested in this let Scott or myself know.

Thoughts about the purpose, meaning, and importance of a club. When you might lose interest in boating due to "I have seen and done that before", a club can fill in to be with others who have similar passions. Bringing in new members can bring in new ideas, new events, new faces, and new friendships. Please remember to pass out the fobs you received at the Thanksgiving dinner, Mary Jo and I have a supply if you need more.

In closing I want to thank all the Officers and Board Members who assisted me this past year. It really is a collaborative effort to make all this happen and it just wouldn't be possible without you. Jim and Carol Clarke and Cathy Banta will be taking a much-earned break from the Board after several years of service to all of us. I am certain all PYC members thank them and hope they stay active as they see fit to just enjoy the fruit of their past efforts.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Banquet on December 9th, remember to make your reservations, Tom

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The final tally of the voting which took place at the Thanksgiving Luncheon

Increase in yearly dues:

For 25 Against 1 Abstain 1

Increase in initiation fee

For 25 Against 2

PYC maintaining Board of Directors Insurance:

For 25 Against 0 Abstain 2



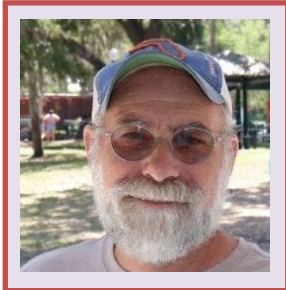
Vice Commodore – Cheryl Rhoads



Welcome to our **newest member Steve & Sharon Sensenbach!** Since they will be traveling in December they are sorry to miss our PYC Christmas Party but look forward to meeting all of us in January 2024! They have a beautiful yellow 20 foot Bentley pontoon boat. Make sure you welcome them at our first outing in January!

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Rear Commodore – John Mest



On November 5th, we had an amazing Thanksgiving dinner at the Fox Run club house! Our hosts John Paul Dargo, Mary Bliss, Rita, Ernie and Nora Sixbey did an outstanding job! Thank you!! John Paul cooked the dinner and everyone brought their favorite side dishes! No one left hungry! **We had 49 people in attendance and 0 boats!**

Unfortunately for the second time Mother Nature won and the Geocache Sunset Cruise on the 16th of November had to be postponed again! Maybe Mother Nature will be better to us next year!

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Banquet! It will be a great time for all!

Safe travels and boating, John Mest

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Treasurer—Carol Clarke



Don't forget deadline is today, December 1st for the Christmas Party. If you are reading this **today** and you have not sent in your reservation and plan to come, you can pick up the phone, **call me today** with your selection of food and let me know your check is in the mail.

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Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven



No cards sent this month. If anyone would like the PYC to send a get well card to an ill member, please contact: Virginia Calven at 906-484-3478.

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Hosts: John & Cindy Kindinger and Richard & Cookie Brown



PYC Christmas Banquet

Holiday Attire is suggested.

Saturday, December 9, 2023

*Country Club of Mt. Dora
1900 Country Club Boulevard, Mt. Dora*

Social Hour 5:30 – 6:00 P.M. Cash Bar

*A sit-down dinner will be served which includes salad, entrée, vegetable,
starch, rolls and dessert.*

Beverages include coffee, tea, and water.

Christmas Card Raffle will be played.

2024 Officers will be installed.

Music by Lonnie Shriver for your listening and dancing pleasure.

*Reservations and Money must be received by Carol Clarke (3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778)
by Friday, December 1, 2023 along with your choice of entrée –Beef Tips with wild rice OR Velvet Chicken
(chicken stuffed with cream cheese and spinach).*

Cost for Members \$20.00 Cost for Guests \$30.00

- submitted by Cindy Kindinger -

First PYC Outing Event of the Year
Saturday January 13, 2024
At Puddle Jumpers Lakeside Grill & Bar - Upstairs
111 W Ruby St, Tavares

Host: Vik & John Kapoor (Father & Son Team)
Co-Host: Leo & Harriet Reuter

No Raft Up
Please come by Car or Boat, but do come to celebrate
beginning of a new year with PYC Members.
Guests are very much welcome.

Social Hour: 11.30 AM, Lunch at 12.00, Order off the Menu

Please RSVP(Text/Call) Vik Kapoor at 352-459-4839 or

It's Official. This is your new PYC Board of Directors for 2024.

Cindy presented the following nominees. Cindy made the Motion to accept the Nominees for PYC Board positions as listed below. Motion was seconded by Cathy Banta. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Commodore: Tom Williams
2. Vice Commodore: Cheryl Rhoads
3. Rear Commodore: John Mest
4. Secretary: Debra Stewart
5. Treasurer: Jay Asaibene (not pictured)
6. Board Member: Scott Smith
7. Board Member: Richard Brown (not pictured)
8. Board Member: Virginia Calven
9. Board Member: Tom Williams (Prior year's Commodore Continuing a 2nd year)



Thank you to our PYC Nominating Committee for your hard work ... Cindy Kindinger, Sharon Vincent, and Gary Rhoads!

