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*From the President*

# Honoring Will Gonzales and welcoming his successor

*Submitted by*  
**Fred Knutzen, TPUOA President**

Last year, we sadly experienced the premature passing of one of our board members, Will Gonzales. Will was a remarkable man with a generous heart, and his loss was deeply felt by everyone who knew him, as well as by this Board.



*Welcoming Our Newest Board Member- Nicholas Novosel*

Per our bylaws, in situations like this, the Board holds the authority to nominate, interview, and select an individual to fill the vacant seat for the remainder of the term. Will had two years left in his service.

In honoring that responsibility, the Board carefully considered several individuals who demonstrated the time, commitment, and desire to contribute meaningfully to our workpeople who could help guide governance, strengthen processes and procedures, and bring fresh ideas to the table.

We are sometimes asked why the Board did not appoint the next-highest vote-getter from the most recent election. The Board reviewed multiple candidates and ultimately selected an individual who could bring a fresh perspective.

With that, it is my pleasure to introduce Nicholas Novosell III as our

newest Board member. Nicholas shared the following personal mission:

“My goals are to embrace this new chapter in life by pursuing lifelong learning, giving back to my community, and creating lasting memories with loved ones.”

His résumé is impressive, with a particular strength in finance, along with many other skills that will serve our community well. We believe Nicholas will be an important asset as we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead. Nicholas was voted in by the Board on March 11, 2026.

Please join me in welcoming Nicholas to the Board.



*On the cover: Balloons rise over the desert landscape, floating above the palms and rooftops of Tri Palm Country Club. The flights, operated by local balloon companies, typically launch at sunrise and, when weather allows, in the late afternoon.*

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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## Property Owner Handbook: Update Procedure

*Maureen Steinwall,*  
**Board Secretary**

The TPUOA Board and TPE have agreed on a monthly process for updating the handbook. Under our governing documents, both TPUOA and TPE must approve any change. If either group disagrees, the handbook remains unchanged.

Ideas for handbook changes are submitted throughout the year, many through club participation in the RR&F Committee. All suggestions are recorded in a shared change tracking spreadsheet that includes the current wording, proposed wording, and the reason for the request.

At each Open Board Meeting, approximately ten proposed changes are reviewed by the TPUOA Board. After discussion, each proposal is approved or rejected. Approved items are sent to TPE for review. If TPE also approves, the

handbook on the website is updated.

Rejected items are kept for reference and may be reconsidered by future boards. Approved handbook changes will be reported monthly.

Changes that were approved by both are:  
Changed 3.6: Removed review every 5 years and replaced it with every 1 year.  
Changed 4.6: Office hours are 9 AM to 2 PM.  
No change 6.7.17: Pets are still NOT allowed on the golf course, which includes the golf cart. This is a safety concern.  
Changed 6.11.9: Removed the word "wanton" and replaced it with "gross."  
Changed 6.2.5: Added more groups: Inappropriate requests or abuse of employees, volunteers, committee members, board members, or other property owners are prohibited.  
Changed 10.8.2.2: To include the words "government issued."

Added 6.9.8.1: All

property owners must always maintain their property in a clean and attractive manner, including removing weeds and trimming palm trees, shrubs, and other plants. Added 10.6.5: Every household in the community is required to complete the senior housing audit and return it to the Homeowners Association office. The Board of Directors will set the submission deadline, and any household that does not submit the audit by that date may incur fines. Added 10.7.2: Guests need to register at the HOA office if their stay is 15 days or longer. Clarified: 11.12.1: Before the exterior of any home—new or existing—can be painted, Removed: 11.12.2.

Please offer your property owners' handbook suggestions to office@tpuoa.com.

## C.O.P. Home Watch Clarification

*Submitted by*  
**Mark Jacobson**

The Home Watch Program documentation states that we do not patrol flag lots. There is an exception, however. We do accept flag lots if we can see your home from the street, so complete and submit the form if you think your home qualifies.

We wish all our Snowbirds a safe trip home,

a wonderful summer with family and friends, and look forward to your return in the fall.

Remember to report all suspicious activity to the Sheriff non-emergency number 760-836-1600 and all witnessed illegal activity to 911. Citizens on Patrol do not address incidents involving rule violations. We don't report people for excessive weeds or other

TPUOA violations.

