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Who’s New In The Neighborhood? —

By Ed Schuler

This month we would like to introduce Larry and Sally Mersing who recently moved to Twin Eagle Lane from the southern end of Fort Myers Beach, where they lived in a condo for the past 18 years. Originally from Ashland, Ohio, and married for the past 54 years, they retired in 1997 and moved to Fort Myers Beach. Larry was an insurance adjuster and Sally worked in their local library. They have a daughter still living on Fort Myers Beach with their four grandchildren. While at the Beach they survived *Hurricane Charley* in 2004 and suffered in the heat without power for a week; some of their neighbors were also without water. When *Hurricane Wilma* blew in the following year, they decided to go up to Tampa for a few days to avoid going without air conditioning for the week.

Larry is the proud owner of a 2011 red Corvette, his fourth Corvette since he was 19 years old. Sally does volunteer work for the Kiwanis Thrift Store. When asked their reasons for choosing Eagle Ridge, I was given a couple reasons that I hadn’t heard before and are certainly worth considering. First, Eagle Ridge is one of a few local developments that are not in a flood plain; as a former insurance adjuster that was an important consideration. Secondly, we are not a CDD community. Having no idea what a CDD is, I asked... Larry explained that a number of developers built subdivisions and floated a bond to pay the roads off through an extra charge on the annual property taxes. I have since Googled CDDs (Community Development Districts) that were



Larry and Sally Mersing

founded between 2003 and 2012 and found they are unique to Florida and many have since gone into default. (<http://www.floridacddreport.com/>). In addition to these reasons, they really love their home and the Eagle Ridge community.

Please join me in welcoming the Mersings into Eagle Ridge.

Catch The Action

Dog Days Of August

By Captain Bill Russell

August in Southwest Florida means hot sticky days, plenty of rain, and often thunderstorms. If you don’t mind working around the weather the fishing is often pretty good and competition is scarce.

Catching redfish should become more consistent as the month progresses. Odds are better on days with extreme high tides; this is the time to fish the baits deep under the shade of the mangroves. Floating a silver dollar-size live pinfish or pilchard under a cork or soaking dead bait including cut ladyfish, pinfish, and mullet are all excellent redfish baits. These redfish are tight under the mangroves on the higher stages of the tide, it’s important to keep the bait as tight to the mangroves as possible. Cut bait often makes a better choice than live under the bushes, as redfish are scent feeders and fresh cut bait oozes plenty of stinky aromas. By the end of the month schools of large reds should begin bunching up on the flats for their fall run.

The mangrove snapper bite should continue strong throughout the inshore and nearshore waters. Look for them schooled up around structure with good water movement; this could include any of the Gulf passes, docks and jetties, bridges, piers, and natural or man-made reefs. For bait, live shrimp, pilchards, and small pinfish, plus small cut bait with a small circle hook and 10- to 25-pound fluorocarbon leader is a good choice. Snapper are not only hard fighting for their size, but also one of the absolute best tasting fish in our waters. If you have visitors over the summer, snapper can make a great target and reward you with a fine dinner.

There’s opportunity to hook into some big summer trout along with lots of undersized fish. Look for the larger trout widespread over areas of open water where sand bars separate deeper water from three- to six-foot-deep grass



flats. Schools of bait fish are concentrated in these areas and trout, along with Spanish mackerel, bluefish, ladyfish and small sharks are working the bait schools. Grass/sand or mottled bottom inside or near the Gulf passes should also hold trout and other species during the summer rainy months. Also, don’t be surprised if a tarpon joins the party, they will become widespread throughout our waters and will inhale small bait just as quickly as a large one. Sharks are also a possibility, from small to large; they will be attracted to any fish feeding activity.

Offshore, most anglers are targeting grouper and snapper, often making a long run of 30 miles or better for the larger fish. Closer to shore, within 10 miles of land, keeper size gags will be holding over limestone and rock ledges. Trolling deep diving lures or fishing live bait are favorite methods. The best bet is to be on the water before sunrise and get back near shore early in the day ahead of afternoon storms.

