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Country music star Jon Pardi performed at TPC Sawgrass on Tuesday night at THE PLAYERS for Military Appreciation Day. Flip to page 4 for more.



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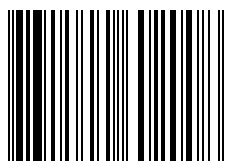


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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jonb@opcfla.com by Monday at 5 p.m. All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

Five readers correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Sea Nails. The winner of the random drawing was **Peter Hannigan**. Congratulations, Peter — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET



CAT OF THE WEEK

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DOG OF THE WEEK

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Country music star Jon Pardi performs at Military Appreciation Day at THE PLAYERS

By Amber Lake

THE PLAYERS Championship honored both active military members and veterans on Tuesday night with a Military Appreciation Day program that featured a special concert by country music artist Jon Pardi.

The ceremony kicked off at 5 p.m. on the Island Green 17th hole at TPC Sawgrass. In addition to hosting the music icon, THE PLAYERS donated two check donations to Veterans Legal Aid and the Five Star Veterans Center for \$25,000 and \$50,000, respectively. The checks were presented by PGA TOUR golfer Rickie Fowler, who won THE PLAYERS in 2015.

The Military Appreciation Day program also included pageantry by military personnel, a flyover by the 125th Fighter Wing of the Florida Air National Guard and a national anthem performance by the Jacksonville Children's Chorus. In addition to Pardi and Fowler, special guests at the ceremony included Jay Monahan, PGA TOUR commissioner; Gen. Joseph Lengyel, chief of the National Guard Bureau and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Chris Dempsey, representing Five Star Veteran Center.

According to the PGA tour website, Jon Pardi joins a long list of notable country music stars to appear at the Military Appreciation Day Ceremony, including Tim McGraw (2010), Darius Rucker (2011), Luke Bryan (2012), Dierks Bentley (2013), Jake Owen (2014), Big & Rich (2015), Toby Keith (2016), Sam Hunt (2017) and Luke Combs (2018).



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ABOVE: Country artist Jon Pardi performs at the Military Appreciation Day ceremony on Tuesday, March 12.

LEFT: PGA TOUR golfer and winner of THE PLAYERS 2015 Rickie Fowler speaks at the Military Appreciation Day ceremony.

ABOVE: A young attendee of the Military Appreciation Day ceremony enjoys the Pardi concert.

RIGHT: Representatives of Five Star Veterans Center receive a \$50,000 check donation from THE PLAYERS.

Photos by Amber Lake



Local military personnel participate in Military Appreciation Day at THE PLAYERS on March 12.

Billy Horschel is a golfer on the PGA TOUR with five career victories. He's won at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans (2013 and 2018), BMW Championship (2014), TOUR Championship (2014) and AT&T Byron Nelson (2017). A University of Florida graduate, Horschel was the FedEx Cup champion in 2014. He lives in Ponte Vedra Beach with his wife and three children.

Billy Horschel

What are you most looking forward to with THE PLAYERS in March?

Growing up and watching the tournament, I think the course is better in March. I think it's designed to be played in March with the wind coming out of the north/northeast and dealing with the conditions. Also, I think we're going to have more fans than we've had in May. When you look at the reality of it, people up north are still dealing with winter, and they're going to want to come down to a great event like THE PLAYERS, where the weather is going to be pretty good. We may have a couple cool, windy days. But for the most part, it's going to be really good weather. So, you're going to have those people coming down to play some golf early in the week and come watch THE PLAYERS. Not to mention, it's spring break in many places. I just think the tournament itself is going to grow exponentially in March compared to May.

What would it mean to you to win this tournament with your ties to Ponte Vedra?

This would mean a lot to me. It's something I've thought long and hard about. It's something that I really want to win. It's like a major to me. It really is. THE PLAYERS is obviously considered a fifth major, but to me it is a major. Having my family here, having my kids run out on the green, my parents and everyone else, there would be a big party going on for a couple of days.

What's your involvement with Feeding Northeast Florida, and what's the story behind Drive Out Hunger?

My wife and I have been involved with Feeding Northeast Florida for about five years now. Almost half a million people in our Northeast Florida community are food insecure. We're not just talking about homeless people. We're talking about people who have jobs and unfortunately with the money they have, they're not able to meet all the means necessary. That means paying the bills is going to come first, and food comes last. We're helping them where they're falling short. We felt like we could play a vital part in raising awareness. We've donated our money, spent our time and volunteered. The Drive Out Hunger campaign has been unbelievable. For the fourth year in a row, I'm going to donate \$1,000 for every birdie and \$5,000 for every eagle I make during THE PLAYERS Championship. So, hopefully there a lot of birdies and eagles. With that, people can donate as well. When you look at the numbers, \$1 equals six meals for people. So, if you can donate a dollar, you're giving six meals. Donating any amount you can just goes a long way to meeting our goal at the end of day, and that is making our community food secure.

When you reflect on your career and life, is there a moment you're most proud of?

A few moments come to mind. Graduating from the University of Florida was a big moment. Neither of my parents at the time had a college degree. So, it was really important to my parents and also myself to get a degree from the University of Florida. Another big moment was getting my TOUR card. Obviously, that was something I wanted since I was a kid. I wanted to be a professional athlete, and I didn't know what I was going to be. But



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

when golf was the path that was chosen, I wanted to do everything I could to get to the PGA TOUR. So, getting to the PGA TOUR, getting a PGA TOUR card in 2009 meant a lot. And then winning my first event — the Zurich Classic in 2013 — accumulated everything I had worked hard for, my parents had worked hard for and my family had worked hard for. So, it was a special moment.

What do you attribute to your success in life, and what advice do you have for kids in the community who may want to follow your path?

I think something that helped with my success, and I

learned it from my parents, is hard work. You've gotta work hard to achieve anything. You're not just going to be handed everything in life. It seems like people and kids nowadays, they just want to be handed a TOUR card, they just want to be handed the job. You gotta work hard, you gotta put in the time and you gotta take advantage of the opportunities that come your way and be aware of the people who are trying to help you. So, work hard and be open to taking advice from people and understand it is advice. They're not trying to criticize you. They're trying to make you better.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

Nocatee hosts grand opening of Spray Water Park

By Jon Blauvelt

Nocatee unveiled its Spray Water Park to community residents and the general public on Saturday, March 9.

The newest attraction features more than 100,000 square feet encompassing a 42-foot water slide tower, five slides and interactive spray features. The amenity centers around Whale Harbor, a four-story water slide tower that is the tallest of its kind in Northeast Florida. The Spray Water Park also features Serenity Bay, a resort-style beach environment with beach volleyball; Scuttle Cove, a smaller spray park for younger children; Paradise Park playground; and Blue Water Bar & Grill, a restaurant serving both food and drinks.

The neighboring event field, which will be more than twice the size of the current event area, will be the new home for community events and concerts, including the monthly Nocatee Farmers Market, the Roscolusa country music festival, drive-in movie nights, concerts and more.

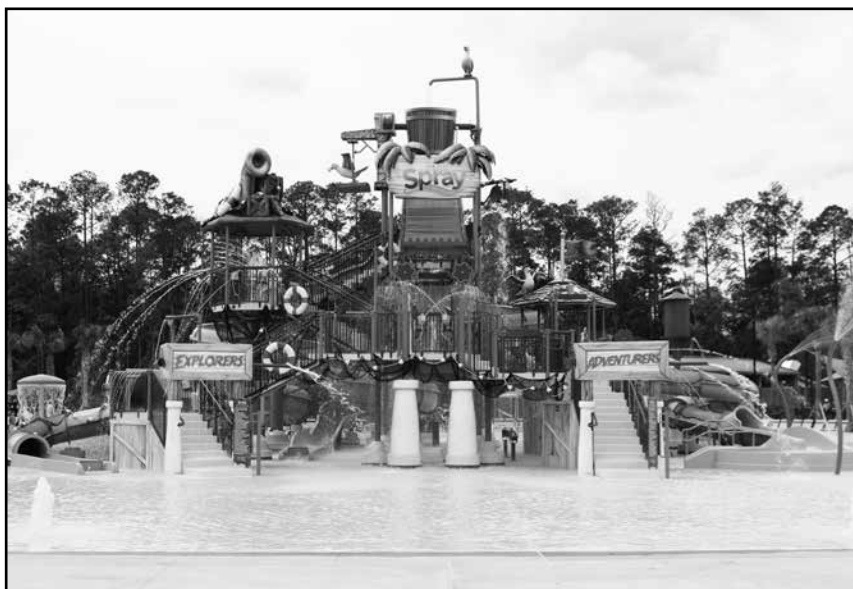
Before the Spray Water Park was unveiled, event attendees enjoyed various attractions in this field, including food trucks, a petting zoo and booths manned by local businesses. The Austin Park Band and Nease Drumline also performed.

The opening of the attraction was made official with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with representatives of Nocatee's master developer, the PARC Group, and representatives of the Tolomato Community Development District. Subsequently, Nocatee hosted tours of the Spray Water Park for residents and the public. The festivities concluded with the amenity being open to residents for the rest of the afternoon.

Visit www.nocatee.com for more information.



Representatives of the PARC Group and the Tolomato Community Development District participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of the Spray Water Park.



The Nocatee Spray Water Park is now open after the community held a grand opening event on March 9.



Blue Water Bar & Grill serves both food and drinks at the Spray Water Park.

Photos by Jon Blauvelt



A child enjoys playing on a slide at the grand opening event.



Attendees of the grand opening enjoy playing in the petting zoo.



TV star Lisa Vanderpump signs bottles of her signature rosé March 9 at Winn-Dixie in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Lisa Vanderpump visits Ponte Vedra Winn-Dixie for Vanderpump Rosé bottle signing

Television star, businesswoman and philanthropist Lisa Vanderpump stopped in Ponte Vedra Beach on Saturday, March 9, to greet fans and introduce her signature rosé at the Winn-Dixie on Solana Road. Known for her roles on the Bravo channel's "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" and "Vanderpump Rules," as well as ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," Vanderpump met with fans and signed bottles of her Vanderpump Rosé, which is produced in the Côtes de Provence region of France. Vanderpump, who is also an international restaurateur, author, designer and humanitarian, additionally took photos with fans. Vanderpump's husband and international restaurateur Ken Todd, as well as daughter Pandora Vanderpump Sabo and son-in-law Jason, also participated in the event.



Vicki Andrews and Judi Murphy



ABOVE: Vanderpump gathers with the Ponte Vedra High School band on March 9 at Winn-Dixie in Ponte Vedra Beach, where she met with fans and introduced her Vanderpump Rosé.

RIGHT: Vanderpump, who also runs a dog rescue, addresses the crowd at Winn-Dixie with her dog, Puffy.

Photos by Susan Griffin



Nicole Pelligra and Alyson Cannady



Vanderpump takes a selfie with a fan at the event.



Fans cheer and take photos as Vanderpump enters Winn-Dixie.

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THE PLAYERS 2019



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THE PLAYERS hosts local media for preview of tournament experience

THE PLAYERS hosted local media on Friday, March 8 for THE PLAYERS Preview to provide a sneak peek of the tournament experience.

The event was held at THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience, the new entryway experience for fans as they arrive through the Nicklaus Entry from general parking. Located behind the 17th hole at TPC Sawgrass, the space is home to the PGA TOUR Fan Shop, Stadium Village, 17th Hole Challenge, The Grove, Kids Zone, Bier Garden, Family Care Suite and Palm Valley Village.

In addition to showcasing the Welcome Experience, including the Fan Shop, the event provided guests with samples of food and drink samples from onsite food partners.



Photos by Amber Lake

Ponte Vedra High School students help pick up trash at TPC Sawgrass before the start of THE PLAYERS.

PVHS students help clean up at THE PLAYERS

A group of approximately 30 Ponte Vedra High School students were on site at TPC Sawgrass on Sunday to help clean up before THE PLAYERS.

Known as PV Pride, the group walked the common areas of the course to pick up what little trash remained from the setup of the tournament. The students received

community services hours for their time on the course. PV Pride has two beach cleanups scheduled for the beginning and end of summer 2019.

