



**After A Year In...**

**THANK YOU to all the Cape Royal Residents Who Have Given Back in Large and Small Ways...**

The love, caring and connectivity in this community continues to shine through from Cart Parades celebrating a myriad of occasions; sewing masks and offering them at no cost to residents; painting funny and inspirational rocks to find to keep our spirits up; taking wonderful wildlife photography to share; hosting virtual events for fun and to help others; collecting donations for local food pantries and other charities; checking on neighbors; picking up or delivering prescriptions and groceries, and providing information about local services and how to deal with this virus. Thank you!



**Vaccine Squad**

A special thanks to the Cape Royal Vaccine Squad, initiated by Camille Miloff and lead by Linda Reynolds, who stepped up and spent many hours of their time procuring 54 vaccine appointments for residents that were having difficulty booking them.

Linda congratulated everyone on their success in scoring vaccine appointments over a five-week period in Feb – March. Simply a fantastic effort! The squad said their persistence and Tag Teaming often worked well.

Sally Lynch, squad member, thanked Linda for coordinating and helping to get the vaccine appointments. What a team effort!

Jean Paulson altogether worked with 5 buds and made 6 appointments (some were multiple to allow for appointment choices). She said, "I talked to those receiving appointments many times over the phone and they were always appreciative of this group's efforts, especially since many had experienced multiple disappointing and frustrating attempts to schedule a vaccine appointment. Camille and Linda did an outstanding job getting this group together and getting the word out to residents. Linda did a stellar job sending out tips, such as information sheets we could fill out when contacting our buddies. She kept track of which buddies were not getting appointments and then had several of us work on the same buddy to increase the chances they'd get booked. All of the volunteers were generous and upbeat, despite sometimes getting timed out by the system."



Karen Forsberg got a second dose appointment at CVS for a resident who had his first in Woodbury, MN. He was just about ready to give up trying and fly back to Minneapolis. He was so grateful, he sent flowers, saying, "I cannot thank you enough, Karen. You do not even know me – your kindness is so sweet." Karen said, "They were amazed that someone who did not know them would take the time to work on an appointment for them. I explained, 'That is the way this community is'."

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## Vaccine Squad *cont.*

*Our residents were so grateful, saying...*

“Thank you so much for taking your time to do this for me!! What a great group of women!! Hope to meet you!”

“Thank you so much for help. You are a wonderful, amazing person and may God bless you for all your kindness.”

“Just want you to know I finally got an appointment for Publix tomorrow with the help you provided me. Linda Reynolds was an excellent buddy team with Jean Paulson who was my buddy. She got the appointment. Thank you so much for your help.”

A daughter in New Jersey sent a beautiful card to one Vaccine Squad member detailing, how grateful and relieved she was that I got her parents vaccine appointments.

One couple drove over to a Vaccine Squad member’s house with a thank you card and a beautiful bottle of wine. Totally unexpected. “This couple is 89 years old. So thoughtful, it actually made me cry that they were so appreciative,” said one squad member.

Debra Douglas said it was a pleasure to help out our friends and neighbors. “While talking with one resident, confirming that I had secured her husband’s appointment, I could hear him in the background saying ‘Debra, you are my angel!’”

Carol Maurath shared this comment from a grateful resident: “When someone got my appointment for me, after all the stress of watching that “Book Now” button not doing anything for 3 weeks, I felt very, very grateful and relieved. It was the best gift ever.”

We know others received help from relatives or other next door neighbors. We say THANK YOU to these unsung HEROES as well. While appointment availability has opened up, please contact one of the Vaccine Squad members if you need help. And don’t forget, Helping Hands is available to help our residents every day, throughout the year.

### Cape Royal Vaccine Squad

Linda Reynolds - lead  
Debbie Davidson  
Debra Douglas  
Karen Forsberg  
Sally Lynch  
Carol Maurath  
Mindy McNamara  
Leslie Mitchell  
Phyllis Mills  
Camille Miloff  
Elaine Mitchell  
Jean Paulson  
Barb Pretasky  
Karen Schmid



## Helping Hands Program *Designed to Help our Neighbors*



Cape Royal Community Foundation’s Helping Hands Committee is available for residents when they need temporary assistance. Occasionally, we all need help, for health reasons or family emergencies. Specific resources available include:

- ⇒ **Medical equipment to lend (walkers, wheelchairs, etc.)**
- ⇒ **Prescription and grocery pick up**
- ⇒ **A meal provided during recuperation**
- ⇒ **Information about local transportation services and options**

A list of local transportation services can be found in the 2021 Community Homeowners’ Directory. Please contact the services directly for more information. It’s important to note that The CRCF can no longer transport residents for liability reasons at the advice of the CRCF insurance provider. The transportation service providers listed in the HOA Directory are not affiliated with CRCF, nor does CRCF endorse or recommend any specific transportation service. It is up to each individual resident to select a transportation service that best fits their needs.

For assistance with the services listed above, please contact one of the following people:

Elaine Mitchell @ 239-283-4882      Leslie Mitchell @ 239-558-4148  
Lucille Rokosz @ 239-424-8624      Barbara Pretasky @ 239-470-1747

## From the President's Desk

Hello Cape Royal Residents and Neighbors,

**Community Border Plans** - As reported in my last update, work continues on a screening plan for our north boundary along Honc's industrial site. We met with Honc and discussed our concerns with their development plan and pace of action. Honc's site development plan is approved by the county, however they have nearly 5 years to complete the project.



We have allocated funds to place a row of 8' Fishtail palms across the boundary for screening. These are the same type of palm used on either side of the Honc boundary. Honc has agreed for our placement of these trees on the north side of the drainage canal, directly on the property line. In addition, Honc will place a row of 8'-10' Areca palms, as additional screening, along the top of berm. The Areca's will be sacrificial, as they will be removed when the permanent wall is built. We hope to have this work begin as soon as we can schedule it with our landscape contractor. While not ideal, we think this will go a long way toward alleviating the dust and noise issues to which residents are exposed to.