Thank you for your generous donations. We use them for insurance, uniforms, cameras and batteries, office supplies, etc.

We are still in need of volunteers. If you would like to join C.O.P. email us at TriPalmCOP@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful summer!



Raffle winners Holly Nixon and Tom Budd proudly displayed their winning tickets for a \$20 Tri Palm Restaurant gift card during the recent TPUOA community meeting, highlighting the event's continued commitment to fostering engagement and community spirit.

## Update on TPUOA Email

We continue to improve our email system to ensure messages reach the right people efficiently. In addition to individual email addresses for each board member and staff member (first initial + last name @ TPUOA.com), we also use shared email addresses for specific purposes.

Our general email address is Office@TPUOA.com. In addition, we offer the following purpose-specific email addresses:

- Happenings@TPUOA.com – For submitting articles, photos, and

ideas for the Happenings magazine

- Demands@TPUOA.com – For use by escrow companies during home sales

- Committees@TPUOA.com – For senior housing forms, violations, hearings, and architectural applications

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## Community Yard Sale: Sunshine, breezes, and bargains

It was a bright, breezy Saturday for this year's Community Yard Sale. The event was held in March instead of our usual February date, and we had around 80 homes signed up to participate. (Our apologies to the residents whose homes didn't make it onto the final list of locations.)

While participation was strong, the number of shoppers seemed noticeably lower this year. Several nearby communities — including Ivey Ranch, Palm Desert Greens, and Portola Country Club — held their yard sales on the same

weekend, and perhaps even more did as well. With so many events happening at once, traffic was naturally divided.

As we drove through the development, it appeared that not every homeowner who signed up ended up taking part. The breezy weather may have discouraged some. On the other hand, a few neighbors decided at the last minute to join in, adding a bit of spontaneity to the day.

All in all, it was still a lively community event, and we'll aim to return to our traditional February schedule next year.



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## A Grand Green Gathering: Social Council's St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Wraps the Season in Style

Submitted by  
**Judy Kreuger, President  
of Social Council**

We had a great St Patrick's celebration. This was our wind-up dance of the season. Many folks came decked out in their green clothing to celebrate this Irish occasion.

Thanks to Carol Skytte, Larry Thurston, and Marilyn Thurston for selling tickets to this event. Trudy Parsons and her crew did an excellent job of decorating



*Social Council's Treasurer Larry Thurston donated checks for \$1,000.00 to Paul Dearden for C.O.P., Ruth Dearden for Disaster Preparedness, and Judy Fischer for the Dog Park Club.*

the Hall. A special shout out to Dave Parsons for

purchasing our meat for all this season' Dinner Dances.

The crowd enjoyed a corned beef dinner while dancing to Woody & the Retros.

As we do at this time of the year, the Social Council reviewed our finances and gave donations to our community organizations. This year, C.O.P., Disaster Preparedness, and the Dog Park Club each received a \$1,000 donation.

We wish everyone a good summer, and we will see you all in the fall.

## A Heartfelt Farewell Honoring Our Pastor, Embracing Change

As April arrives, our congregation begins to dwindle as many of our snowbirds take flight and return to their summer homes.

This season also brings significant change for our church family. Our beloved pastor, Reverend George Smith, and his wife, Barbara, will soon be moving to Springfield, Missouri, to be closer to their family. Both are nearing 92 years of age, and some health concerns led them to make the decision to relocate before the end of the season. They have been a great blessing to our congregation, and they will be deeply missed.

In the meantime, we are partnering with several

visiting ministers to help meet our current needs and prepare for the next season of ministry.

On March 22, we enjoyed our end-of-season luncheon, catered by the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, a wonderful local nonprofit that helps individuals transition out of homelessness and into employment in many industries throughout the desert.

Our seasonal church gathers each year beginning the first Sunday in November and continues through the end of April.

As the weeks pass, more of our winter residents return home for the summer. Some of our year-round residents



*Reverend George Smith, and his wife, Barbara.*

have suggested extending our schedule to include May and October.

What are your thoughts?

We welcome your input as we consider what might best serve our church family.

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# Pickleball Season Finale!

