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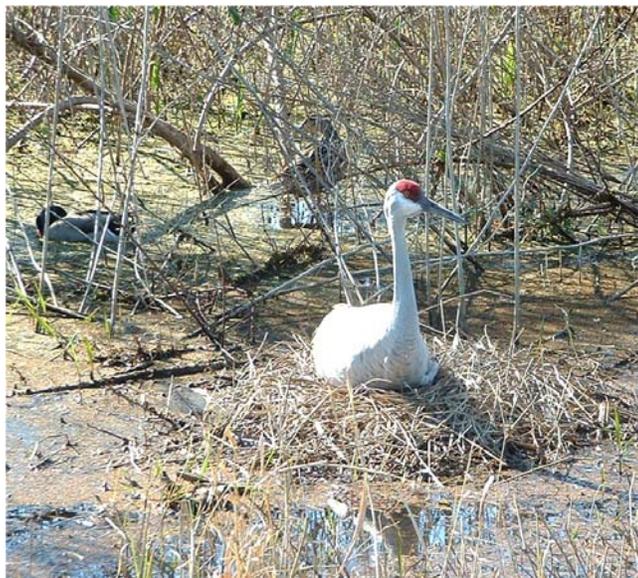
Smoke Signals

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Timacuan’s Sandhill Cranes

Since we live around such a pretty bird it might be interesting to learn about the sandhill crane. A gray, long-legged, long-neck, large-bodied bird stands about 1.2 meters high; resembles the more common great blue heron at a distance, but is easily distinguished from the heron by its characteristic red crown. The call of the sandhill crane, a very distinctive, melodious rattling bugle, is heard throughout the golf course at Timacuan.



The sandhill crane nests in shallow water of lakes, ponds and open marshes that contain pickerelweed, maiden cane, and arrowhead. They nest between late January and June and they typically lay two eggs on a mound of pulled-up aquatic vegetation in about a foot of water. Both parents share incubation duties lasting 30 days. After only 70 days the young birds are almost as big as their parents and are ready to make their first flight. The chicks remain with parents for 10 months.

The sandhill crane eats a variety of insects, frogs, rodents, roots, tubers, seeds, and berries.

This bird is native to most of America and Eastern Russia. There are six subspecies, or races of sandhill cranes. The greater, lesser and Canadian subspecies are migratory, while the Mississippi, Cuban and Florida are not. All three non-migratory subspecies are classified as either threatened or endangered.

Sandhills are the most numerous of all cranes with more than 700,000 birds and the bulk of those numbers are made up of the migratory subspecies. The non-migratory numbers are much lower with 4,000-6,000 of the Florida birds, 120 of the Mississippi, and 300 of the Cuban birds. Florida is the winter home for the migratory greater sandhill crane. The Florida and the greater sandhill cranes are indistinguishable in the field.

The migratory sandhill crane is hunted throughout the US, Canada and Russia and about 25,000 birds are taken each year by hunters, but this population is stable or may be even increasing.

The Florida sandhill crane has been threatened since 1974 due to habitat degradation caused by human encroachment and low reproduction rate.

Article and picture compliments of Chris Christian.

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GM Message

Tony Johnson, General Manager

February is here and I sure feel lucky. We can be thankful for the wonderful weather that we have been having. Although a bit cold at times, its been beautiful compared to what is going on around the rest of the country. I guess that's why we all call Florida our home.

We have installed a new handicap computer and software in the pro shop. If you have not yet checked it out, please stop by and do so. We will no longer be receiving cards from the Florida State Golf Association. Each member now has the option of printing out their own HDCP card right from the terminal. It's a touch screen system and quite easy to navigate. If you are unsure or need assistance, please ask one of our pros and they will be more than happy to help you. Please make sure all your cards are legible and dated.

We are in the process of re-handicapping our holes and this will only work if we have the appropriate information.