Our Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Dick Durand, will be looking at developing a strategy for the remaining commercially zoned boundaries to our north and along Ellison Way, our main entrance road. On our boundary to the south, the MSI project is on indefinite hold. The owners have the site for sale. One report indicated that the permitting process could take several years due to complexities of the development.

**Bridge Replacement** - The Board has approved a project for bridge replacement on the Queen course. Our existing bridges are over 30 years old and after an engineering review, have been found to be unrepairable due to deterioration of the support structure. Funding is available from golf-generated revenue. Upon recommendation of our Golf Steering Committee, all four bridges will be replaced this year. We expect work to begin in September or October.

**AED Update** - I am happy to report that we received our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for placement within the club. Sean has committed training for Troon employees in CPR and AED utilization. While training is important, the AED selected is designed for use by any adult in an emergency. It includes on-screen video, and step-by-step instruction. The unit will be wall mounted and clearly labeled with signage. Look for it soon.

**Cape Royal Asset Reserves Plan** - I wish to alert you that in the coming months we will be asking you for a very important vote on a change in our reserve accounting methodology. When the Cape Royal HOA (Royal Tee HOA) was established, our By-Laws specified that 10% of assessments be dedicated to reserves. To date, our reserve account is in good shape with over \$800K set aside for specific repairs or replacements. When the HOA was established, our major assets were specifically defined as Roadways, Gates & Security System, Landscaping and Entrance & Signage. By law, we cannot apply reserves for the replacement or repair of any other asset. Of course, with the acquisition of golf course property and buildings, as well as recognition of HOA responsibility for lakes, our asset picture has changed dramatically.

Members of several committees, board members and others have created a master asset list covering everything from tennis court fencing to the buildings, roads, lakeshores, bridges and everything else that may require replacement or significant expense at some future date. This is a living document subject to review and update with every budget cycle. The Board believes we are reasonably reserved even as we look across all added assets; however, we currently do not have flexibility to apply reserves, except in the originally-specified categories. It requires a community vote to change to a "cash flow" or pooled reserve methodology. Without this change we will need to consider new reserve or contingency accounts and how to fund them. The Board has no current plans for use of reserve funds. Our ongoing projects for bridges, lake shore restoration, screening etc. have been funded through operating funds. This change is needed to provide flexibility to address urgent needs as they develop in the future and avoid potential shortfalls or special assessments. We will have more information on this coming to you, as well as informal discussion sessions and presentations. We hope to have the vote and have the new methodology in place for the 2022 budget year. Stay tuned for more on this important change.

Thank you and Best Regards,

Neil Price, President, Cape Royal Homeowners Association



# Blood Mobile at Cape Royal – Monday, May 3rd

**Sign Up Now To Save A Life...Appointments Are Booking Quickly!**

Cape Royal Community will be sponsoring a blood drive in the parking lot of the golf course on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am – 3pm for the convenience of our community. We hope everyone will come out and donate. It takes less than 30 minutes! Feel free to call or email Jill Doucette at (608) 698-5464 or [jilldoucette59@gmail.com](mailto:jilldoucette59@gmail.com) a time slot you would like to schedule. Times are scheduled every half hour.

### FUN FACTS

- ◇ New studies show that donating blood improves your overall cardiovascular health. Regularly donating blood helps men in particular to reduce the amount of iron in their blood. This can reduce their chance of heart attack by 88%. Additionally, regular blood donation can lower the risk of severe cardiovascular events such as stroke by 33%.
- ◇ Each pint of blood saves 2 lives.
- ◇ Only 3 teaspoons of blood can save a baby's life.
- ◇ All blood collected on the green bloodmobile stays right here in our community.
- ◇ Lee Health needs to collect 800 units per week to treat patients.



Change a life.  
**Donate blood.**

**Cape Royal  
Golf Club**  
**Mon. May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:00am-3:00pm**  
**To Signup To Donate Blood**  
Contact Jill Doucette at  
(608) 698-5464 or  
email [jilldoucette59@gmail.com](mailto:jilldoucette59@gmail.com)

Spend a few minutes and save a life.  
Your Lee Health Blood Center donation will stay right here in Lee County.  
All donors will receive a **thermal tote bag** and **wellness checkup** including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.  
For more information or schedule a bloodmobile visit, call 239-343-2333.  
**LEE HEALTH**  
Blood Center

Thank you to Jill Doucette for bringing this important life saving service to the community.

## New HOA Strategic Planning Chair Named



Dick Durand is the new Strategic Planning Committee Chair. In this role, he is responsible for leading the HOA committee which develops, executes and maintains the long-range planning process for the community, including external interfaces, and provides recommendations on large, overarching initiatives. He also oversees the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee. Dick is well-suited for this role, given his extensive senior management experience in the commercial construction field and serving as a member or chair of several large nonprofit boards in Ohio. In Cape Royal, he has taken the lead to complete a detailed Asset Management Study for the community, and also serves on the Surface Water Management and Drainage committees. Dick is a big sports fan, particularly baseball, and enjoys playing golf.

## 2021 Cape Royal Directory Has Been Distributed



A huge Thank You to Leslie Mitchell, a member of the HOA Communication Committee, for completing the Directory in April. This was a big job which Leslie has taken on for the last 4 years. Also many thanks to all who helped with the updates.

We also thank our 12 Block Captains for distributing the directory to each of their residents again this year. If you haven't received your copy, contact your Block Captain.





