



# PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Happy May Birthdays!**

Hope you a have terrific day,  
 week, month and year.  
 Celebrate enough for all of us!

- May 4 Bob Noffsinger
- May 9 Betty Lou Pearce
- May 10 Dan Vincent
- May 12 John Mest
- May 15 Leo Reuter
- May 17 Mary Jo Williams
- May 20 Shirley Coutu
- May 23 Terry Weaver
- May 24 Cathy Banta
- May 25 Joan Scott
- May 31 Wes Latham

If I have accidently left off your birthday or it's wrong, please let me know so I can correct our list. Thank you, Cathy Green Banta [mcathygreen@gmail.com](mailto:mcathygreen@gmail.com); 352-455-2788

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### Commodore's Comments – Tom Williams

In last month's newsletter I mentioned what a great time of year this is with the nicer weather. Oops, did not anticipate heavy rainstorms. Canceling the Moss Bluff event was done with an abundance of caution. We did not want to get caught up the river in stormy weather and the possibility of lightning. I live north of most of you, and we got belted with " of rain starting around 2:30 pm, which would have had us still out on the Ocklawaha River. So, in retrospect I am satisfied we did the prudent thing in canceling. Hopefully, we won't have to do that again this year.

This past week Mary Jo and I put in the St. Johns River at Astor. We traveled north to Silver Glen Springs to evaluate the repercussions from the flooding and high winds during the past winter months. The water levels look to be back to near normal but there are plenty of trees blown down and some side channels are blocked with various vegetation. Restoration efforts are in effect on Lake George and especially in the Spring areas. They are planting eelgrass that was destroyed during Hurricane Irma. So far, the Glen is still open to boaters, but there have been some conversations about closing the area, I hope that won't be necessary.

A BIG thank you goes out to Terry and Kay Weaver for stepping up and agreeing to host another event for all of us to enjoy. There are still two event dates that have yet to be claimed. Hopefully, other members will follow suit and participate in hosting another event. I asked Mary Jo to create a new and colorful pamphlet as a means to further advertise our club and attract new members. The objective is to complement our beautiful website. The prototype looks wonderful and will be available at a future date for any of our members who would like to introduce our club to other pontooners they encounter along the way. Hope to see you on the water soon, Tom.

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### Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhoads



Now that we have a picture

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS  
Wes & Amy

welcome



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# Rear Commodore Report – John Mest



Thanks to Mother Nature our first outing for April had to be postponed! However, it did fill in an empty date! So, we will be going to Moss Bluff in June.

On April 27th we had a Scavenger Hunt on Lake Eustis!! What a great time! We searched all around the shoreline for 18 different items going by a map and list of what to look for. Afterwards, we met at the Waterfront Grill in Eustis for a great meal! I would like to say thank you to the Waterfront Grill for taking us at the last minute after Hurricanes cancelled the day before!

**Our hosts Mike and Bonnie Wells and Gary and Cheryl Rhoads did a great job** with the Scavenger Hunt and the 50/50. Many prizes were handed out!

**We had 38 members and 3 guests along with 7 boats!** Thank you to all involved!

Hope to see everyone at the St John’s River outing next month! Until then, safe travels and boating, John Mest

Scavenger Hunt Winners



**Enjoyable day out on the water,  
Lake Eustis, for the scavenger hunt.**

**Our hosts did a fantastic job of putting the event together.  
Thank you from all of us who enjoyed the event.**

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## Treasurer – Carol Clarke

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## Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

Sent out one get well card to Joe Comastra.

**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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# St. John's PYC River Event - May 9 to May 12, 2023

## Tropical Resort & Marina, Lake Beresford, FL

1485 Lakeview Dr. Deland, FL. 32720

Hosts: Butch & Merrilyn Karrels Co-Host: Tom & Mary Jo Williams

Check-in: May 9, 2023 - 3:00PM - Check-out: May 12, 2023 - 11:00AM

Each day you are on your own for breakfast; eat in or dine out. The itinerary is on the next page so you know what we will be doing and will help you in making your plans/reservations.

### Itinerary - St. John's PYC River Event – May 9 to 12, 2023

**Tuesday: May 9, 2023, 12:30 PM:** Form boat convoy at CVS on SR19 and CR44 for all boats wanting to trailer their boats together to Tropical Resort & Marina. We will have people available to assist everyone unloading their boats. There is a single dock to unload all boats so if you join the convoy, it will take time to get all boats in the water and checked in.

