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Here we are again at another new year. We can only wish that our days will be filled with good and fruitful happenings. Join in with the many offerings here at GHC. It is fairly easy to make friends ... just say 'Hello' or 'How are you doing'. There are many ways to jump in and help too. We always need help with things. Have a great time in the sunshine!

Cool Runnings!  
Keep Smiling!  
Pat Bourquin

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Please send event pictures to our GHC website on page one. We are in need of a few chairpersons for all of our events to happen. Please help. Note:

**\*\*Recreation Committee Meeting:** 1:00 p.m. Thurs. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Bourquin: 440-465-5394 OR ghc.recreation.com

### NOTES TO REMEMBER

**Comet Fold/Staple/Send:** Last Thurs. of month, 10:00 a.m. Office.

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIY CONTACTS

Please let me know if you are interested in being the contact person for the activities left blank.

Bingo: Carl Ross and Don Everly

Bocce: Gunther Thomas 727-847-1754

Billiards: Bob Schissel 218-255-3583 (Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>)

Bridge: Mary and Don Kinnander 763-515-3347

Cribbage: Walter Hanam (Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>)

Euchre: Bill Galley 727-846-1612 (Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>)

Ladies Hand & Foot:

Karaoke: Rhonda Brown 727-807- 3532

Men's Cards: Mike Allen 727-288-3328

Men's Golf: Don Lutyens 727-849-3773

Ping Pong: Gunther Thomas 727-847-1754

Quilt and Sew: Linda Schissel 218-255-2583 (Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>)

Shuffleboard: Don Everly 727-848-5552

Stretch and Flex: Barb Silva 617-653-2102 (Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>)

Swimnastics:

Three Mile Walk:

**CHESS-** Anyone interested in playing call Mario 815-8130

### HAPPENING NOW!

**MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE:** The Links GC, Hudson. Rte. 19 North 20 min. to Hudson Road. East 1 mile to course (722) 868-1091.

**Season starts** Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. ( 12 weeks.)

**Check in** is at 7:30-7:45 a.m. The Pro shop requests we get golf cart/load clubs first before Pro Shop check in.

Park your carts with clubs in front of Pro Shop.

Check in with GHC League Table.

Teams/Cart Partners will be established per card drawing.

Golf bags can be moved into appropriate golf cart after team card drawing.

Proceed directly to course.

**Teams Card Drawing:** Player cards will be drawn at 8:10 a.m.

**Tee Time:** 8:30 a.m. Shot Gun Start.

**League Fee 2017 Season:** \$20.00 Per Player Per this season (includes Banquet food and drink).

**Green Fee League Rate:** \$30.00 (pay at Pro Shop before checking in with GHC League)

**Closest to the Pin Contest:** \$2.00 "Closest to the Pin" per Gulf Harbors check in.

**(All players please check in so we may set up teams)**

**Current Format:** Individual play with Closest to the Pin Contest and several tournament events.

**Tournament /Schedule:** Variety of individual and team events ending with Club Championships.

**League Range Ball Rates:** \$1.00 off regular customer rates: Large: \$4:00 Small: \$3.00.

**Banquet:** Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> CH1. (Later in the afternoon after golf) (Banquet /supplier costs have not been confirmed, but typically have been cost of past). League fee includes player cost of banquet.

**New Residents:** If you wish to play, Wednesday League Golf with us you will find a great, fun loving group of golfers with mixed handicaps. If you do not know anyone - just show up. By doing so you will play with others and may wish to share a ride with them in the future.

**Questions/Recommendations:** [dlutch@aol.com](mailto:dlutch@aol.com) and/or 727-849-3773. Don Lutyens

**BINGO:** Thurs. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Play starts at 7:00 p.m. CH1. Play all games for \$10.00. Bingo starts Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> & continues each Thursday through the end of March. Carl Ross and Don Everly.

**UN-DECORATE:** Sunday Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m. HELP! Calling all elves to help un-decorate CH1. More hands make light the work...

**QUILT AND SEW-** we will plan to start activities Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Bring your machine, fabric, patterns & projects. We do have two machines for complex use, but best if you have your own to work on. We can make some plans based on ideas shared or just enjoy each other's company and help while we work together.

Found out our local fabric shop, A & A White, has moved back to Hwy. 19 as of July 2016. Here is a link w/map to their new location. West side of 19, South of Moog and North of Sunray Drive.

<http://www.aawhitesewinghub.com/contact.html>

Linda Schissel and Barb Silva

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Sat. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00-10:30 a.m. CH1 \$4.00 at the door! Join us for some delicious pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee/tea. Please call Bill Bourquin @ 440-465-5395 if you would like to help with this event. This is always a fun time and a great way to meet/greet your neighbors.

**BOOK CLUB REMINDER:** Thurs. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. CH1 Library. Calling all readers and discussers! We are ready for a full season of reading. Jan.: The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah and Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom. Feb.: The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion and The Forgotten Seamstress by Liz Trenow. Mar.: The Orphan Train by Christine Baker Kline. Bring your ideas! Please join us.

