



# The Happenings

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### President – Debbie Snedeker

As I reflect on 2015 I can't help but brag about Twin Isles Country Club and what we have accomplished.

- We increased our financial stability, our year to date net Operating Income thru November 30<sup>th</sup> was \$78,000 vs. \$1,700 in 2014.
- Our membership is growing, thru November we had a net increase in memberships of 49 (excluding seasonal memberships). This is the first time in 15 years our membership numbers have increased.
- We have a plan in place to continue to improve our golf course.
- The quality of our food has improved.
- We have more social activities.
- Our social activities are well attended.

Best of all, the Clubhouse is alive with the sounds of our Members enjoying one another and taking advantage of all TICC has to offer.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and staff who helped transform TICC into a beautiful Christmas showcase. The Clubhouse and Tennis Facility looked wonderful and contributed to the festivities during the caroling, tree lighting, Christmas Dinner Dance and many other events held at the Club.

Looking forward to 2016, I anticipate our positive trend to continue as we have many events scheduled. There are golf and tennis tournaments, dinner dances, theme nights and many other exciting activities planned. Our clubs; book, bridge, mahjong, cooking, art, TICC ladies etc. are geared up and anxious for all Members with similar interests to join them. We are confident that our membership numbers will continue to grow as word spreads that Twin Isles is the only place in Punta Gorda where you can have the TRUE Country Club experience.

I am very pleased with the increased participation at the various Club activities. A few of our events have sold out, so please make your reservations early to ensure you will be guaranteed a seat. If you have a reservation and are not able to attend an event please call and cancel your reservation at least 72 hours ahead of time so we may plan for the appropriate amount of food and adjust scheduled staffing.

On January 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm the Board of Directors will have an informal meeting with Members who would like to learn more about the Board and their responsibilities. We welcome your comments, suggestions and any input you would like to share with us that would help us to better serve you. Please plan to attend and share your ideas.

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 6 Ladies 18 Hole Alligator Classic: Tee Times  
Jan. 8 Men's Golf War Between the States: Shogun & Lunch  
Jan. 8 Cooking Club  
Jan. 11 TI Women's Luncheon  
Jan. 12 Bingo Night  
Jan. 13 Informal Board Meeting  
Jan. 18 Flite Bridge  
Jan. 19 New Member Meet & Greet  
Jan. 20 Ladies 9 Hole Golf & Luncheon  
Jan. 22 Dinner & Entertainment  
Jan. 24 Arbor Day Golf Shotgun & Dinner  
Jan. 26 Bingo Night  
Jan. 27 Book Club  
Jan. 30 & 31 City Championship  
Feb. 1 Card & Games Party  
Feb. 1 TI Women's Luncheon  
Feb. 1 Plant & Bake Sale  
Feb. 1 Ladies 18 Hole Inter Club Golf  
Feb. 3 Ladies 18 Hole Member/Member Tee Times  
Feb. 4 Ladies 18 Hole Member/Member Shotgun & Lunch  
Feb. 7 Super Bowl Party  
Feb. 9 Bingo Night  
Feb. 12 Cooking Club  
Feb. 14 Couples Golf Shotgun & Dinner  
Feb. 15 Flite Bridge  
Feb. 17 Ladies 9 Hole Gals & Pals Shogun & Dinner  
Feb. 20 Sweetheart Dinner/Dance  
Feb. 23 Bingo Night  
Feb. 24 Ladies 18 Hole Shirts & Skirts Shotgun & Luncheon  
Feb. 24 Book Club

## **General Manager - David Bright**

Happy New Year Everyone! I anticipate that 2016 will be a great year for Twin Isles.

We had a fantastic December. We started the month out with our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Dinner/Dance. The Heart and Soul band was awesome and everyone had a blast! We had several golf events that went off without a hitch. Steve Baisch is a blessing to this Club with his knowledge and knowhow. Bob our Tennis Pro is a delight and is really supportive of the Club. There were several great luncheons. Our new Chef Tito has done an outstanding job! We had our first Dinner and Entertainment night, another night of great food and dancing! Our Christmas Member Appreciation Eggnog party was well attended and Jill did a great job as usual. We wrapped up the month and year with our New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance. Again we had great food and music for all to enjoy. December ended up being a very enjoyable month and I cannot thank you all enough for attending all of the events and supporting your Club!

