

NOVEMBER 2024
FLASH
SPORTS ISSUE



REMEMBER MASTER BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE MASTER BOARD WELCOMES AND ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION FROM THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVE.



I hope this letter finds you well and as excited as I am for the upcoming 2024/2025 season here in our wonderful community. Fountain Lakes has always been a special place, but what truly sets us apart is the vibrancy of our community and the passion we all share for staying active and connected.

With sports like golf, pickleball, bocce, and so much more, there is truly something for everyone. Our dedicated sports coordinators are committed to ensuring that we have an exciting, competitive, and fun-filled season ahead. Whether you're a seasoned player or just trying out a new activity, there's always an opportunity to join in and make the most of our beautiful amenities.

But it's not just about sports—Fountain Lakes is a place where friendships flourish and memories are made. From dancing the night away at our community events to sharing a laugh at one of our social gatherings, the spirit of togetherness is what makes Fountain Lakes like no other community in Southwest Florida.

As we step into the new season, I encourage each of you to embrace the activities and events that make Fountain Lakes so special. Let's continue to support each other, stay active, and create lasting memories together.

Your Flash team

A NOTE FROM THE FOUNTAIN LAKES MASTER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER, A FRIEND COMMENTED "IT'S BEEN A GOOD SUMMER, A LOT OF RAIN BUT NO HURRICANES". I REMINDED THE PERSON THAT HURRICANE SEASON IS NOT OVER UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER.

HURRICANE HELENE APPEARED IN THE GULF OF MEXICO AND WAS MAKING HER WAY TOWARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA. SHE MADE LANDFALL NEAR PERRY, FL ON SEPTEMBER 26TH. FOUNTAIN LAKES COMMUNITY WAS BLESSED AS WE HAD MINIMAL DAMAGE. WE BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF FOR OURSELVES! BUT WATCHED IN HORROR WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO THE OTHER FAMILIES IN HELENE'S PATH.

BUT HURRICANE SEASON WAS STILL NOT OVER... OCTOBER 9TH ALONG COMES MILTON AND WE ARE IN HIS PATH. MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS EVACUATED BEFORE THE STORM WAS DUE TO COME ASHORE. BUT THERE WERE MANY OF US WHO STAYED IN OUR HOMES. WE SCURRIED TO PREPARE FOR THE WIND AND STORM SURGE. ONCE AGAIN, OUR BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY WAS SPARED THE BRUNT OF THE STORM WITH MINIMAL DAMAGE. OUR BIGGEST ISSUE WAS AND STILL IS POWER OUTAGE. THE POWER WAS RESTORED FOR THE SECOND TIME IN MOST OF THE FOUNTAIN LAKES AT 4 PM ON OCTOBER 11TH.

AS I SIT HERE PREPARING THIS LETTER AT 7 AM ON OCTOBER 12, THE POWER HAS GONE OFF FOR THE THIRD TIME. A REMINDER FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO EVACUATED OR ARE SEASONAL RESIDENTS, MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR REFRIGERATED AND FROZEN ITEMS WHEN YOU RETURN.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE RESIDENTS FOR THEIR THOUGHTFULNESS AND HELP TO THEIR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS DURING THIS SITUATION. WE TRULY HAVE A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY AND GOOD SUPPORT FROM OUR NEIGHBORS AND STAFF. PLEASE KEEP THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE SUFFERED FROM HELENE AND MILTON IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

I HOPE YOU STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY,

Janet Hildebrand



RESIDENT SPOT LIGHT "BIG DADDY" BOB MCGILL

Robert " Big Daddy" McGill began playing hockey when he moved to Leduc with his family in 1970. He left Leduc to play for the BCJHL's Abbotsford Flyers in 1978. McGill joined the WHL's Victoria Cougars from 1979 to 1981, winning the WHL championship in 1981.