**JANUARY DANCE:** Sat. Jan. 21<sup>th</sup> 8:00-11:00 p.m. CH1

"Lynn and Joel" provide the music with tributes to Elvis. Individual charge of \$6.00 covers beer, soda, ice and set-ups. You may bring other beverages and munchies. Hosted by Schissel, Silva, Simerson, Murray & Hanam. Contact Schissel 218-255-2583 or 218-255-3583.

**\*\*Dance Lottery:** Deposit at the Office on or before 12:00 noon Mon. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Use a small envelope with your **U.S. bank check** (\$6 per person). Write on the outside of the envelope: 1) Dance 2.) Your name and the names of all persons in your group 3.) Condo Bldg. and Unit# 4.) Local phone# 5.) number of tickets desired (limit 10) 6.) Dollar amount of check or money order enclosed. **DO NOT ENCLOSE CASH!** Make **U.S. bank checks** payable to **Gulf Harbors Recreation**

\*\*Lottery for seating will be held on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are assigned to tables and can be picked up at CH1 Tues. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. or at the door on the night of the dance. No tickets will be sold or picked up at the office. Lottery results will be posted outside CH1 on bulletin board.

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR:** Sunday Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:00 p.m. CH1. The GHC Recreation Committee invites you to join us for the Annual "Meet Your Neighbor" Open House. We will be serving beer, wine and snacks. Looking forward to seeing everyone out for a fun Sunday afternoon. Ernie Wilson and all.

### **COMING SOON!**

**SHOW PALACE:** GHC Recreation has booked the Show Palace Dinner Theatre for the play "Saturday Night Fever" on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available so please contact Peggy Cacciola at 201-638-1593 or [Apcacciola@aol.com](mailto:Apcacciola@aol.com) to make your reservations. Tickets for the dinner show will be a group rate of \$45.00 per person and payment can be made after reservations are made. Please make **U.S. Check** payable to GHC Recreation and send it to Gulf Harbors Recreation c/o 4909 Marine Pkwy. New Port Richey, Florida 34652 attn: Bill Olan. **Payments must be made by Feb. 1, 2017**

**SUPERBOWL PARTY:** Sun. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> for our annual Superbowl Party! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. \$8.00 ticket includes: football faire dinner, snacks, 1 free - \$ square, beer and set-ups. Square and Ticket Sales: Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30 a.m. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00-2:00 p.m. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00 Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00 p.m. Last Chance: Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00-2:00 p.m. Tickets are limited to 110. Join us! Patchan/Bourquin If you would like to help... please call Bill Bourquin @ 440-465-5394

**FEBRUARY DANCE:** Sat. February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. CH#1- \$6.00 per person. Come and dance to the music of "Silver Creek Duo". Beer, soda, ice and set-ups provided as usual ( you may bring other munchies and beverages). Hosted by Watsons and the Timmins Group. **\*\*Dance Tickets\*\*** Deposit at the office a small envelope with your U.S. check (\$6 per person)-list on the outside of the envelope the following: 1) dance 2) Your name and the names of all persons in your group 3) Condo Bldg. and Unit # 4) Local Phone 5) Number of tickets desired (limit of 10) 6) Dollar amount of check or money order- do not include cash. Make checks payable to Gulf Harbors Rec. Committee. **Deadline Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

**\*\*LOTTERY\*\*** for seating will be held on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> and tickets can be picked up at 2 p.m. at CH#1. Tickets are assigned to tables in order drawn with ten seats per table. Names and table assignments will be posted on the bulletin board at CH#1. Unsold/unclaimed tickets will be available at the door the night of the dance. No refunds will be provided. No tickets are to be sold or picked up at the office.

### **WELCOME NEW OWNERS**

R-204 Barbara & Monique DiCioccio of New Port Richey, Fl. formerly owned by Larry & Dashie Schouten.

AA-201 Herbert & Margaret Bradley of Land O'Lakes, Fl. formerly owned by Walter & Gina Guth.

## **THANK YOU**

My family and I would like to thank our friends at Gulf Harbors for their cards, phone calls and visits after Ursula's passing. Your kind words and prayers were comforting. Wilhelm Hoffman

A big thank you to all my ladies from Hand & Foot. Our Christmas party was a success because of them, the outstanding food & drinks. We played cards & everyone pitched in to clean up. A special thank you to Fran Francis for being with me until we left. I have a great bunch of people that play. For those that are going home, go safely. We will resume play Wed. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. @ CH#1. Have a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. I love you all. - Pat Fagerson.

The Toys for Tots and the United States Marine Corp. would like to thank all the generous people of Gulf Harbors who donated to the toy drive. It was greatly appreciated.