We are getting ready to upgrade our point-of-sale systems in the pro shop. Scratch is committed to buying the best technology for us, and we are very excited. We will be going to 17" touch screen monitors that should make check-in even easier. Please follow all procedures regarding check-in before play. I realize that it is a little more time consuming now, but this is not an option. All players must check in, receive a ticket and give to the starter prior to teeing off. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

New range machine. Our new machine will be in operation soon if not by the time you read this article. You may begin to purchase E-Range keys from the pro shop. These are auto-

mated keys (will go on your key chain) that will allow you to purchase (in advance) any amount that you would like. You will then take this key to the machine, select the size bucket that you would like, touch it to the key reader and the machine will dispense while displaying your current balance. Once you get down near a 0 balance, you may bring the key back to the pro shop to get re-valued. The cost of the full bucket will be the same (\$4.00). The cost of the warm-up bucket will now be (\$2.40). There will be further discounts for bigger purchases. Check with the pro shop for more details



Tony Johnson
General Manager

President's Message

Faye Smith, President, The Board of Governors

I'm happy to announce that the

[Members Section of the www.golftimacuan.com](http://www.golftimacuan.com) website is now operational. You will find a wealth of information there such as Smoke Signals on-line along with other information regarding social events, golf events, TMGA and TWGA news, etc. The website will be a wonderful vehicle for giving you information that may become available between the monthly mailings of Smoke Signals.

The [Members Section](#) of the site is a new section called "[Members Corner](#)". Check it out.

Bill and Debbie, our Food & Beverage Managers presented a great Valentine's Dinner. Live entertainment featured the music duo of High Tide. It was a fun, enjoyable evening.

For those of you who may not know, every Friday night at Timacuan is Fine Dining, with delicious Chef 's specials

that are always beautifully presented. Live and varied entertainment is also featured. Dining at Timacuan is open to the public so let's get the word out that we have a Fine Dining establishment right here in the neighborhood!

Reserve the date of March 8th for a fun party!! See the press release elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

Last month I listed committees and their functions. One committee I failed to include is our Handicap Committee, consisting of the following members: Bob Manuel, Frank Clark, Bob Arnold, Judy Hensley, Carolee Owen, Faye Smith and Tony Johnson. As Bob Manuel so aptly stated in his article in last month's Smoke Signals, the purpose of the Handicap Committee is to continually provide the instruction and information players need. The committee is responsible for knowing the USGA Handicap System along with communicating the system to the players and faithfully

applying the system to those who play at Timacuan.

After playing other courses in the area and elsewhere, I'm sure you have been reminded of the beautiful condition of our course here at Timacuan. THANKS to our capable grounds superintendent Barry Shuman and his crew. Be sure to express your appreciation to them for their continuing good work, or Mary Jackson and Bob Magnus of our Golf/Grounds Committee will be happy to pass on your thanks to them.

Hopefully we've made the 'turn' with this cold weather so we can get out and enjoy our beautiful community and the great game of golf.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING!



Faye Smith
President

TMGA News

By Kevin Bonn, President TMGA

March 15- Match Play Tournament (27 holes) Chairmen: Andrew Gwynn/Chris Cuyler.



April 10: Thursday Night Scrambles begin Chairmen: Mike Conlon, Bob Fisher, Jim Hicks.

May 17: President's Cup Tournament Chair: Kevin Bonn

June 21: TMGA Event TBA Chairmen: Bob Arnold, Ed Wharff

September 13: Match Play Tournament (18 holes) Chairmen: John Pullman, Jeff Alexander

October 23: TMGA pairings draft party for scramble final

November 1: TMGA Scramble Finals/TMGA Annual Meeting/Elections

December 6: TMGA Event Chairmen: Jamie Wilkes, Sonny Blake

Next TMGA event is March 15th, sign up in the Pro Shop.



Final matches of the popular Timacuan's Ryder Cup was rained out with no winner declared. As shown above, Chris Divine and Bob Manual improvised raingear using garbage bags, but alas, to no avail.

THE LAWS OF GOLF:

Continued from Feb. Issue....

LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

LAW 8: Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.

LAW 9: Palm trees eat golf balls.

LAW 10: Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain way it works against you?

To be continued....

TWGA Member/Guest March 27 Sign up outside Ladies Locker Room

TWGA News

By Jesse Gouchenour

TWGA ladies have had a busy month in February going to invitationals, playing and winning at Challenge Cup matches and playing but drowning at Crystal Cup matches. Look for hopefully great news in the April column regarding Challenge Cup. Those ladies are on a roll!!!



The President's Cup which was scheduled to start mid February has been delayed and the first match was now scheduled on February 27th. It will conclude right before our Member/Guest on March 27th. Please remember even if you are not playing in the President's Cup there will be other games available each week, so don't hesitate to come out.

One more quick mention of the Member/Guest, the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board right outside the locker

room. There is a lot of sign up, so it certainly will be a day not to miss. The committee is hard at work already with all sorts of surprises.

