



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy March Birthdays

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

March 7 th	Karl Weickhardt
March 10 th	Cookie Brown
March 12 th	Elaine Mest
March 14 th	Steve Roeske
March 18 th	Wally Moon
March 21 st	Mike Wells
March 26 th	Diane Allen
March 27 th	Richard Brown

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; 352-455-2788)



Commodore's March Comments – Tom Williams

The month of February has certainly been an interesting one for me. Through unexpected and unfortunate circumstances I find myself as the PYC Commodore. Most importantly I am certain everyone wishes Joe Comastra full recovery and the capability of returning to boating quickly.

The number one priority for me now is to get the event schedule full and complete. We still have five (5) openings mostly in the summer months. Please take a look at the included schedule and choose a date you would prefer. We need every member to host or co-host an event for all members to enjoy. After all, these outings are what we are about, boating on our abundant lakes and waterways. How fortunate we are to live in an area with so many choices for our passion.

Next up on our calendar are the St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 9th and an Old Fashioned Picnic at Gilbert Park on March 23rd.

Talk about being a real trooper (sailor), how about Richard Brown hosting the event at the Waterfront Grill. We all wish you a quick and complete recovery from your injuries.

In closing, let me remind everyone to help recruit prospective new members, the life blood of our exciting club. New members can bring new and innovative ideas to keep the Pontoon Yacht Club going forward.

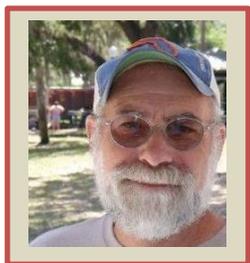
As Always, see you on, in, and around our beautiful waterways, Tom

Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhoads



Here we are already in March! **We had one new member last month, Ernie & Nora Sixbey.** Make sure you greet them at our next meeting and make them feel WELCOME! Attached to the emailed March Newsletter is an updated Membership List. If you have any corrections to your information, please email me at cherylrhoads1@gmail.com

Rear Commodore Report – John Mest



On February 9th we had a Valentine's Day outing at the Eustis Waterfront Grill. Would like to thank Richard and Cookie Brown and James and Carolyn Smith for hosting this event! We played a game of Valentines trivia. **We had 6 boats and 38 people attending!**

On February 25 we had our annual Georgefest Parade. I would like to thank Bob and Betty Nebergal and Cheryl and Gary Rhoads for all of their work organizing this event and the luncheon at Crazy Gators afterwards! We had a good meal and dessert. And a50/50 after with 3 winners! **We had a total of 19 boats and 60 people!** Thank you all members and guests for coming out for this!

Treasurer – Carol Clarke



Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

Get Well card was sent 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

GAMES AVAILABLE TO BORROW

If you are stumped for something to play at your outing, check out the games that are available below. Thanks to Jerie Tallman and others, we have several games available. Just call Jerie and she will get them to you. Carol has the boat race game for loan also.

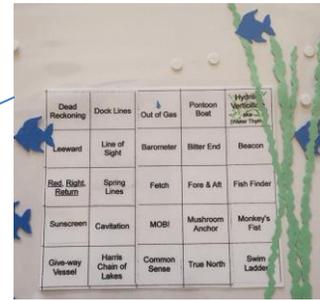
The games we have are:

The “Unnamed” Money Game



Reality Bingo

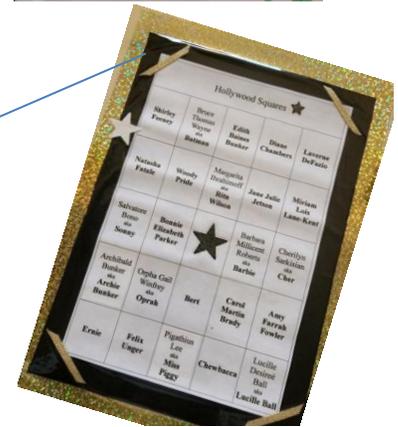
Nautical Bingo



The Memory Game

Boat Race Game

Hollywood Squares



Any questions about how the game works just call Jerie and she can explain and let you know how to get the game before your outing. Call Carol Clarke for explanation of the Boat Race Game. Jerie Tallman 352-617-5880 or golake2lake@yahoo.com
 Carol Clarke 352-250-0952 or carolclarke4@gmail.com

First Outing - March 9, 2023 - Thursday

Event Meeting Place: Crazy Gator's, 402 N. Bay Street, Eustis, FL.