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Thursday, March 14	Friday, March 15	Saturday, March 16	Sunday, March 17
<p>First Coast Newcomers Club of Northeast Florida archaeology talk Attend an archaeology talk with the First Coast Newcomers of Northeast Florida. Dr. Gary Mormino will speak about Florida and World War II at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum. The event is from 7 to 8 p.m. and is free for all who attend. For more information or for those needing special accommodations, please call Allyson Ropp at (904) 829-0745. The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum is located at 81 Lighthouse Ave. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>THE PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass Hosted annually at TPC Sawgrass, THE PLAYERS Championship has been one of the PGA TOUR's most coveted titles. THE PLAYERS is one of the most anticipated tournaments on the PGA TOUR calendar, boasting not only the strongest field but also the biggest purse on the PGA TOUR. Watch as the greatest golfers compete for the championship. The championship lasts all weekend, from March 14-17. For tickets and more information, visit www.theplayers.com. TPC Sawgrass is located at 110 Championship Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Travis Scott: 'Astroworld Tour' at the Veterans Memorial Arena Houston rapper and hip-hop artist, Travis Scott is announcing the second leg of his "Astroworld: Wish You Were Here" tour. The tour promises some of his most explosive performances yet. The show starts at 8 p.m.. For tickets and more information, contact the arena at (904) 630-3900. The Veterans Memorial Arena is located at 300 A Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Shwayze at Surfer the Bar Known for his summer hit singles like, "Buzzin" and "Corona and Lime," that topped the Billboard Charts, California rapper, Shwayze will be performing at Surfer the Bar on Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m.. For ticket pricing and more information, contact Surfer the Bar at (904) 372-9756. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>A Historical Look into the Old Spanish Quarries Experience a new perspective of the Old Spanish Quarries at Anastasia State Park in relation to the famous Castillo de San Marcos and the survival of Saint Augustine. This informative program with a knowledgeable ranger will bring the history of the quarry to life. Learn about the work that occurred in the Old Spanish Quarries and the architecture that influenced the history of Saint Augustine. Please meet for the program in the quarry parking area by the front entrance gate. The program is from 10 to 11 a.m.. This program is free to the public; however, admission fees apply for the rest of the park. Anastasia State Park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine.</p> <p>A Bowie Celebration at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall A Bowie Celebration features alumni band members Mike Garson, Earl Slick, Charlie Sexton and Carmine Rojas along with world-class vocalists such as Bernard Fowler and Corey Glover, among others, and drummer Lee John performing a mix of Bowie's hits and deep-cuts. Keyboardist and band leader Mike Garson, the longest-standing member of Bowie's bands, performed with David at his first and last concerts in the United States as well as 1,000 concerts together around the globe in between. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.. For more information, visit www.pvconcerthall.com. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Author Brad Parks at The Bookmark International bestselling author Brad Parks will appear at The BookMark at 7 p.m. to introduce his new mystery, "The Last Act." Parks is the only writer to have won the Shamus, Nero and Lefty Awards—three of crime fiction's most prestigious prizes. He is a former reporter with The Washington Post and The Star-Ledger (Newark). For more information, call The Bookmark at (904) 241-9026. The Bookmark is located at 220 First St. in Neptune Beach.</p>	<p>Art Adventures at the Cummer Museum and Gardens Kids can join in on the third Saturday of each month for studio classes. In honor of the Museum's historic gardens, this class will focus on the natural beauty of the gardens. Students will first visit the galleries to view nature-inspired works before working from direct observation in the gardens. This class is for children ages 6 through 12. Class size is limited and registration is required. Registration is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Classes are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. For further information, please email education@cummuseum.org or call (904) 355-0630. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>'Waitress' at the Times-Union Center - Moran Theater Meet Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker who dreams of a way out of her small town and rocky marriage. Pouring her heart into her pies, she crafts desserts that mirror her topsy turvy life such as, "The Key (Lime) to Happiness Pie" and "Betrayed By My Eggs Pie." When a baking contest in a nearby county and a satisfying run in with someone new show Jenna a chance at a fresh start, she must find the courage to seize it. Brought to life by a groundbreaking, all female creative team, this Tony Award® nominated hit features original music and lyrics by 6 time Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles ("Love Song"), a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson ("I Am Sam") and direction by Tony Award winner Diane Paulus ("Pippin," "Finding Neverland"). Showtimes are at 2 p.m. or 8 p.m.. For more information, contact the (904) 633-6110. Times-Union Center at The Time-Union Center is located at 300 Water St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Jacksonville Beach spring arts market The Jax Beach Arts Market will take place on March 16 at the Seawalk Pavillion in Jacksonville Beach. The market is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will have a wide variety of vendors ranging from artists to craftsmen from the local area. For more information, visit www.JaxBeachArtsMarket.com. The Seawalk Pavillion is located at 75 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>Sundays at Surfer the Bar Every Sunday, join Big Fish Power Yoga for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. every week. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register under classes on bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Swing Dance Sundays Swing Dance Sundays is a weekly event with free lessons starting at 7 p.m. at The Volstead. Attendees can either bring a partner or come alone. The Volstead is located at 115 West Adams St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Jacksonville Landing Celebrate the luck of the Irish this Sunday at the Jacksonville Landing. Get some grub and grab a Guinness while enjoying the live music of the Mystic Vibes and the Corbitt Clampitt Experience in the outdoors. Fionn MacCools will also be having food and drink specials all day. Shenanigans start at 4 p.m. and run all through the night. For more information, visit www.jacksonvillelanding.com or call Fionn MacCools at (904) 374-1547. The Jacksonville Landing is located at 2 Independent Dr. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>First Coast Newcomers Club of Northeast Florida bag pipe music concert The First Coast Newcomers Club of Northeast Florida will be hosting a bagpipe concert in St. Augustine in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Food and refreshments will be provided. The concert will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is free to attend. For more information, contact Leanne Dally at parrottrader@live.com.</p> <p>Vilano Bridge 5K/10K race Register for this local race that starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Vilano Beach Community Center and Park. Celebrate the run with an after-party at the park. For registration and more information, visit www.vilanobeachfl.com/run or contact the center at (904) 827-7411. The Vilano Beach Community Center and Park is located at 120 Meadow Ave in St. Augustine.</p>

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<p>Trivia at Mellow Mushroom Join Mellow Mushroom every Monday night at 7 p.m. for trivia with Trivia Nation. This event is free to play and there are prizes for the winners. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Florida Master Naturalist Program: Coastal Restoration St. Johns County Parks and Recreation and GTM Research Reserve invite adults of all ages to learn about coastal restoration through classroom presentations, hands-on activities and field trips. Classes and trips will be held at various locations in in St. Johns County with the first class located at the GTM Research Reserve Environmental Education Center (EEC). Classes run from March 18-20 and are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Registration closes March 13. To register or for more information, contact Kelly Ussia at (904) 209-0335 or kussia@sjcfl.us. The Environmental Education Center is located at 505 Guana River Rd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Self-defense: protect yourself Tim Robinson, a lifetime practitioner with black-belt certifications in five different martial arts, will teach a system of practical, proven self-defense techniques and strategies for personal safety and awareness. Learn how to recognize a threat and react before it becomes a full blown attack. Regardless of size, speed or athletic skills, learn how to avoid being a target, assess surroundings, react to a confrontation, conduct in a crisis, anticipate the attacker's next move, break an attacker's grasp and how, when and where to strike if no other choice. This course uses a mix of classroom instruction and hands-on training to build skills and confidence. There are four sessions in this course. The first session is March 18 at the UNF Herbert University Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.. To register or for more information, email unfce@unf.edu. or call the Herbert University Center at (904) 620-4222. The UNF Herbert University Center is located at 12000 Alumni Dr. Ste 2110 in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Palm Valley farmer's market The Palm Valley farmer's market will be held every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center at 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. It features produce, seafood, jams, baked goods and peanut butter. For more information visit them on their Facebook page Palm Valley Farmers Market.</p> <p>Florida Blue free Tuesday at the Cummer Each Tuesday evening from 4 to 9 p.m. enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum and its historic gardens, thanks to the generous support of Florida Blue. Guests can enjoy free admission to the galleries each Tuesday evening and the Cummer Café is also open for Tapas Tuesday sponsored by VyStar Credit Union. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Free concert at Ponte Vedra Library To celebrate the opening of the library, Melissa Barrett, the associate Concertmaster of the Jax Symphony, has brought together three fellow members of the symphony- Anne Hertler, violin, Susan Pardue, viola and Betsy Federman, cello along with Regina Torres, soprano, to present Rogers and Hammerstein. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m.. Doors open at 6 p.m.. Seating is limited and is free to the public. For more information, contact Felicia Mashin at (904) 395-3268. The library is located at 101 Library Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Jax Beach classic car cruise Join car enthusiasts from all walks of life as they showoff their prized vehicles. Cars will be cruisin' from 5 to 8 p.m.. Whether it's to show off a classic car or to admire a neighbor's, bring family and friends out and enjoy the Jax Beach Classic Car Cruise. This event is free and open to the public. Thanks to the support of the City of Jacksonville Beach, cars can use the Sea Walk Pavilion and Latham Plaza to showcase pre-registered cars. Contact Jon at info@betterjaxbeach.com to register a car or for more information. The Seawalk Pavillion is located at 75 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>Greenhouse Yoga Join Maggie's Herb Farm every Wednesday and Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a mindful Kripalu flow yoga practice in the greenhouse at Maggie's Herb Farm. Soothe body and mind in the fresh air, grounded on natural, river pebbles for a unique greenhouse yoga experience. Practice yoga surrounded by beautiful greenery, butterflies, herbs, hummingbirds and free-range chickens. Attendees are encouraged to bring their yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Pre-registration is not required. Maggie's Herb Farm is located at 11400 Country Road 13 N. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Author Renee Lennell at The Bookmark Author Renee Lennell will be presenting her memoir, "The Burn Zone" at The Bookmark this Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m.. Lennell was once a professional Argentine tango dancer, surf model and world traveller as she explored nearly fifty countries before turning 35. One would never think that she had been severely brainwashed in a cult. "The Burn Zone" is a part inspirational story, part cautionary tale for spiritual seekers and those who feel lost in a world that makes them feel less than perfect. For more information, call The Bookmark at (904) 241-9026. The Bookmark is located at 220 First St. in Neptune Beach.</p> <p>Open House at Starling at Nocatee There will be an open house at Starling at Nocatee Located in the heart of Nocatee, Starling at Nocatee is a luxury senior living community. Located across from Nocatee's Splash Water Park, this location is convenient to Nocatee's Town Center and provides a variety of amenities. The open house is from 1 to 3 p.m. Starling at Nocatee is located at 999 Crosswater Pkwy. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Jax Beach March networking event Come out and network at Southern Swells Brewing Co. at 6 p.m.. The event is free and open to the public on the third Wednesday of each month. Get together to make new contacts and promote local business. Just bring business cards that will be copied and distributed to others. Southern Swells Brewing Co. is located at 1312 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>Grief support group A grief support group meets on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul's Catholic Church, in Room 102 of the Family Life Center. The group is for men and women who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m.. For more information, call Catherine Bennett at (904) 247-0665. St. Paul's Catholic Church is located at 578 First Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>90's Cardio dance class at XDANCE Fitness Calling all 90's kids! Get fit by shaking some tailfeathers to a playlist featuring the top hits of the decade, such as *NSYNC, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Backstreet Boys, Ricky Martin, J.L.O, Spice Girls, S Club 7, Dream and many more. Burn some calories from 8 to 9 p.m. and all levels are welcome. For registration, prices and more information, email xdancefitnessjax@gmail.com or call XDANCE Fitness at (860) 836-5688. XDANCE Fitness is located at 391 Third Ave S. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>West-African drum circles of St. Augustine West African Drum Circles of Saint Augustine is a community-based organization with the intent of sharing the knowledge of drum circles, rhythms and dance. Join every third Thursday, during the months of March through Oct. at the St. Johns County Pier Pavilion from 7 to 10 p.m. Just listen for the drums. Two truck loads of drums and percussions will be provided for community use. This is a free family-friendly events sponsored by the Saint Johns Cultural Council and the Saint Augustine Beach Civic Association. For more information, call (904) 392-4707. The St. Johns County Pier Pavilion is located at 350 A1A Beach Blvd in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to Amber@opcfla.com or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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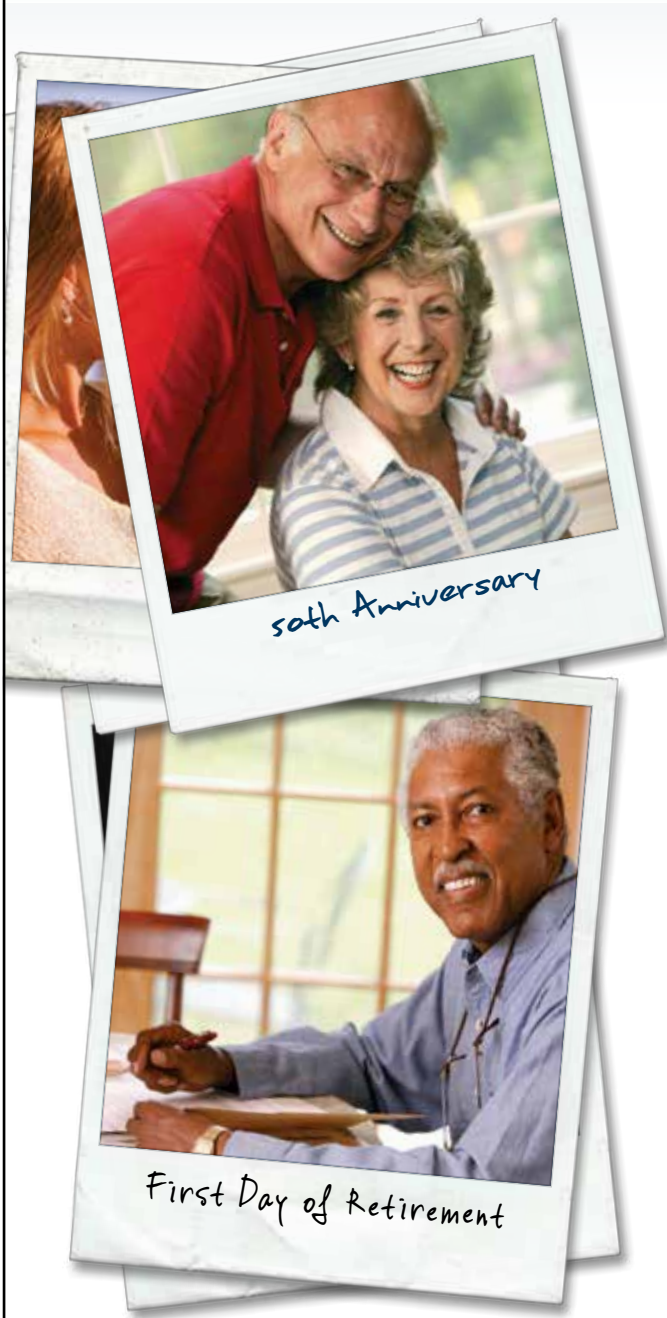
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James "Jim" Lawrence Dereszynski, 76, died March 6, 2019 at Cypress Village in Jacksonville, Florida. He was born Dec. 25, 1942 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Julian "Jay" E. Dereszynski and Lorraine "Lorry" Paprocki Dereszynski.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Nyla Ruth Albrecht Dereszynski;