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

January 2017 is here, and our complex starts to become more populated. The association's records indicate a higher water usage from January to March. The association's annual water budget is approximately \$285,000.00. As of December 2016 we are over budget by approximately \$30,000 and we have four months to go. More residences arriving equals even higher water costs. I know that if all our residences work together to save water, every day, we can hopefully stay within our budget and reduce dramatically the projected deficit. I ask you to check your condo's kitchen and bathroom sinks and especially your toilets for any possible water leaks. Be assured that our staff has checked all lawn water lines for breaks and leaks. Grass watering is monitored closely. Our restrooms in the club houses are checked for leaking toilets. So let us all do our best to conserve water and this will help in controlling our maintenance costs. If anyone still makes New Year's Resolutions, I hope one will be to conserve water usage. I wish a very HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Harold G. Johns

## **CAM'S CORNER**

On behalf of our staff and me, we wish to thank you for your generosity during the holiday season. These gestures of kindness mean so much to all of us. We will be working on the sidewalks in the complex in the next few months to make them safer. We will also be working on the bushes for replacements if you are noticing a few dead ones, this must be due to the lack of rain fall these last few months and of course all our landscape is aging. We wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Susan L. Bedford, Community Association Manager

## FYI

**NEW PHONE BOOKS:** Business #'s only. Pick up at CH3.

**\*\*CLAUDE PEPPER SENIOR CENTER:** accepts your extra or no longer needed meds. They serve around 400 seniors who can't afford them. They can be dropped off at the center at 6640 Van Buren Street north of Main Street, New Port Richey.

**\*\*RESIDENTS:** If you know of anyone who has been ill or has passed away, please notify Pat Fagerson 727-505-9336.

**\*\*PAPER RECYCLE: PARKING LOT SIDE OF CH3**

**\*\*Wi-Fi:** CH1 and CH3 FREE to Road Runner Customers— email and password needed to log on

**\*\*VEHICLE WASHING: Friday only.** Use carport and open parking areas. Do not wash cars at the Clubhouses or near the pools.

**\*\*PARKING:** Do not park vehicles over the sidewalk.

**\*\*SLOW DOWN ON OUR STREETS AND PARKING AREAS!!**

**\*\*ATTENTION SMOKERS:** Use 'Smokers Outpost Stands' located outside CH#1. Don't Litter!

**\*\*WATER CONSERVATION:** Repair leaky faucets and toilets... Lower OUR water bills!

**\*\*SUGGESTION BOX:** Just inside CH1. Put questions/complaints/suggestions in the box. All entries are read by the Board. The signed ones will be acknowledged. Keep your ideas coming!

**\*\*GRILL CLEANING:** Grill cleaning materials available for check-out in the office.

**\*\*ALARM:** Defibrillator at CH1. ALARM SOUNDS-CALL OFFICE.

**\*\*Card Table and Chairs are available for residents to use. The tables and chairs are in the office. A refundable deposit of \$10 for a table and \$10 for 4 chairs.**

## MINI MART ITEMS FOR SALE

**(Ads will be printed once. If you want your ad printed again, call 848-0198.)**

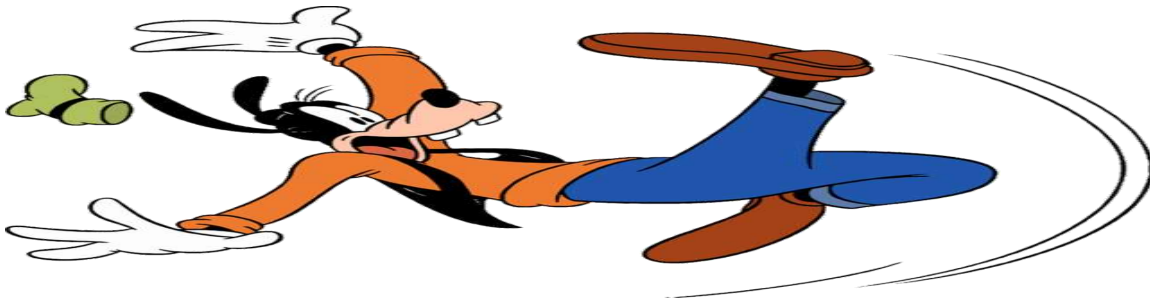
2- 4ft. wooden folding tables \$25 each & 8 metal padded chairs \$7 each. Call 727-841-6961.

**AVAILABLE TO BORROW:** Baby stroller, high chair, playpen & baby bed in a bag. Pat Fagerson 727-505-9336.

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*Funny for Goofy but not for our Residents*

Please Help Prevent **“SLIPS & FALLS”**

Slips and falls are pushing up our Liability Insurance cost, an expense that can increase condo fees. Our management team works to seek out and prevent problem areas for potential accidents, but it takes concerned residents to help in the effort also. If you see common areas with wet/water slip or other potential hazard conditions please contact the office to be sure they are aware of, to take any corrective action available. Management is reviewing preventative action options that may be taken.

We all can help being responsible by being aware and careful to avoid potential accidents.

Some possible things to keep in mind: Avoid slick or pooled water areas when possible. Wear proper footwear



CAUTION ON STAIRS; HOLD ONTO HANDRAIL. AWARENESS TO WHAT YOU ARE DOING (MAYBE NOT ON THE CELL PHONE, ETC.??)

***Anything we can do is better for our own safety and rising liability expenses. Thanks for your help.***