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Happy Holidays!

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Don't forget to sign up for the
New Year's Eve Party.
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GM Message

Tony Johnson, General Manager



Tony Johnson
General Manager

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope everyone had an enjoyable "Turkey Day" with friends and family.

Our golf course is in excellent condition (thank you Barry and staff), the weather has been great, and we have a lot to be thankful for at Timacuan. During 2004 we can look forward to some clubhouse upgrades. We have planned new carpet and wallpaper, locker room and rest room renovations, upstairs and downstairs bar upgrades and new furniture throughout the clubhouse. On behalf of Scratch Golf and the staff here, thank you for your patience during this time.

A big thank you to those who attended our Annual Wine and Cheese

sale on November 21st. It was really nice to see so many of you enjoying our club. I hope many of you were able to take advantage of our pro shop sales.

We had a wonderful 2003 and I would like to acknowledge our Board of Governors for their work and support. It is not always easy to attend all of the meetings and take time out of our busy schedules to remain active. I look forward to working with our new board in 2004.

Our club will be hosting a New Year's Eve celebration again this year. As you know, we have made some changes within our Food and Beverage Department and this year promises to be fantastic. See Food and Beverage section for more details. All of you will be getting an invitation (if you have not al-

ready received it). Come and bring in the New Year with friends and neighbors at our club.

As the holiday season approaches, I hope everyone is able to share some time with the ones they love. This is a terrific time of year and a time to reflect on the wonderful things that God has given us. I urge all of you to share some of that love with ones less fortunate than you. We all need to feel special and loved. It truly is a time for sharing with one another and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and joyous holiday season.

Tony Johnson

President's Message, Faye Smith, President, The Board of Governors



Faye Smith
President

As the year 2003 draws to a close I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of your Board of Governors for the past year.

It has been a team effort on behalf of Scratch Golf, the Timacuan Staff, the Club Membership and the Board of Governors. We've been able to put some important changes in place that have not only improved our Club for the present, but also for the future.

Our successful Membership Campaign produced several new members. The Membership Golf Event showcased our beautiful course and all the benefits of being a member here at Timacuan. The success of both the Membership Campaign and Golf Event would not have been possible without the participation of our members. We thank you for that!

Another change was in the Smoke Signals. Many of you have commented about how

much you like the new format. With more contributors we are better informed about all aspects of Club activities. The beautiful pictures give a real "punch" of color.

Still another change this year has been in the website. Having our own "members" website is exciting. Check it out at www.golftimacuan.com for updates of events and happenings between issues of Smoke Signals.

A special thank you to Chris Christian for his creativity, vision, and time spent making the above changes possible. Your contribution is appreciated!

A special thank you also to Shirley Gray, the Social Committee and all who helped create the fun events we enjoyed this year. Great job!

In closing, I want to express my deep appreciation to the Board Members for their time,

dedication, and hard work this year. This Board is made up of men and women; Chris Christian, Bob Magnus, Bill DaRosa, Mary Jackson, Judy Arnold, and Shirley Gray, who sincerely care about the members of Timacuan and the overall well-being of our Club.

I am pleased to announce that the position of President will be in the capable hands of Chris Christian for the year 2004. We welcome Judy Hensley and Charlie Brooks as new Board Members.

Thank you again for your support and the privilege to serve our Membership in this capacity. It has been an enriching experience.

Wishing you and your family Happy Holidays and a Peace-filled New Year!

TMGA News, By Frank Clark



As many of you know, the annual meeting of the TMGA was held Nov. 1 more or less immediately after the year-end scramble finals. It was agreed that Bob Fisher has done a wonderful job as treasurer. It was also agreed that yours truly may have done a credible job as vice-president. In any case the TMGA selected the following slate of officers for the new year 2004:

President – Frank Clark

Vice-President – Don Pace

Secretary – Mike Slack

Treasurer – Bob Fisher

Subsequently those present felt that we should add a fifth officer who shall be the out-going president.

Therefore, our fifth officer for 2004 shall be Kevin Bonn.

The 2004 calendar was finalized. Many of you agreed to co-chair various events and that is always very important. The calendar will be published elsewhere in this issue (**See Page 6**) and may also be found online. If for some reason you do not have one and/or can't access one, please call me and I will arrange to get one to you.