James "Jim" Lawrence Dereszynski

children, Nicholas Jay (Tracie) Dereszynski, Lisa Anne (Ryan) Lankford; grandchildren, Zachery Ross Dereszynski, Sawyer Mitch Dereszynski, Cooper Jay Dereszynski and Austin James Lankford; siblings, Judith

(Robert) Moczynski and Jeffrey (Jane) Dereszynski. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jim received his education at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (UWM) with a degree in economics (June 1965), where he served as president of the Intra-Fraternity Council (1962-1963) and was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. He went on to work for the Kohler Company in Kohler, Wisconsin for 41 years. Jim served in numerous capacities for Kohler, most notably running the sales organization in the Southeastern US and Caribbean.

Jim enjoyed fishing, golfing, football and shooting. He was an excellent photographer and enjoyed watching the NFL and SEC. He was a member of the Oak Bridge Golf & Country Club, as well as The Lodge & Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Jim will be inurned at Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home & Cemetery.

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St. Johns County appoints Fire Rescue chief



Jeffrey A. Prevatt

Jeffrey A. Prevatt served as interim fire chief in 2018

St. Johns County announced last week the appointment of Jeffrey A. Prevatt as St. Johns County Fire Rescue chief. His appointment was confirmed by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners during their March 5 regular meeting.

Prevatt is a St. Augustine native who graduated from St. Augustine High School and holds a professional degree from Vincents University. He began working part-time for St. Johns County Emergency Medical Services in 1980 and completed

training as an emergency medical technician in 1981. Prevatt officially began his career full-time for St. Johns County in 1982, was certified as a paramedic in 1983 and became a firefighter in 1985.

Prevatt advanced through the ranks of the department, serving as a lieutenant, captain, battalion chief, deputy chief and assistant chief. He served as interim fire chief in 2018. He also worked part-time for the Baptist Medical Center Emergency Helicopter service in Jacksonville. During his tenure, Prevatt has been the manager of multiple major projects and progressive improvements for the department, including serving as the project manager for the \$25 million 800 MHz County-wide

interoperable radio system.

“When I suffered a stroke in 2017, Assistant Chief Jeff Prevatt immediately stepped in and began managing Fire Rescue Operations,” former Fire Chief Carl Shank said at the confirmation. “He also fully supported me and my family during what became a long and very challenging year. Since stepping down as Fire Rescue chief to focus on department projects and policy development, I have observed the continued character, courage and vision that Chief Prevatt has for this department. I have no doubt he is the right choice to serve as St. Johns County’s Fire Rescue chief as a result of his experience, leadership and vision for Fire Rescue services.”

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Jonas Adomaitis

Jonas Adomaitis, 94, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died March 5, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Susan Carol Fiske

Susan Carol Fiske, 68, of Jacksonville, died March 4, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Dorothy Zabriskie Nicol

Dorothy Zabriskie Nicol, 102, died March 9, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

Janice Spencer

Janice Spencer, 79, of Jacksonville, died March 10, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Raj Muni Verma

Raj Muni Verma, 81, of Jacksonville, died March 5, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Gloria J. Wright

Gloria J. Wright, 73, of Atlantic Beach, died March 10, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN FOR THE PLAYERS VISITS LOCAL ROTARY CLUB



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Adam Campbell, tournament chairman for THE PLAYERS 2019, receives a Rotary coffee mug from Brian Anderson, president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset. Campbell spoke to the local Rotary Club March 5 about the Ponte Vedra Beach tournament.

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ED WALLER

In this edition of Why I Serve, featuring Wounded Warrior Project, the Recorder sat down with Ed Waller, a retired captain who spent 25 years in the Navy. Waller was a P-3 Orion pilot who, among several other experiences and responsibilities, tracked Soviet submarines during the Cold War.



When you reflect on your service, is there a moment or experience that sticks out?

In my last deployment, when I was CO of the squadron, we went to Rota, Spain, and were there for six months. We came home in December 1991, and I'll never forget when that was, because that was the same month the Soviet Union dissolved. Our purpose up until that time was anti-submarine warfare, always knowing where the ballistic missile submarines were, because their missiles could hit the United States, and where the attack submarines were. It was very, very important. A lot of that stopped in December 1991. So, the entire time that I was deploying and flying P-3s, it was what we called the "glory days." We really had a phenomenal mission, we worked real hard, we really knew what we were doing and it was just a lot of fun.

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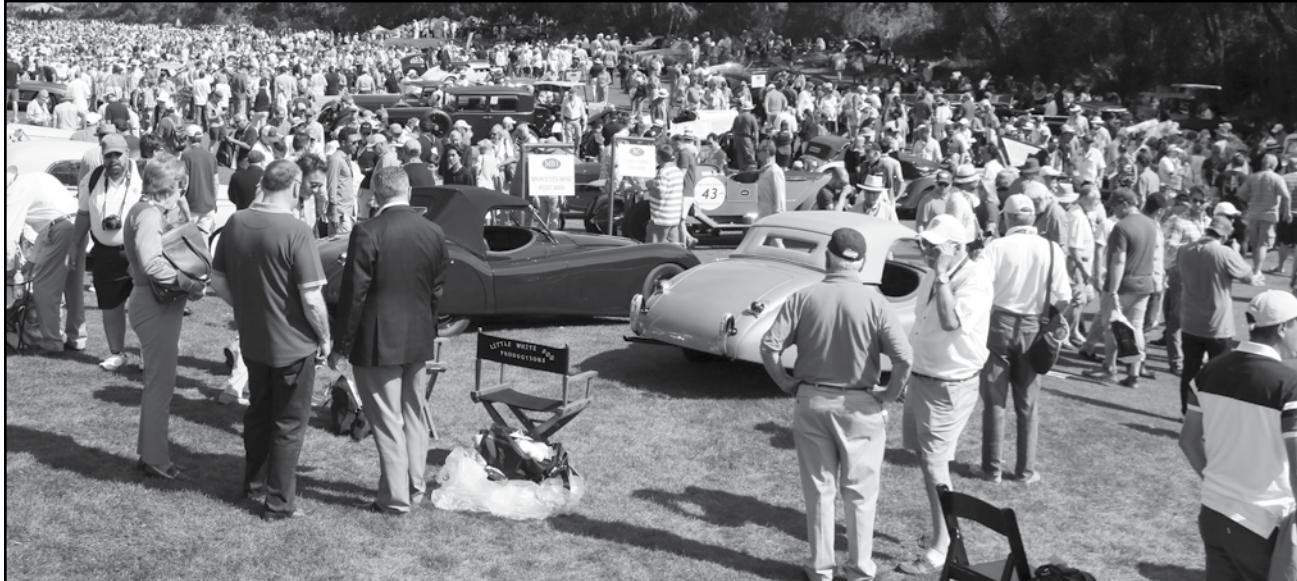


The 1957 Ferrari 335 S and 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Autobahn-Kurier are the 2019 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance Best in Show winners, as crowned on March 10.

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1938 Mercedes-Benz 540k Autobahn-Kurier, 1957 Ferrari 335 S named Best in Show at Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance



Thousands of car enthusiasts walk the grounds of the Golf Club of Amelia Island for the Concours.

The 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Autobahn-Kurier and 1957 Ferrari 335 S were crowned Best in Show on Sunday, March 10, at the 24th annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.

"The 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Autobahn-Kurier and 1957 Ferrari 335 S both truly embody the sophistication of our awards," said Bill Warner, chairman and founder of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. "I was thrilled to watch the judges honor such esteemed automobiles and continue to recognize the best and most extraordinary vehicles in existence, right here in Northeast Florida."

The event brought together many of the best of the automotive world, including 2019 honoree, "Mr. Le Mans" Jacky Ickx. Ickx is a six-time Le Mans winner, 1979 Can-Am Champion, a Formula 1 victor and a Daytona, Sebring and Paris-Dakar winner.

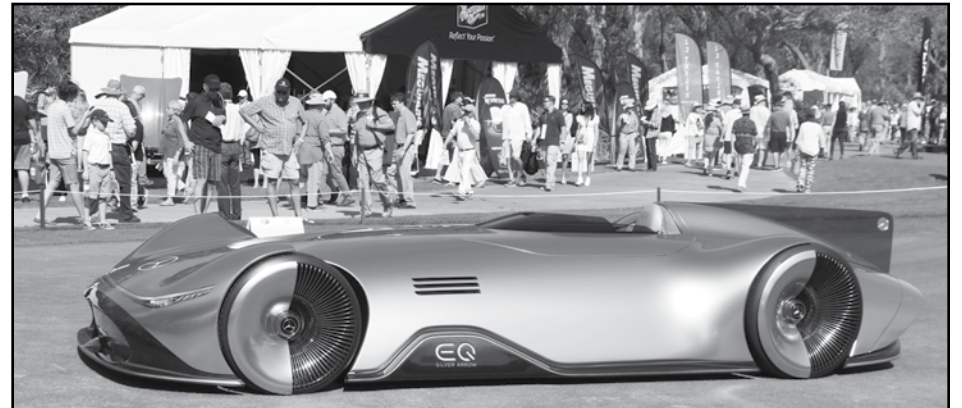
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John Oates of Hall & Oates stands with his 1960 Porsche 356 Emory Special Cabriolet at the Concours. The event's "Cars of the Rock Stars" class featured a collection of his vehicles and guitars, as well as additional vehicles owned or closely associated with well-known rock stars.