OPEN PLAY: THE SOCIAL SIDE OF PICKLEBALL

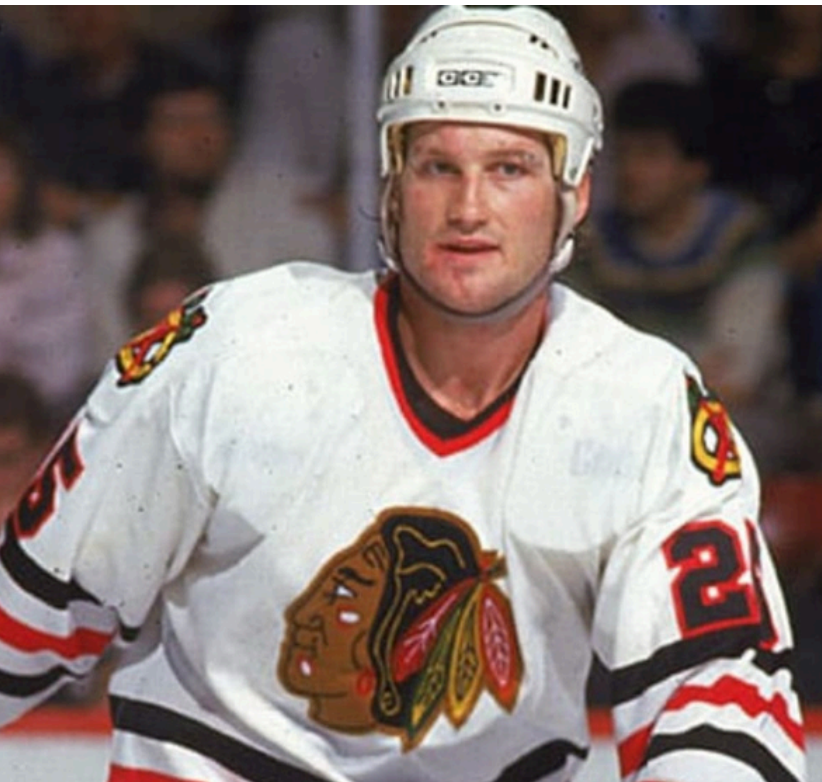
McGill started his NHL career with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1981-82 after he was selected 26th overall by the Leafs in the 1980 NHL Draft.

He also played for the Chicago Black Hawks, San Jose Sharks, Detroit Red Wings, New York Islanders, and Hartford Whalers.

McGill has coached in both the American Hockey League, becoming the assistant coach of the AHL's Hershey Bears from 1996 to 1998, who won the 1997 Calder Cup. He then went on to become the head coach of the Baton Rouge Kingfish from 1998 to 2000 in the East Coast Hockey League.

In 2005, McGill has transitioned into a career as an analyst with Leafs Nation Network a popular media outlet in the Greater Toronto Area following the Toronto Maple Leafs and their AHL affiliate the Toronto Marlin's.

Bob and his wife Mary moved to the Greens in January 2009 and later relocated to the Villas in December of 2015. Bob and Mary always had a love for SWFL and after a cousin showed them some properties they booked a flight and bought their winter hide a way.



MARK YOU CALENDER
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SATURDAY 12/7 @ 10:AM
ONCE AGAIN WE MUST THANK JOE AND JONI
PAVICH FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS
EVENT

Pickleball's meteoric rise in popularity and the overall growth of the sport is due to, in no small part, the role of open play. Open play is not common in other sports but it's the bedrock of Pickleball everywhere. Open play by definition is when a group of addicts, I mean players, get together at a set time to play with the assembled group. You do not have to assemble a squad of 4 players to get a game going, you can just come by yourself or with one or two other people and play with the group.

Open play also emphasizes the social aspects of Pickleball - getting to know your neighbors and meeting people that you otherwise may have never gotten to know. At open play you will see people of different ages and abilities all thrown together having a great time hitting a wiffle ball over a net with an oversized ping pong paddle.

Beyond competition and fun, playing with the group is an excellent way to make new friends and build community. At the end of this season we had an informal cookout for the pickleball folks and when the signup sheet got to 75 people I was surprised but when I saw all those familiar faces I realized that without open play there is no way there would be that many people at our little event!

At Fountain Lakes we embrace open play and every morning (and some afternoons) we have a healthy group of eager players who come as individuals and pairs and play with lots of different people. Everyone is great about following the etiquette of rotating out after each game and making sure that everyone gets a fair chance to play as much or as little as they would like. When warranted we use a white board with squares where players put down their name to be the next up - a simple system that works well to make sure that teams are fair and everyone has an enjoyable experience.

So if you are new to Pickleball or are curious about what all the hype is about, the good news is that you do not need to find four people in order to play just find the open play times at the local courts and you are good to go!