Submitted by  
**Linda**

We held our last social tournament on March 14, starting at 8:00 AM, due to rising temperatures. We had 24 participants, and it was a lot of fun despite the heat! Thank you to our Tournament Team—Bev Bruce and Deb Hodgkins—for organizing it, along with the members who helped.

Later, we enjoyed a “Windup” dinner and dance organized by our Social

Director, D’Linda Laird. Our club had 77 members this season!

We relied on our Chairperson, Marty Vincent, who kept the club running smoothly and our meetings productive. Dave Parsons looked after our equipment and repairs. Mark Moeller created a superb software program for organizing club play and introducing scheduling on our new iPads.

Kudos to Melissa Moeller for organizing the DUPR

games. Norma Harvey managed our finances and memberships. Deb McCready supported members with clinics and on-court guidance. My role was Communications, and I want to thank everyone on the council for their time and service.

Thank you to all the members who supported us and made this a fun way to stay active, meet people in our community, and play pickleball.

We also enjoyed several

social events outside of club play. In March, Mike and Kathy Jensen hosted a “Cinco de Marcho” Mexican potluck at their home.

As this article is published, our season will have ended, and we’ll say our goodbyes until fall. Club play starts again in early November. We welcome new members—come give pickleball a try! Website: [www.tripalmpb.com](http://www.tripalmpb.com)

“It’s always Pickleball Season!”

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# Senior Spotlight: History of Tri Palm Estates

By:  
**Kim Ward, Vice  
President**

Tri Palm Estates has grown through decades of change, challenges, and community determination, shaped as much by the homeowners who cared deeply about their neighborhood as by the developers who built it. Its story begins in 1962, when the Mobilife Corporation first envisioned what would become a long-standing desert community. Over the next 16 years, Mobilife steadily expanded development, completing eight plats by 1978 and designating Tracts 5 and 6 as family areas, allowing children under 16. That same year, Mobilife offered to sell its interest in the community to the property owners, who ultimately declined to purchase it. Soon afterward, Mobilife sold the development to Andrew E. Stevens of Great Western Properties, beginning a new chapter in Tri Palm Estates' evolution.

Through the 1980s, Great Western Properties continued the momentum of expansion. Development on Tract 9 began in 1980, followed by Tract 10—later known as The Villas—in 1988. But this era was not without difficulties. Conditions in the park deteriorated to the point that county officials required substantial improvements before



*Tri Palm Estates Flashback to-1971*

approving any new development. After making the necessary upgrades, GWP finally secured county approval in early 1989. At the same time, homeowners were represented by two separate organizations: TPOA, which represented residents informally, and TPOA, Inc., which had legal standing. The division created friction and confusion about authority within the community.

A turning point arrived in the early 1990s. In 1993, after years of disagreement, the two associations agreed to merge, forming the Tri Palms Unified Homeowners Association (TPUOA). To formalize authority, majority approval was required from property owners throughout the tracts. By February 1995, TPUOA secured majority support in eight of the ten tracts, allowing supplemental declarations

to be recorded with the county. Because Tracts 5 and 6 did not reach majority approval, they were excluded from TPUOA, Inc. Later that year, the newly unified association began actively enforcing CC&Rs and other regulations to bring the community back into line with the standards Mobilife originally intended.

In 1996, residents voted to comply with the Fair Housing Amendment to the Equal Opportunity Act, officially designating all tracts—except for the family tracts—as a Senior Housing Community. Development plans continued to surface, and in 1999, GWP sought to build golf course holes 6 through 12. However, a disagreement over maintenance responsibilities halted the proposal. In 2006, Great Western Properties sold its interests to Ronald Safren and Ronald Edwards, who

renamed the community of The Club at Shenandoah Springs Village (CSSV).

The years that followed brought new challenges. By 2008, ongoing maintenance concerns and worsening conditions prompted TPUOA to file a lawsuit against CSSV. In December 2012, CSSV filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, prompting the court to appoint a Receiver to manage operations. Disputes continued into 2014, when homeowners challenged a proposed increase in maintenance fees. Around this time, General Electric—the mortgage holder—initiated foreclosure proceedings, and CSSV filed for bankruptcy protection again. A settlement agreement was finally reached in June 2014. Shortly thereafter, Kort & Scott purchased CSSV's assets and restored the community's original name: Tri Palm Estates and Country Club.