The event's "Heads of State" class featured cars of kings and queens, presidents, popes and even a dictator. Pictured is a 1934 Packard 1104 Touring that was used in the late 1940s by the U.S. government as a parade vehicle and VIP livery car.

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Local Scouts BSA all-girl troop, local Girl Scouts robotics team make history

Both groups show community there is more than one way to teach a girl leadership

By Amber Lake

It's an unseasonably warm day at the Echowottee Boy Scouts camp in Orange Park. About an hour before noon, the sun peeks out of the clouds and lights up the five large archery targets located outside the pavilion, located a quarter mile distance from the camps.

Mike Mazur, a district representative for the North Florida Shooting Sports Committee, paces back and forth with a longbow, carefully explaining the myriad of accidents and injuries that could result from improper archery techniques.

A hand shoots up in a sea of brown uniforms lined up along the picnic tables. It waves around a little when Mazur glances its way. When he finishes his piece, he acknowledges it.

"Make sure you talk about the nock indicator!"

The hand belongs to Rose Gottschalk. She is one of 14 members of the recently-formed all-girl Scouts BSA (Boy Scouts of America) Troop 291, based in Ponte Vedra Beach. The Troop is one of 11 new all-girl troops in the North Florida area. Although the troop technically consists of inductees to scouting, many of the girls are already well-versed with many of the ins and outs of the program.

That's because well before the Boy Scouts program rebranded as Scouts BSA on Feb. 1 and invited girls to join, they were attending "family camping" with their brothers, who were already in the program. They did all the same activities and learned all the same skills on these trips. They just weren't getting the merit badges or belt loops. The integration of girls into Scouts BSA was the last scouting division within the Boy Scouts of America to allow both girls and boys. According to Patrick Linfors, director of field service/COO for the Boy Scouts of America North Florida Council, in August 2018, the Cub Scouts opened for girls in grades K through 5. Other divisions such as Venturing have been open to women since 1998, and Sea Scouts and Exploring have been co-ed since 1971.

Recently, Troop 291 acquired two Cub Scouts who crossed over from Pack 277, also of Ponte Vedra, on Feb. 25 at the Christ Episcopal Church. They earned their Arrow of Light awards, the highest award in Cub Scouts. The girls were the first in history to achieve the award.



Scouts BSA Troop 291 of Ponte Vedra gathers at Echowottee Boy Scout camp in Orange Park. Pictured is Nicola Prinsloo, Andi Shriver, Richard Basye, Sofia McIntosh, Elaine Mitchell, Nishita Ramesh, Marina Mitchell, Steve McIntosh, Sophia Kokkinos, Rose Gottschalk and Jossi Russell.



LEFT: The Girl Scouts Robotics team includes Kate Szyzslowski, Aubrey O'Reilly (leader), Emily Hightower, Mackenzie O'Reilly, Madison O'Reilly and Maddie Fischer.

Photos by Amber Lake

THE CONTROVERSY

Dick Basye has spent the past 13 years as a Boy Scouts leader, is currently serving at the district level and is the committee chair for the Ponte Vedra all-girls troop. Basye was also a scout in his youth and has seen the organization evolve throughout the years.

"The Scouts is leadership training for life," Basye says. "So, it's a great program. It prepares the kids for the future and it is making tomorrow's leaders. I was a scout leader for boys for years and these girls are phenomenal at what they can do. ... You know, I believe in the program. I knew (allowing girls in) was going to come. I mean, we (were) one of the only four countries in the world that (didn't) have co-ed scouting."

Basye says the program the BSA originally based itself on was the scouting movement in England, which was founded in 1907. According to The Daily Telegraph, the organization has allowed girls in as early as the 1970s. Basye says that much of the controversy surrounding the policy change has been due to a lack of information, from the media and other-

wise. He went on to say that once he tells people that the troops and camps are not co-ed and that the BSA and Girl Scouts organizations are unaffiliated, the outrage typically recedes.

"It takes two seconds to actually read an article and then figure out what most people don't bother to look up," Basye said.

The controversy isn't just limited to the opinions of the community. The Girl Scouts organization has been in litigation surrounding the change of membership policy with the Boy Scouts of America since November 2018. According to the complaint, the Girl Scouts claim the decision is an infringement on their trademark and can potentially cause confusion. Mary Anne Jacobs, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, released a statement to the Ponte Vedra Recorder regarding the litigation.

"Competitors come and go — but Girl Scouts focuses on moving forward at the pace of girls," Jacobs says. "We remain as committed and focused as ever before when it comes to serving today's girls in new, exciting and future-focused ways, because the need for female leadership has

never been greater."

While there aren't stark differences between the BSA and the Girl Scouts missions, the girls in Troop 291 say they like how much outdoor time is involved in the program and also want to learn skills like archery and rifle shooting. A few of the girls in Troop 291 that have participated in both organizations say they also enjoy how the Scouts BSA program is structured for the members to work as independently as possible.

"You can do a lot of the same things in Girl Scouts, but you can do more for yourself," says Nishita Ramesh, the patrol leader. "See, like today we get to make our own lunch and dinner. We get to decide what we want to do and what we want to eat. Like we just had cupcakes. We have coke. We are (drinking) coke right now."

LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS EMBARK ON MOON MISSION WITH ROBOTICS

About 10 minutes away from where Troop 291 meets at the United Methodist Church in Ponte Vedra, five third-grade Brownies are coding their first robot.

Aubrey O'Reilly, a volunteer leader for Troop 2112 in Ponte Vedra, led the girls on the first junior Girl Scouts robotics team in Jacksonville to present at the Shiva Robotics Academy FIRST LEGO League Junior STEM challenge. She became interested in nurturing her daughter's interest in robotics and engineering but found the landscape of after-school STEM programs to be expensive and limiting. After attending an event hosted through the Girl Scouts, which featured Shiva Robotics and Renaissance Jax, she became "hyped" to try the Academy and enter the Florida FIRST LEGO (FLL) Jr. Expo.

After recruiting some other girls in the troop, the team, named the "Mighty Emus," met every Wednesday to work on designing their moon mission.

"They were very interested in learning about the moon and about possibly living on the moon," O'Reilly says. "It was fun to see their imaginations run wild as they were building our moon base, designing our T-shirts and especially building and coding the different robots that we built each session in the program."

O'Reilly saw the potential of not only nurturing her daughter's interest but creating a safe space for her and the other girls to try new things.

"I also think that it's important to get girls involved in areas like robotics because we need to build and encourage their confidence from the very beginning," O'Reilly says. "They need to know that robots aren't just for boys and coding can be fun."

Concours

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This year's Concours also included "Cars of the Rock Stars," a class specially curated by John Oates of Hall & Oates. Pairing specific vehicles with guitars, the class consisted of Oates' personal collection and featured additional vehicles owned or closely associated with well-known musicians. In addition, John Oates sang a rendition of the national anthem.

New classes also included a fleet of limousines titled "Heads of State." This fleet was made up of cars of kings and queens, presidents, popes and even a dictator. In addition, the Amelia joined forces with HistoricRacingNews.com to present the first-ever live stream of the event. The live online video content allowed viewers from all over the world to watch the Amelia unfold in real time.

Additional highlights included a class of Ferrari 250 GT "SWB," Jaguar XK 120, a celebration of Indy Innovations and a Custom Coachwork Volkswagen class to acknowledge the 70th anniversary of the VW Bug's arrival in America.

"I am proud to say that this year's Concours had some of the most innovative classes and interesting vehicles to date," Warner said. "Our celebration of the automobile finds a way to evolve year after year, and we remain delighted to continue showcasing such rich automotive history through our event."



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Anne Denford and Gabrielle Denford enjoy the Concours.

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Local Primrose Schools hold children's book drives

Students at Primrose Schools in Nocatee, Julington Creek and St. Johns held book drives in February to celebrate and share the joy of reading and ultimately collected 2,000 books.

Books for children up to 5 years of age were donated to the North Florida Early Learning Coalition (ELC). The ELC serves over 6,000 children in St. Johns County, along with five other counties in North Florida. Volunteers are trained as Reading Pals or for the Literacy Outreach program. Donations are important to the organization's success. For more information on the ELC, visit www.elcnorthflorida.org.

St. Johns CARES, a local nonprofit



Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Kriniske

Kim Shannon and Kayleigh Toblin of Primrose School in Nocatee gather with some of the books that were collected in a February book drive. Three local Primrose Schools held drives and collected 2,000 books.

volunteer organization, will distribute books for children over 5 years of age to organizations working with disadvantaged youth and homeless children in the St.

Johns County Public School ASSIST program. For information on this activity or other volunteer opportunities, visit www.stjohnscares.org.

Scouts

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"They will do more in a group of just girls," O'Reilly went on to say. "A lot of these teams are like four boys and one girl, you know, and so sometimes the boys sort of take over and (girls feel like they) can't express themselves."

The girls got together and designed, coded and built their moon base every day for nine weeks. When the Mighty Emus presented at the Prime Osborn Convention Center on Feb. 23, they were only one of a few all-girl groups. They used their imaginations and learned team skills. They were proud of themselves.

"Our robot worked perfectly and I'm so happy," Girl Scout Emily Hightower says. "When you're practicing it, it sometimes doesn't work. During the presentation, I talked about problem solving. We came to some problems during the mission moon, like how the green house was too close to the water source."

Girl Scout Mackenzie O'Reilly described herself as a de facto team leader.

"I like how robots look and how they do things," she says. "(The presentation) was amazing and I loved doing it with friends. I'm good at getting the team together."

AT EASE IN THEIR SURROUNDINGS

Back at the Boy Scouts Echockotee camp, the troop is cleaning up after lunch. Second-in-command, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Marina Mitchell is directing the troop on proper washing techniques while the adults lounge in a pavilion a distance away.

Rose Gottschalk from the younger division of the "Winged Tigers" patrol, plays with her trumpet. She knows "Taps" and says her favorite part of being the official



Scouts BSA Troop 291 camps at Echockotee Boy Scout camp in Orange Park. During the trip they participated in archery and climbed the rock-climbing wall.

Photos by Amber Lake

"bugle boy" of the troop is waking everyone up in the morning.

Gottschalk becomes exasperated when continually asked about why some other girls choose to be in the Girl Scouts.

"Some girls just choose to," she says. "If they want to, they can! Just choose! We need both!"

Amid the controversy, the Girl Scouts

junior robotics team is giggling and helping each other with their Lego designs while eating cupcakes. Miles apart, two younger members of Scouts BSA Troop 291 are looking intently at a worm they found by the campsite. Neither group seems to notice the world around them at the moment, but they do seem at ease in their surroundings.

SJCSD ASSIST program seeks support for Backpacks for Seniors Drive

The St. Johns County School District's (SJCSD) Aid and Support for Students in Sudden Transition (ASSIST) program and St. Johns CARES want to provide ASSIST college-bound graduating seniors with a new backpack, academic calendar, water bottle, school supplies and a gift card for needed incidentals as they start the next chapter in their lives.

The ASSIST program helps approximately 700 homeless students ranging from pre-k to graduating seniors in the St. Johns County School District, including the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind.

Each backpack and its contents are valued at \$125.

For more information on how to help, visit www.stjohnscares.org.

Ponte Vedra High School student achieves top ACT score

Joseph DePorre, son of Susan and Vince DePorre and a junior at Ponte Vedra High School, scored a perfect 36 on every section of his ACT exam, earning the highest possible ACT composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of one to 36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. According to ACT, only around two-tenths of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2018, only 2,760 out of more than 2 million graduates earned a top composite score of 36.

This is DePorre's first and only take of the ACT.