PYC Event **Signup Sheet 2024** is on the last page (10).

Be thinking about what event you would like to host in 2024. Names are filled in for those that have selected dates. **The earlier you select your date, the more choices/dates you have to choose from.**

**We say to John Paul and your team,
Mary, Nora & Ernie**

Thank you for a terrific thanksgiving event!



**John Paul
In His Festive Attire**

Pontoon Yacht Club, Thanksgiving Luncheon
Fox Run Clubhouse, November 4, 2023



Our Thanksgiving Event Team



Debra & Richard



Harriet & Leo



Bob & Cathy



Butch & Merrilyn



Dave, Cheryl & Gary



Shelley & John



John

Joan

John & Joan



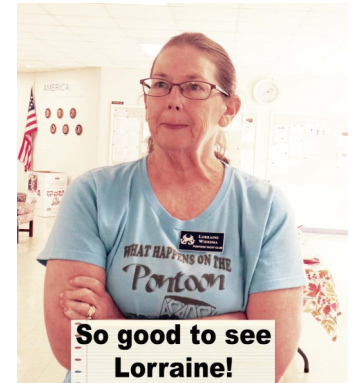
Jerie & Ray



Prize Winner
Jane



Our New Secretary
Debra



So good to see
Lorraine!



Carol, Kay & Virginia



Shelley & Cheryl



Carl



Karen

A Look Back In Time By Kay Weaver, Historian

November 3-6, 2005, PYC trip to Crystal River where our Hosts treated 40 members and guests to an outstanding 4 days at the Best Western Motel on the Crystal River in the city of Crystal River. We arrived on Thursday and after checking in, we gathered at the pool/tiki bar to begin the weekend. Pizza and libations ensued. Friday morning, we gathered on 8 pontoon boats and floated on down the river to the scuba dive site area and watched the manatees and dolphins play. After a while we returned to the pool/tiki bar for more swimming/libations. Later we walked over to Charlie's Fish House for dinner. After dinner we headed back to the motel and gathered to listen to our infamous auctioneer Jack Orlando and his able assistant Ron Korb. The bidding was wild, and the auction netted the club \$144. The auctioneer went wild over the gift wrapped in iridescent paper. Saturday morning bright and early we took a ride out to the Gulf of Mexico. Returning, we had lunch at the Ale House on the water at the Port Hotel & Marina, then slowly tooned back to the motel. We learned the tides are much greater at Crystal River than at Homosassa; 6 feet from low to high tide. We took the boats out of the water Saturday afternoon, because the next high tide was at 2:00 AM or 5:00 PM on Sunday. We had dinner at the restaurant next door in our **glitzy clothes**. We had some real glitzers... →

Gorilla & Kay in Crystal River



Dan & Sharon Vincent at Ale House at the Port Hotel & Marina



Mitzie & Gary- Different interpretation of Glitz!



Glitzers Dan & Sharon



All in all, beautiful weather and a terrific weekend planned by our hosts. Thanks to the Geigers and Hubberts, especially Margi & Mitzie. Those of you not there, missed another great one.

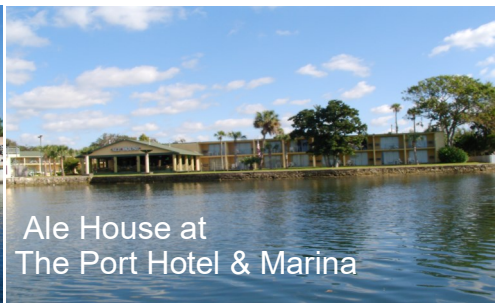
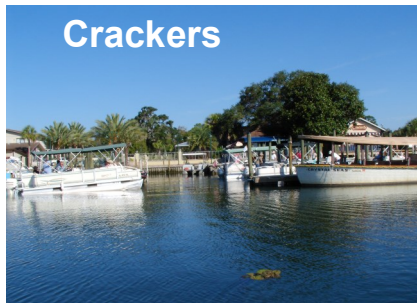
Ale House at the Port