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Volunteer Needed

Would you like to help our community? We need to find a new editor for the *Eye of the Eagle*. If you have acceptable grammar skills and are comfortable with Microsoft Word documents and emailing, you are a good candidate to be the new editor for our monthly newsletter. You do not need to write the articles, only edit and then email them to the publisher. We will train any volunteer and work closely with them until they are comfortable going solo. This typically requires about three to four hours per month. Other volunteers write and submit the articles to the editor already typed in a Word document.

Please contact Virginia Schuler at (215) 542-9474 with any questions or to indicate an interest in the position.

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Architectural Control Information

Please remember that any exterior changes you plan to make to your home need to be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. For example, this includes reroofing, exterior painting, landscape changes, swing set installations, etc. We live in a deed-restricted community and these controls have been put into place for the good of each homeowner so as to maintain our beautiful community. Please contact Steve Norris (239) 362-2179, so that your changes can be approved. A form is available for download from our Web site www.EagleRidge33912.com on the **Resources** tab.

We plan to work hard for you to keep our community - the one you all moved into — please help us do that!

NOTICE



**Please
clean up
after your
dog**

Deed of Restrictions Section A-15: Pets must be on a leash at all times when being walked outside of the owner’s property boundaries. The pet owner is responsible for picking up all animal waste from their pet at all times. This includes the common areas! Subject to fining.

Community Concert Association Announces 2017 Season

Tickets Now On Sale For Five Rare Performances

World-renowned artists from throughout Europe, Russia, Scotland and the Ukraine will travel to Fort Myers in 2017 to perform for the Fort Myers Community Concert Association in its 68th annual concert series.

Tickets are now on sale for the five performances, which organizers say bring the best in classical opera, ballet and symphony performances to Southwest Florida. All performances will be at the Barbara B. Mann Hall on the Florida SouthWestern State College campus in Fort Myers.

“We anticipate that we’ll be sold out by the time the series



Moscow Festival Ballet



National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine

begins in January,” said Community Concert Association President Mary Lee Mann. “Where else can you see not one, but five performances for what you would expect to pay for just one?”

All five concerts are included in one ticket price, which ranges from \$165 for prime orchestra and mezzanine seats to \$155 for other orchestra and mezzanine seats, \$85 for lower balcony seating and just \$65 for upper balcony. Most mezzanine seating already is sold out, Mann said.

For tickets and membership information, visit www.fortmyerscommunityconcerts.org or call (239) 693-4849. Tickets to individual performances are not available at this time.

“We have been fortunate this year to attract some of the most



Royal Scottish National Orchestra

outstanding artists in the world today, thanks to the generosity of our major underwriters and supporters,” Mann said.

The Five Performances All Begin At 7:30 p.m.

• **National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine – January 18, 2017.** Founded in 1918, the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine is considered to be one of the finest symphony orchestras in Eastern Europe. The orchestra will present Verdi’s *Overture to LaForzza del Destino*, Stankovych’s

Symphony No. 5 and Tchaikovsky’s *Violin Concerto No. 2*.

• **Teatro Lirico D’Europa performing G. Bizet’s Carmen – February 16, 2017.** *Carmen* tells the story of a peasant girl and her on-again off-again love for soldier Don Jose. Teatro Lirico D’Europa is the most successful opera touring company in Europe and the United States and travels with a full orchestra of 47 to 50 members and a chorus of 40 singers.

• **Moscow Festival Ballet – February 27, 2017.** The Moscow Festival Ballet will perform the classical ballet *Swan Lake* by Tchaikovsky. Since its founding in 1989, the Moscow Festival Ballet has completed two tours of Europe, two tours of the United Kingdom and extensive tours of the United States.

• **Cantus – March 5, 2017.** This premier

men’s vocal ensemble will honor the men and women who have answered the call to arms during the inspiring tribute, *No Greater Love Than This*.

Cantus performs more than 60 concerts each year both in national and international touring, including performances at Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center and has released 17 albums.

• **Royal Scottish National Orchestra – March 20, 2017.** The Royal Scottish National Orchestra is celebrating 125 years of bringing the best in classical music to audiences around the world. The orchestra will present Debussy’s *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun* and featuring violinist Nicola Benedetti in Brahms’ *Violin Concerto*, *D Major* and Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 5*.