Kevin Bonn recognized Bob Fisher as our most improved golfer for the year. Congratulations Bobby. By the time you read this our next

event will probably be our member/member tournament scheduled for Jan. 17 and 18. It is chaired by Sonny Simerly. Please sign up and plan to support the event. Most of you acknowledge that our events are great. The more participation we get, the greater they are.

Don't forget our card nights on the 2nd Thursday of each month until scrambles begin again.

Thanks to each of you for your support and thanks also to Bob Arnold for having served ably as our secretary for 2003. Have a wonderful holiday season.

TWGA News By Jessie Gouchenour

Hasn't the weather been great? This time of year is why we moved to Florida. Lots of members hitting the course on Thursdays and Saturdays.

We even had to wage a war during the past month. Congrats to the southern members of our club.

By now everyone is thinking Christmas...presents, shopping, parties, cooking, guests and family arriving and some travel. Seems like it comes quick anymore, but we always make it somehow.

The TWGA Christmas gathering will take place on December 11th. Shotgun at 8:45 AM followed by a luncheon and Chinese auction. The fee is \$3.00 to play, \$10.00 for the

Luncheon and you are asked to bring a gift worth \$10.00 for the auction. The theme this year is the 18 days before Christmas and Carolee and I have been working real hard to



give you all a great day. We look forward to not only the Thursday players, but also the Lady Niners and Saturday players that join us. Sign up sheet is in the locker room or call Carolee or myself. Pairings will be made noon on Wednesday prior.

To recap the year so far for our touring team results...

In Challenge Cup we are tied for third place gross and in third place for net. We had a great game on the 14th of November here at home to move us up in the standings. Beginning December 8th we have four home games so have a great chance

of being way out ahead.

In Crystal Cup we are in third place with our next match being January 12th at Heathrow.

Special kudos goes out to Pat King and Anne McCrosky for earning all 3 points in the match held at Errol Estate. This team will not be home until the last play day which is the year end Bash.

Will sign off for this year, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

The members of TWGA also wish all the management and support staff a wonderful holiday.



Challenge Cup at Harbor Hills

North South Golf Tournament

NORTH		SOUTH		TOTAL	
CANAL FIELD	9½	KOLES	9½	HILTON	9½
CLARK	9½	DALTON	9½	BENARICK	9½
MORGAN	9½	CABLEX	9½	KING	9½
PULLMAN	8	ARNOLD	11	ARNOLD	8½
HENSLEY	11½	DALTON	7½	DASSARO	7
MANUEL	9½	PAGE	9½	FROST	8½
KING	9½	CRAIG	9½	MELGARD	8½
BENARICK	9½	JACKSON	9½	LANDRY	11
WEN	9½	CARRETT	9½	WOODY	11½
FROST	9½	CHRISTIAN	9½	DELieto	11½
DASSARO	10½	ECONOMOU	9½	WILLIAMSON	7½
LETTER	10½	CARRETT	8½	WICKHAM	7½
WOODY	11½	SMITH	8½	HILTON	6½
HENSLEY	11½	COUCHENOUR	7½	WICKHAM	7½
FRT	9½	CURTIN	9½	WILLIAMSON	7½
DRYIN	9½	MORGAN	9½	TOTAL	163
MELGARD	7½	JACKSON	9½		179
KITMAS	7½	HANIEL	11½		
COUCHENOUR					

We would all like to thank General Charlene Garrett for putting this great golf tournament together, along with her troops made up of Carol Todd, Carolee Owen, Jessie Gouchenour, Lee Delieto & Linda Magnus. We are all thankful for having a member like Charlene that puts her heart and soul in making Timacuan a great place to be a member. Not only was the tournament a huge success, but the dinner party (with Southern Fried Chicken and pecan pie for desert for the Southerners and Yankee Pot Roast and Boston Cream pie for the Northerners) was a lot of fun. As you can see from the scores, there were a lot of great match-ups with six teams coming in with a tie, but the South did rise again. (



To view more photos, go to www.golftimacuan.com

Food & Beverage

Scott Dickinson, Director



Ah, another November has come and gone. The first cold fronts of the year have passed through and created mild days and magnificently cool nights. During November we enjoyed a fabulous Casino Night, a successful Wine & Cheese party and a Thanksgiving Day Buffet equaled by none. Thank you one and all for your support of the Club.