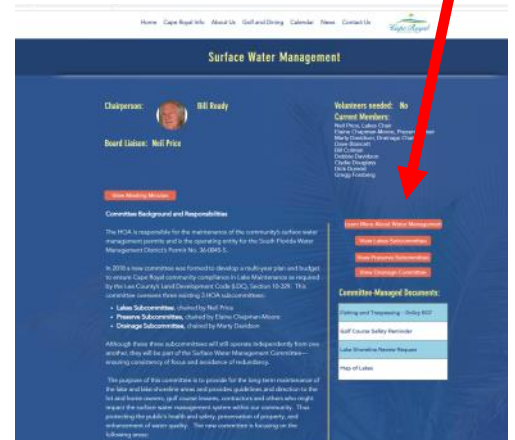
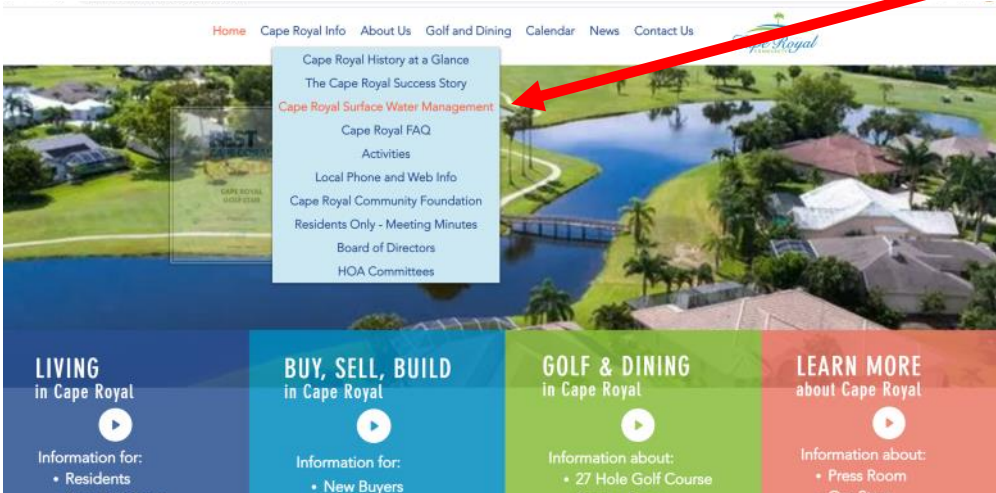


# Surface Water Management Website Portal Is Completed

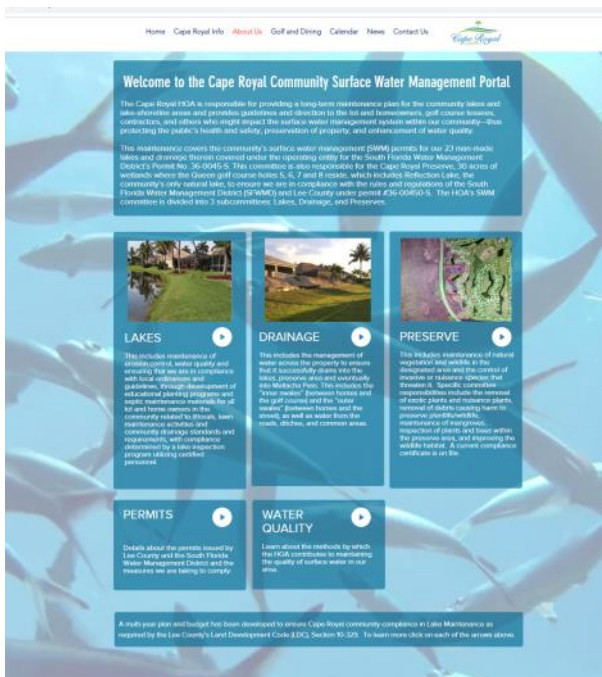
As part of the HOA SWM Committee's multi-year plan to ensure Cape Royal community is compliant in lake maintenance, as required by the Lee County's Land Development Code (LDC), Section 10-329, a new website portal on our [caperoyalhoa.com](http://caperoyalhoa.com) has been completed. These 6 new pages include educational materials related to our Lakes, Preserve and Drainage HOA-Committees. All 6 pages can be accessed by entering the new Surface Water Management Portal by [clicking here](#).

They specifically outline Cape Royal's stewardship, actions, and plans related to how we maintain water quality, prevent shoreline erosion, preserve the natural habitat and direct water for proper drainage. Information is included about your role in Water Management, as a Cape Royal Homeowner. Tips on how to talk with landscapers and contractors is also included.

A direct link to the SWM Portal can be found on the [caperoyalhoa.com](http://caperoyalhoa.com) website under **About Us** and under each of the **SWM Committee pages**, i.e. SWM, Lakes, Drainage and the Preserve.



## SWM Home Page Portal







Andrew Opalski  
Executive Chef

## Caloosa Club News

Executive Chef Andrew would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome, comments and patronage of the Caloosa Club. He has been enjoying getting to know everyone and creating what he hopes you will agree are fresh and new experiences for us, including weekly specials, end of season celebrations, patio cookouts and community-centered activities.

The recent Hawaiian Luau with live music was just one example, prompting one participant to say, "Good friends, good dinner and great time."



Don't miss these upcoming events in May and June, and be sure to stop by and try the new breakfast menu. New lunch and dinner menus are planned for later this summer.

## Dixieland Band at the Caloosa Club Mon, May 3, 6pm – 8pm

The 333 Wine Club will be hosting the Blue Dirt Dixieland Band at the Caloosa Club on May 3rd. If you want to enjoy some Dixieland Jazz come join in. This is a reservation only event. Reservations are made at [capecoraled@yahoo.com](mailto:capecoraled@yahoo.com). Due to COVID-19, we can only accommodate about 70 people. First come, first signed up. A limited appetizer buffet will be available! Music will be played from 6 pm to 8 pm. No cover charge!