The Fort Myers Community Concert Association is an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization founded by the legendary Barbara B. Mann in 1949 to bring world-class entertainment to Southwest Florida at affordable prices. The association consists of more than 1,700 members, underwriters and sponsors. Performers brought to Fort Myers in the past by the association include The Israel Ballet, The Boston Brass, Minnesota Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, Vienna Boys Choir, Violinist Itzhak Perlman, Flutist James Galway, Pianist Andre Watts, Violinist Joshua Bell with the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields and many others.



Cantus

Beyond The Shelter Doors

Special Events At A Glance

We would **love** to have you join us at any or all of our upcoming special events to support programs and services of ACT!

Mark Your Calendars For These Special Events Below:

Sunday, Aug. 21: Annual David Barbur Biker Brunch Motorcycle Run – Fort Myers – 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1: Snow Day 2016 – Family-friendly fundraiser at Pediatric Dentistry of Fort Myers (brought to you by ApothiCare 360 Pharmacy, Erickson’s Drying Systems and more) – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29: Arts for ACT 2016 “The Disco Ball” Gala and Fine Art Auction – Harborside Event Center – 6 to 10 p.m.

To learn more about how you can partner with us for our special events (financial sponsors and auction gifts are needed), please call Raquel Torres at (239) 939-2553 or email at rtorres@actabuse.com.

About ACT (Abuse Counseling And Treatment Inc.)

ACT’s mission is to protect, support, and educate victims



of domestic violence and their children, survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties.

ACT’s external vision is to develop a community where all individuals are safe, respected and valued; where any form of violence is unacceptable and for all individuals in our community to have access to resources that teach and support a fear-free environment.

Our internal vision is to be the most highly respected and well-known social service agency in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties; to be an agency with well-balanced funding sources including grants, endowments, and donations that is run compassionately and efficiently.

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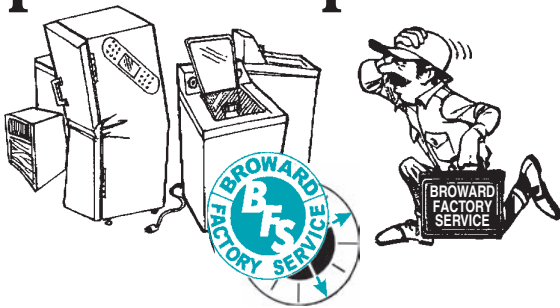
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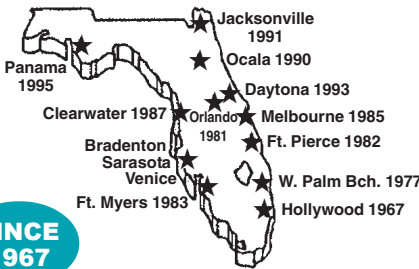
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Use the weather and tides to your advantage and fishing can be good during the hot month of August. Our inshore water temperature can change quickly; give us three or four days with bright sunny skies and the inshore waters quickly get hot and the bite can slow. A couple rainy days with limited sunshine and the water will drop several degrees; this can trigger very good fishing.

“Catch the Action” with Capt. Bill Russell. Phone: (239) 283-7960, website: www.fishpineisland.com, email: gcl2fish@live.com.

Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 20 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and “Catch the Action.”



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Cooking By Connie

By Connie Hope

August means that summer is half over and we can look forward to the cooler (ha ha) weather.

What is August known for? Here are some of the things: August is Celery, Fennel and Cactus Month; it is Orange and Papaya Month; and National Catfish Month. It is also Boomers Making A Difference Month, (I relate). International Beer Day is on Aug. 1 and National Oyster Day on Aug. 5.

In my new cookbook, *Soups and Stews...Comfort by the Spoonful*, I have a really great oyster recipe. My new cookbook should be available in September or October. Here is a preview of a wonderful stew.

Oyster Stew – Quick And Easy

1 or 2 cans oysters
Salt and pepper to taste
¼ cup onion, diced fine
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
6 cups milk
1 tablespoon butter

In a medium soup pot, add the milk, oysters, salt, pepper, onions and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to a slow boil; simmer until onions are tender. Add butter and allow to melt. Serve with oyster crackers. Serves four to five.