**Tuesday: May 9, 4:00 PM** take boats to St. John's River Grill for dinner, 2997 FL-44 Deland, FL. Upon returning from the restaurant, we will congregate at the fire-pit area to enjoy the evening and each other's company. BYOB

**Wednesday: May 10, 10:30AM** leave Tropical Resort & Marina with our boats to go north on the St. John's River to the Woodruff cutoff to De Leon Springs and the Sugar Mill restaurant for lunch. Coming back from the Sugar mill restaurant, we will cross Lake Woodruff and Lake Dexter on to the St. John's River and go south back to the Tropical Resort & Marina. Make sure you have a full tank of gas for the day.

**Wednesday: May 10, 5:00 PM** we will be taking our vehicles to the Stockyard restaurant for dinner. Depending on the weather we will be able to eat outside in an area where we can eat as a group. Again, after returning from the restaurant, we will meet at the fire-pit for libations. We will have marshmallows for roasting along with chocolate and graham-crackers for s'mores.

**Thursday: May 11, 10:00 AM** we will be leaving Tropical Resort heading south on the St. John's River toward Sanford, again make sure you have a full tank of gas. Right now, there is construction on the railroad over pass and we may not be able to go into the Sanford marina but if we can we will go to the Sanford marina. We will turn around at the Sanford marina and head back across Lake Monroe and back up to Swamp House Bar & Grill where we will have lunch.

After lunch, it's back on our boats heading north to Tropical Resort and marina where we will have our final gathering as a club at the fire-pit. We will be using the charcoal grills to make dinner for anyone who wants to eat this evening, bring your own food and Charcoal for this meal.

**Friday: May 12, 2023, 11:00 AM** you will be on your own for breakfast. Depart for home.

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At this time, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Outing in May has nothing scheduled.

May 22-27, fourth week in May

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# HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!



## **First June Outing ... Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** **JOE COMASTRA'S** **MOSS BLUFF CRUISE AND PICNIC**

HOSTED BY: JIM AND CAROL CLARKE AND TOM AND MARY JO WILLIAMS

RAFT UP AT 9:30 TO 9:45 AM ON LAKE EUSTIS SIDE OF HAYNES CREEK

We will be traveling north on Haynes Creek to Lake Griffin and to Ocklawaha River, north to the Moss Bluff Park. We have reserved the pavilion for our exclusive use. We will enjoy a picnic lunch of fried chicken and dessert. **Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage (no alcohol allowed in park) and table service.**

After our picnic lunch, for those that want to go, we will be going through the **MOSS BLUFF LOCKS IF THEY ARE OPEN**, and a short cruise north. This is extremely exciting as it is a 23-to-24-foot drop of water level from one side to the other.

Please send your check to Carol Clarke, Treasurer, 3542 Manatee Road, Tavares, FL 32778 by Monday, June 5, 2023.

**COST IS \$ 4.50 PER PERSON**

This is a great and wonderful one day cruise, DON'T MISS IT.

## **SKI BEACH FUN TIME**

**Second outing in June**

**Thursday, June 22, 2023**

Hosted by Virginia Calven and Carol Clarke



RAFT UP 10:00 TO 10:15 am  
LAKE HARRIS SIDE OF DEAD RIVER  
SOCIAL TIME: 11:30 TO 12:00 PM  
LUNCH: 12:00 NOON  
(order off the menu)

