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## 2004 Member-Member Tournament



6 Teams making the Play-offs — John Letter-Mike Young, Hal Smith-Mike Dougherty, Dave Koto-Pete Dalton, Matt Leslie-Bill Wardwell, Dan Mackin- Russ Field & Mal Frost-Bob Benarick,



**WINNERS:** John Letter & Mike Young



Last Putt for the Win..

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## GM Message

**Tony Johnson, General Manager**

Well, it's February and I feel like we are so blessed with all of this great weather that we are having. I watch across the country at weather reports and am constantly reminded of how lucky we are.

Most of you have noticed the renovations to our clubhouse by now. I ask for your continued patience as we move forward with these improvements. Most of the carpet and wallpaper has been replaced up to this point (with the exception of men's and ladies locker rooms). Once this is complete, we will begin renovating all of our bathrooms with new tile, counter tops and fixtures. We have moved a wall in the men's locker room and have eliminated approx. 90 lockers. We felt the extra space was needed more than the lockers. We have constructed a wall in the

back portion of the ladies locker room for storage purposes (we have very little at our club). We will also remove approx. 20-30 ladies lockers to create a new sitting area in the front section of that room. The original design was poor with the sitting area located in the back. Oh by the way ladies, the existing wallpaper in the locker room is coming down! We will be seal coating our parking lot soon so expect some parking challenges for a few days in the future. We will patch holes and seal coat and then we will re-stripe the entire parking area.

There are a lot of things going on right now, and I appreciate all of the nice compliments that we have received up to this point. We are committed to making Timacuan the best club in Orlando and with your support, I believe that we are well on our way.

We are in the middle of our busy season right now and round counts seem to be going up. This is making it CRUCIAL to call the pro shop to secure your tee times in advance. Also, PLEASE call and cancel if you cannot make it. On Saturdays if you are not on the tee sheet understand that there may be instances where we will not be able to accommodate a walk-in without a tee time. Please do not put our Golf Professionals or yourself in this uncomfortable position.

I thank you all for your continued support and as always, if you need anything from us do not hesitate to ask. Have a great month!



Tony Johnson  
General Manager

## President's Message, Chris Christian, President, The Board of Governors

It's great to see such great improvements take place at the club and I am sure all of you are impressed with the speed of the changes. The board this past month formed its committees that will be working with Timacuan management to make Timacuan even greater than it already is. The Board Members who serve on these committees are:

Golf Committee – Bob Magnus and Judy Hensley

Communications – Chris Christian and Mary Jackson

Food & Beverage/Catering – Faye Smith and Mary Jackson

Membership – Charlie Brooks and Judy Arnold

The focus of all these committees is to promote the business and activities in these various areas and assist to Timacuan in succeeding in these areas that make up

Timacuan. If you would like to participate on these committees then let me know via email [communications@golftimacuan.com](mailto:communications@golftimacuan.com). We would love your input.

The monthly social activities are off and running so refer to the website calendar (<http://members.golftimacuan.com>) for the next Friday Night Event which will be in February. "Chillin & Grillin" was a big success and thanks to everyone who came out and supported this event. Any suggestions on these events are welcomed, so please email me at [communications@golftimacuan.com](mailto:communications@golftimacuan.com) with your ideas.

Did you know that Timacuan has great meeting facilities? Plan on having your next business meeting at Timacuan. The price is right because there is no charge when you purchase some food, and we have to have food and drink at a meeting. Contact Karen Hodges at [catering@golftimacuan.com](mailto:catering@golftimacuan.com) or 407-322-1133 for details. Another benefit that you might not have considered is a Golf Event for your Business. By being a member you have an advantage in cus-

tomizing your Business outing to fit your needs and making it a big success. The club can provide just

about anything you need in this area including custom shirts for the event, so contact Tony Johnson for more information at 407-321-0010. Along that same theme there are Corporate Memberships available which allow your Business to join Timacuan and take advantage of what the club offers.

I think we all should look for ways to use the club to our advantage and at the same time expose others to the tight atmosphere and great golf course we have here Timacuan. Invite a friend or business associate to The Seafood Fest on February 20th.

Remember to promote Timacuan everywhere you go.