Over more than six decades, Tri Palm Estates has faced shifting ownership, stalled developments, legal battles, and financial turmoil. Yet through every transition, one constant has remained: the resilience and dedication of its residents. Their advocacy, unity, and commitment to preserving the character of their community have shaped its identity just as profoundly as the developers who built it.



# Shuffleboard: Busy Until the End of The Season

Submitted by  
**Linda May**

As we get closer to the end of March, we are busy with the end of season activities of the shuffleboard club before the Snowbirds leave, there will be the last golf and porch party, the Canada versus USA shuffleboard game and appy party, and our windup dinner and AGM.

As the Snowbirds leave, we hope that fond memories of the season will

remind them that the next season starts in November!

Our club singles tournament was held in late February. At the end of the day, Caleb Mills took first place in the Championship round, winning against Margo Cook. In the consolation round, Bob Todhunter defeated Bob Riebe. It is always a fun time to test our skills.

This year has seen many changes in the structure of the shuffleboard courts. The

management/maintenance team put up screens at both ends of the courts. These offer protection from the sun and wind. The club members, with leadership from John McCready, reroofed the storage shed and added several new benches for our sitting pleasure.

We have 70 players who came out to play this season. This year we added a Saturday late afternoon opportunity to play under

the direction of Yvonne Moore and Vern Wong. Great success!

As the weather heats up, the incentive to play declines. There may be days the courts will be open, but no guarantees until November. For those who may be interested in trying shuffleboard next season, we will be playing Monday, Tuesday, and Friday mornings at 8:45 AM and Saturdays at 12:45 PM.

## Duplicate Bridge Players Wanted: Calling All Card Sharks (and Newbies Too!)

Tri Palms Duplicate Bridge group will begin meeting Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the clubhouse library, starting next November 2026. Players of all experience levels are welcome, and beginners will be taught.

If you enjoy cards, strategy, and friendly competition, come join us

for an evening of bridge and community. You don't need a partner to participate. If you're new to the game or a bit rusty, we're happy to help teach and get you comfortable at the table.

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# Tri Palm Women's Club: Spring Fun at Tri Palm!

*Submitted by*  
**Pam Horton, Secretary**

We hope you've enjoyed a fun and memorable season with the Tri Palm Women's Club! As our season ends and some of you head home, know that you'll be missed, and we look forward to welcoming you back. Safe travels to our snowbirds.

Did you dance, boogie, do the mashed potato—or simply tap your feet and sway—to the Dreamboats'

encore performance? We hope the music sparked some wonderful memories.

February's Fashion Show with LA Fashions was a hit, with plenty of shoppers finding that "just right" item. Judging by all the full shopping bags leaving the room, it was a successful day!

The March Talent Show was fantastic and so much fun. Who knew Tri Palms was home to so much talent? A little bird tells us

there may be even more hidden stars among us—perhaps next time!

Please remember to make your reservations early for the April luncheon, no later than Monday, the 13th at 10:00 a.m. RSVP by replying to the invitation email or emailing [sandytung06@outlook.com](mailto:sandytung06@outlook.com). If you need to cancel, please let us know so others may attend. Doors open at 11:00a.m.; lunch is served at 12:00p.m., and the cost remains \$18 for

members and \$20 for non-members.

All ladies are welcome at our luncheons held on the third Thursday of each month. Consider joining us—dues are just \$15 per year. Memberships expire in March, so please remember to renew for the 2026–2027 season.

Bye to our snowbirds, and we'll see the rest of you at our April and summer luncheons.

## RR&F: Facilities that support our community

*Submitted by*  
**Laurie Hirth, Chair**  
**Karla Beairsto, Co-Chair**

Our community facilities are an important part of keeping our HOA running smoothly every day. To make sure they are safe, well-maintained, and used properly, our HOA has a dedicated Facilities Committee.

The committee meets

on the third Monday of every month at 1 PM in the event hall. Each board or committee may send one representative to attend.

Rules and regulations help us manage our facilities effectively. They set expectations for safety, behavior, and proper use so everyone can enjoy a secure and welcoming environment. These rules may include things like

facility hours, prohibited activities, cleanliness standards, and emergency procedures.

Our committee works to update the Property Owners Handbook, which serves as a guide for living in our community. We work closely with management to make sure the handbook reflects the needs of both residents and the community as a whole.