Sean W. Biggs, GM & PGA Professional

## Golf Course News



Thank you everyone for a wonderful season here at Cape Royal. Just as the tide is turning and the winds are shifting, it is a feeling of sudden surprise that we are here now. We want to thank everyone for all of your support this year.

And what a few months it has been. From all of our golf instruction group clinics, annual tournaments, activities at the club, the golf course has once again seen tremendous growth in rounds. The summer is coming in fast, so all of our full-time residents keep an eye out for golf events and dining activities that we have planned.

I was very happy to see the turnout for our end-of-the-year Luau. Chef Andrew once again made a remarkable roasted pig and I saw the Pina Colodas scattered around the clubhouse. Keep an eye out on our Facebook pages and your email's for our weekly specials at The Caloosa Club.

May is also Troon's Player Development month. A time where all those who wish to join in the fun and learn the game of golf, or improve your game can attend one of our weekly group clinics. For more information, see the flyer for details.

If the summer in South Florida is where you call home and you are looking to save some money on your golf this year, consider buying a Troon Card at <https://www.troon.com/troon-golf-cards/>. It is a great way to save some money and play other courses at a discounted rate as well.

Until next time, keep them in the fairway.

Sean

**Golf Course:**  
7 AM - 5:30 PM | (239) 283-5522  
Ext. 1 for Tee Times | Ext. 2 for Golf Shop  
\*The Driving Range closes at 4:00 PM Sundays and re-opens Mondays at 9 AM

**The Caloosa Club Restaurant:**  
8 AM - 7 PM Sunday - Wednesday 8 AM - 8 PM Thursday - Saturday  
(239) 283-5522 Ext. 4

**Administration Office:**  
9 AM - 5 PM | Monday - Friday  
(239) 283-5522 Ext. 6

**May is TROON PLAYER DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

**Cape Royal Golf Club**

Group Golf Instruction  
Mondays 10:00 - 11:00

May 3rd Putting Clinic  
May 10th Improve Your Drives  
May 17th Chipping and Pitching  
May 24th Full Swing Fundamentals

Instruction by PGA Professional Josh Ross

\$15 Per Clinic, or buy all 4 and save for \$50!!

NEW TO THE GAME? FREQUENT PLAYER? NEVER PLAYED BEFORE? ALL ARE WELCOME!!

MORE INFO AT [WWW.CAPERoyalGOLFCLUB.COM](http://WWW.CAPERoyalGOLFCLUB.COM)  
TEL: 239-283-5522

## Bubble Boys League

### Annual 2021 Spring Match Play Championship

Those who placed 1st and 2nd in all three flights proceeded to Queen 9 for a 6 man shootout.

**Flight 1 (Blue Tee)**  
1st place Pat Lavery  
2nd Place Tim Graves

**Flight 2 (White Tee)**  
1st Place Tom Bartos  
2nd Place Bob McGrory

**Flight 3 (Gold Tee)**  
1st Place Ray Hunt  
2nd Place Angel Candelaria



**Bubble Boys Spring 2021 Spring Match Play Champion: Tim Graves**

**SUMMER GOLF RATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**





## Golf Club Season Winners

### In March the Cape Royal Ladies Golf Association (CRLGA) Wrapped Up Another Great Season with the Club Championship and President’s Cup Tournaments



**Barb Pretasky**  
2021 Cape Royal Ladies Golf Association Club Champion  
(low gross)

**Lynette Cogan**  
2021 President’s Cup Champion  
(low net)

L to R: Josh Ross, Barb Pretasky, Lynette Cogan and Sean Biggs

### Cape Royal Men’s Golf Association (MGA) 2021 Season Club Champions Named

**Mike Molnar** was the Club Champion from the Blue Tees

**Tom Moore** was Champion from the White Tees

**Steve Giese** was Champion from the Yellow Tees

**Mike Molnar won the overall 2021 Championship** after two playoff holes on Prince 9



L to R: Tom Moore, Steve Giese and Mike Molnar

### Funny How Things Always Come Around...

About 18 years ago, Ohioan Mike Molnar was paired with a few Wisconsin guys for a round of golf at the then Royal Tee Country Club, which is now Cape Royal Golf Club. That evening, Mike and his wife, Kris, joined the group for the usual Happy Hour at Pretasky’s. Every winter since, the Molnar’s would meet up with their Wisconsin friends when in Cape Coral.

The Wisconsin guys: Bud Pretasky and Al Giese (Bud’s best buddy and dad of resident, Steve Giese) must have had a great time because the Molnar and Pretasky families have been friends ever since!

Mike has been a role model for many of our golfers over these years. A gentleman and really good golfer, he has won the Club Championship honor more than once at Cape Royal and over the years, has been very supportive of both Bud and Barb Pretasky’s golf game. When we celebrated each of Mike’s championships over the years, Mike would say Barb, “Let’s win this thing the same year and take a picture!”

After many years, now in 2021 it has happened. Mike won the Men’s Championship in a second playoff hole with who else, but Steve Giese (another great golfer) and Barb clinched the Women’s Championship. That picture was taken and the rest is history.





# CAPE ROYAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (CRCF) 2021 Golf Scholarship Tournament A Success



The annual CRCF Lee County High School Scholarship Golf Challenge was back this year and was held at the Cape Royal Golf Club on April 10th. This was a fun, four-person scramble with net and gross winners. The crowd was a little smaller due to COVID-19 restrictions; however, it was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all of the 128 golfers.

Everyone gave so generously that we set a new record in netting \$30,453 which allows us to pay out \$20,000 in scholarships this year, and erase last year's deficit generated from awarding four scholarships without a golf tournament. THANK YOU!