Chris Christian

## TMGA News, By Frank Clark



By now most of you know the outcome of this year's member/member. Kudos to John Letter and Mike Young for their performance in the play-offs. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th spots were separated by .8 of a stroke. These were the teams of Mal Frost-Bob Benarick, Hal Smith-Mike Dougherty, and Russ Field-Dan Mackin respectively. Those teams were followed by the teams of Matt Leslie-Bill Wardwell and the A flight winners, Dave Koto-Pete Dalton. Interestingly enough in the playoff, the 6 teams were separated by only 3 strokes gross. The weather tried not to cooperate on Sunday, but by the time the playoffs started it had much improved. Various considerations have been aired specifically about tee placement and contingency plans for just such bad weather. There continues to be discussion on each. One good

suggestion is that each co-chair of our events make sure that he has a statement in place about what will happen in the event of bad weather.

Our thanks to Sonny Simerley for a job well-done as tournament chairman. By and large we all enjoyed the tournament and would have done so even more had some of us played better!! Participation was great. Keep it up!!

Our Ryder Cup is coming Feb. 6, 7, 8. Keep an eye out for qualifying lists and other pertinent information. Call Sonny or the pro shop if you have any questions. ...and don't forget the TMGA Dog Fight on Feb. 21. Sign-up sheets should be up soon. Bob Sell and Mike Slack are our co-chairs for that event.

Our card nights have been quite popular this year. Our next one is Thurs. Feb 12 at the club followed by a night at Don Pace's again on Feb 24. That last date should be verified with Don as time nears because of a possible change in his busy schedule.

Finally, remember that we have the 27-hole match play tourney on Mar. 20. So mark your calendars. Chris Cuyler and Andrew Gwynn are heading up that event. Watch for those sign-up sheets to go up early in March.

I hope the new year goes well for all of you and remember...keep hittin' 'em straight and not too often.

## TWGA News, By Jessie Gouchenour



Congratulations to the winners of the TMGA Member-Member Tournament, Mike Young and John Letter. It was a hard fought battle and a play-off very enjoyable to watch.

Congratulations are also in order to the Challenge Cup members. They are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place gross and net. Net is only .5 points out of first. Another match will be taking place on Monday, January the 26<sup>th</sup> against Bay Hill, which is the team that is in First place gross.

We had a BIG winner of our chip in pot. I remember not so long ago one being rather large, but two people had to share it. This one was worth \$57.00 and was won by Carrie Pope, all by herself.

We need to start preparing for our Member Guest that takes place on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The format will be the same as the past few years 6-6, best

ball, scramble and alternate shot.

The cost is \$90.00 unless you have your own private cart and then it is \$73.00.

Registration and photos will start at 7:30 a.m. and there will be a 8:45 shotgun start. Chairperson, Tammy Dalton will have a sign up sheet soon will more details. Need as early a registration as possible. Further details and another reminder will be in the March newsletter.

Our President's Cup Tournament will be held during the month of February. It is ongoing thru the month till we have one winner. Carolee Owen is bringing back the trophy from winning last year, but I bet she hopes it goes home with her again as we all would like to take it home. It is quite an award to win. Good luck to all participants.

So February we have President's Cup, March we have Member Guest, April we have Member-Member, May will be the Grandmother's tourney and also in May the last play day tourney. Lots to look forward to besides the regular games on play day.

Weather is getting nice so lets see everyone on the tee!!!!



Casual Lunch after Thursday Golf Day!

## Welcome New Members

### CHUCK AND CAROLYN MASSAB

Join me in welcoming Chuck and Carolyn as new Lifetime Family members. They are semi-retiring to Florida while continuing their Greenhouse Garden Center operations in Michigan. They have sold their home in Deltona and are building in Timacuan Oaks. Chuck and Carolyn are looking forward to meeting new friends and playing lots of golf.



### SUNG JAE YI (NO PICTURE AVAILABLE)

Sung comes to us from Korea and joins Timacuan as an Annual Single Golf member. He is currently a student at Seminole Community College studying business. One of Sung's friends highly recommended Timacuan as one of the great golf courses in this area. Sung plans to get his game back up to the same level it was before he started spending so much time studying. Welcome to Timacuan, Sung.

### TYLER STABER



Fifteen-year-old Tyler and family moved to Florida from Detroit, Michigan. He is a freshman at Lake Mary High School. Tyler is an avid sports fan, especially enjoying golf and lacrosse. He looks forward to playing many rounds of golf with his Lake Mary teammates. Juniors, help me by welcoming Tyler to Timacuan.



### MATT CARROLL

Matt, age 14, moved to Florida from Monroe, Connecticut in June, 2003 and has joined our Junior membership. He is currently a freshman at Lake Mary Prep where he is a member of the varsity golf team and J.V. basketball team. He hopes to add tennis to his sports this spring. One other note—Matt is a huge "GATOR" fan!! Welcome, Matt, and we are glad to have you at Timacuan.