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THE PLAYERS and Birdies for the Brave team up with Operation Shower to host group baby shower for military moms-to-be

By Amber Lake

On Sunday, March 10, THE PLAYERS and Birdies for the Brave partnered with Operation Shower to host the ninth annual group baby shower for 35 expectant moms-to-be at TPC Sawgrass.

Held at the Patriots' Outpost located near the No. 16 tee, the theme for this year's shower was "County Fair." The walls were splashed with red, white and blue county fair banners, and the table sets included popcorn and animal crackers. The mothers honored at the event are either active military duty or spouses of active military duty personnel.

Leigh Russell, PGA TOUR manager in the Tournament Activation/Outreach department, helped organize the event.

"You'll see that it's just like a shower your best friend throws for you," Russell said. "It is decorated to the nines."

The shower served lunch and dessert, featured a onesie decorating table and raffles and provided "Shower-in-a-Box" gifts for the moms. The event even surprised guests with an "Oprah-moment" giveaway, which included the more expensive items such as strollers and car seats for every mom. Moms additionally received diaper bags, diapers, baby clothes, crib liners and other necessities for welcoming their newborns.

"Not only are they getting material gifts that help a lot of things," Russell said. "They get some of the connections made during the shower. We hear a lot from the moms that when their significant other is deployed, they are here alone. It's nice just to connect with the other moms. They really leave with a friend and there is tears sometimes. It is really an emotional kind of event."

With support from THE PLAYERS Championship, the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation, Chicco and Birdies for the Brave, the event was hosted by PGA TOUR player Jim Furyk and his wife, Tabitha Furyk. Special guests at the shower also included Capt. and Mrs. Michael Connor, commanding officer of NAS Jacksonville; Capt. and Mrs. Brian Weiss, executive officer of NAS Jacksonville; Cmdr. Patricia Tyler, executive officer of Naval Station Mayport; and Patty Horoho, lt. gen., USA, retired, and CEO of OptumServe.

Established in 2007, Operation Shower (www.operationshower.org) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating and honoring military families by providing joyful baby showers for military moms-to-be to ease the stress of deployment. To date, Operation Shower has honored more

THE PLAYERS 2019



Tabitha and Jim Furyk address attendees of Operation Shower on March 10 at TPC Sawgrass.



Susan Kane and Sarah Carletta gather with expectant mom Tawny Gileno at Operation Shower.

than 5,800 military moms from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard.

A collaboration of PGA TOUR, Inc., PGA TOUR Charities, Inc. and the TPC Network, Birdies for the Brave is a national military outreach initiative that was originally created by PGA TOUR player Phil Mickelson and his wife, Amy, along

with Glenn Cohen. Since 2004, Birdies for the Brave has raised millions of dollars for 11 military homefront charities and hosts military appreciation activities during more than 80 tournaments annually on the PGA TOUR. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.birdiesforthebrave.org or follow them on Facebook.



Operation Shower provided high-quality products for moms and babies that were provided by sponsors and donors of the shower.

Photos by Amber Lake

THE PLAYERS 2019



Jim, Tabitha and Caleigh Furyk gather at the Furyk Foundation golf tournament at Sawgrass Country Club on Monday, March 11.

Furyk & Friends welcomes celebrities to Ponte Vedra for good cause

By Jon Blauvelt

A host of celebrities were in Ponte Vedra Beach on Sunday and Monday to attend the Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation's annual concert and golf tournament benefiting local charities.

The ninth annual fundraiser known as Furyk & Friends kicked off with a concert Sunday night featuring Lee Brice, Jordan Davis, Javier Colon, Patrick Davis, Colt Ford, Jack Ingram and Drew Copeland. Additional celebrities in attendance included Merrill Hoge, Lynn Swann, Ozzie Smith, Johnny Damon and Doug Marrone, among others.

The concert was held at THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience, the new entryway experience for fans as they arrive through the Nicklaus Entry. Located behind the 17th hole at TPC Sawgrass, the space is home to the PGA TOUR Fan Shop, Stadium Village, 17th Hole Challenge, The Grove, Kids Zone, Bier Garden, Family Care Suite and Palm Valley Village.

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Chad Sutton, Mariah Sutton, Zach Sutton, Tabitha Furyk, Jordan Davis and Kristen Davis at the concert at TPC Sawgrass



ABOVE Merrill Hoge and Jim Furyk at the golf tournament at Sawgrass Country Club



LEFT: Golfers Billy Horschel, Rickie Fowler, Lucas Glover, Zach Johnson, Justin Thomas, Harris English, Justin Leonard and Kevin Kisner at the golf tournament at Sawgrass Country Club

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LOCAL OPHTHALMOLOGIST SPEAKS TO PONTE VEDRA WOMAN'S CLUB



Photo courtesy of Gulani Vision

Dr. Arun Gulani, director of Gulani Vision Institute, addresses the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club at the group's general meeting on Feb. 19. Gulani discussed the latest technology his institute provides in Lasik, cataract and advanced vision surgery.

Ponte Vedra Woman's Club holds new member social, looks forward to March 18 meeting with Carolyn Herman

On Feb. 28, the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club (PVWC) held its semiannual new and perspective member social.

At the event, the club highlighted its accomplishments for the charities it supports, including Betty Griffin House, St. Augustine Youth Services, Expanding Your Horizons, BEAM and the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. Club President Ti Haroldsonn also introduced the board, and each woman explained their role in the association.

Following the social, the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club is looking forward to its March general meeting, which will be held March 18 at LuLu's Waterfront Grille. The guest speaker of the meeting will be Carolyn Herman of Carolyn Herman, PLLC.

Herman practices entertainment, intellectual property and small business law. Her clients include film producers, actors, screenwriters, musicians, songwriters, labels, literary authors, visual artists and creative small business owners. She is currently a member of the mayor's Film Advisory Board (City of Jacksonville), Film Florida, Women in Film and Television (Jacksonville Chapter), Jacksonville Women's Network's Legal Section and the Jacksonville Beaches Bar Association.

Herman is a former chair of the Florida Bar's Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section (EASL) and continues to be a member after serving on the Executive Council for 16 years. Most recently, in January 2019, Herman was appointed by City Council as a member of the City of Jacksonville's Task Force on Safety and Crime Reduction.

She is a graduate of Cornell University, Fordham Law School and George Washington University National Law



Carolyn Herman

Center and is admitted to practice before the state and federal bars of New York and Florida. Prior to moving to Florida, she was a commercial litigator and an administrative law judge in her native city of New York.

Herman has spoken and continues to speak at various entertainment law seminars. She also serves as pro bono counsel to the Beaches Hospital Network and is a pro bono mediator for the Fourth Circuit Small Claims Mediation Program. She is also a member of the PVWC.

Following the March meeting of the PVWC, the next general meeting will be at Metro Diner April 22. The club is also holding Caribbean Night April 20. Find PVWC on Facebook for more information or visit www.pontevedrawomanclub.com.

St. Johns County Public Library System to host planning session in Nocatee on future of public library

A focus group is being held Sunday, March 24, in the Nocatee Room at Crosswater Hall in Nocatee to discuss the future of the public library in St. Johns County.

Hosted by the St. Johns County Public Library System, the event, starting at 2 p.m., will allow Nocatee residents to share their ideas, needs, etc. with the

library consultant and staff. The library is asking for everyone's voice to be heard and is encouraging people to bring friends and family.

For more information and other planning sessions being held around the county on different dates and in different places, visit www.sjcpls.org/planning-for-success.

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Ponte Vedra Writers meeting to focus on travel writing

Like most people, Kathleen Walls loves to travel, but instead of paying for costly cruises and exotic vacations, she's learned how to make it pay. The publisher and writer will present the workshop, "Travel Tips in Today's World" at the FWA Ponte Vedra Writers meeting on Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

During her presentation, Walls will discuss the need for social media usage, how to get press trips and how technology has changed everything in travel writing.

She'll also answer any questions.

Kathleen Walls is publisher and writer for American Roads and Global Highways (www.americanroads.net), the Ezine for anyone who travels. Her travel books include "Georgia's Ghostly Getaways," "Finding Florida's Phantoms," "Hosts With Ghosts: Haunted Historic Hotels

in the Southeast" and the "Wild About Florida" series, as well as several online tour guides. Her fiction books include the "War in the West" series, "Under a Bloody Flag" and "Under a Black Flag," "Kudzu" and "Last Step," which has been made into a movie by Forbes Productions.

The Ponte Vedra Writers group is part of

the Florida Writers Association, a state-wide, nonprofit organization with nearly 1,500 members dedicated to the support of both aspiring and published writers in any genre. The March 23 meeting is free and open to FWA members and non-members alike. For information on FWA, visit www.floridawriters.net.

Teen Gaming Club returns to Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library

On March 6, the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library hosted the first Teen Gaming Club event since the library's reopening from major repairs.

Several of the community's teens, known as VolunTeens, returned with smiles and helpful attitudes to help set up the gaming program. The Teen Gaming Club has been active since January 2010, and the VolunTeens have run it from start to finish. They set up the equipment, games and snacks; take it all down at the end; and make any new teens who come feel welcome and comfortable during their monthly events. On March 6, the VolunTeens fully set up the games, equipment and snacks, and labeled the lockable cabinet in the room for future Teen Gaming events.

According to the library, gaming brings local teens together. They have expressed to staff that the library is a place they feel safe to be themselves, no matter their back story. The library stated that its mission is to bring people together, make them feel welcome and show them that the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is so much more than just books.



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Teens in the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library's Teen Gaming Club gather at an event on March 6.



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Deane Beman to receive 'Rock of the Community Award' from Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach

Award to be presented May 4 at annual Mineral City Celebration

Former PGA TOUR Commissioner Deane Beman will receive the 2019 "Rock of the Community Award" at the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach's annual Mineral City Celebration, to be held Saturday, May 4, at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse.

Beman will be honored for his impact on Ponte Vedra Beach, including the millions of dollars in charitable contributions the PGA TOUR has made to Northeast Florida charities.

"Deane Beman literally changed the face of Ponte Vedra through the creation of TPC Sawgrass," noted Vickie Cavey, president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. "Since THE PLAYERS Championship began (in Ponte Vedra Beach) in 1977, local charities have received more than \$100 million from the tournament, making an incalculable impact on the quality of life of countless Northeast Florida residents."



Former PGA TOUR Commissioner Deane Beman will receive the 2019 "Rock of the Community Award" from the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach.

In addition to charitable contributions, Cavey added, THE PLAYERS Championship has had an estimated economic impact on Northeast Florida of \$3 billion over the past 40 years.

"Deane's vision has touched lives all over the world — and most especially here in Ponte Vedra," she said. "It is our honor and privilege to present him with the Rock of the Community Award."

A four-time PGA Tour champion, Beman is widely credited with transforming professional golf into a billion-dollar sport with an international following during his tenure as PGA TOUR commissioner. Central to Beman's vision for the TPC tournament network was the mandate that each tournament would be a 501 c 3 nonprofit, with tournament proceeds donated to area charities in recognition of the vital role local volunteers played in making the tournaments happen. To date, total charitable donations made from the PGA TOUR, the PGA Champions Tour and the Web.com Tour total more than \$2 billion.

The Mineral City Celebration is the signature annual fundraising event for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. Proceeds from the event benefit more than two dozen local nonprofit organizations and charities, including the Beman's chosen charity, Vision is Priceless, as well as the Beaches Dial-a-Ride program, Mission House, BEAM, HEAL, the Council on Aging and more. For tickets or more information, visit www.mineralcitycelebration.com.

Furyk

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"With THE PLAYERS moving back to our date, it seemed like a perfect opportunity to have a little partnership and show off all the work they've been doing to make this new entrance here at 17 so spectacular," said Tabitha Furyk, co-founder of the Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation.

In addition to food from several local restaurants, the fun on Sunday night also included a closest-to-the-pin contest on the 17th hole with a group of PGA TOUR players. Thanks to the support of the PGA TOUR, the players competed for the opportunity to win \$5,000 to the charity of their choice, as well as \$5,000 to the Furyk Foundation in their name. The winner of the competition was Nease High School graduate and two-time PGA TOUR winner Len Mattiace, who will be directing the money toward his own foundation, the Len Mattiace Foundation.