We look forward to January being a repeat of December. I expect lots of fun and camaraderie. If you missed out on something last month you can be sure to enjoy all the activities going on this month. This is your Club! It can and will be whatever you want it to be. I will help to make things happen, as will my staff.

We are continuing to grow our membership. The Membership Committee is hands down doing a great job in coming up with ideas to grow Club membership with assistance from Pope Golf. The Social Committee is really helping to get things going at the Club for your enjoyment. All suggestions are welcome!

As always I have an open door policy! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see me! Happy New Year!

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## **Membership – Mary Ellen Hanley**

Cheers to 2016 and continued growth in memberships! We plan to start the New Year with a flyer insert campaign in the PGI Civic Association's Magazine, *The Commentator* - an opportunity to reach 2,500 residences. Hopefully we shall add some new PGI families to our roster.

Shortly, we shall distribute by email an application for our new **Ambassador Program**. If becoming a mentor or "buddy" to a new Member appeals to you, please complete the application and drop it off with our office staff. We'll do our best to match your interests with those of a new Member. Helping new Members get connected and participating in Club events and activities is a giant step toward making a positive impression — an experience that we hope you will enjoy as well.

We have planned a **New Member Meet and Greet** to take place on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the Activity Room. The goal is to help new Members get started enjoying all of the activities the Club offers. There will be an opportunity to meet Golf and Tennis representatives, Club Presidents, Cards and Games Group Leaders and Activity Leads. Contact information and schedules will be made available. If this event will be helpful to you please join us. This is also a chance to meet other new Members!

### **Membership Report - November 2015**

Total Equity Golf:	151
Other Golf:	12
<b>Total Golf:</b>	<b>163</b>
Tennis:	47
Social:	145
Seasonal:	16
<b>Total Memberships:</b>	<b>371</b>

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## **Men's Inter-Club Event – Gene Gordon**

Save the dates!

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Interclub match play with St. Andrews South is Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at TICC with a 12:30 pm start and poolside meal post golf. Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews 12:30 pm start and post golf meal.

Sign-up Sheet will be posted early January.

## **Greens & Grounds –**

### **Al Ricci**

Since we last spoke, the overseeding has grown in nicely on the fairways, tee boxes and selected areas in the rough. We have begun a second overseeding on the tee boxes which will be complete when this report is published.

We continue to groom the bunkers after all the rain we have received. We have added additional sand to the front bunker on hole #12, as well as the back left bunker on #16.

Due to the large amount of rain we have been receiving, we have continued spraying fungicide and insecticide to our greens to treat and prevent fungus. With the cooler drier temperatures that are expected, the greens will be back to normal in no time.

We continue to cut back many of the ornamental shrubberies all over the course. Many have become very overgrown and were becoming unsightly.

We continue to groom and verticut the greens on a bi-weekly basis. The greens are in the best condition we have seen in a long time. Please remember to repair any ball marks you may find on the greens.

The new golf carts were due the first week in January, however due to the efforts of Pope Golf, they were received Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> and are a welcome addition.

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## **Flite Bridge –**

### **Mary Lou Miller**

The winners for December 7<sup>th</sup> Flite Bridge are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Katie Costello Marilyn Holder 4460 sub. Maria Antanelis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mary Collins Joyce Downs 3950
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Shirley Carlson Kappy Frazier 3460 sub. Nancy Scheer
- 4<sup>th</sup> place Penny Corbo Sharon Naftzger 3050
- Tie Janet Camel Mary Lou Miller.

Flite Bridge will be held on January 18, 2016.

## **TI Women – Tena Stow**

The Twin Isles Women welcomed the Christmas season with a wonderful program performed by the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church Bell Choir. What a beautiful way to listen to familiar Christmas songs and to sing along while a few of us played the chimes directed by the Choir members. By the way the lunch was delicious and I want to thank Roe Aloise for setting the menu and Chef Tito for bringing it all together for us to enjoy!