Clear rules and well-managed facilities help everything run smoothly. When everyone understands and follows the guidelines, we create a safe, efficient, and enjoyable environment. Properly maintained amenities improve the overall experience for all residents and support the diverse needs of our community.

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# Where Every Day Is a Yappy Day

It has been another great season for the Tri Palm Dog Club! Thanks to the support of our members and the community, we continue to make improvements that help keep our dog park a fun, safe, and welcoming place for everyone.

This year we added additional trees — we now have ten trees in the park, providing much-needed shade for both dogs and their humans. We also enjoyed several successful

Yappy Hours, which brought members together for social time, laughter, and plenty of tail-wagging.

Our membership continues to grow, and we are incredibly grateful for the generous support we received from both the Social Club and the Women’s Club. Their donations will help us move forward with our concrete pathway project, which will make the park more accessible and easier to maintain.

We will continue working closely with Tri Palm Estates to make our dog park one of the best in the valley.

For those who may not know, the dog park is located in the family section next to the pool on Pacheta Circle.

Join us!

New members are always welcome, and your support helps keep the park clean, maintained, and enjoyable for everyone.

**The Tri-Palms Dog Club**  
is a group of park users dedicated to keeping this park clean, maintained, and enjoyable for everyone.

**Membership fees help cover everyday needs:**  
Poop Bags • Garbage Bags • Hoses  
Water Bowls • Supplies

*The park is owned by Tri-Palms Estates.*

We appreciate the golf course staff for mowing, fertilizing, irrigating, and planting trees.

**The Dog Club Funded:**

- Gazebo
- Poop Bag & Disposal Stations
- Entrance Gate (replacement)
- Water relocated to gazebo area
- Shed
- Furniture & Boulders
- Ongoing supply of ALL poop bags
- Contributed funds toward park trees

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*Working together to keep our park clean and safe*

*The new dog park sign signals a warm welcome to dogs and their humans at Tri Palm Country Club.*

## Par 3 Ladies: End of Season Winners

Submitted by  
**Karen Morgan**

Wow, it’s hard to believe; we have come to the end of another wonderful golf season!

We invite you to come out and join us next season for 18 or 9 holes of golf on our Century Course. It’s a fantastic way to make new friends!

Our wonderful group of ladies overcame all the troubles we had on our course late start up this year. We all enjoyed



a Fantastic St. Patrick’s Scramble with treats on a couple of holes. Thank you to Don Morgan, Tom O’Rourke, Merv Peters, and

Tom Waterman for helping us.

Our Club Championship went to Karen Morgan, Runner Up was Cheryl

Fruno, and Mary Lynn LaRochelle had low net over the field. The Putting Award went to Thelma Waterman. Eclectic Winner is Dodie Seebach. Congratulations Ladies!

We wish you all safe travel if you are heading home for the summer months and those who stay may have some cooler temperature days!

Take Care, stay safe and healthy, and see you back in November!

## TP Men’s Golf: White, Red & Gold Event in April

from the desk of  
**Phil LaPierre**

The next General Membership meeting is on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse. Treasurer Barrie Smith will pay out CERTs at 9:30 am, while

Phil Mathews will sell raffle tickets at the same time. The program will discuss plans for next season.

TPMGC sponsors the Guys & Dolls tournament on Friday, April 3. Sign up in the Pro Shop. The special event for the month is on Thursday,

April 23. It will be a White, Red, & Gold event with an entry fee of \$10. This will be a great event for those still here. We know that many snowbirds depart early in April. Have a great summer.

Summer League starts on Thursday, May 7. This

will be a morning play only. Sign-up will still be Thursday through Monday at 9:00 am. More details at the General Membership meeting.

Remember, new members are always welcome. Check out our website [www.thetpmc.com](http://www.thetpmc.com).



## CACTUS CATS: Wrapping Up a Season Above Par

Our major event of the season, an Invitational tournament that includes all our sister clubs from other courses, was held in February. We always enjoy hosting this fun day and playing a once-a-year format of nine Par 3 holes and nine regulation holes to approximate an executive-style course used by our sister clubs.