We thank all of the volunteers and sponsors that made the 2021 Golf Scholarship Tournament so successful. A special thanks to Josh Ross, Chef Andrew and the staff at Cape Royal Golf Club and the Caloosa Club.

The four scholarship recipients, two boys and two girls, chosen from all the Lee County High Schools offering golf programs, proved to be outstanding in academics and community service. Each was awarded \$5,000 toward their further education.

Over the last 19 years, the CRCF has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to worthy Lee County High School seniors. Thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors who helped us continue this excellent program.



## 2021 Scholarship Award Winners

**Julia Brooks** will graduate from Oasis High School, and then continue her education at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. She plans to be an astronaut some day. She has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and belonged to the JROTC program for four years. Tracey Mayer-Brooks and John Brooks are her parents.

**Caroline Cicotte** is finishing a rigorous Advanced Placement program at Ft. Myers High School. As Captain of the golf team, she led her team to become District Champions in 2020. This fall, she will enroll at the University of Florida in Gainesville to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering. Lauren and Jeff Easterbrook are Caroline's proud parents.

**Ethan Craddock** is completing his academics through Florida Virtual High School, and participated in basketball, soccer and golf for four years at Evangelical High School. He has been recruited to play collegiate golf at Bob Jones University in South Carolina, where his major will be Mechanical Engineering. Ethan's parents are Miranda and Jason Craddock.

**Carson Smith** is an excellent student at the Canterbury School in Ft. Myers. He played on both the golf team and the basketball team for four years. This fall, Carson plans to enroll at Florida Gulf Coast University in the PGA Golf Management program, with the future goal of working in the golf industry. Kathie and Valentine Smith are his parents.

Please join us in congratulating this year's winners and thank you to everyone who made this year's event so successful.



## Beat the Pro Cheeseheads Challenge Raises an Overall Total of \$3,791

The Cape Royal Golf Club (CRGC) pro staff recently threw down the golf glove gauntlet and challenged the Cheeseheads Golf League to "Beat the Pros" in a 9-hole scramble golf match. Nicknamed the Cheeseheads Challenge, the intent was to raise sponsorship funds to help sponsor Head Pro Josh Ross, and Assistants Brad and Alyssa when they go to various golf tournaments to represent the Cape Royal Golf Club (CRGC). And for us to have some fun, because who doesn't want bragging rights?

Sean plans to use some of these funds for two Pro events, but he requested that the bulk of the donated funds be dedicated to sponsoring the three members of his staff.

Why? Golf is a tough and highly competitive business. In the SW Florida market, we are one of over 130 golf courses that exist in the area from Marco Island to North Fort Myers. We have been working hard to reverse the stigma of the old Royal Tee and to present ourselves to the rest of the golf community as the viable golf operation we have become.

One of the things we have learned about our competition is that they often encourage their pros to participate in various golf tournaments to help spread the word that their course is the place to be. Revitalizing our reputation and touting our unprecedented success by sending our pros to act as ambassadors for the CRGC is a win-win for us. The networking of golf professionals at these events also results in increased opportunities for reciprocal agreements. As is the case with a lot of other golf clubs, golf professionals have to pay the costs of attending said tournaments out of their own pockets.

To level the playing field In the Cheesehead Challenge, the Cheeseheads were given a few "minor advantages" by the pros, such as, taking one point off each team's score on all Par 3's; teeing off from the 250-yard marker on all Par 5's, and the ability to use a "scoring string" to reach the cup when an approach shot fell a little short. One hundred golfers, divided into 25 teams, took part.

Meanwhile, the pros played from the black tees. The pro's team (Sean Biggs, Josh Ross, Brad Conley, and Alyssa Fritz) turned in a respectable 30 for a Par 36 course; while all of the Cheeseheads teams used their "minor advantages," producing scores ranging from 18 to 25. The deck was stacked against the pro's team from the get-go, but it was all good-natured fun and a good time was had by all. Needless to say, all of the Cheeseheads team can now say they, "Beat the Pros."

After golf, a variety of prizes were raffled off and a 50-50 drawing was held to raise additional funds. Members of the Cheeseheads family pitched in to help keep the event running smoothly and it would not have been the success it was without the help of Phyllis Mills, Leslie Mitchell, Lucille Rokosz, Barb Munoz, and Peggy Larson. The event greatly exceeded expectations; the Cheeseheads raised \$2,941 to sponsor our pro's team and additional donations from the Bubble Boys, other leagues, and individuals brought the total raised to \$3,791.

The predominant comment heard from the participants was, "Let's do this again!" And so the Cheeseheads will sponsor another such event - next year.



**Josh Ross, PGA**  
**Head Golf Professional**  
PGA, Operations & Mgt.,  
Director Junior Player  
Development SWFL



**Brad Conley**  
**Assistant Golf Professional**  
Pursuing Class A  
PGA Certification



**Alyssa Fritz**  
**Junior Coach**  
Ranked 1,235 on the SF  
PGA Junior Tour  
18-hole avg score of 76  
2020 SFPGA Jr. Tour Player  
of the Year  
5 top 25 finishes  
482 points  
T11 standing





## Congratulations to Tom Maurath

Tom shot a hole-in-one on King 2 on March 28th during Cheeseheads league play.

Unlike most leagues, where the winner buys everyone a drink, in the Cheeseheads, everyone buys you a drink!

However, rather than have each golfer buy that person a drink, the Cheeseheads use their scramble pot to buy the person a \$100 gift card. They don't think a good golf shot should cost you a fortune.