Zoe Hopkins thanked everyone for the GREAT response for Toys for Tots donations. She gave us a few stats from last year's donations and the joy of over 2,200 families were given 28,000 toys and 7,800 children received the excitement of Christmas presents and the Christmas spirit

On Monday, January 11, 2016 we will start off the new year with our Murder Mystery Luncheon and Di Kandis will be our M.C. This promises to be a fun event and we will all be thinking of the days of Nancy Drew and the fun those books gave us .Bring your best detective skills and sign-up for a great lunch and fellowship. Also, tickets for the Cards and Games in February will be on sale at the January meeting. Marcie Cummins and Leslie Leeds are hosting this event and will have tickets available.

Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> NOTE (the first Monday of the month) is the Cards and Games Party - "Heels and Deals" will be right after another wonderful lunch. Tickets are \$25 each so set-up a fun table for your choice of games, cards, Mah Jong, bridge etc. and enjoy an afternoon of a great time with friends. The morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> will be the bake and plant sale in the lobby. Donations from all the ladies are welcome and we have some wonderful bakers, cooks and chefs that always show their skills to sell to us non bakers and cooks! The tickets for the Fashion Show in March go on sale then so bring your \$\$\$ for tickets, baked goods and the games of your choosing.

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> is our annual Fashion Show and raffled gift baskets. The tickets for the fashion show are \$25 and will be available at the Cards and Games event. The Fashion Show "Easy Wear Fashions" hosted by Chicos will be modeled by some of our lovely ladies from Twin Isles. Deborah Leudtke and Jo Buelow will be directing the fashions and as always have done a great job! This is always a great event. We still need donations for the gift baskets raffle and a list of requests are posted in the ladies sitting area in the rest room and also the ladies locker room. We even posted one the men's locker room! Lea also has a copy and donations can be dropped off in her office or given to any of the board members. Gently used baskets are always welcome for Roe Aloise to do her "magic" again. The baskets are a sight to behold and you don't want to miss this event! We would love to have these donations by February 1<sup>st</sup> if possible.

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> is our final luncheon for the season. Our annual Tea Party and installation of officers for 2016-2017 will take place. The guest speaker will be a surprise. Our ladies are encouraged to wear their unique and lovely Spring Hats for a contest and prizes to be awarded.

Our meetings start at 11 am, but if you wish to arrive around 10:30 am to purchase your 50/50 tickets and just visit with friends that is great. Just a reminder - PLEASE call the dining room or sign-up in the Clubs book outside the Grill Room to make reservations for the luncheon so we can have an accurate count. Also, if you have a special dietary request, please inform the staff and they will do their best to meet your needs. Remember, if you are a member of Twin Isles Country Club, YOU are a member of the Twin Isles Women. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a safe and healthy New Year! See you on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016!

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## **Garden Club – Sandy Lorden**

Now, the Garden Club is hosting the annual Arbor Day golf tournament on January 24<sup>th</sup> with a 12:30 pm shotgun start and dinner to follow. Becky Pacque is heading this event, so I know it will be very special. The monies raised from this have always helped our superintendent with any special needs he has. We encourage you to sign-up and have fun.

Our son Nicholas has some tree planting advice from a Chinese proverb: the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now! Hope all of you had a joyous Christmas and I pray we will all have a healthy, wonderful new year!

## **18 Hole Ladies -**

### **Christine Ricci**

Our 9 & 18 Hole Christmas Luncheon was a success. We had 52 Ladies play in the tournament this year. Special thanks go out to Monica Lucey and Diane Buckingham for all their hard work in planning the event. We raised a total of \$310 in our 50/50 raffle and \$207 was donated to the Toys for Tots charity. Thanks to Ina Bice and Joan Montovano for collecting for the raffle.

We have one big event this month and that is the Alligator Classic Tournament. It will be held on January 6, 2016. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the pro shop. I will be sending out an email explaining the tournament for those who are new to the Club or haven't played in the tournament in previous years. If you choose not to play you can still sign-up for regular Wednesday Ladies day. We are going to have a great 2016 season and I am looking forward to sharing it with you all. Have a safe & Happy New Year! See you on the course!