On our first of the month play day, we had a Gorilla Golf Scramble, which made most of us realize how easy golf was when you can hit from a tremendous drive. The winners were Pat King, Jeanette Field, Diane Benarick, and Doris Zentner. Certainly was great to see Lee DeLieto back with us after her little accident.

Results from both the President's Cup and Member/Guest will hopefully appear in next month's article.

Let's get prepared for the Member/Member Tourney to be held on April 10th and 17th. It is a two-week tourney, using the second week to improve all the hole scores posted the first week. Format - Best ball of the 2-lady team.



Placing 3rd at Keene's Point Invitational: Diane Benarick & Jeanette Field showing off their Trophy along with the team of Bebe Frost, and Pam Fouche of Keene's Point.



Enjoying Lunch: Team of Charlene Garrett, Judy Hensley, Keene's Point Member and Anne McCrosky.

Welcome New Members

Bob O'Day and his wife Gina have just joined Timacuan as Lifetime Family Golf members.

They have two sons, Matthew (15) and Thomas (12) and one daughter, Taylor (9). Bob and Gina are originally from Denver, CO. Bob is a regional manager with Hertz and transferred to Florida seven years ago. He chose Timacuan because of our active TMGA.

Food & Beverage

Continental Breakfast

Monday - Friday
6:45a-11:00a

Full Breakfast

Saturday & Sunday
7:00a-10:00a

Lunch

Daily
11:00a-4:00p

Sunday Brunch

11:00a-2:00p

Dinner

Wednesday & Friday
6:00p-9:00p

Food & Spirits

Bill Roberts, Manager of Food & Beverage

Do not forget to make your reservations for **"Timacuan Goes Hollywood"**, a fun evening of dinner, special entertainment and dancing on **March 8, 2003**. Please RSVP at 407-321-0012.

Friday night entertainment for March 7 and 21 will be Casey and Walker, a great Duo with all your favorite dance tunes. On March 14 and 28 will be "High Tide", the group that played for the Valentine Day Dinner.

We have added several new products in the Grille Room, 1st and 10th Tee Bars a great energy bar, Smirnoff Ice and a Great selection of Cigars.

Wednesday Night Buffet is now upstairs and we have had a great positive response on the move. Please let us know how you feel.

Thank you for your support.



Bill & Debbie Roberts
Manager Food & Beverage

What's Cookin'?

Paul Baio, Head Chef



STRAWBERRY GLACE PIE

1 9" PIE SHELL (FROZEN)

6 CUPS FRESH STRAWBERRIES (ABOUT 1 1/2 QUARTS)

1 CUP SUGAR

3 TABLESPOONS CORN-STARCH

1/2 CUP WATER

1 PACKAGE (3 OZ.) CREAM CHEESE, SOFTENED



PLACE PIE SHELL ON COOKIE SHEET PAN, WITH A DINNER FORK POKE 4 SETS OF HOLES IN THE BOTTOM OF PIE SHELL.

BAKE IN PREHEATED 300 DEGREE OVEN FOR 7-10 MINUTES OR UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN.

MASH ENOUGH BERRIES TO MEASURE 1 CUP, STIR TOGETHER SUGAR AND CORN-STARCH, GRADUALLY STIR IN WATER AND CRUSHED STRAWBERRIES, COOK OVER MEDIUM HEAT STIRRING CONSTANTLY,

WHEN MIXTURE THICKENS AND BOILS, REDUCE HEAT AND SIMMER FOR 1 MINUTE. REMOVE FROM HEAT AND COOL.

BEAT CREAM CHEESE UNTIL SMOOTH, SPREAD EVENLY ON BOTTOM OF BAKED PIE SHELL. FILL PIE SHELL WITH REMAINING SLICED BERRIES. POUR IN COOKED MIXTURE OVER TOP.

CHILL AT LEAST 3 HOURS.

SERVE WITH WHIPPED CREAM AND TOPPED WITH SHAVED CHOCOLATE OR MINI CHOCOLATE CHIPS

Happy Hour each Weekday Night from 4 until 7

Rules of the Game

Tony Johnson, GM

Test your knowledge by answering these questions.



1. If a competitor knowingly claims a handicap higher than entitled which affects the number of strokes received, he may be disqualified after the competition closed. (True or False)?

2. Soft, mushy earth is causal water whether or not water is visible. (True or False)? .

3. A player plays a provisional ball from the teeing ground. He discovers his original ball out of bounds and cannot find the provisional ball. What is the ruling? There is no penalty.