Oyster Stew – Richer

2 to 3 green onions, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
12 ounces fresh raw oysters, undrained
4 cups half and half
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon fresh parsley
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
Oyster crackers

Sauté onions in soup pot in butter until tender. Add remaining ingredients. Cook over low heat until edges of oysters begin to curl. Serve with sliced green onions and oyster crackers, garnish. Serves four to five.



Eagle Ridge Residents

Jogging, bicycling, walking and other nongolfing activities or unregistered golf play are not permitted on the golf course.

Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board

If you have an announcement, we will include it in this column. Email: Newsletter@EagleRidge33912.com with your request.

Continental Women’s Club Of Fort Myers

Robert Van Winkle, the chief meteorologist for NBC-2 will be the featured speaker at the Continental Women’s Club of Greater Fort Myers, Thursday, Aug. 4 luncheon meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity to find out everything you want to know about our local weather.

The club’s monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. The cost for the luncheon is \$19. Call (239) 466-1938 before Monday, Aug. 4 to make a reservation.

For more information on club membership, call (239) 561-8973.

Dining In Club

If you live in Eagle Ridge, maybe you have heard of the “Dining In” Club where people in our community get together to meet, talk and have fun. Everyone who attends these parties really loves them. We meet monthly from November to April. If you would like more information about “Dining In,” please call Connie Hope at (239) 225-6609.

Eye Of The Eagle

If you are not receiving your *Eye Of The Eagle* newspaper, please contact Peggy Watts or Connie Hope.

Eagle Ridge Euchre!

A group has been organized in Eagle Ridge for friendly games of euchre. Play in this group will take place every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. to around 4 p.m. We will play at each other’s homes on a rotating basis. If you do not yet know how to play this enjoyable card game, an easy lesson can be arranged. If you are interested in joining this card group either as a regular player or as a substitute, call Retta Kaster at 362-0577. We are having a good time and would welcome you to join us!

Eagle Ridge Website

Please check out our website at: www.eagleridge33912.com.

Eagles Nest #WineLovers

Eagle Ridge #winelovers ... We are looking to establish a WINO (Wine Investigations for Neophytes and Oenophiles) organization for the express purpose of exploring and enjoying wine and creating a local, social wine network. Attracted to wine for a year, for a lifetime, it makes no difference. Wine is a passion, a craft and a learning experience – what WINO has at its core: passion and curiosity. Ellen and Tom Giffen hope to have an organizing event. #WineLovers of all persuasions are invited. Do you want to be kept in the loop? Email hobberdog1@gmail.com or text your email address to (330) 352-2171.

The Greeters’ Club

Thursday, August 18 Luncheon

At the Greeters’ Club of Greater Fort Myers, our members come from many different geographic locations, have had wide

career and volunteer experiences and are often a resource for other members. Sharing information with each other builds connections between members. At our Aug. 18 luncheon, the speaker will be our very own Mary Jacobs. She will be presenting on behalf of Resource For Help, an organization that provides tools to help people live more independently. Please join us for an informative program and an opportunity to make new connections in Greater Fort Myers.

Make a luncheon reservation (cost: \$20) today and find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women. Email: greetersclub@gmail.com. Provide your contact information (your name, email address and phone number). You will receive a call confirming your reservation as well as an email confirmation. Our luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month at 10:45 a.m. at the Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way, Fort Myers.

Check out our website: greetersclubofgreaterfortmyers.com.

The Florida Yards & Neighborhood (FYN)
(University of Florida IFAS Extension Lee County)

Join us at a Florida Yards & Neighborhoods class and learn the nine principles that guide Florida-friendly landscaping in Lee County. Each principle is explored in class so you can apply what you learn to your own yard. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, proper mulching and techniques to obtain a beautiful and healthy yard will be discussed. <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club
Lee County School Board Candidates To Be Featured During Monthly Luncheon

Republican candidates for Lee County School Board will be the speakers at the regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Republican candidates in the contested races have been invited to participate in the forum. The candidates will present their qualifications and platforms. A question-and-answer session will follow their prepared remarks.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at the Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the candidate forum. The luncheon cost is \$18. Reservations are required by Thursday, Aug. 11, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701. Checks may be written to Republican candidates of choice and the club will pay for the luncheon.

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Carole Green, (850) 590-2206.