## Food & Beverage

### Scott Dickinson, Director



Well, well, now that we have all settled into a new year, another Christmas present has turned into a Christmas past and most of us have abandoned our newest resolutions, it is time to venture on.

The New Year's Eve party was an enjoyable event (except for the premature balloon drop). The Chillin' & Grillin' party on January 23<sup>rd</sup> was a great success, great food, great company and Mother Nature certainly cooperated with the "Chillin'" aspect of the evening. We will continue to feature one Friday night per month with a special event for our members.

The featured Friday for February is the 20<sup>th</sup>. February is a fantastic

month for fresh Florida seafood. The oysters are spectacular, the shrimp have just started running, blue crabs are plentiful and fin fish are at their peak of flavor. We will be offering a true festival of strictly Florida seafood --steamed, fried, boiled, broiled, grilled and raw. I look forward to seeing all our seafood lovers (we will have chicken and beef as well for our non-seafood fans).

As for March, we have scheduled a Wine Tasting for the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be partnering with Pierre's Wine Shop to offer 15-20 California wines available locally at reasonable prices. Each wine will have a brief description and a complimenting food item on the grand buffet.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or concerns at 407.321.0012.

As always have fun, play fair, eat well!



Scott serving beverages during the Member-Member Tournament.

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

1. In stroke play, if a competitor plays a ball from a wrong place, the penalty is one stroke.  
True or False
2. In stroke play, by mistake a player plays a fellow-competitor's ball from within a bunker and it comes to rest in the same bunker.  
At this point, Both players become aware of the situation. Then, the fellow-competitor plays his ball from the new position onto the putting green. What is the ruling?  
a. There is no penalty  
b. The fellow-competitor incurs a two stroke penalty  
c. Each player incurs a two stroke
3. If a dispute arises between the players in match play and a member of the Committee is not readily available, they may discontinue play until a member of the Committee is available.  
True or False

**Golf News****Jerry Callaway, Head Golf Professional**

The 2004 Member-Member Tournament was held on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with 34 teams competing for the title. Following the 36 holes of play, the six flight winners went out in a five-hole alternate shot total aggregate shoot-out. The team of Mike Young and John Letter were crowned the 2004 Champions by defeating the team of Mal Frost and Bob Benarick by a difference of only 1.6 strokes. Hal Smith and Mike Dougherty came in third place. Fourth place was Dan Mackin and Russell Field. Fifth Place was Pete Dalton and Dave Koto. Sixth place went to Matt Leslie and Bill Wardwell.

Here is the list of the Second Place finishers in each flight:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Bonn/Matt Moore and Sonny Simerly/Pete Harnisch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Dassaro and Jim Jackson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dick Melgard and Randy Jackson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Chip Davin and Jack Hughes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sonny Blake and Peter Williamson
- 6<sup>th</sup> John Owen and Lee Gouchenour

**Kudos:**

Congratulations to Kay for scoring an eagle 3 on hole #12. She hit two consecutive five woods and made the three-foot putt for eagle.

**Couples mark your calendars now!**

This is an advance notice for the 2004 Sunday Couples Money Tournament, which will be held on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun. To be eligible to play in the Money Tournament, you have to play in at least 10 regular Sunday Couples.

(See photos of 2003 Sunday Couples winners on page 6)

**FEBRUARY GOLF TIP,**

**by Ty Krieger (with Mike Bender Golf Academy)**

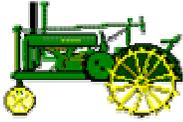
Last month we worked on our address position. I hope that it now feels comfortable. Now it is time to learn to pivot correctly. Take a address position with a club held to your chest matching your spine. Let it hang low enough that when you tilt to the right it hits the inside of your left leg for a right-handed golfer. This is the same drill from last month!

Once this is done turn the shoulders 90 degrees and hips 45 degrees keeping the shaft on the inside of the left leg. It will feel as though the left shoulder is over the right foot. You have now turned behind the ball and are ready to swing down from the inside! If you have any questions about the drill, stop by the academy and I will be happy to show it to you.

# Turf Talk

## Barry Shuman, Golf Course Superintendent

The golf course is in great shape and progressing steadily. There have been many positive comments on the condition of our course from members as well as outside players, which is greatly appreciated by the maintenance staff and me. Lately we have been trimming the cordgrass areas to help with new growth and allowing us to go in and remove weed population. This will also improve the aesthetics of these areas. We have begun to work our way around the course trimming the oaks and pines.