Our members played well that day: Susan Spencer took Low Gross, and Anne Johnston took Low Net. Other ladies who placed were Flight A: Sue Douglas, first low gross, Elayne MacDonald, third low gross, and Dianne Fish, third low net. Linda Owens and Laurie Bayless won second and third low net in Flight B. In Flight C, Rita Szostak won first low net, while Marcie Lyons and Cheryl Fruno won second and third low net. Kathy Elliott won third low gross in Flight D.

Congratulations to everyone! We are thankful that our entire membership helps to host this event.

Our ladies have concluded our season with our March play date and will resume monthly play in November. We hope to have the schedule confirmed before that. See our bulletin board in the Caddy Shack for any updates.

Wishing everyone a wonderful off season!

## A Season of Swinging Success: Winners announced at General Membership Meeting

*Submitted by*  
**Micki Goodman, VP**  
**TPWGC**

From left to right in the photo are President's Cup winner Suzanne Douglas, Most Improved Golfer Josie Blandino, and Club Champion Susan Spencer. Other winners announced were: Crooked Putter—a tie between Jani Blackman and Darlene Birkland—and Low Net for Club Champion, awarded to Darlene Birkland.

The final membership meeting for the year was held on March 3 after golf. Lunch was provided by the club, and the awards were handed out. After lunch, names were drawn for



sleeves of balls. President Jill Anderson asked the members to consider bringing a guest for our Tuesday morning golf and extended an invitation to any Tri Palms ladies to join us next year.

Upcoming events include the Big and Little Sister

Golf and Luncheon and a Pin and Medal Tournament.

A special thank-you to the following ladies: Karen Morgan – Par 3; Linda Owens – KP; Wally Tecklenburg – weekly lunch menu; Karen Bennett – Sunshine; Laurie Bayless – Eclectic.

## Just For Fun Golf: Ponds, Prizes & Plenty of Laughs at the Pink Ball Tournament

*Submitted by*  
**Bonnie Dow and**  
**Lauren McKnight**

The Just For Fun Golf group held its pink ball tournament in March. Twenty-one teams participated, and 10 teams returned their ball after 18 holes! The winning team was Brenda Lindsay, Julie Phillion, and Carol Howell. Prizes were awarded to first-, second-, and third-place

teams, the team with the most fun, and a random draw. Despite Karla's fishing tactics, her team was disqualified for landing in the pond...

Recent KP contest winners were Georgia Bannister and Sharon Alexander. It was a very busy season for the Just For Fun Group. Safe travels home for the snowbirds and a happy, safe summer to all. See you in the fall.





## Men's Second Season Golf Club

Submitted by  
**Lorne Martindale**

While our 2024/2025 season nears an end, we have some winners!

Our Club Championship was played over 2 days (Feb. 26 and Mar. 5) and resulted in our best gross score winner, Rick Johnson, completing the two days with 148. Our best net score, 141, was achieved by Brad Chudiak.

Our SSGC club pays for these two players to participate in the Southern California tournament for club champions. Congratulations to all of our players who experienced

the extreme wind conditions on our second day of play.

Our President's Cup, which began in January, has concluded after many weeks of man-to-man match play with our winner Al Loria!!

You do not have to play good golf to succeed with the SSGC . . . Just show up. Mike Szostak won \$50.00 in our attendance draw, and Dean Fair, Ian Connell, and Alex Skytte each won \$65.00 in our 80/20 draw. That's right 80/20 . . . none of this 50/50 stuff.

We really must give a big "Shout Out" to John Bonk who generously provided sandwiches and drinks



Left to right: Rick Johnson, Gross Winner; Brad Chudiak, Net Winner; Al Loria, President's Cup Winner.

on the patio, to thank our retiring tournament Chairman Dave Thomas for many years of "looking after us" and welcome our new Chairman Dave Taylor.

It has been another wonderful winter season of golf and fellowship with the Second Season Golf Club,

where everyone is welcome to join. We hope everyone has a safe and healthy summer and hope to see you in the fall.

Remember: Golf is an adult game designed as fun. I swing, I miss, I laugh!

## Mr. Noodle Golf Tournament Celebrates 26 Years

The 26th annual Mr. Noodle Golf Tournament was held on March 1, on the Millennium Golf Course, and continues to be the largest tournament at Tri Palm Estates. Sponsored by Ed Andersen, known as "Mr. Noodle", the event welcomed 180 players forming 36 five-player teams.