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## **Book Club –**

### **Gretchen Neidlinger**

Twin Isles Book Club enjoyed a lively December meeting. We welcomed 3 new members Phyllis LeBlanc, Susan Riberio and Inger Harrington. We will start 2016 off on January 27<sup>th</sup> with the book "Orphan Train," by Christine Baker Kline. Discussion leader will be Cheryl Blazer. The February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting's book will be "The Martian," by Andy Weir and the discussion will be led by Di Kandis. The March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting's book will be "Still Alice," by Lisa Genova. The discussion will be led by Roe Aloise.

New Members are Welcome anytime. You do not need to sign-up ahead. There is no fee but we do ask you order a tea, coke, glass of wine, or snack. Our gatherings are fourth Wednesday of every month at 3 pm, yes Happy Hour! Bring yourself, a friend and always new Members join in.

## Golf – Steve Baisch

Happy New Year To All! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are geared up for the best year ever! The next few months have a full calendar as well as a full tee sheet. Just a few things to keep in mind:

We will always take care of our Members when it comes to tee times. If you look online and do not see any times available, please call me. 99% of the time, I can work something out for you. Our Members come first, always!

I know I have touched on this before, but if it is all possible please sign-up in advance for your tee times. It gives us a good idea of the number of players that day, and also lets us set your clubs up in advance so they are ready for you when you arrive so you don't have to wait.

The other item is for our groups, especially this time of year, how important it is to pair up on carts . There should never be a foursome with three carts in it, etc. Even though we have extra carts for the season we turn quite a few over for a second 18 holes. Thank you for your help.

Swing Clinics begin this month. The full swing clinic will be Mondays at 3 pm and the short game clinic will be Tuesday at 3 pm. The schedule & sign-up sheets are in the golf shop and the cost is \$10.

The golf staff would like to thank the Members of Twin Isles for their generosity this holiday. It is very much appreciated and we look forward to a great 2016.

### January Events:

- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>: Ladies 18 Alligator Classic Qualifier
- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>: War Between The States
- Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>: Arbor Day Tournament
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>: City Championship

## Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program – Zoe Hopkins

The recent restoration of the 2 golf course islands has been a huge success! The foliage has grown tall, providing great wildlife habitat on both islands. The "new" has worn off the 6 island nesting poles. A Yellow Crowned Night Heron has a nest on a nesting pole on the Hole # 12 island.

The islands have become an overnight roost for Snowy Egrets. It's quite a sight to see when these large white birds fly in at sunset, jockeying for position with the other Egrets already on the island, to land on a slender branch. Over 40 Snowy Egrets are using the Hole # 11 island as a roost each night, with the overflow of birds going to the Hole # 12 island.

As the island gets crowded with Egrets each evening, there are 2 Little Blue Herons that move off the island to roost in the large tree by the Hole # 12 cart path. A pair of Great Blue Herons fly in each night to land in a palm tree on the Hole # 12 green.

It is great to see the island back to full strength natural coverage. The birds are loving it on both islands!

## Cooking Class – Di Kandis

The December Cooking Class presented Party Appetizers. The 28 attendees/students tasted three appetizers prepared by Chef Tito: White Bean Dip on Crostini, Sweet Potato Bites with Avocado, and German Pigs in Blankets. We of course voted and it was a tough election. The Sweet Potato Bites with Avocado were selected as the favorite! Who would have guessed that?! Check out the photos posted on Twin Isles Country Club's Facebook page.

We always start class at 3 pm - just coincidentally the beginning of Happy Hour. Please sign-up in the Club's notebook at the podium (in the hallway outside the Grill Room) so we have enough chairs and supplies. Chef buys supplies and prepares based on these numbers. If you sign-up and can't attend please notify the Club.

Mark your calendars: January 8<sup>th</sup> – Post Holiday Health, February 12<sup>th</sup> – Love Potions March 11<sup>th</sup> – Seafood Splendors, and April 8 – Cinco de Mayo.

## Toys for Tots -

### Zoe Hopkins

Thanks to everyone who dropped off a toy for the Toys for Tots drive. TICC participated with over 3 boxes of toys, bags of stuffed animals, 4 bicycles and a little bug eyed car!