Mattiace's foundation raises awareness and money for the First Tee of North Florida and focuses on bullying through its "Stop the Bullying" campaign.

"My foundation is involved in all the schools and after-school programs," Mattiace said. "We send initiatives every month to the schools, so the kids have projects that they can create any which way. At the end of month, my foundation and administrators get together, and we award kids who go above and beyond to show that message to stop the bullying."



Lee and Tammy Kaplan with Lynn Swann at the concert

On Monday, the celebrities and other guests teed it up at Sawgrass Country Club for a chance to win a custom sports coat from Rosenblums and Coppley clothiers.

In addition to continuing to distribute money raised to children's charities in Jacksonville, the Furyk Foundation is partnering with Jax Humane Society to provide field trips, books and educational curriculum for Title 1 schools in Duval County and camps for other programs supported by the foundation. The Furyk & Friends event and sponsors help the foundation continue to contribute to the missions of First Coast Blessings in a Backpack, Community Hospice and Wolfson Children's Hospital, among others.



ABOVE: Patrick Davis performs at Furyk & Friends.



LEFT: Jordan Davis and Javier Colon at the golf tournament

Photos by Jon Blauvelt

Farmers market teaches Bolles PVB students lessons in environmentalism, buying local

There was plenty of shine before the afternoon showers March 1 at the annual Bolles Parent Association Ponte Vedra Beach Campus Farmers Market. Students, parents and friends enjoyed perusing local goods, crafts, plants, products and information from more than a dozen local vendors, nonprofit organizations and artisans.

Held on the lawn by the school's flag pavilion, the market helped students experience and support farm-to-table, local and organic food concepts in an effort to inspire more environmentally conscious consumerism. Students also enjoyed cuddling baby goats, lambs, ducks and chicks and brushing a miniature horse. The chicks were recently hatched in the Ponte Vedra Beach Campus science lab as part of a schoolwide study of embryology.



A recent farmers market at the Bolles Ponte Vedra Beach campus helped students understand environmentally conscious consumerism by buying local produce and goods.

Photos courtesy of Sean Coleman and The Bolles School

Bolles PVB students present wax museum

Second-grade students at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus presented a wax museum Thursday, March 7, in George Hall.

The annual event requires significant research and presentation skills of students, who spend weeks beforehand studying historic luminaries and readying accurate portrayals. After selecting their historical figure, students began learning key facts about their characters — from their childhood interests to their biggest achievements in life. In art class, they painted portraits of their subjects.

In the final weeks, students considered how they might portray their characters onstage — writing scripts and developing costumes and props that would best tell their story in a performance setting. The final result was the live Wax Museum show, directed by music teacher Stacey Posick.

Some of the characters represented included Abraham Lincoln, Sacagawea and Benjamin Franklin, among many others. About 25 second-grade students practiced the art of public speaking by sharing their historical findings with stage confidence and presence.



Photos courtesy of Bolles

Second-grade students at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus present a wax museum on March 7.

Betty Griffin Center accepting student submissions for Day Without Violence Art and Poetry Contest

Betty Griffin Center (BGC) is accepting submissions from St. Johns County students for the 2020 A Day Without Violence Art & Poetry Contest through March 31.

This project is open to all St. Johns County students in kindergarten through 12th grade, whether they attend public school, private school or are home-schooled. The number of entries vary each year, depending on the number of students that participate. Last year, there were more than 1,200 entries.

Prizes are awarded for the winners, who are selected by a group of independent artists:

- First place — \$100
- Second place — \$50
- 11 honorable mentions will be presented \$25 each

The winners will receive special recognition during a St. Johns County School Board Meeting. They will also have their artwork displayed at the St. Johns County Administration Building located at 500 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine throughout the month of October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

All 13 winning artists and 12 poets will have their work reproduced in the Betty Griffin Center "A Day Without Violence 2020 Calendar." The agency prints more than 3,000 calendars for distribution throughout the county.

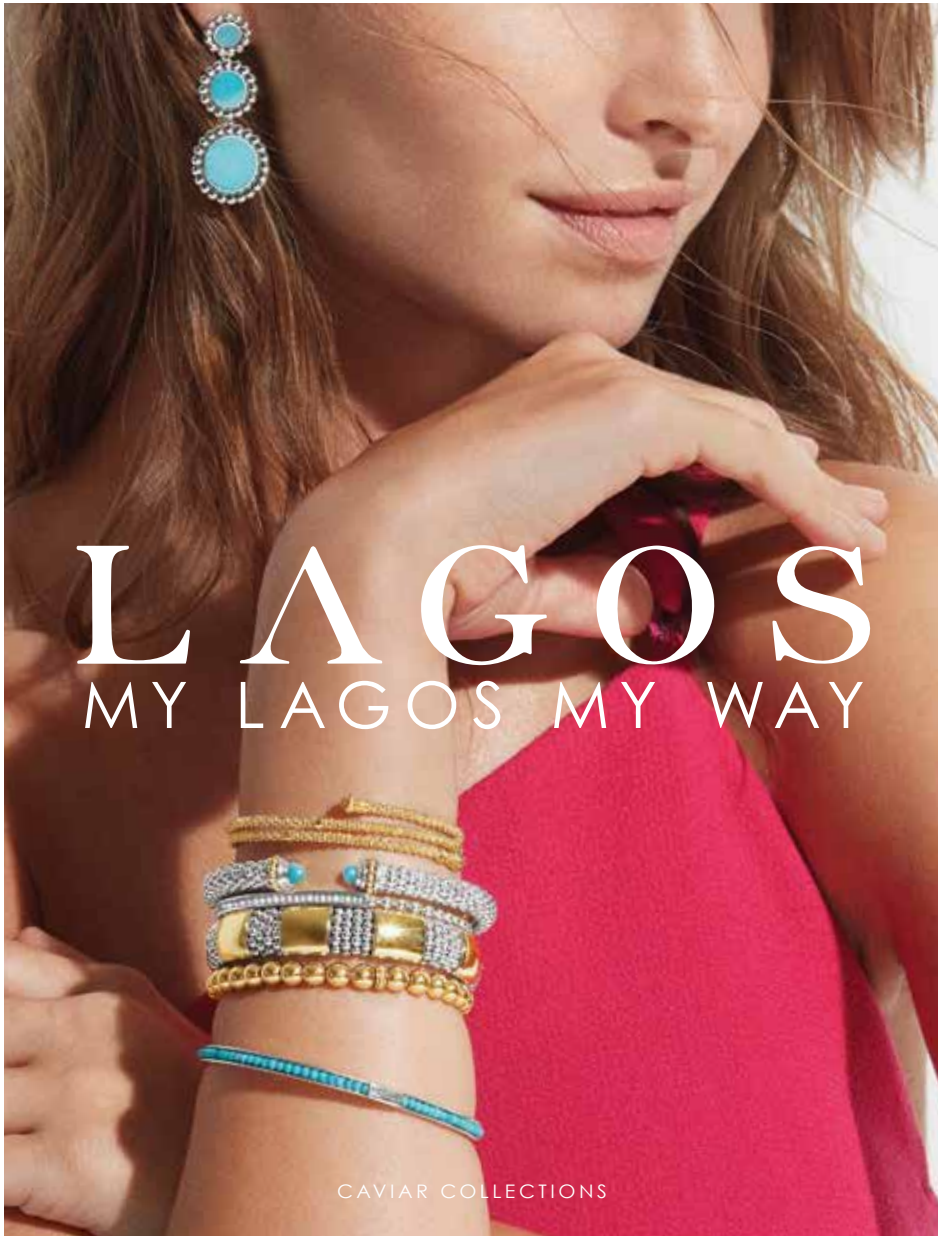
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- Betty Griffin Center Thrift Shoppe locations at 445 SR 13 North, St. Johns, Florida (corner of Race Track Road and SR 13) or 1961 A1A South, St. Augustine, Florida
- Bartram Trail Branch Library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd., Fruit Cove, Florida
- Hastings Branch Library, 6195 S. Main St., Hastings, Florida
- Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd., St. Augustine, Florida
- Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
- Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine, Florida
- Anastasia Island Branch Library, 124 Sea Grove Main St., St. Augustine Beach, Florida

To be eligible, artwork must be in color and able to be reproduced at 8 x 10 and suitable for framing (horizontal format only). All original 2D media is acceptable. The theme "A Day Without Violence" must be reflected in the art or words. An entry form must accompany each piece of art.

For more information, contact BGC Event Coordinator Kenlie Kubart at (904) 808-8544 x207.

For more information about the contest, visit www.bettygriffinhouse.org/day-without-violence-calendar-contest.



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Nancy Morrison, 2018 Pink Ribbon co-chair, receives a donation of \$6,900 from John Rutkowski, general manager of Underwood's in Ponte Vedra Beach, to start the 2019 Pink Ribbon fundraising campaign. The donation was generated from sales at Pink Ribbon's 2018 Cocktail Party and at the annual trunk show and check presentation hosted by the jeweler. The Pink Ribbon Golf Classic is an all-volunteer, nonprofit group created in 2006 to raise funds for local breast cancer research and related services at Baptist Medical Center Beaches and Mayo Clinic-Jacksonville. The organization has given over \$1,725,000 to aid in the fight against breast cancer. Photo courtesy of Nancy Morrison

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St. Augustine Shrine Club hosts Chowder Challenge for Children

The St. Augustine Shrine Club hosted the Chowder Challenge for Children on Sunday, Feb. 24, at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre.

With proceeds benefiting the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa, the event featured a contest including the following categories: Minorcan Clam Chowder, Minorcan Conch Chowder, New England Clam Chowder, Seafood Chowder and People's Choice. More than 20 restaurants participated in the event, with judges selecting winners in each category.

The winners were as follows:

Minorcan Clam:

- First – Purple Olive
- Second – Sunset Grille
- Third – Kyle's Seafood

Minorcan Conch:

- First – Kyle's Seafood
- Second – Creekside Dinery
- Third – Sunset Grille

New England Clam:

- First – Kyle's Seafood
- Second – Sunset Grille
- Third – Saltwater Cowboys

Seafood:

- First – Pizzalley's Chianti Room
- Second – The Reef
- Third – Purple Olive

People's Choice:

- Kyle's Seafood



ABOVE: All winners of the St. Augustine Shrine Club Chowder Challenge gather following the event at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on Feb. 24.



LEFT: The team from Kyle's Seafood, which won the People's Choice

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The team from Creekside Dinery



The team from Pizalley's



The team from Sunset Grille



The team from Saltwater Cowboys



The team from The Reef



The team from Purple Olive



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UNF poll shows majority approve of Gov. DeSantis' job performance

The Public Opinion Research Lab at the University of North Florida has a new poll of Florida registered voters that reveals a majority approve of the job Ron DeSantis is doing as governor. The survey also shows job approval for Sen. Marco Rubio is higher than job approval for newly elected Sen. Rick Scott.

The poll, comprised of registered voters in the state of Florida, shows approval for Gov. DeSantis at 60 percent overall, with a net positive of 41 points. Not surprisingly, the strongest support comes from registered Republicans at 81 percent approval and only 45 percent approval among registered Democrats. Overall, 21 percent don't know.

Additionally, 51 percent of respondents approve either strongly or somewhat of how Rubio is handling his job, a net positive of 21 points. Seventy-one percent of Republicans approve and 36 percent of Democrats approve of the job that he's doing. These figures are lower for Scott, with 43 percent overall approving, but only a net positive of 10 points.

Republican voters have 64 percent approval for Scott, and Democratic voters have 23 percent. Concerning Nikki Fried, Florida commissioner of agriculture, 32 percent approve strongly or somewhat of the job she's doing, with a net positive of 21 points. Among Democrats, Fried has 33 percent approval, and among Republicans she has 29 percent approval. Fifty-eight percent don't know how she's performing.

According to the UNF lab, Gov. DeSantis is enjoying the honeymoon period of recently being elected. The question that will play out over the next two months is whether he can translate his popularity into policy during the legislative session in Tallahassee, said Dr. Michael Binder, faculty director of the Public Opinion Research Lab at UNF.