CARDS - YEAR-ROUND - LIBRARY
MONDAY 1:00 PM -CANASTA & BRIDGE
WEDNESDAY 1:00 PM -BRIDGE
WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM -RUMMY
THURSDAY 1:00 PM -EUCHRE
FRIDAY 1:00 PM -MAH JONG
REDA MARSH 239-273-5180

1/6/2025

NO NEED TO SIGN UP COME OUT TO PLAY

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PAM DIONISE 925.584.1387

MENS GOLF TUESDAYS PRACTICE ROUND

8:45

1/7/2025 LEAGUE STARTS 1/14

JOE REED 717.575.3868

FBINA239JOERI4@YAHOO.COM

GUYS AND GALS SCRAMBLE@THURSDAY 8:45

NOV 7 AND 21

DEC 12

JAN 9 AND 23

FEB 6 AND 20

MARCH 6 AND 20

APRIL 3

SIGN UP BY BILLIARDS ROOM

PAM DIONISE 925.584.1387

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LINKSTERS W/LUNCH

THURSDAY 8:45

NOV 14

DEC 5 AND 19

JAN 16 AND 30

FEB 13 AND 27

MAR 13 AND 27

APRIL 10

SIGN UP BY BILLIARDS ROOM DIANE MOULTON

508.916.1943

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BILLARDS@TUESDAY 4 PM

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SHUFFLEBOARD WEDNESDAY STARTS 8:45

1/8/2025

MARY CAREY 508.776.4132

MARYACAREYI@GMAIL.COM

BOCCE FRIDAY (4 ON 4) STARTS 9:00 AM

1/3/2025

WEDNESDAYS (2 ON 2) 10:30 AM 1/8/2025

THELMA LARVIS

VIC CAMPAU

THELMA@JOHNANDTHELMA.COM

WE NEED NAMES, EMAIL ADDRESSES, AND

TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THOSE WHO WISH TO PLAY,

BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER 2024, SO THAT WE

CAN GET THE TEAMS ORGANIZED.

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PLAY INFORMALLY IN

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SHOULD LET US KNOW

PICKLEBALL M-W-F 8:00 AM

SAT-SUN 8:00 AM OPEN

PLAY ROTATION

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ATTENTION FOUNTAIN LAKES CRAFTERS AND ARTISTS.

A GROUP OF RESIDENTS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING THE SPRING FOUNTAIN LAKES CRAFT FAIR. THIS YEAR, ONLY FOUNTAIN LAKES RESIDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN DISPLAYING THEIR CREATIONS. THE FAIR WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO VIEW AND PURCHASE ITEMS.

DUE TO THE FAIR BEING RESTRICTED TO DISPLAYS CREATED BY FOUNTAIN LAKES RESIDENTS, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONTACT US REGARDING YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING BY DECEMBER 1ST. SHOULD ENOUGH RESIDENTS SHOW INTEREST IN THE FAIR, WE WILL CONTINUE PLANNING FOR THE EVENT. FOUNTAIN LAKES CRAFT FAIR WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2025, FOUNTAIN LAKES ACTIVITY ROOM.

9 AM - 3 PM

THE CRAFT FAIR IS A COMMUNITY PROJECT THAT REFLECTS THE TALENTS OF OUR RESIDENTS. WE HOPE TO HAVE ENOUGH RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE, SO THE CRAFT FAIR CONTINUES. PLEASE PASS THE WORD ALONG TO YOUR NEIGHBORS AS NOT EVERYONE GETS THE FLASH.

CONTACT GENE CSONKA AT CSONKAI7@GMAIL.COM

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F.L.O.P

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 14, 2025

This year the FLOP will consist of at least 10 events. The committee is in the process of changing (adding or deleting) some of the old events. This being THE 5th year some special events will be added. Disclaimer all the rules have been modified or made up to make the event more interesting!!!!

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS BY JOE & JONI PAVICH OF PAVICH REALITY

THANK YOU JOE & JONI FOR ALL THE YEARS OF SUPPORTING THIS EVENT.

THE FOUNDERS' STORY: A LEGACY OF GOLF AND FAMILY



Tucked in the heart of our vibrant community, Fountain Lakes offers a unique and enjoyable golfing experience. Our compact 9-hole course, featuring nine greens and tees, is perfect for golfers of all ages and skill levels.

Ric, with extensive experience in golf course management through JRC's previous ventures in the late 1990s, laid the groundwork for a family legacy.

His son, Beau, discovered his passion for mechanics and agronomy as a teenager. Following in his family's footsteps, Beau pursued a career in landscaping and golf course operations. He furthered his education at Edison College (2003-2006), solidifying his expertise.

With a shared dedication to golf and community, Ric, Beau, and Casey bring their collective expertise to Fountain Lakes Golf Facility, creating a unique and welcoming destination for golf enthusiasts of all ages.

"We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the wonderful residents of Fountain Lakes and the dedicated board members. Everyone's warm and friendly nature has created a truly exceptional community with a positive tone that's palpable throughout. We feel grateful and happy to be a part of serving the golf course and the Fountain Lakes community. Thank you for making it such a special place for our family!"-Beau Niebrugge

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