Riverboat Casino Party

Now for December, as a show of our appreciation to the membership we have a complimentary Member's Holiday Party on the 3rd, from 6:30-9:30p.m., featuring a five piece band and a full pro-

gressive dinner for your enjoyment. We will also be collecting unwrapped toys and canned goods for those less fortunate than ourselves. We look forward to seeing you there.

December is such a busy month for everyone. Be sure not to forget to make New Year's Eve reservations. We will welcome in the New Year starting at 7:00p.m. on December 31st. with an hour of butler passed hors d'oeuvres, followed by an extravagant buffet featuring stations of chilled seafood, fresh salads, carved meats, decadent desserts and more. For your entertainment we will have an interactive disc jockey, party favors, a champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight. Following the festivities we will also offer a breakfast buffet for your enjoyment.

\$ 150 per couple

(Includes Tax & Gratuity,

Less 10% for Members)

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Once the holidays are behind us we look forward to moving on in the New Year. On Friday, January 23rd we will have a Chillin' & Grillin' party featuring steaks and seafood cooked to order from the patio grill. Also in the works is a Super Bowl party — look for more information in next month's Smoke Signals.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with me directly or you may email me at fb@golftimacuan.com

Enjoy the season.

**Call (407) 321-0012 for
New Year's Eve Reservations**

**Rules of the Golf Quiz:
Tony Johnson, GM**



1. If a player starts with fewer than fourteen clubs, he may add any number provided his total does not exceed fourteen.
 - a. True
 - b. False

2. A player's ball lies through the green but a bunker is situated between the player's ball and the hole. Which one of the following is correct?
 - A. He may remove loose impediments from the bunker and test the condition of the bunker to determine if it is feasible to putt through it.
 - B. He may not remove loose impediments from the bunker but he may test the condition of the bunker to determine if it is feasible to putt through it.
 - C.. He may not remove loose impediments from the bunker and he may not test the condition of the bunker to determine if it is feasible to putt through it

3. A player's ball has come to rest behind a divot that is not completely detached; he may remove the divot or press it down before playing his stroke
 - a. True
 - b. False

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Social Event News, by Shirley Gray

The Riverboat Casino Party

Let's give a LOUD round of applause for Kim Mills and her Casino Party team for organizing the last Social Committee party. Way to go Kim!! From all of the positive comments during and after the party, everyone had a great time and a fun-filled evening. Also Casino Parties of Florida, who provided all the gaming tables, slots, and staff, did a great job and were very professional. In addition, a big thanks to Scott Dickinson and his staff for their responsive service and an awesome and plentiful buffet. Did you notice the hand painted riverboat scene behind the carving station? Scott Dickinson, Timacuan's Food & Beverage Director, painted this especially for the casino party!

And a big THANKS to the 96 members and guests who, as always, are the main ingredient for making any party a success. By now, most of you know that the casino party was the last event to be planned by the Social Committee. That is, we spent down all that was in the bank account and now are officially "Out of Business". Although some were disappointed to hear that we are out of business, the Social Committee made the decision because of Scratch Golf's plan to host club social events.

As our finale, let's take a brief look back at some of the stupendous fun-filled parties and events that were orchestrated by members of previous Social Committees: Annually Decorated the Club Inside and Out, Auctions, Country Westerns, Safari, Biker & Beach Bum, Sock Hop, Love Boat, Luaus, Tailgates, Mystery and Dinner Theaters, St. Patrick's Days, Cruise Ship Progressive Dinner, Casinos, Black & White Dueling Pianos, Halloween, 4th of July, Hawaiian Sea Voyage, New Year's Eves, Formal Dinners, Hollywood Nights, and more I'm sure. All of these parties and events took place over the past 14 years and happened because of the hard work and commitment of many, many members of the club. Plus they knew how to throw a party!! How many do you remember? Do we know how to P-A-R-T-Y or what??

Casino Party Committee:

- Kim Mills, Team Leader - Pat Blake - Betty Christian - Marcia Davis - Jeanette Field - Shirley Gray - Linda Magnus - Joan Williamson



Golf News

**Jerry Callaway,
Head Golf Professional**



Jerry Callaway
Head Golf Professional

Congratulations are in order for Jessica Schall who scored a hole-in-one on hole #16 playing from the red tees. Her club selection was a 9 iron. Jessica, who will be 12 years old in December, is one of our junior golf members.