"Having unified Republican government should make things easier for the governor, but as we have seen in the past, personal relationships can make or break the budgeting process," Binder said.

When asked what they believe is the most important problem facing Florida, education topped the list with 19 percent, followed closely by the environment and health care with 18 and 17 percent, respectively. Immigration leads the way for Republican voters with 22 percent, and Democrats believe health care is the most important problem, also at 22 percent.

Regarding the United States Space Command, 76 percent of registered voters support the Space Command being headquartered in Florida, 9 percent oppose and 15 percent don't know. Among Democrats, support is at 67 percent, while Republicans



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ABOVE: Rhendy and Bill Rowe enjoy hosting a Mardi Gras party at their home in Marsh Landing on March 2.

RIGHT: Jackie and Jerry Kelly

Local residents enjoy Mardi Gras party at Marsh Landing home

On Saturday, March 2, Bill and Rhendy Rowe hosted a Mardi Gras party at their home in Marsh Landing.

The house was decorated to the hilt, with street signs, masks, feathers, beads and two Mardi Gras trees. Starting with Hurricanes, the New Orleans fare included oysters served on spoons, shrimp and grits, crab cakes, chicken gumbo, muffuletta, jambalaya and bread pudding. There was also a king cake imported from New Orleans, which traditionally contains a tiny baby Jesus inside.



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UNF engineering professor and Ponte Vedra resident recognized for lifetime achievement in marine meteorology

Dr. Don Resio, a University of North Florida professor of ocean engineering and director of the Taylor Engineering Research Institute in UNF's College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, has been recognized for his lifetime achievements in marine meteorology.

Resio, a Nocatee/Ponte Vedra resident, accepted the Vincent Cardone Memorial Prize for Marine Meteorology, administered by the Society for Underwater Technology, at a Feb. 26 ceremony during the Catch The Next Wave conference as part of the Oceanology International Americas Exhibition and Conference at the San Diego Convention Center.

The award is named after marine meteorologist Vincent J. Cardone, who was co-founder and president of Oceanweather Inc. Shortly after Cardone's death, a few of his friends including Ralph Rayner, Society for Underwater Technology president, developed the memorial prize in his name.

"I was honored to receive an award named after the single marine meteorologist in the world that I most respected both for his work and as a person," Resio said.



Dr. Don Resio

is the second recipient and first U.S. citizen to receive the honor.

Resio's recent research has focused on solutions for coastal vulnerabilities within the U.S., including generating economically significant power from waves and tides; the development of improved rapid causeway/bridging replacement technologies for disaster relief; methods for sealing large breaches in levees; and improved risk estimation methods, in addition to his continued research in oceanography and marine meteorology.

Before joining UNF, Resio served as senior technologist for the Army Corps of Engineers and directed the Army's Program

The award comprises a Campbell Stokes Sunshine Recorder engraved with the prize winner's name. Selection of the award winner is made by a committee, which includes previous prize winners. Resio

for Coastal Disaster Response/Mitigation. He has been a leader in meteorological and oceanographic research for over 40 years, spearheading many efforts that have contributed significantly to improving predictions for winds, waves, currents, surges and coastal evolution due to storms and to better understand coastal hazards.

He was co-leader of the post-Katrina Interagency Performance Evaluation Taskforce and led the risk analysis team for the South Louisiana Hurricane Protection Project, looking into the effects of climatic variability on hurricane characteristics in the Gulf of Mexico. This team developed a new technical approach for hurricane risk assessment, which serves as part of the foundation for much of the approach to risk along U.S. coastlines today.

Under the sponsorship of the Department of Homeland Security, Resio led a team of researchers in the development of innovative methods for the rapid repair of levee breaches. This work offered new options for improved flood mitigation in many areas of the U.S. and is now being implemented in a full-scale deployment in Lake

Okeechobee, Florida.

Resio has published numerous articles in leading international journals and has been the keynote speaker at many national and international conferences on ocean/atmospheric physics and statistics. He served as a U.S. delegate to the United Nations' Joint WMO-IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology in the area of climate effects and the ocean. He also serves as a reviewer for many national and international efforts to quantify coastal hazards and risks, including a recent week-long review of the Indian Institute of Technology's (New Delhi) program on cyclone flooding in the north Indian Ocean.

Additionally, Resio served as the co-chair of the U.N. World Meteorological Organization Coastal Inundation and Flooding Demonstration Project until 2017, helping to direct an international group of scientists and engineers to mitigate current and future global flooding risks. His expertise has played a critical role in helping countries around the world understand, quantify and mitigate coastal inundation risks.

UNF health administration professor named 2019 Emerging Scholar

Dr. Hanadi Hamadi, a University of North Florida (UNF) associate professor of health administration in the Brooks College of Health, was named a 2019 Emerging Scholar by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, a magazine focusing on matters of access and opportunity for all in higher education.

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education first published its Emerging Scholars edition in 2002, which recognizes 15 minority scholars from around the country who are making their mark through teaching, research and service.

"Dr. Hamadi is extremely passionate about educating the next generation of health care leaders," said Dr. Mei Zhao, chair of the UNF Department of Health Administration. "She continuously integrates health administration students with her scholarly and community-based activities to diversify their learning experience. Her efforts have and will continue to re-shape the health care delivery system."

The scholars were selected on several criteria, including research, educational background, publishing and teaching record, field of study competitiveness and broad impact on the academy.

Hamadi, a Southside resident, joined the UNF faculty in 2014. Some of her current research projects include the impact of smoking policy on patient outcomes and hospital performance; development of an adolescent opioid-specific screening tool; examining the impact of community diversity and hospital factors on opioid-adverse events in Florida; examining the relationships between minority health and trauma center recognition; and identifying system-level intervention to improve



Dr. Hanadi Hamadi

birth trauma rates among minority populations.

Hamadi has mentored graduate and undergraduate students who have actively participated with her in several research projects.

"I truly believe that this integration has broken down the silos students perceive themselves in," she said.

"They see their academic life as part of the UNF community and their personal life as part of the broader Jacksonville community. My research, and their involvement and contribution, focuses on helping them merge those two aspects."

Hamadi has won several awards, including the 2019 UNF Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award and the UNF Scholars Transforming Academic Research Symposium Award. Hamadi also has numerous peer-reviewed publications that represent her dedication to health care research and education.

Hamadi earned her doctorate from the University of South Carolina in health services policy and management with a concentration in health policy. She received her master's degree in health system management from George Mason University, as well as a bachelor's degree in biology.

Outside of teaching and conducting research, Hamadi is involved in academic, international, community and other forms of civic engagement, such as serving as a volunteer at a local women's domestic violence shelter.

UF/IFAS Extension St. Johns County Master Gardener Program offers scholarship

A special scholarship has been established by the UF/IFAS Extension St. Johns County Master Gardener Program.

Candidates must be enrolled in a higher education program in the state of Florida in the fields of horticulture, agriculture or natural resources. This scholarship will be judged on the following criteria: school leadership, scholarship, community service and interest in the course of study. The amount awarded will be up to \$1,000.

For an application, e-mail terraf@ufl.edu. All applications must be received by the scholarship committee by April 1.

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have 85 percent support. When asked about allowing concealed carry on college campuses, 38 percent of registered voters support it, with 58 percent opposing. Democrats report 20 percent support of concealed carry on college campuses, while Republicans report 57 percent support. On a different note, only 46 percent of voters support allowing teachers and school officials to conceal carry in K-12 schools, with 27 percent of Democrats and 68 percent of Republicans supporting it.

Concerning smokable medical marijuana, 87 percent support legalization in Florida, while 12 percent oppose. Democratic voters have 89 percent support, while Republicans have 83 percent support. Similarly, when asked about recreational marijuana use, 62 percent of voters support legalizing it (65 percent of Democrats, 51 percent of Republicans).

For details about the methodology of the survey and additional crosstabs by partisanship, sex, education, race, and age go to www.unf.edu/coas/porl/2019FLSP.aspx.



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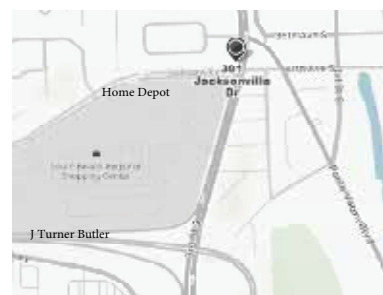
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The Lodge & Club marks 30th anniversary in Ponte Vedra

By Daniela Toporek

The Lodge & Club celebrated its 30-year anniversary on March 2 with a “Pearl Jam” party, following the traditional 30-year gift theme of pearls.

“It was a wonderful event,” General Manager Thayer Kern said. “We had a big party and we were able to give back to the membership and thank them for being club members over the years. It was fun being able to have 300 plus people to enjoy the full property and just have something different.”

Live cooking demonstrations, music, food and refreshments were set up all over the property as guests enjoyed the celebration and reflected on the history of the Ponte Vedra establishment.

As Kern explained, the property where The Lodge & Club stands was once just a gas station.

“It’s really an interesting story,” said Kern, who said the stories were passed on to him by Paul and Jerome Fletcher, the Lodge & Club’s original land developers.

Compton gas station turned into Compton’s Burgers, where it was deemed “The Oasis” by locals because they could buy beer there on Sundays. Eventually, the business turned into The Oasis Liquors and Lounge.

The iconic nickname of the Oasis stuck around and is now the official name of the oceanfront bistro at The Lodge, which offers “a delightful array of entrees,” according to Lodge & Club website.

The Lodge & Club itself opened in 1989 and has completed countless renovations since to keep up with both building code and member satisfaction.



Photos courtesy of the Lodge & Club

“In my five years of working here, we’ve installed a \$3 million family pool, renovated hotel rooms, the dining room and more,” Kern said.

He also mentioned that The Lodge & Club is owned by GATE Hospitality, which also owns Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, The River Club and Epping Forest Yacht Club. Kern said the

Sit on the shoulders of giants

By Harry Pappas



Harry Pappas
Columnist

Before I get into the gist of this week’s dispatch, allow me to be clear on a critical issue: When I provide advice, both professionally and personally, I am speaking to me first. There is no condescension or

judgment, just a call for something better. With that said, away we go.

Mark DeMoss, author of his enlightening book, “The Little Red Book of Wisdom,” was spot-on when he said, “To acquire information, much less wisdom, one’s lips cannot be moving.” In other words, ask more questions, shut up and listen! Perhaps legendary talk show host and king of questions Larry King said it best, “I never learned anything while I was talking.”

Successful people leave clues, and it is our responsibility to find and utilize them! We should always welcome the opportunity to sit at the feet of a wise person akin to a baby pig at the state fair! I am not the source of wisdom and perhaps never will be. But I eagerly study wise people because I believe that folks who connect with the wise sage and clever newbie are destined for success.


The key to success is not assuming that we know the way. Instead, it is about humbleness and being like a sponge soaking up wisdom from every experience and person we encounter. While perusing one of my go-to websites www.atimetolaugh.org, which provides a broad collection of funny and inspirational stories, I came across a feature titled “Old Farmer’s Advice” and thought it would be a great way to conclude this narrative by sitting on the shoulders of this wise old farmer. So, listen, absorb and apply.

Wisdom from a wise old farmer

10.) Don’t interfere with somethin’ that ain’t bothering you none.


9.) Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

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Business, community leaders network at Chamber's annual After Hours at THE PLAYERS

The festivities of THE PLAYERS Championship kicked off for several hundred business and community leaders at the Chamber of Commerce's After Hours at THE PLAYERS event on Thursday, March 7.

Held this year at the Stadium Village near the new Nicklaus Entry, the annual event is organized by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce and the JAX Chamber. Guests enjoyed networking, complimentary refreshments and food from several local restaurants, including Trasca & Co Eatery, Mulligan's Pub and Anthony's Gourmet Catering, among others.

Sponsors included the Ponte Vedra Recorder, which hosted a table and distributed copies of its Insider's Tournament guide, as well as Stretch Zone Ponte Vedra, ASAP Towing & Storage, Optimal You Brain Centers, Cologix, Florida Blue and Trulieve.