Tiki Bar at Best Western



Crackers



Ale House at The Port Hotel & Marina

PYC Event Signup Sheet 2023—see Page 12 for 2024

2024 Calendar is on the last page. Check it out and see where you would like to signup.

Date	Day	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
January 9-14 2nd week	14 th Sat.		Crazy Gator, Eustis	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter
January 23-28 4th week	26 th Thurs.		Puddle Jumpers, Tavares	Joe Comastra & Lorraine Wiersma	Scott & Lorraine Smith
February 6-11 2nd week	9 th Thurs.		Waterfront Grille-Valentines, Eustis	Richard & Cookie Brown	James & Carolyn Smith
February 20-25 4th week	25 th Sat.		George fest Parade - Eustis	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Bob & Bettie Nebergall
March 6-11 2nd week	9 th Thurs.		Crazy Gator – St. Patrick’s Day Celebration "Irish Duckstakes Race"	Dan & Sharon Vincent	Ray & Jerie Tallman
March 20-25 Thursday	23 rd Thurs.		Old Fashioned Picnic – Gilbert Park	John & Elaine Mest	Scott & Lorraine Smith
April 10-15 2nd week	13 th Thurs.		Moss Bluff Picnic Posted to June 8th Change due to rain.	Jim & Carol Clarke	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
April 24-29 4th week	27 th Thurs.		Scavenger Hunt - Hurricanes	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
May 8-13 2nd week(T-R)	9-12 th Tue-Fri		St. John’s Tropical Resort & Marina Lake Beresford, FL – Road Trip to Deland	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
May 22-27 4th week	-	-	No event	-	-
June 5-10 2nd week	8 th Thurs.		Moss Bluff Picnic	Jim & Carol Clarke	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
June 19-24 4th week	22 nd Thur.		Ski Beach	Virginia Calven	Carol Clarke
July 17-22 3rd week	18 th Tues.		Pontoon Saloon (Note: ON TUESDAY)	Terry & Kay Weaver	
July 24-29 4th week	27 th Thurs.		Beach Party TBD	Dave & Jay Asibene	Cindy & John Kindinger
August 7-12 2nd week	13 th Sun.		Sunday, Informal Gathering off of Deer Island	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	
August 21-26 4th week	31 st		Geocache/Sunset Cruise Lake Dora (Is rescheduled for 11/16/23)	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Scott & Lorraine Smith
September 4-9 2nd week	7 th Thurs.		Sunset Cruise (rain day Sept. 9)	Bob & Cathy Banta	John & Elaine Mest
September 18-23 4th Saturday	23 rd Sat.		Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob /Cathy Banta Virginia Calven/ Gary Papucci
October 9-14 2nd week(T-R)	10-13 th Tue-Fri		River Cruise Crystal River	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Terry & Kay Weaver
November 4 th 1st Saturday	4 th Sat.		Thanksgiving	John Paul Dargo Mary Bliss	Ernest & Nora Sixby
November 16 ^h	16 th Thurs.		Geocache/Sunset Cruise Lake Dora (This is the rescheduled date.)	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Scott & Lorraine Smith
December 9 th 2nd Saturday	9 th Sat.		Christmas	John & Cindy Kindinger	Richard & Cookie Brown

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PYC Event Signup Sheet 2024

Every member needs to signup to host an event. Use the attached calendar to choose the exact date.

	2024 Event Dates	Start & End Actual Dates		Outing Location & Description	Host 1	Host 2	Full Moon
1	1st Jan.			Puddle Jumpers	Kapoor, Vic & John		
2	2nd Jan.			Scavenger Hunt			
3	1st Feb.			Valentine Cruise	Roeske, Steve & Sue		25-Jan
4	2nd Feb.	2/17	2/24	George Fest Boat Parade	Rhoads, Gary & Cheryl	Wells, Mike & Bonnie	
5	1st March			Multi-lake Cruise/picnic St. Patrick's Day	Tallman, Ray & Jeri	Vincent, Dan & Sharon	24-Feb
6	2nd March	3/19	3/22	Parramore's Campground	Weaver, Terry & Kay		
7	1st April			Nautical Flee market/ Trimble Park		Asaibene, Dave & Jay	25-Mar
8	2nd April	4/23	4/23	Hide Away/Sunset/ Full Moon	Calven, Virginia Papucci, Gary		
9	1st May	5/4		Paratrooper Drop Lake Dora	Williams, Tom & MJ		23-Apr
10	2nd May		5/18	Mt. Dora Movie Night	Williams, Tom & MJ	Smith, Scott & Lorraine	
11	1st June			Rainbow Springs away event	Karrels, Butch & Mer- rilyn		23-May
12	2nd June	6/20	6/20	Ski Beach/sunset/ Full Moon			
13	1st July	?	?	Deer Island/ Fire works			21-Jun
14	2nd July			Moss Bluff Picnic Cruise			
15	1st Aug.			Cook Out at Our House	Soffield, Bert & Karen	Latham, Wes & Amy	21-Jul
16	2nd Aug			Deer Island/ Grilling lunch			
17	1st Sept.			Host Choice ?			19-Aug
18	2nd Sept.			Poker Run	Banta, Bob & Cathy	Scott, Carl & Joan	
19	1st Oct.			Riviera resort, away cruise			17-Sep
20	2nd Oct.			Lake Griffin SP, picnic	Scott, Carl & Joan		
21	1st Nov.			Thanksgiving Dinner	Dargo, John Paul		17-Oct
22	2nd Nov.	11/9		Paratroopers Water Jump Lake Eustis	Williams, Tom & MJ		
23	1st Dec.			Christmas Dinner	Kindingers, John & Cindy		15-Nov

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