## Chicks With Sticks High Season Party



The Chicks with Sticks had their High Season party in March, which replaced their 2020 December Holiday party, which could not be held. Attendees enjoyed Chef Andrew's bites, along with a beverage of choice. Afterwards, several Chicks, led by Barb Pretasky, including Barb Munoz, Donna Shelton, Georgene Ring, Lee Andera, Pam VanDermoon, Lu Rokosz and Jacquie Flenniken presented their Head Chick, Ed Harrington, with gifts which centered around his love of Tito's and patronage of the Caloosa Club. From multiple sized Tito bottles, to beautiful martini glasses, along with gift cards, all indicated their thanks for his ongoing dedication to this group.



The presentations to Ed concluded with a new original poem, written by Tracey Pegler, which can be found on the next page. Ed thanked all of the Chicks for their generosity, saying he really enjoys managing this very fun group. Our never ending appreciation and thanks also goes out to the wait staff and chefs.

# Chicks With Sticks Party Poem

One Chick, Two Chick, by Tracey Pegler



One chick, Two chick, Red chick, Blue chick  
Pink chick, Green chick, Old chick, new chick.



This one has a little car.  
This one never leaves the bar.

Say! What a lot of chicks there are.



Yes. Some wear red, and some wear blue.  
Some are old and some are new.



Some are sad, and some are glad,  
And some are very, very mad.

Why are they sad and glad and mad?  
I do not know, ask Head chick dad.



Some are short, and some are tall.  
This one here can hit a ball!

From there to here,  
From here to there,  
This COVID thing is everywhere!



We are chicks, its golf we play.  
We love to play. Play everyday!



Oh me! Oh my! Oh me! Oh my!  
Will the snowbirds get to fly?

Will they come?...I cannot say.  
If they can, they come a long, long way.

Some by car, and some by plane.  
This COVID thing makes us insane!



No other year like 2020  
Caused us grief and  
problems plenty!

Say! Look ...what do I see?  
One, two...two three...  
How many chicks do I see?

One, two, three, four,  
..and then again a whole lot more!

Wow!...we total more  
than eleven  
Yes, this must be  
chick golf heaven!



Wear a mask...like Halloween  
Oh again...we play the Queen!

This is our cart...it's  
made for three  
But the cooler takes  
up one seat you see.



We like our cooler and  
this is why,  
It keeps drinks cold,  
while for birdies we try!



Wear a mask, six feet apart  
And no two chicks in one cart!

Drive, chip, putt...my wordie  
I just scored a little birdie!

Then Birdie juice...its one quick shot  
We like these shots, we like them a lot!



And when we drink them Oh! My dear,  
This Covid thing we do not fear!

221 plus points today!  
That's a first...a big hooray!

Fast Buck Eddie... a little tense  
Oh wait...each point worth only forty cents!

At the club house, we grimace and holler  
Did he do the math right? Is he a scholar?



Oh me, oh my, oh my dear!  
This has been quite a year!

I do not like this mask too well  
All I want to do is yell!



The virus came, quiet as a mouse  
But I will not let it in my house



So sorry we cannot gather  
Wash your hands, make a lather!



So so bored, what can we do?  
Build a puzzle, try something new?

Take a look inside a book  
Learn to bake or learn to cook?

Learn to sew, it's fun to sing  
You could try most anything!



Did you ever fly a kite in bed?  
Did you ever walk with ten cats on your head?

Did you ever try to milk a cow?  
Well, we could do it, we could learn how.

If you never did, maybe we should.  
These things are fun, and fun is good.

But .. it's golf the chicks like most I think  
And after nine we like to drink!  
And we like to drink and dress in pink.



And we like to drink and drink and drink  
And we like to drink and drink...wink  
wink!

And if you too should like to drink  
And if you too should dress in pink  
You should be a chick...I think.



Wink wink!



We come from far, we come from near  
We come from there, we come from here

We cannot run, we cannot hide  
At least we can play golf outside!

So play golf, text and call  
Keep your friends...one and all!

Time goes fast, so fast they say  
We must live each and every day!

So for now, let's make a wish  
Use your hands to make a swish swish!



Make your wish upon the moon  
Wish for normal to come back soon!



So.. that is it...  
Today is gone, and it was fun  
May tomorrow be another fun one!



# 2020-2021 Bocce Season Wraps Up

The 2021 Winners were:

**Super Bowl - "Street People"**, Barry & Judy Burke and Ed & Nancy Skarda. They also won this award three other times in 2011, 2013 and 2014. And they were Division Champs in 2012! Their dynasty is back!

**Toilet Bowl - "Perfect Knockers"**, Dave & Mary Jane Lahr and Neil Price & Pam VanDermoon. Be sure to check out the Toilet Bowl Award that will be proudly displayed in their front yards.

Bocce leaders Lucille and Butch Rokosz thank everyone who helped ensure the season ran smoothly including:

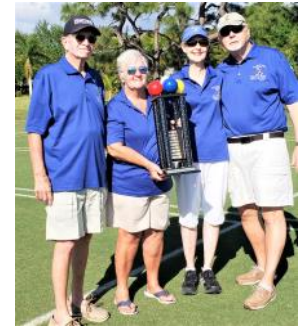
- ◆ **Administration for Schedules & Rankings:** Linda Reynolds - The 'behind the scenes' person who always does a great job with the schedules and rankings!
- ◆ **Court Maintenance:** Jorge Guzman Alvarado and Jason Coyne - The courts were nicely maintained with weed killer, fertilizer, double-cut and double-rolled all season.
- ◆ **Court Striping:** The team of Barry Burke, Greg Ciccone, Ben Hurd, Dick Oldham, Rick Wagner, Phil Yaciuk & Matt Zacharrias striped the courts for every game and they also occasionally stripe them off-season for recreational players. Much appreciated!
- ◆ **Score Keeping:** Bill Colman and Butch Rokosz for accurately recording the scores.

Karen and Andrew did a great job with the Awards Dinner this year with the table settings, spacing, menu choices and service. You couldn't beat the good, 4 choice sampler for the cost! Also, thanks to Andrew for accommodating a few of people with their dietary requests.