I realize there has been some concerns about the wetness of the course. We have been monitoring the irrigation schedule much closer to eliminate the wet areas around greens and on certain fairways. There will be times when a member of the

maintenance staff is watering greens with a hose, so please be patient until he can move out of the way.

The greens are in great shape and putting very good. I would like everyone to pay closer attention to the ball marks and work on repairing them better and filling divots in the fairways. There are sand buckets on all par 3's at the white and blue tees. As always, thanks for your support and cooperation.



Barry Shuman  
Golf Course  
Superintendent

### Answers to Rules Quiz :

1. False (rule 20-7c)
2. b
3. False (rule 2-5)

### YARD TIP OF THE MONTH:



Pay close attention to the broad leaf population (dollar weed, Dandelion) in your yards. If you have any you may want to have them sprayed with a broad leaf herbicide. Also, you may want to think about covering your annual flowers during extreme cold nights.

## Lady Niners, By Betty Christian

*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).



Plans are currently underway for our Member-Guest tournament scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)



We will be losing one of our favorite members this month. Donna Dimos and her husband Don will be moving to

Mission Viejo, California at the end of February. She has been one of the best supporters of our group and has held several positions as an officer, most recently Treasurer. She has also been very instrumental in planning our events throughout the years.

We will miss her greatly.

**General Manager**  
Tony Johnson

**Head Golf Professional**  
Jerry Callaway

**Pro Shop Manager**  
Pat Cabler

**Superintendent**  
Barry Shuman

**Food & Beverage Director**  
Scott Dickinson

**Board of Governors**  
**President**  
Chris Christian  
**Vice President**  
Bob Magnus  
**Governors**  
Faye Smith  
Charlie Brooks  
Mary Jackson  
Judy Arnold  
Judy Hensley

**Men's Golf Association**  
Frank Clark

**Women's Golf Association**  
Jeanette Field  
**Lady Niners**  
Fran Manuel

## Handicap Report

**Bob Manuel, Handicap Committee Chairman**



The winners of the Timacuan Handicap quiz are: Pat King and Jim Cole with a perfect score of 24 out of 24 correct! They each will win a dozen Titleist golf balls courtesy of Dennis Brissette. The other winners are: Jeff Alexander, Sonny Blake, Dean Vanderpool, and Rose Brissette and each will receive a sleeve of Titleist golf balls.

Answers to the quiz will be posted on the bulletin board outside the golf shop.

Even though the Handicap articles are at an end, at least for the time being, your handicap committee will continue to be

actively in place with the objective of making the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling golfers of differing ability to compete on an equitable basis.

**Handicap Committee:**

- Bob Manuel
- Bob Arnold
- Dennis Brissette,
- Betty Christian
- Frank Clark
- Chris Cuyler
- Judy Hensley
- Tony Johnson
- Carolee Owen.

## What's Hot in the Pro Shop

**Pat Cabler, Pro Shop Manager**



Pat Cabler  
Pro Shop Mgr.

### 2003 Sunday Couples End of Year Money Tournament Winners



Kois and Morgans

Front & Back Overall with a Net 120



Kings & Melgards

Front 9 Winners with a Net 60



Wickhams & Dassaros

Back 9 Winners with a Net 58

Phone Numbers	
Pro Shop	407-321-0010
Office	407-321-0014
Grille Room & Dinner Reservation	407-321-0012
Catering	407-322-1133
Golf Academy	407-321-0444

Cancellation Policy
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.

Timacuan Hours of Operation	
Golf Shop	6:30a—6:00p
Office	9:00a—5:00p
Driving Range	6:45a—9:00p



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Family Buffet Chicken Franchise Roast Pork Loin Omelet Station	5 TWGA President's Cup	6 Ryder Cup	7 Ryder Cup TWGA President's Cup
8 Ryder Cup Sunday Brunch	9	10 Lady Niners	11 Family Buffet Roast Turkey Beef Stroganoff Pasta Station	12 TWGA President's Cup	13	14 TWGA President's Cup
15 Sunday Brunch Sweetheart Tournament	16	17 Lady Niners	18 Family Buffet Carved Ham Pot Roast Pasta Station	19 TWGA	20 Seafood Fest	21 TMGA Dog Fight
22 Sunday Brunch Couples Golf	23	24 Lady Niners	25 Family Buffet Carved Top Round Chicken Pot Pie Fajita Station	26 TWGA	27	28