Evening Walking Group

Looking for someone or to join a group to walk with in the evenings, perhaps three times per week? Please contact me. Jenni Caves at (239) 336-4282, (jcaves01@hotmail.com).

Volunteers In Your Community

If you are interested in serving on the Eagle Ridge Board of Directors, or would like to serve on one of the committees, please contact one of the following: Hewitt B. McCloskey Jr., John Spiegel, Peter Van Leewen, Ed Schuler or Rick Herman.

Eagle Ridge Job Spot

Nonbusinesses please! All business owners should contact Seabreeze Communications to place an ad.

Are you looking for an odd job? Want to be included in the Eagle Ridge Job Spot? Email your information to Newsletter@EagleRidge33912.com. Baby-sitters, pet sitters, yard work and more.

Kathie McDonough, 478-0060. Kathie is a resident on Triple Eagle Court and does pet sitting and home watch.

Connie Hope, (239) 225-6609. Absentee Homeowner Services: "While you're away" I can check your home or condo. (Weekly/biweekly/monthly.) I can validate yard maintenance and irrigation, pick up parcels and mail, check water, check appliances, arrange for repairs and services and much more. I am in the community. Call or email conniehope@comcast.net.

Connie Hope, (239) 225-6609. Secretarial work, outreach office work ... write your letters, answer your email, also light accounting, prepare things for taxes. I have been a Florida notary for the last 10 years.

Crystal Jozsa, (419) 460-3866. Photography. I am a professional photographer who specializes in family, children, weddings and high school senior portraiture. I can come to your home or we can go on location. My work can be seen at www.crystaljozsaphotography.com.

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JJ Claypool, (239) 810-4724. Dependable, trustworthy, hard worker. I can do yard work, pressure washing: lanais, driveways, windows, outdoor furniture, etc. You will be pleased with my work ethic. I am headed off to college soon and would love the opportunity to work for money. Thank you.

Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042. Handyman and Home Services – Lanai screens, painting, junk hauling, home watch, lighting, garage cleanups, local moves and more!

Ginny Schuler, College Applications: (215) 542-9474. I provide assistance in all aspects of the process. I have 30-plus years experience in helping students gain entrance into the most competitive colleges and universities in the nation. By the time your child completes his or her sophomore year, the process of college selection should be underway. This requires timely scheduling of PSAT, SAT and ACT tests, organizing activity sheets and selecting reasonable college choices (reach, average and safety). My additional specialty is assisting students in writing excellent personal essays and short supplements.

Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042. Home security consultations, upgrades, free home security evaluations and tips.

Deanne Serwin, (239) 867-6657. Jane of all trades will do home watch, house cleaning, maintain yard work, licensed notary, occasional babysitting, errands, prescription pickup and grocery shopping. Will also do short-term pet sitting. Prearranged appointment transportation upon request. Licensed to perform marriage ceremonies and will assist with nuptials. Reasonably priced, bonded and insured. I live within the Eagle Ridge community and have an established gated community base and references. I am very dependable, honest and reliable and have extensive state and federal licenses. I am great with children and animals. Feel free to reach out with any questions or set up a time to talk or meet!

The "Ridge" Rack

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Deadline – Submitting articles for the *Eye of the Eagle* is no later than the **9th** of each month. Email articles, pictures or information for the Bulletin Board, to Newsletter@EagleRidge33912.com.

Articles can be submitted attached to or contained in an email. Photos should also be emailed as attachments.

If you have any questions, please call Ginny Schuler at (215) 542-9474.

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Replacement of Lamppost Bulbs and Light Sensors – Please call Joe Foster at (239) 218-7714 and leave your name, address and phone number.

Mailbox Maintenance And Repair

Mailbox doors have a closure spring that eventually breaks after thousands of openings. It is important to replace them as soon as they are discovered as they usually result in a broken door, which is a much more expensive repair. Call Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042. The cost of installing a new spring is \$34. If the door casting breaks, it costs an additional \$112 to repair the door. Dennis also has specially manufactured flagpole holders to match the lampposts. They are available for \$89 installed. Your mailbox and lamppost can also be repainted for \$49, which will bring them back to their "like-new" appearance. Dennis also offers handyman services.