Lucille also thanks everyone who contributed to the 'appreciation fund'. She said, "It was totally unnecessary, but really, really appreciated! Maybe I can buy better measuring devices other than those make-shift plastic cups!"

All of the players greatly appreciated all of the work the volunteers put into making 2021 so much fun. *Thank you!*

Our next Bocce season is right around the corner. **Next season will begin January 2022** and be played **every Monday** until March. This change is to eliminate the first 3 games in November and December since so many players are away for the holidays. An email for sign-ups will be sent out in the fall. Until then...keep practicing with the loaner sets located in the ladies room cabinet!



**Street People**

L to R: Barry & Judy Burke and Nancy & Ed Skarda



**Perfect Knockers**

L to R: Dave & Mary Jane Lahr and Neil Price & Pam VanDermoon



**Bocce Leaders**







## 333 Wine Club Was Back in Action

In March, it was Sangiovese Night, featuring Italy's most popular red wine grape varietal.

Over 65 people enjoyed the wine tasting which implemented safety protocols, including small, spaced tables, requirement to wear a mask until seated and limited movement by attendees once seated. Fredo Cantine, in the white jacket was the guest presenter (AKA Fastbuck Eddie)!



**Capanna Rosso di Montalcino**

**Fredo** **I know that Italian!!!**

Type DOC  
 Grape blend Sangiovese 100%  
 Fermentation 18 days at controlled temperature  
 Refinement time in barrel 12-15 months  
 Refinement time in bottle Some months



## The Club Returned with a Wine Dinner in April

The 333 Wine Club returned in April with another wonderful evening of dining and community with a Wine Dinner, which included a 6-course meal hosted by Doug Flenniken. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event was limited to the first 48 people who responded.

- Amuse-Bouche
- Strawberry Gazpacho
- First Course
- Roasted Pork and Great Chinois Salad
- Second Course
- Chili Coconut Prawns
- Intermezzi
- Blond Orange Sorbet
- Third Course
- Pine Scented Hot Sausage with Charred Corn Phono
- Fourth Course
- Herb Roasted Pork loin with Pine Wine Demi
- Dessert Course
- Fresh Berries & Pound Cake with a Raspberry infused whipped cream







## "Cruise In" on April 3rd

Cape Royal Corvette's 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Cruise In", delayed this year by COVID-19, shined under blue skies and full sun on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This year's turnout, shared with a nice crowd of onlookers, brought some new metal and fiberglass.



The new generation mid-engine Corvette was represented by two beauties:

Chuck Hildebrant's Elkhart Lake Blue convertible, shown in the background, and

Bill Becker's Black beauty. Bill is building on Royal Tee Circle and is anxious to move in.

Another rare arrival was Dennis Tatasciore's Ceramic Matrix Gray '65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2018 Corvette, one of only 650 built.



New C8 Corvette mid-engine V8



Daryl Balerud supercharged Corvette Z06



We were down one Ferrari this year, but John and Barb Olenczak brought their beautiful Ferrari California T and Audi R8 V10.



A gorgeous, black Bentley convertible represented Great Britain with class.



## “Cruise In” *(continued)*

Several Porsches rolled in including a very early red 911T in concours condition. Ron Marra has owned his '88 911 for just short of 25 years.



Tom Moore's Mustangs appeared again, his Cobra GT350 and his restored '69 Mustang. His sister bought the '69 Mustang in 1970 and owned it until she passed away earlier in the decade. Tom, as a tribute to her, brought the car from California and spent 3 years laboring over its complete restoration. It is a stunner.



Bob Morris stunned the crowd again with his '32 Ford street rod, recently ceramic coated by our own resident professional detailer, Carlos Silvio.



Several early cars included Eve Melchiorre's sunfire yellow '67 convertible, her husband Don's '64 Chevy Impala convertible, and a one-of-a-kind Cadillac DTS 4-door convertible.



Cadillac DTS 4-door convertible



Matt and Don thank the participants for sharing their automotive jewelry with us. Look forward to what next year brings.





## Lee County Sheriff's Office Thanks Cape Royal

In April, the LoCR served 30 lunches to the Lee County Deputies that serve our area. In addition, lunch was delivered to Officer Mark Sherman, our liaison, and his wife at his residence, where he is recovering from injuries suffered while on duty. The Command Staff from Lee County Sheriff's Office that accepted and transported the lunches were Capt. Brian Jakacki and Lt. Chip Pakulis.

Executive Chef Andrew, Laura Woodward, Debbie Davidson, Tom Robbins and Millie Damon were on hand to present the lunches, which included barbeque chicken, green bean casserole, mac and cheese, rolls, cookies and brownies for the Captain and Lieutenant to deliver to the on-duty Deputies.

The Deputies again expressed their appreciation for our generosity and kindness.



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## LoCR Hosts Virtual Craft Day *A Limited or No-Contact Event*

### How It Worked:

Participants were asked to choose one of three projects ahead of time, i.e. Mason Jar Oil Candle, Three Glass Luminaria or Lavender Soap. The hosts, Laura Woodward, Lovelyn Robbins and Jane Roullard supplied the kits for a modest cost, which were either picked up or delivered before the class began. The class was conducted via a Zoom Meeting to show everyone how to make their project, and then participants sent photographs to the instructors showcasing their project results.

Participants said they really enjoyed the class and the projects were fairly easy to complete. Debbie Davidson said, "Laura, Jane and Lovelyn did a great job of getting us our supplies and making each project so easy! Can't wait to make more luscious smelling soaps."

As a small thank you, the hosts attached the directions for all of the crafts completed, as well as patterns and websites used. Yet another way the Cape Royal Community adapts to these changing times.



