

# TEE IT UP

May 2021



“Confidence is the most important single factor in this game, and no matter how great your natural talent, there is only one way to obtain and sustain it: work.” — *Jack Nicklaus*

Our regular season of play will soon be concluded. The end of year **General Meeting and Luncheon** will be held at the home of Florence Marquis, 333 Valverde Lane, immediately following tournament play on May 27. During the meeting we will make awards to deserving members and will also hold elections for 2021-2022 Board Members. This year we have only one vacant position on the Board. Our Nominating Committee has done an excellent job of nominating Joyce Frank for the position of Secretary. If anyone wishes to nominate themselves or another member for Secretary, that may be done during the meeting before elections are held. Please sign up **by May 20** if you plan to attend the Luncheon. Sign up will be available on the Bulletin Board in the Ladies Locker Room. There will also be an hors d'oeuvres and dessert sign up if you would like to contribute something. Luncheon will be provided by LASJGC. We will offer salad platters and cold meat & cheese platters. Please plan to BYOB. We hope to see everyone there!

The last day to register tournament scores, ringers and birdies is May 13. This will allow adequate time for Committee Chairs to determine recipients of awards.

Congratulations to the winners of our **LASJGC Club Championship**, held on April 27 and April 29.

Flight 1 Low Gross Carol Parla is the new 2020-2021 Club Champion after a sudden death playoff with Lenore Allen for a final score of 163. Congratulations Carla! Low Net Lenore Allen 143

Flight 2 Low Gross Lucy Ostrowski won with a score of 182 on matched cards with Joyce Frank. Congratulations Lucy! Low Net Jane Veling 143

Flight 3 Low Gross Ginny Martin 191. Congratulations Ginny! Low Net Patti Lamy 144

Thanks to Diane Grundy of our Sunshine Committee who diligently sends greetings from LASJGC to members and their families. Below is a summary of her recent correspondence.

2/7/21-- Connie Lewis—Thinking of You  
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2/7/21—Kathy Forster—Thinking of You  
2/10/21--Diane Sullivan--Thinking of You  
2/22/21--Diane Sullivan--Sympathy  
2/26/21--Lorie Burningham--Get Well  
4/9/21--Nancy Buettner--Get Well  
4/24/21--Jane Veling--Sympathy  
5/2/21--Mary Franco for Connie Lewis--Sympathy  
5/5/21--Patti Lamy--Get Well

Reminder **Summer Team Match Play** will begin the first week in June. Anita Kommnick is our Chairperson, assisted by Janis Croft and Lenore Allen. Our current team consists of Lenore Allen, Maryellen Bear, Nancy Buettner, Donna Craig, Janis Croft, Marcia Esche, Mary Felkel, Joyce Frank, Deborah Geanuleas, Linda Heinke, Anita Kommnick, Guna Magnuson, Florence Marquis, Ginny Martin, Pat McHale, Lucy Ostrowski, Margaret Padgett, Peg Paige, Diane Sullivan, Jane Veling, and Risa Waldron. If you would like to play and your name does not appear on the list, please contact Anita or Janis to sign up. Participants need to be familiar with **Procedures & Guidelines** as well as **Pace of Play Guidelines**. They are available on the website as well as posted on the bulletin board.

Don't forget to submit those unusual and memorable happenings during League Play. Send a description of the event, date, and the name of the member who is involved to Jane Veling ([pandjveling@gmail.com](mailto:pandjveling@gmail.com)) **no later than May 13**. All submissions will be evaluated and the most deserving will be awarded **The Purple Garter** at the end of season meeting and luncheon.

Our **Member Spotlight** is focused on Renee Higgs this month. Be sure to read her fun memoir and get to know her a little better!

#### **FROM THE PRO SHOP:**

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved a \$7.9 million renovation of the golf course. Now that the project has been authorized, the questions of what exactly was funded, when will the renovation occur, and what are the potential uses for the unutilized land within the golf course are being asked.

The funding is allocated to four specific project areas:

- Golf Course Renovations - \$4,943,281.00
- Club House and Cart Barn Renovations - \$1,427,712.00
- Infrastructure - \$250,000.00
- Contingency - \$1,324,199.00
- Total Project - \$7,945,192.00

As for when construction will begin? We have begun the planning process and hope to have a timeline, or at least a better understanding of the schedule once permitting is complete and a bid has gone out for construction. The good news is we have the funding, the plans, and a team in place to move forward and an update should be available in the next newsletter.

A potential disc golf course, walking trails, and passive parks are being considered for the unutilized land. Preliminary budget numbers are \$250,000.00 – \$450,000.00 for a disc golf course and \$250,000.00 for walking trails. These options will need Board approval, so further action will be required before anything is done with that land.

The final component involves potential usage for the former First Tee property. The Fire Rescue Department and the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office accepted the location for a southwest regional command center joint use facility. The Board appropriated \$335,000 for the design and engineering of the building. Additional information regarding this project will be available in future months.

Understandably, many additional questions will arise as the golf course renovation and the other projects begin to evolve. I am always available to answer your questions, or at the very least, direct you to the person who can. Please feel free to reach out as needed, and I will also be popping in to discuss the projects with our larger groups when possible. This renovation project has been in the works for several years and its approval is monumental for the future of the golf course. We are all very eager to make the St. Johns Golf Club a gem you can all be proud to call your home course.