Host(s): Sharon & Dan Vincent Co-Host: Jerie & Ray Tallman

Times: Social Hour - 11:30 am Meal: Noon + Raft Up: NONE – No Raft Up
Lunch choice is on your own from the standard menu. Dessert will be provided by your hosts.



Lucky Leprechaun Productions

Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration!

* Best Leprechaun Costume Contest!

* King & Queen for a Day!

and presenting the World Famous

* Irish Duckstakes Racing Team!

With the wearin' of your best Leprechaun outfit, or other Irish-style attire, (costumes are optional) join in the shenanigans and fun-filled festivities planned for the day &

celebration. All Lads & Colleens will be entered into the Best Leprechaun Costume Contest. After their moment of blarney & bragging rights, the event King & Queen along with two lucky leprechauns, will each receive a fabulous prize.

Presenting the team of ten, world class, Irish Racing Ducks who, with their entire entourage, will showcase their creative paddling skills for your entertainment pleasure. Making their premier appearance in the U.S., the excitement builds with every performance through each round of racing.

Note: Before the races begin, you may choose to spend some jingle from the pocket of yer trousers. Step over to the betting table and purchase your secret betting ballot for \$1. Write your name on the ballot, choose the container with the name of your favorite Irish Racing Duck, and place your secret ballot inside that cup. When the final race has finished, the hen or drake, that has won the most races will become the **Grand Champion Duck**. The payoff: Names of patrons on the secret ballots placed in the cup of the Grand Champion Duck, will each receive an equal share of all monies wagered.

Become an official duck wrangler by choosing your favorite racing duck, deposit your 25¢ race fee with Pontoon Island & Security Duck, and become an actual participant in the Irish Duckstakes. The races begin as the first set of 6 racing ducks enter the legendary (but highly treacherous) waters of Pontoon Lagoon. With your assistance, these ultra-energized little racing ducks will paddle furiously, hoping to be the first to reach the safety of the sandy beach on the leeward side of Pontoon Island.

Winning wranglers from each round of races will participate in a final play-off race to determine the Luckiest Duck of the Day!

There will be several opportunities to create photographic memories throughout this event.

Note: Shenanigans there may be, but no photographs taken this day will be held for ransom. Be sure to quack for the camera, and expect to see several photos featured in the April issue of the PYC Newsletter. **Erin go Bragh! And Quack, quack!**

Please RSVP your attendance reservations (or regrets) to Sharon by Sunday, March 5.

Text message or phone Sharon at (352) 396-3460 or RSVP via email to danvincent806@gmail.com

- Submitted by Jeri Tallman -



AN OLD FASHIONED PICNIC

Second March Outing - Gilbert Park in Mt. Dora

Thursday, March 23, 2023

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Raft Up 10:00 to 10:15 a.m. – Lake Eustis side of Dead River

Host: John & Elaine Mest

Host: Scott & Lorraine Smith



Bring your own picnic lunch (sandwiches) and or share a dish at your table and enjoy your PYC family for an outing at the Gilbert Park in Mt Dora.

Pavilion #2 is the smaller pavilion closest to the lake.

Games will be played along with a 50/50.

Convenient parking for those who prefer to drive that day.

Pavilion with picnic tables provided. Tablecloths, dessert, and bottled water also provided. No alcohol allowed in the park. No RSVP required.

First April Outing ... Joe Comastra's Moss Bluff Cruise & Picnic Thursday, April 13th, 2023



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 with a cost to be determined. The fee and further details will be put in the April Newsletter.

We request that each member bring a dish to pass also. After our picnic lunch, for those that want to go, we will be going through the locks IF THEY ARE OPEN. This is very exciting as it is a 23 to 24 foot drop of water level from one side to the other.

BE SURE AND WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

Second April Outing – Scavenger Hunt – Hurricanes

Thursday, April 27th

Gary & Cheryl Rhoads, Mike & Bonnie Wells

More details in the April Newsletter.

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. 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 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.