LoCR membership is open to all female residents of Cape Royal (guests can attend events as space permits). The cost of each event is based on the venue, activity and supplies utilized. There are currently no dues to join. [Click here and visit our website to join or sign up for an event.](#)



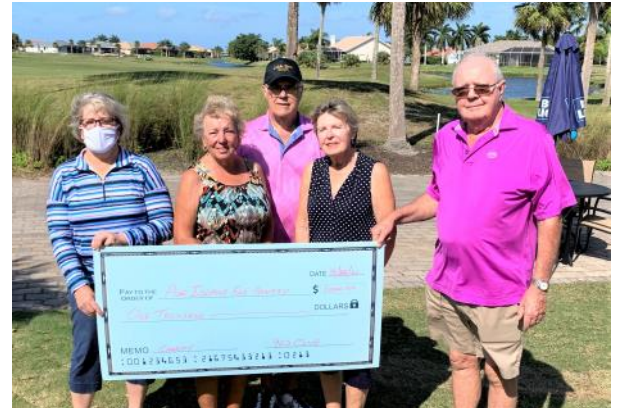
# Thank You! Your Generosity Knows No Bounds!

## Cape Royal Bingo Event Raises Funds for the Pine Island Food Pantry

A donation was recently presented to the Pine Island Food Pantry on behalf of the Cape Royal Community. The \$1,000 donation raised through a Bingo night will go toward purchasing food for Food Pantry clients residing in the Pine Island and greater Matlacha area.

“We are so thankful for Cape Royal’s commitment to the local food pantry. This will help us provide uninterrupted service to our clients over the summer months,” said Karen Durand, Executive Director for the Pine Island Food Pantry. To learn more visit [pineislandfoodpantry.org](http://pineislandfoodpantry.org).

Ed Harrington thanks his Bingo team and all of the participants for making the night so much fun and successful while adhering to all of the safety protocols.



**Pictured L to R:** Pine Island Food Pantry Executive Director Karen Durand, Cape Royal Bingo Volunteer Lucille Rokosz, Bingo Master of Ceremonies Ed Harrington, Bingo Volunteer Jacquie Flenniken and Bingo Treasurer Doug Flenniken.



Bingo runners Lu Rokosz, Jacquie Flenniken and Leslie Mitchell.



Esteemed Bingo caller Ed “Turn’em” Harrington, and his trusted assistant Doug “Money Counter” Flenniken and overseer Ann Harrington.



## Cape Royal Again Gives Generously to the Cape Coral Caring Center

A sincere thank you to all of the sharing people of Cape Royal as we donated 286.1 pounds of food and \$935.00 in March. That is a great response since we just had a collection the prior month.

Donna Williamson gave a special thank you to Kathy Schulte and her neighbors on Prince Charles Ct. who provided about one third of the total March collection. Congratulations to Kathy and her neighbors!

**Next Food Drive Drop Off Dates: May 12th and 13th**

Check your Block Captain notices for details and drop off locations.



To learn more, visit [capecoralcaringcenter.org](http://capecoralcaringcenter.org).





## Unsung Heroes...Have You Met April Holmes yet?



You may have seen April walking around the community with a garbage bag in hand, picking up trash she sees along the way.

This is something she does about 3 to 4 days per week, primarily on the west and south side of the community. She said she does this because, she “doesn’t like to see blemishes in our beautiful neighborhood and yards.”

April hails from Flowery Branch, GA, and has lived on Royal Tee Court since 2013. Her background is in finance, specifically asset-based lending, Now retired, she volunteers a lot of her time.

A genealogy buff, she is a member of the DAR which meets monthly at Palmetto Pine Country Club and volunteers for naturalization ceremonies at the Lee County courthouse in Fort Myers. She also cleans up local cemeteries and has volunteered for Wreaths Across America.

April enjoys working with burrowing owls and keeps an eye on those in our neighborhood. Next time you see April walking around the neighborhood, please thank her for her contribution to our own Cape Royal Community.



***Thank you to everyone in the community who, like April, takes a little time to keep Cape Royal beautiful! Everyone’s efforts make a difference!***

## Beautiful Sights Around the Neighborhood



The White Pelicans were back, spending a lot of time in Reflection Lake.



Bald Eagle Dinner time



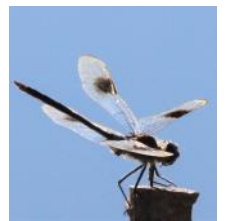
Wood Stork



Anhinga



Killdeer



Four-spotted pennant dragonfly



### Alert! It is Alligator Mating Season

If you hear a roaring sound outside your home, it is probably an Alligator. Courtship begins in early April, and mating occurs in May or June. Keep an eye on your pets as they become more active.



Lake 6



# Mark your Calendar check the [Cape Royal Calendar](#) and the Block Captain emails for updates.

May	June
3 Blood Mobile in the CRGC parking lot— <i>donate!</i>	1 International “Women’s Golf Day”
3 Blue Dirt Dixieland Band at the Caloosa Club	2 Last Day for Lee County Schools
5 Cinco de Mayo at the Caloosa Club	8 Finance Committee Meeting
9 Mother’s Day Brunch at the Caloosa Club	14 ARB Committee Meeting
10 ARB Committee Meeting	15 HOA Board Meeting
11 Finance Committee Meeting	20 Father’s Day Southern BBQ at the Caloosa Club
12 Neighborhood Food Drive begins	
18 HOA Board Meeting	
19 Landscape Committee Meeting	
31 Memorial Day Southern Buffet at the Caloosa Club	



## Spring Holiday Smiles



Thank you Garden Club for the beautiful decorations!



Grizz dressed up for Easter  
From Forsberg and Giese families



Easter Blessings from  
Sir Patrick & Colina Onufer

## “IT TAKES A VILLAGE...”

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