## **NAUTICAL BINGO with PRIZES**

Bring your money for 50/50 Drawing

RSVP by Monday, June 19, 2023

To: Carol Clarke at 352-250-0952 or  
carolclarke4@gmail.com

Virginia Calven at 906-484-3478 or  
virginiacalven3@gmail.com



**Pictures from March Outing – Waterfront Grille    Pics by Sharon**



**Gary  
Announces  
Winners**



**HOSTESS BONNIE  
WITH JAY**



**Commodore Tom & Mary Jo**

**Prize Winners**



**Winner Carol**



**Winners  
John & Cindy**

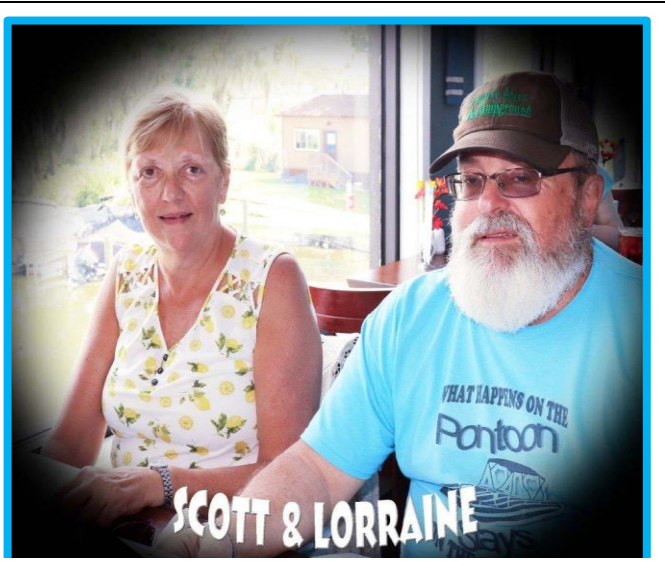


**Cindy, Dave & Cheryl**





**Winners  
Wes & Amy**



**SCOTT & LORRAINE**



**Virginia & Gary**



**Jim & Carol**



**John & Shelley**



**Richard & Cookie**







## A Look Back Time by Kay Weaver, Historian



**November 6, 2004 -**

Wooten Park/Tavares  
Poker Run/Potluck - The  
hors d'oeuvres served at  
Tim & Suzy Hill's home  
were delicious along  
with the fun of watching  
slides on the TV from  
the Homosassa trip.

Gene & Mary Fehr

handed out poker cards at all  
locations for the Poker Run.

Everyone did an excellent job of  
bringing lots of delicious food to  
share at Wooten Park. The  
weather could not have  
cooperated more for this  
outing. The winner of the poker  
run was new member Tom  
Stevens who donated the  
winnings back to the club -  
thanks Tom! Raffle tickets were  
sold for the nice flower  
arrangements made by Diane  
Pooler on each table, and we  
had lots of winners. Another

successful outing! Thanks go to Hills for welcoming us into their home, Fehrs for taking care of the poker run, Poolers for making reservations for Wooten Park and making the flower arrangements, and Weavers for setting up at Wooten Park.

Kay Weaver, PYC Historian



**Boats at Hills waterfront home – Jerry Scott**

**Pavilion at Tavares Wooten Park-Dale Coon & Tom & Eunice Stevens**



## PYC Event Signup Sheet 2023

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

Date	Day	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
January 9-14 <b>2nd week</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		Crazy Gator, Eustis	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter
January 23-28 <b>4th week</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Puddle Jumpers, Tavares	Joe Comastra & Lorraine Wiersma	Scott & Lorraine Smith
February 6-11 <b>2nd week</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Waterfront Grille-Valentines, Eustis	Richard & Cookie Brown	James & Carolyn Smith
February 20-25 <b>4th week</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		George fest Parade - Eustis	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Bob & Bettie Nebergall
March 6-11 <b>2nd week</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Crazy Gator – St. Patrick’s Day Celebration Luckier Than a 5 <sup>th</sup> Grader.	Dan & Sharon Vincent	Ray & Jerie Tallman
March 20-25 <b>Thursday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.		Old Fashioned Picnic – Gilbert Park	John & Elaine Mest	Scott & Lorraine Smith
April 10-15 <b>2nd week</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		<del>Moss Bluff Picnic</del> Posted to June 8th	Jim & Carol Clarke	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
April 24-29 <b>4th week</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Scavenger Hunt - Hurricanes	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
May 8-13 <b>2nd week(T-R)</b>	9-12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <b>4th week</b>					
June 5-10 <b>2nd week</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Moss Bluff Picnic	Jim & Carol Clarke	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
June 19-24 <b>4th week</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Thur.		Ski Beach	Virginia Calven	Carol Clarke
July 10-15 <b>2nd week</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Pontoon Saloon	Terry & Kay Weaver	
July 24-29 <b>4th week</b>			TBD	Dave & Jay Asibene	
August 7-12 <b>2nd week</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		Scavenger Hunt TBD	Bob & Cathy Banta	
August 21-26 <b>4th week</b>	21-23		Geocache/Sunset Cruise Lake Dora	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Richard Lowell & Debra Stewart
September 4-9 <b>2nd week</b>					
September 18-23 <b>4th Saturday</b>	23 Sat.		Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob & Cathy Banta Virginia Calven
<b>October 9-14</b> <b>2nd week(T-R)</b>	10-13 Tue-Fri		River Cruise Crystal River	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Terry & Kay Weaver
October 23-28 <b>4th week</b>			TBD	Al & Diane Allen	Carl & Joan Scott
November 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>1st Saturday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		Thanksgiving	John Paul	Ernest & Nora Sixby
December 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>2nd Saturday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		Christmas	John & Cindy Kindinger	Richard & Cookie Brown

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