Congratulations to Jeanette Field for finishing her career round of 82 on Tuesday, November 11th.

The T.M.G.A. Member-Member Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 17th and 18th. Get your partner and plan on playing in this popular event.

We want to thank everyone who came out on November 21st for the Wine & Cheese sale. We had a great turn out and fun was had by all. If you missed it this year, be sure to make it in 2004!

2004 TMGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY 17—18	MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT (36 HOLES) - Sonny Simerly
FEBRUARY 21	T.M.G.A. TOURNAMENT - Bob Sell & Mike Slack
MARCH 20	T.M.G.A. MATCH PLAY EVENT (27 HOLES) - Andrew Gwynn & Chris Cuyler
APRIL 1-3	MEN'S MEMBER GUEST — Timacuan
APRIL 8	T.M.G.A. THURSDAY NIGHT SCRAMBLE STARTS
MAY 15	T.M.G.A. PRESIDENT'S CUP — Timacuan
JUNE 26	T.M.G.A. TOURNAMENT— Bob Arnold & Ed Wharff
JULY—AUGUST	No Tournaments
SEPTEMBER 18	T.M.G.A. MATCH PLAY EVENT (18 HOLES) - John Pulman & Jeff Alexander
OCTOBER 16-17	MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP — Timacuan
OCTOBER 28	T.M.G.A. LAST SCRAMBLE & DRAFT PARTY
OCTOBER 30	T.M.G.A. SCRAMBLE FINAL (TMGA Annual Meeting will be held after scramble)
NOVEMBER	Nothing Scheduled
DECEMBER 4	T.M.G.A. TOURNAMENT— Don Pace & Len Merganov

Answers to Rules Quiz :

1. True (Rule 4-4a)
2. A
3. False

Lady Niners, By Betty Christian



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Remember - Start time for this season is 8:45 AM. The first Tuesday of each month is "Game Day" with a variety of formats (bring \$2).

We would like to welcome back our "Winter Girls" as they return from their summer homes further north. We have a roster of 15 players with at least 8 playing on a regular basis.

There is a Christmas Tournament on December 11th with the 18-hole group and all Lady Niners are invited. Please see Fran Manual to sign up.

We are currently making plans for our Member-Guest tournament scheduled for March 9th. You can be sure those that attend will have a great time! This year's theme will be centered around St. Patrick's Day and should prove to be a lot of fun.

Are you just starting to take lessons, or brushing up after being away from the course for a while? Please join us for a friendly and encouraging game each week with a great group of gals! The Lady Niners

welcome any new golfers, those that are only interested in playing nine holes or even 18 holes, every Tuesday morning at 8:45 AM. Please contact the Pro Shop to sign up each week and contact our President, Fran Manuel [FM206@aol.com] about joining us. Several golfers play 18 holes if you are interested in extending your morning and joining us for lunch in the Grille Room.

We also schedule tee times for any Niners who would like to join us along with their husbands to play on the 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings of each month at 8:30 AM. Please contact the Pro Shop to sign up each play date.

The Lady Niners officers are as follows:

President – Fran Manuel (FM206@aol.com)
 Vice President – Terry Cole (jtcole2000@aol.com)
 Secretary – Pat Blake (teathian@aol.com)
 Treasurer – Donna Dimos
 dgdmos@worldnet.att.net)
 Smoke Signals Correspondent – Betty Christian
 (bcchristian@cfl.rr.com)
 Events Chairman – Terry Cole
 (jtcole2000@aol.com)
 Odd Couples – Fran Manuel (FM206@aol.com)

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 Judy Arnold
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Men's Golf Association
 Kevin Bonn
Women's Golf Association
 Jeanette Field
Lady Niners
 Fran Manuel

Handicap Report

Bob Manuel, Handicap Committee Chairman

Handicap Committee: Bob Manuel, Bob Arnold, Dennis Brissette, Betty Christian, Frank Clark, Chris Cuyler, Judy Hensley, Tony Johnson, & Carolee Owen.

As mentioned last month, the level of play at Timacuan has really improved over the past year. I've put together the following list of members whose Handicap Index has significantly improved for the period Jan 17 to Nov 7, 2003. Congratulations to these members for their improvement.