- A. He must return to the tee where he will be playing his third stroke.
- B. He must return to the tee where he will be playing his fifth stroke.
- C. The Committee must decide since this situation is not covered by the Rules.

Answers on Page 6

Golf Tip of the Month

**Mike Bender ,
Golf Academy at Timacuan**

Watch for future golf tips from Mike Bender due to fact that, not only has he been busy giving lessons, but he has also been in New York doing an article for Sports Illustrated and traveling to Pinehurst for the top 100 Teaching Professionals Retreat.



Mike Bender
Golf Academy at
Timacuan

2003 Couples Member/Guest Tournament

May 3th & 4th



Saturday: Afternoon Tee times

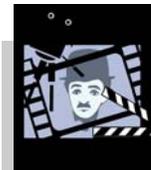
Sunday— Shotgun 8:30am

Please Call the Pro Shop for Details

(Limited to the 1st 20 couples)

\$ 200 Per Team /\$175 per team—Members w/carts

Includes golf and dinner on Saturday Night



Here's the latest
scoop.....

Hollywood is coming to Timacuan!

Saturday, March 8th

"Hollywood Nights"

7—8pm Happy Hour (2 for 1 drinks)

8pm— Dinner

9 ish - Live Entertainment

Dancing to follow—11:30pm

\$20.00 per person all inclusive

Call 407-321-0012 for Reservations

Golf News

Jerry Callaway, Head Golf Professional

The TMGA "Dog Fight" tournament was held on Saturday, February 15th. A total of 55 players participated in this event. The format was a four person blind draw and it was a four person total team net. Here are the final results:

- 1st Place: Sell, Tuttle, Dougherty, and O'Keeffe
- 2nd Place: Makowski, Letter, Frost, and Mergenov
- 3rd Place: Owen, Simerly, Alexander, Dimos
- 4th Place: Pullman, Klimas, Gleeson, Wickham

We are in the process of selling hole sponsors for the Member-Guest Tournament in April. The cost is \$200.00 and with a sponsorship, you receive three days of on course exposure of your sponsor sign, a round of golf for four players, and the name of your company will appear in the tournament registration packet. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please call the Pro Shop for details.

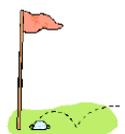


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For all of you members who are not familiar with Timacuan's Hole-in-One Club, you might consider signing up. The cost is \$5.00 per member and that gives you added insurance in the event you make a hole in one! For more details, call the Pro Shop.



Jerry Callaway
Golf Professional



Turf Talk

Barry Shuman, Golf Course Superintendent

As Members, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Barry Shuman and his staff for the hard work and dedication they put forth in keeping Timacuan in great shape and making our golfing experience more pleasurable.

Reminder : To keep the course in good shape, please repair your ball marks on the green and fix all divots in the fairways along with others that you may see.

Thank you...



Your Yard...

Everyone should be laying down Weed and Feed in their yards to promote growth and kill weeds.



Barry Shuman
Golf Course
Superintendent

Answers to Rules Quiz on Page 5

1. TRUE (Rule 34-1b)
2. FALSE (Decisions 25/1)
3. B (Decisions 27-2c/4)

Lady Niners

Doris Zentner, President Lady Niners

The Lady Niners hosted a 9-hole Member/Guest tournament on Tuesday, February 11th, with full attendance from all 12 members and their guests. At registration, raffle tickets for a very large wine and condiment basket and special "mulligan" and "free-throw" chocolates were available to use during the tournament. After everyone had checked in, a continental breakfast was provided by the Lady Niners to enjoy before hitting the links. The format was a California Scramble that covered the back nine of the golf course.

After 9-holes, LL Expressions - Designer Inspired Jewelry had a beautiful display to review and purchase prior to lunch. The luncheon was provided upstairs with red and white table decorations for the Valentine season. As you can see by the scores, it was a close game!

Everyone was a winner as the following scores indicate:



1st Place (34): Terry Cole/Carolee Owen, Pat Blake/Marcia Davis

2nd Place (35): Fran Manuel/Pam Nagy, Joyce Toggweiler/Anne McCrosky

3rd Place (37): Betty Christian/Kandy Bearly, Doris Zentner/Ardelle Hodgson

4th Place (37): Linda Magnus/Mary Ward, Faye Smith/Bonnie Huber

5th Place (37): Connie Enright/Becky Pyles, Carol Ranck/Dee Thompson

6th Place (38): Janey Dougherty/Carrie Pope, Donna Dimos/Penny White

Special prizes were awarded for "Closest to the Pin" on #13 to Faye Smith and "Longest Drive" on #14 to Pam Nagy.