Pictures from February Outings – Waterfront Grille, Eustis ... Pics by Sharon





Welcome Back
Bob & Nancy



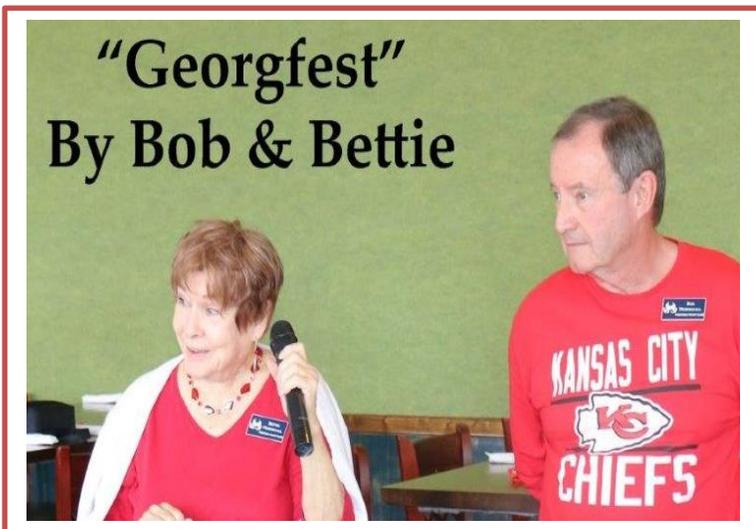
VIK John
Father & Son
2 Great Guys



February 25, 2023 *****

19 Boats and 60 participants in the Pontoon Boat Parade Georgfest!

Here They Come ...



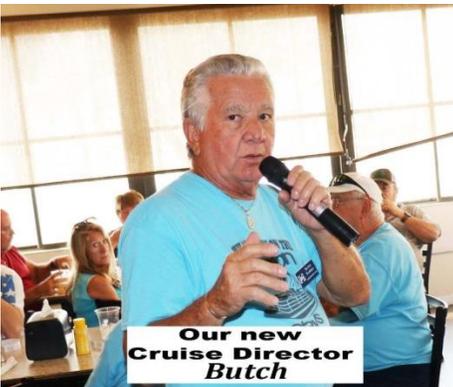
"Georgfest"
By Bob & Bettie



Here they are picture pulled from Bob Banta's video taken from center boat thank you Bob!
Couldn't get it clearer but it is nice to see the trail of boats.



Pictures by Sharon





A Look Back in Time by Kay Weaver, Historian

Paradise Harbor Marina

September 25, 2004: We were supposed to raft up on the Lake Harris side of the Dead River at 10:30 a.m. and had to be sure to bring \$2 per person to play Bunco. It was planned we would meet at Paradise Harbor Marina at 11:30 a.m. Now you ask the "BIG" question - Where is Paradise Harbor Marina? It is the old "Cracker's Cove" or "Palm Tree Garden or ?...." and it is located on the far side of Little Lake Harris in Howey-in-the-Hills.



Now here is the story of what really happened. It seems that this meeting was cancelled, but not everyone knew. We had 0 boats but 6 members did have lunch at Paradise Harbor which is now known as JB Boondocks. The food was good! Only comment - "We were here, where were you?????" Others came earlier and had gone home and we were sorry we missed them. Here are the six members who braved the hurricane weather to make the meeting. Top Row: Gerry Rubin, Kay Weaver, Jean Vanmeter Bottom Row: Clark Vanmeter, Jay Rubin, Terry Weaver. Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

PYC Event Signup Sheet 2023

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

As of 1/31/2023

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 Weirsma	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 Luckier Than a 5 th Grader.	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	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					
June 5-10 2nd week					
June 19-24 4th week	24 th Sat.		Crazy Gator	Carol Clarke Virginia Calven	
July 10-15 2nd week					
July 24-29 4th week					
August 7-12 2nd week	12 th Sat.		Scavenger Hunt TBD	Bob & Cathy Banta	
August 21-26 4th week	21-23		Springs (TBD Specific Location)	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Richard Lowell & Debra Stewart
September 4-9 2nd week					
September 18-23 4th Saturday	23 Sat.		Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob & Cathy Banta Virginia Calven
October 9-14 2nd week(T-R)	10-13 Tue-Fri		River Cruise	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Terry & Kay Weaver
October 23-28 4th week			TBD	Al & Diane Allen	Carl & Joan Scott
November 4 th 1st Saturday	4 th Sat.		Thanksgiving	John Paul	
December 9 th 2nd Saturday	9 th Sat.		Christmas	John & Cindy Kindinger	Richard & Cookie Brown

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