Men: 20% or more reduction in HDCP Index

	Jan H.I.	Nov H.I.	% Reduction
Sonny Green	2.8	1.0	64%
Dean Vanderpool	16.2	6.6	59
Ed Tuttle	8.7	4.6	47
Kevin Bonn	7.9	4.2	47
Pete Dalton	3.7	2.1	43
Bobby Fisher	15.1	9.4	38
Tony Martin	11.2	7.3	35
Sonny Simerly	4.2	2.8	33
Jack Hughes	10.4	7.2	31
Matt Moore	12.7	8.9	30
Jim Gleeson	13.0	9.5	27
Mark Tartaglio	7.4	5.4	27
Dan Scanlon	5.4	4.0	26
Barry Lewis	13.0	9.7	25
Jim Hicks	9.5	7.3	23
Chris Christian	11.4	8.9	22
Bill Hensley	18.8	14.7	22
Dan Mackin	4.6	3.6	22
Ken Caldwell	7.1	5.6	21
Bob Manuel	7.3	5.8	21

Ladies: 10% or more reduction in HDCP Index:

Joan Williamson	32% reduction
Donna Dimos	27%
Kathy Morgan	21%
Betty Christian	20%
Mara Tuttle	17%
Neva Vanderpool	7%
Lee Delieto	14%
Pat Blake	13%
Dee Pacha	12%
Tina Quick	11%

Several observations about events this past year at Timacuan: Each of these four observations go to the essence of the Handicap System and that is: **"The purpose of the USGA Handicap System is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis."**

Match play: Some of these events have used full handicaps for all players. The USGA recommends that the lower handicap player play to scratch and the other player play to the difference. The objective is for the lesser ability player to get strokes where he needs the stroke so he can HALVE the hole – not WIN the hole.

Playing from different sets of tees: Granted, this is a tough one to explain and understand. Essentially, when playing a match with players playing different sets of tees, you are playing two different golf courses. The USGA recommends a handicap adjustment equal to the rounded difference between the course ratings. This is the fair and equitable way to do it. It makes no difference whether you give strokes to the player on the harder set of tees or take strokes away from the player on the easier set of tees.

Handicap Allowances: I have not seen this done in any event at Timacuan but the USGA does recommend allowances be given for specific types of play. Allowances usually are suggested when men and women compete together. The golf shop can handle this for all events.

Maximum Course Handicap: There is no such thing recognized by the USGA. They do have a maximum on the Handicap Index, which is 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women. This converts to the following maximum Course Handicaps for our tees as follows:

Blue: 41 strokes; White: 38 strokes; Green: 44 strokes; Red: 41 strokes

When an event is limited to 36 strokes, then it becomes unfair for the players whose Course Handicaps compute to over 36 but still under the 44 from the green tees or the 41 strokes from the red tees. These players need those additional strokes to be able to compete an equitable basis.

Next month we will make available a Handicap Quiz with Titleist Golf balls as prizes.

Bob Manual, Chairman

What's Hot in the Pro Shop

Pat Cabler, Pro Shop Manager

Here it is December and the "fat man" will soon be here! Many thanks to all who attended our Wine and Cheese and pro shop sale on the 21st. It was our biggest ever and

we appreciate your patronage. Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with good health and happiness. Cheers!



Pat Cabler
Pro Shop Mgr.

Phone Numbers	Cancellation Policy	Timacuan Hours of Operation
Pro Shop 407-321-0010	All of our club functions require a great deal of preparation and planning. Therefore, it would be courteous to make your reservation early and, should you need to cancel or make changes, allow us 24 hours advance notice so that your membership account will not be billed.	Golf Shop 6:30a–6:00p
Office 407-321-0014		Office 9:00a–5:00p
Grille Room & Dinner Reservation 407-321-0012		Driving Range 6:45a–9:00p
Catering 407-322-1133		
Golf Academy 407-321-0444		



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Lady Niners	3 Member Holiday Party 6:30pm-9:30pm	4 TWGA	5	6
7 Sunday Brunch Couples Golf	8	9 Lady Niners	10 Family Buffet	11 TWGA Christmas Tournament	12	13
14 Sunday Brunch Couples Golf	15	16 Lady Niners	17 Family Buffet	18 TWGA	19	20
21 Sunday Brunch Couples Golf	22	23 Lady Niners	24 	25 	26	27
28 Sunday Brunch Couples Golf	29	30	31		Happy New Year!	