Many thanks go to Terry Cole for her coordination of all the details required to make this a success; to Jerry Callaway for his tournament coordination and scoring; and to Debbie and Bill Roberts for the luncheon.

Each of the 12 members contributed toward the success with their assistance in everything from the selection of prizes to the design of the table decorations. Please make sure you go to the Lady Niners section of the new web site to see more pictures from the event.



All 24 Participants

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Bill DaRosa

Men's Golf Association

Kevin Bonn

Women's Golf Association

Diane Benarick

Lady Niners

Doris Zentner

Handicap Report

Bob Manuel, Handicap Committee

From the Timacuan Handicap Committee



Equitable Stroke Control

Confused about your score that is turned in for handicap purposes? Here's what the USGA says about Equitable Stroke Control. The way to adjust scores with Equitable Stroke Control sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's Course Handicap.

For Handicap purposes, you are required to adjust your hole scores (actual or probable) when they are higher than your maximum number you can post.

If you're out of a hole and pick up to speed up play, jot down the score you most likely would have made.

There is no limit to the number of holes on which you can adjust your score.

For example, your Handicap Index is 11.6 and your Course Handicap from the blue tees is 13. The following table shows that you are allowed a maximum number of 7 on any hole when posting your score for Handicap purposes. Someone with a Course Handicap be-

tween scratch and 9 is allowed a maximum number equal to a double bogey on any hole.

18-hole Course Handicap

Maximum Number Posted on Any Hole

9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

After play is finished but before turning in your score card, adjust your hole scores to the maximum allowed and also adjust your total score to reflect the adjustments. Remember, the Handicap System is designed to reflect your potential scoring ability and throws out abnormal scores.

Determining Your Most Likely Score (For Posting Purposes)

When you start a hole but pick up before it's finished, you must record a hole score for handicap purposes. Post your most likely score. That is: Stokes Taken So Far plus Estimated Stokes equals the Most Likely Score To Finish The Hole.

Strokes Taken So Far: This is the number of strokes you've taken on the hole so far (including penalty strokes)

Estimated Strokes: Estimate the number of strokes you would need to finish the hole from your present position. Base your estimate on your most likely performance.

Most Likely Score To Finish The Hole: This is your "most likely score" which you post for the hole – as long as it does not exceed your Equitable Stroke Control limit.

The Most Likely Score is valid only for USGA Handicap purposes.

Until next month . . . Good golfing and have fun. *Your Handicap Committee*

What's Hot in the Pro Shop

Pat Cabler, Pro Shop Manager

March madness is upon us—do we need to keep the "chilly" outerwear available or pack it away?

Ladies, the new and colorful Jamie Sadock and Bobby Chan spring lines are "on the floor". Plus, be sure to check out the 30% off sales rack!

The Cobra drivers and fairway woods have been very "HOT" for

both men and women. Second to Cobra is Callaway, especially the 2-ball putter. Have you tried one? (Can't miss the line!)

Should your corporation or business have a need for promotional items with your logo, such as shirts, caps,



balls, etc., we are more than willing to assist you on pricing. Contact Tony or Pat for more info.

Remember, if we don't have what you want in stock, we welcome special orders!

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–6:30p
Office	407-321-0014		Office	9:00a–5:00p
Grille Room	407-321-0012		Driving Range	6:45a–9:00p
Dining Reservations	407-322-1133			
Golf Academy	407-321-0444			



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 TWGA President's Cup
2 Sunday Brunch	3	4	5 Buffet Roast Turkey Pot Roast	6 TWGA President's Cup Luncheon/Meeting	7 Fine Dining	8 TWGA President's Cup HOLLYWOD NIGHTS
9 Sunday Brunch	10	11	12 Buffet Roast Pork Southwest Chicken	13 TWGA Pink Ball	14 Fine Dining	15 TMGA Match Play Event
16 Sunday Brunch	17	18	19 Buffet Roasted Rose- mary Lamb	20 TWGA Lo Gross/Lo Net	21 Fine Dining	22
23 Sunday Brunch	24	25	26 Buffet Roast Beef Chicken Champagne	27 TWGA Member/Guest Tournament	28 Fine Dining	29
30 Sunday Brunch	31					