Special thanks goes to Johathon and management for supporting the tournament, providing tables, and donating golf games as prizes. Appreciation also goes to the many volunteers



Mr. Noodle Golf Tournament: Winning Team

who helped make the day a success. The chili and appetizers were prepared by several community members, with a special

thank you to Shelly Vanlerberg for organizing the food.

Additional thanks to Rocky Vanlerberg, Henk

Schoonhoven, Jill Andersen, Brian Matheson, Brenda Nelson, and Karen Morgan for coordinating and distributing the prizes. Awards ranged from olive oil and restaurant meals to golf games, along with major prizes including two outdoor grills and a 65-inch TV won by Renaud LaRochelle.

Congratulations to the winning team: Merv Peters, Carol Skytte, Rocky Vanlerberg, Henk Schoonhoven, and Cheryl Fruno.

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# Tri Palm Estates Country Club Directory



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Line Dancing	Corinne Smith	760-636-1645	bcsmith73281@gmail.com
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Pickleball	Marty Vincent	250-910-0617	tripalmpb.com
Hand & Foot	Vickie Colony	906-576-2751	
	Linda Sodoma	818-812-0646	
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Shuffleboard	David Guerrero	818-825-9028	davidanthony50@aol.com
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Social Council	Judy Kreuger	778-846-2401	jakreuger1@icloud.com
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Tennis Social Club	Brad Pollock	250-217-5310	dynamobc@shaw.ca
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>NOTE: Happenings wants to include your social activities each month. All requests must be received by the 15th of each month, along with any corrections to regularly scheduled events. Simply email them to the editor, happenings@tpuoa.com.</i></p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Water Exercise, 9a. Mexican Train, 1p., Lib. Ballroom Dance Classes, 4-5p.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Hand/Foot, 6-9p.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a. Guys &amp; Dolls Golf</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Community Yard Sale, 7a. Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Shuffleboard, 12:45p</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Church Ser., 11a. Pickleball, 8-noon</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Needle Craft, 10-noon, Lib. Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a. Hand/Foot, 6-9p.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon TPMGC General Meeting, 10a. Book Club, 4p., Lib. Bingo, 6p. Dup. Bridge, 6-9p, Lib.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon TPUOA Board, 8a. Water Exercise, 9a. Mexican Train, 1p., Lib. Ballroom Dance Classes, 4-5p.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Hand/Foot, 6-9p.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>TPUOA Gen Mtg, 9a. Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Shuffleboard, 12:45p.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Church Ser., 11a. Pickleball, 8-noon</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Needle Craft 10-noon, Lib. Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a Senior Slapstick Sports including Olympic Hopefuls, 11a. Line Dancing, 3-4:30 Hand/Foot, 6-9p.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Book Club, 4p., Lib. Bingo, 6p. Dup. Bridge, 6-9p, Lib.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Water Exercise, 9a. WC Talent show, 10a. Mexican Train, 1p., Lib. Meet Your Board Members, 4p., Lib. Ballroom Dance Classes, 4-5p.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon TPWC, 11a. Hand/Foot, 6-9p.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Water Exercise, 9a. Mexican Train, 1p., Lib. Dup. Bridge, 6-9p, Lib.</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Church Ser., 11a. Pickleball, 8-noon</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Needle Craft, 10-noon, Lib. Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a. Hand/Foot, 6-9p.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Book Club, 4p., Lib. Bingo, 6p. Dup. Bridge, 6-9p, Lib.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Water Exercise, 9a. Mexican Train, 1p., Lib. Ballroom Dance Classes, 4-5p.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Hand/Foot, 6-9p.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Shuffleboard, 12:45p.</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Church Ser. 11a. Pickleball, 8-noon Yappy Hour, 2-4p., TP Dog Pk.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Needle Craft, 10-noon, Lib. Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a. Hand/Foot, 6-9p.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Shuffleboard, 8:45a. Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Book Club, 4p., Library Bingo, 6p. Dup. Bridge, 6-9p, Lib.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Tennis, 8a.-noon Water Exercise, 9a. Mexican Train, 1p., Lib. Ballroom Dance Classes, 4-5p.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Water Exercise, 9a. Pickleball, 8-noon Hand/Foot, 6-9p.</p>		