Last year, in 2014, the Toys for Tots program gave the joy of the holidays to 2,200 families by distributing 28,000 toys to 7,800 kids in Charlotte County. Thanks to all who helped.

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- January 8: War Between The States
- January 25: Arbor Day Tournament
- January 30 & 31: City Championship
- February 1: Ladies 18 Inter Club
- February 3 & 4: Ladies 18 Hole Member/Member
- February 14: Couples Golf
- February 17: Ladies 9 Hole Gals & Pals
- February 24: Ladies 18 Hole Shirts & Shirts

## Cooking Class

Meets the 2nd Friday of Each Month Sign-up at the Podium

- January 8 Post Holidays Healthy
- February 12 Love Potions
- March 11 Seafood Splendors
- April 8 Cinco de Mayo



**18 Hole Ladies Alligator Classic**

Tee Times

**Wednesday, January 6**

**Cooking Class**

**Friday, January 8 at 3 pm**

**Theme: Post Holiday Health**

**War Between The States**

Luncheon Menu - Fajita Bar:

- Steak	- Chicken
- Tortillas	- Black Beans
- Mexi-Rice	- Lettuce
- Tomato	- Onion
- Cheese	- Sour Cream
- Guacamole	- Salsa
Assorted Cookies & Brownies	
Cost: \$15.95 ++	

**AM Shotgun**

**Friday, January 8**

**TWIN ISLES WOMEN**

**MONDAY JANUARY 11, 2016 11 AM**

Murder Mystery "The Malachai Stouts Family Reunion"  
Moderator: Di Kandis

**Menu**  
Chicken Marsala  
Mashed Potatoes  
Snow Peas  
**Dessert**  
Peach Melba Parfait  
With Raspberry Cream

**Cost: \$17 ++**  
**RESERVATIONS**  
941-637-1232 ext. 4

**BINGO NIGHT**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 6:30 PM**

**Flite Bridge**

**Monday, January 18**

**Starts at 10 Am**

**New Member Meet & Greet**

All Members Welcome!

Start Time 4:30 pm

**Tuesday, January 19**

**9 Hole Ladies**

**Wednesday, January 20**

Golf & Luncheon

**Menu**  
Rolls & Butter  
Chicken Crepes  
with Vegetables & Rice  
Cinnamon Apple Strudel  
Cost: \$17 Inclusive

**Twin Isles COUNTRY CLUB**

**Dinner & Entertainment**

**Friday, January 22**

**Dinner 5 – 8 pm**

**Entertainment 6 – 9 pm**

Manhattan Clam Chowder  
Composed seafood Salad  
Three Bean Salad  
Oysters Rockefeller  
Mussels  
Grill Mahi/Mango Chutney  
Fried Shrimp/Caper Remoulade  
Crab legs  
Butter  
Prime Rib Station  
Baked Potato Station - Chives, Sour Cream,  
Cheese, broccoli, and Butter  
Chef's Choice of Vegetable  
Yellow Rice  
Dessert: Assorted Cakes & Pies  
Cost: \$40 ++

**Call 941-637-1232 ext. 4**  
**Today to Make a Reservation!**

**BINGO NIGHT**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 6:30 PM**

**Title: "Orphan Train,"**  
**Author: Christine Baker Kline**  
**Moderator: Cheryl Blazer**  
**Wednesday January 27 at 3 pm**

**Arbor Day**

**Sunday, January 24, 2016**

**Shotgun & Dinner**

**Menu**  
Butter & Rolls  
Salad Bowl  
Chicken Foresterie  
Meatloaf with Mushroom Gravy  
Roasted Garlic Mashed  
Sautéed Brussels Sprouts  
Cup of Adult Dirt  
Cost: \$18 ++

**"Heels & Deals"**

**TICC's Annual Card & Games Party**

**Monday, February 1, 2016**

**Stiletto Spirits 11 AM, Lunch 11:30 AM & Play to Follow**

For Tickets Call  
Marcia Cummins  
at 314-276-6832 or  
Leslie Leeds at  
412-496-7380

Tickets are \$25 and you name your game.  
Any kind of cards or games may be played.