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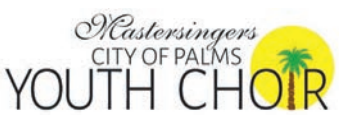
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City Of Palms Youth Choir Is Formed

The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers are proud to announce the initiation of The City of Palms Youth Choirs. The program will consist of two new choirs – high school and middle school – to be directed by Mastersingers Assistant Director Matt Koller.

“In a climate where public school music and arts funding is decreasing the Mastersingers believe it is vital to create a program for young singers that will ensure the future of the choral art form.” said Tony Contino, Mastersingers Board president.

The Mastersingers regularly collaborate with university and high school music departments to provide professional



performing opportunities for young students. Now in their 16th season the Mastersingers expand their programming and community involvement with the creation of The Mastersingers City of Palms Youth Choir. The City of Palms Youth Choir will perform at their own concerts in addition to many of the adult Mastersinger performances. Koller has already received an invitation for the high school choir to perform at Lincoln Center in New York with renowned choral director James Jordan and award-winning Welsh composer Paul Mealor in the spring.

Auditions will take place in August with rehearsals beginning in September. Information regarding auditions and fees will be posted on the Mastersingers website, www.MastersingersFM.com.

Matt Koller, is a highly acclaimed choral and instrumental conductor, and has led ensembles which have been praised with comments such as “the voices and diction were sheer perfection” and “as professional a student orchestra as I have had the pleasure to hear,” by the Papermill Playhouse in Maplewood, N. J. Koller most recently was the choral director at Fort Myers High School.

The Mastersingers, the premier choral ensemble in Southwest Florida, is a select ensemble of singers who enjoy a reputation of musical excellence and are dedicated to the performance of significant choral works by classical composers, as well as innovative programs.

For more information, please contact Tony Contino, president, Board of Directors at (239) 288-2535 or email at info@mastersingersfm.com.

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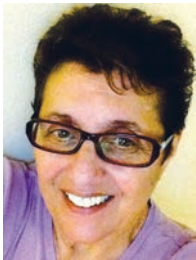
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Mah Jongg 101 Q And A

By MariAnne Albano, Director

How do you personally learn the New Mah Jongg Card? Sue



I play Solitaire. I put all the tiles face down on the table and pick 14 tiles, then do a Charleston by just putting three tiles aside and picking three. I do one Charleston and then start playing the game. I do this whenever I have time to play. It helps to learn the card, especially if you try to make different hands.

I read your article in our community paper, and I was wondering about the Solitaire game. Which one do you use so that you can get more familiar with the new card? I looked at them on Google and could not see how they could work. Would you have any suggestions? Thank you, Diane

Besides the method I use above, I go to www.myjongg.net – there you can play with three Bots, so you can go at your own pace. You also have the option of playing with real people. Right now it is free to play, but they will eventually

charge a fee. So take advantage of this site while you can and it will help you learn the card.

The book we got in our Mah Jongg set says, “When no one makes a Mah Jongg, mix all the tiles in the middle of the table and play until someone makes Mah Jongg.” Is this the way you play? Laura

No, we do not play that way. We follow National Mah Jongg league rules. When we get to the end of the Wall and no one has made a Mah Jongg, the game is over and it is considered a Wall Game. The books that come with Mah Jongg sets have a combination of Chinese and American Mah Jongg rules.

The Purple Dragon Mah Jongg Club offers games all year long, three times a week, Monday, Thursday and Saturday. If you are looking for a friendly place to play Mah Jongg, check us out! You can visit our website to see all the fun! www.PurpleDragonMahJongg.com.

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When Choosing Outdoor Products, Don't Forget The Pets

If you share your home with a four-legged friend, you've probably questioned the safety of lawn and yard products. The good news is that there are plenty of animal-friendly alternatives to standard outdoor chemicals. Here's a quick guide.

Pondering Pesticides

There are a variety of common household substances that can double as effective insect and weed killers. To help stave off or eliminate these outdoor nuisances, try using:

- **White vinegar.** Make a pet-friendly (if pungent) spray with this pantry standby.



- **Cayenne, chili pepper or paprika.** Spice up your pest control: Add a teaspoon of seasoning to a cup of water, or sprinkle directly around insect entry points.
- **Powdered soap.** Use dry, or mix with water and vinegar.
- **Eucalyptus oil.** Sprinkle a few drops where buzzing insects live, or mix with water and spray around the base of your home.
- **Boiling water (for weeds).**

When your cupboard is bare, turn to the tap. Some super-hot H2O may be all you need.

If you use a standard pesticide: Avoid products that

contain metaldehyde. Found in many slug, snail, ant and mouse baits, this chemical is particularly poisonous to pets. By law, products that contain metaldehyde must include an explicit label about its dangers.

Grow Green ... And Pet Safe

Most professional lawn care companies state that their fertilizers, used in compliance with strict codes, don't pose significant hazards to children or pets. While this may be true, pet owners might consider these other general options:

• **Organic fertilizer.** If you're looking to go green, what better place to start than your own lawn? Organic fertilizers typically blend manure, kelp and worm castings, which won't harm pets. Remember, the word "organic" isn't automatically a safety guarantee. Your best bet is to look for "pet safe" on labeling.

• **Compost.** An ancient process that's gained modern popularity, composting is making your own fertilizer from biodegradable materials – especially plant-based food scraps. **Note:** If you wouldn't feed it to your pet (think coffee grounds and raw meat), avoid using it for compost. Visit the ASPCA's website: <http://www.asPCA.org> for a list of potentially unsafe scraps.

If you use a standard fertilizer: Beware of inert ingredients, those that serve as fillers or binders. Common examples include carbon tetrachloride and chloroform, which can be highly toxic to pets.

Purple Heart Day, August 7

By *timeanddate.com*

Purple Heart Day is an observance that commemorates the creation of the Purple Heart medal in 1782.

The holiday also encourages people to pay their respects to fallen soldiers, to listen to the stories of soldiers and veterans, and to thank them for their service to the nation.

The Purple Heart was first created on August 7, 1782 by the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, Gen. George Washington. Then known as the Badge of Military Merit, it was awarded to three Revolutionary soldiers in 1783.

After the end of the American War of Independence, no medals were awarded until 1932, when the medal was revived on the bicentennial anniversary of George



Washington's birth. According to a circular dated February 22, 1932, Purple Heart medals were to be awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces as a result of enemy action on or after April 5, 1917. The United States officially joined the First World War on April 6, 1917.

At current estimates, about 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded since then. Today, in addition to being awarded to those who fight wars overseas, the Purple Heart is also given to military personnel who display bravery and valor as prisoners of war and while fighting certain types of domestic terrorists.

The Purple Heart is a heart-shaped purple medal with a gold border. The front has a profile of George Washington, while the back has the words "for military merit" inscribed on it. The medal is attached to a piece of purple silk with a silver border.



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Symbols For The Folds Of The Flag

The source and the date of origin of this flag folding procedure is unknown; however, some sources attribute it to the Gold Star Mothers of America, while others to an Air Force chaplain stationed at the United States Air Force Academy. Others consider it to be an urban legend. It is provided as a patriotic service to all.

The **first** fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
The **second** fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
The **third** fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The **fourth** fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The **fifth** fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, “Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong.”

The **sixth** fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and “to the republic for which it stands, one nation



under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”
The **seventh** fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
The **eighth** fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother’s Day.

The **ninth** fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the characters of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The **10th** fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The **11th** fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The **12th** fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, “In God We Trust.”

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it has the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under Gen. George Washington and the sailors and Marines who served under Capt. John Paul Jones and were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the U.S. Armed Forces, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.


Security Central

By Connie Hope

I’m sure many of you have seen the police cars parked in different locations in our community. Sometimes there is an officer in the car, sometimes not. But you need to remember they are there to let you know that the sheriff’s office is watching and checking speeds. We have had several speeders ticketed in the neighborhood this last month. Remember the speed limit in Eagle Ridge is 25 mph. Please follow this rule and don’t speed. Keep your eyes open for things that are out of the ordinary. If you see something, call the nonemergency number, (239) 477-1000 and let them know. If you feel it is vital and should have an officer sent out immediately, call 911 and report it. Tell them the time, the location, the license plate number and a description of the car and driver.
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Dear Eagle Ridge Homeowner

Notice of Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

There will be a closed meeting of the Board Of Directors of the Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association on July 30th 2013 with legal counsel to discuss certain attorney-client privileged matters.

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