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The Ponte Vedra Recorder table



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in Jacksonville's Real Producers Magazine. She is also a recipient of the President's Premier Agent Award.

Martin Faulkner is a Coldwell Banker Global Luxury Elite Sales Specialist and Certified Executive Level Relocation Expert. In 2018, she ranked No. 8 in the Jacksonville Business Journal's "Book of Lists," and from 2014-2017 has held the position of top 5 percent among all realtors in Northeast Florida. In 2018, she was counted among the top 1 percent of all realtors in Northeast Florida. She is also the recipient of the Coldwell Banker International President's Circle Award, four years running (2014-2018).

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Davis can be found in Broker*Agent Advisor's national online directory of award recipients online at brokeragentadvisor.com/brag-directory.

THE PLAYERS 2019



ABOVE: Jacksonville sports anchor Brent Martineau moderates a discussion between Laura Neal, Bill Hendrich and Ann-Marie Knight on a corporate culture of giving back that is inclusive and sustainable at Partner Connect at THE PLAYERS on March 8.



RIGHT: Business leaders engage in a breakout session at Partner Connect.

Photos by Susan Griffin

Partner Connect at THE PLAYERS celebrates Impact Makers in the community, enables collaboration and business development

Influential business leaders from the Jacksonville area convened on Friday, March 8 for Partner Connect at THE PLAYERS presented by Mayo Clinic.

Held at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse, the event recognized Community Impact Makers and inspired future Impact Makers through a networking forum and learning environment. The event allowed attendees to share best practices and foster collaboration and business development opportunities.

Partner Connect kicked off with a panel titled, “What Does it Take to be an Economic Impact Maker?” The panel featured Nilüfer Ertekin-Taner, M.D., Ph.D., professor of neurology and neuroscience at Mayo Clinic; and Dawn Lockhart, director of strategic partnerships for the City of Jacksonville.

The next panel was titled “Building a Corporate Culture of Giving Back that is Inclusive & Sustainable.” This discussion featured Ann-Marie Knight, FACHE, operations administrator at Mayo Clinic; Laura Neal, senior vice president of media content and communications for the PGA TOUR; and Bill Hendrich, executive vice president of COX Media Group.

Jacksonville sports anchor Brent Martineau moderated both discussions.

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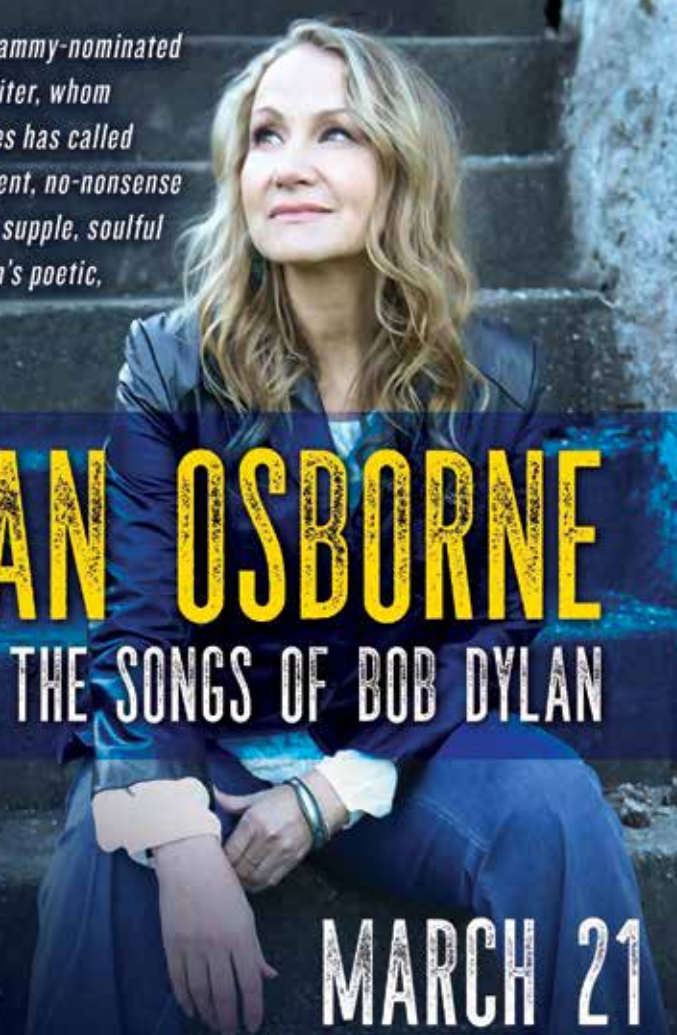
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Eyes on the green

By Arun C. Gulani, M.D

Special to the Recorder

With THE PLAYERS Championship starting Thursday, let's visit one of the most visually-intense sports: golf!

Though you may debate that every sport depends on vision, it is golf that heavily depends not only on sight but also vision.

And now that I have completely confused you, lets understand more.

So, sight is how small of a target you can see at a particular distance. If you are 20/20, then you can identify a letter that is 8.87 millimeters high at 20 feet. Vision is deciphering the cues from sight and interpreting that to our advantage for the task at hand, at that moment. The symbiosis of these two then allows golfers to not only see but also align their bodies, balance their stance and visualize their shot before impact itself. Herein lies the key to a successful drive or a meaningful putt.

After I completed Deane Beman's eye surgery, he taught me that I must start with becoming a great putter first and then the drive will eventually come. (Don't tell him, but I have yet to find time to start golfing.)

The vision demands and environmental exposure related to golf-associated eye concerns can be classified into the following categories for ease of understanding and future surgical correction:

1. Quantity of vision, such as 20/40, 20/20, etc.
2. Quality of vision such as:
 - a.) Contrast sensitivity to decipher different levels of visual inputs in different lighting conditions
 - b.) Stereopsis as depth perception to best apply learned techniques in three-dimensional space
 - c.) Spatial resolution to plan and direct putting and long drives effectively
 - d.) Convergence to align our target at a particular distance
 - e.) Peripheral visual field to look at the big picture for cues or neglect
3. Red appearance of the eyes from pterygium and dry eyes

Having operated on numerous profes-



Photos courtesy of Gulani Vision Institute

Dr. Arun Gulani with former PGA TOUR Commissioner Deane Beman

sional golfers over nearly three decades, I can project that when all of the above-mentioned faculties are in synch and normalcy along with eye-hand coordination, we can expect perfect execution for what the mind has planned in this mentally intuitive sport. This is true for novice as well as professional golfers alike.

Below is a brief look at some of the procedures that can be done for golfers' eyes to improve their game.

Beyond 20/20 vision

Recently introduced Bladeless, Flapless, No-Cut NextGen Lasik techniques can help most golfers safely see even beyond 20/20 in most cases.

Golfers who may wear contact lenses or glasses may have nearsightedness (myopia), farsightedness (hyperopia) or astigmatism (football-shaped cornea). With technology today, we can diagnose and measure to the minutest level of vision involvement and then correct these using computer-driven, micron-precision lasers.

Presbyopia in golfers as they advance in age (beyond 40 years) requires reading glasses because the natural lens inside the eye stops zooming (no more "tele" and "wide" zooming like a camera does) and hence they need to keep their score cards at further distance with their arms outstretched to read or record. This condition called Presbyopia can be addressed with new generation lens and laser techniques.

For those golfers in their early and late 60s, the vision gets cloudy and dim due to cataracts. A cataract is a cloudy transformation of our crystal clear, natural lens.

This cataract can be removed using modern laser techniques and be replaced by an artificial lens implant that can in most allow them to see without glasses at distance and near. Such lens implants can be monofocal; multifocal like ReStor, Symphony or Tecnis; or accommodative like Crystalens.

Additionally, cataract surgery can now be planned as two stages. Following cataract surgery, patients can undergo NextGen Lasik surgery to correct any residual astigmatism to thus completely fix the optics of the eyes for a glasses-free vision experience for life.

Even patients who have undergone previous cataract surgery and did not have a choice of these advanced, multifocal/progressive lens implants at that time can now avail of New Generation Lasik surgery to help them get rid of glasses altogether.

Red 'golfer's eyes

Pterygium is a red, unsightly lesion on the white of the eyes that is rampant among golfers. Pterygium — a yellow-red lesion on the white of the eye (pinguecula) that can start as a cosmetic blemish and become an unsightly wedge-shaped growth that, if left untreated, may eventually cover the

cornea of the eye and adversely affect vision — are usually the result of exposure to sun, a professional hazard for golfers.

A lot of golfers have pterygiums, and we usually counsel them to wear sunglasses with ultraviolet protection to prevent further damage, but when they are advanced, they require surgery.

Using a "No-Stitch" human placenta technique (SPARKLE™) with glue allows us to strive for cosmetic (bright sparkling, white eye) elegance along with visual perfection.

These surgeries can further be raised by using 3D technology that uses a 3D IMAX-like screen. This technology is used instead of the smaller microscope traditionally used for eye surgery to deliver and execute for a golfer's armamentarium of vision and appearance, so much of which aligns with fashionable outfits we see on the golf course.

Dry eyes

Out in the sun with continuous exposure to allergens, tear evaporation and repeated challenges to their ocular surface induces dry eyes in golfers that can be corrected with today's technological advances.

MOISTTM Ocular Surface Therapy using a full range of dry-eye techniques and technologies including LipiFlow and MGP and Lacrimal Plugs can now help numerous golfers suffering from dry eyes.

With technology today, most golfers can enjoy their sport and yet maintain or attain vision without glasses or contact lenses and in many cases beyond 20/20 giving them an obvious advantage. Additionally, unsightly and red eyes can now be corrected using No-Stitch techniques to sparkling white eyes.

Protection and prevention are still key, but golfers are encouraged to visit with their eye doctors to evaluate for any of the above-mentioned conditions, as chances are, there is a successful option.

Handicaps in golf may be seasonal, but vision should not be. To have excellent vision and sight overcomes many handicaps to level the par on the greens.

Each year, patients from around the world travel to Jacksonville's Gulani Vision Institute to have their vision corrected by ophthalmologist Arun Gulani, MD. A Ponte Vedra Beach resident, Dr. Gulani has been a leader in LASIK, cataract and astigmatism surgery, has invented Lasik complication corrective techniques and is often called upon to train other surgeons in the latest groundbreaking technologies.



Photo courtesy of the Lodge & Club

The Lodge & Club is celebrating 30 years in Ponte Vedra.

Lodge & Club

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company is constantly reinvesting in the community and making sure members have "the best of everything."

"It's exciting to see an organization that's so dedicated to capital improvements on a regular basis," he said.

When asked what Kern's fondest memory of working at The Lodge and Club is, he couldn't decide.

"Gosh, I got so many," he said. "One of my favorite things about The Lodge is truly the membership. People come to let go and have a great day."

When it comes to running the property, Kern lives by

the three Cs for membership needs — comfort, convenience and camaraderie.

"We're a classy beach club, yet we have members from all walks of life," Kern said. "The love of the property binds them together. It's amazing how this place is relaxed and accommodating and accepting of everyone."

Thirty years after opening, The Lodge & Club is still exceeding normal standards and provides countless services for its members.

"Everyone wants to join club, but not everyone can," Kern said. "You know the people, you know the culture. You want to be able to get what you want when you want it because you're rewarding yourself for life well-lived."



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7.) If you get to thinkin' you're a person of influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

6.) Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

5.) If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

4.) Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.

3.) Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

2.) The best sermons are lived, not preached.

1.) Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

I will allow William A. Ward, a writer of inspirational short statements expressing a general truth or rule of conduct, to provide us with arguably the best words of wisdom: "Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you invest, investigate. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try. Before you retire, save. Before you die, give."

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Kim Davis is committed to real estate and taking care of you! In practice for 28 years, Kim is Broker Owner of **Ponte Vedra Beach Realty, Inc.**, a boutique, full service office that is not the biggest, but is known for quality and the customer service you deserve. You will often get to speak to Kim directly when you phone the office or email her... she believes in being available for her clients. She prides herself on building relationships, and real estate as Kim describes it, is a contact sport business! "We are committed to excellence, and excited about the opportunity to continue setting ourselves apart by working as such a distinctive brand -- and on a global scale.

From having served on many North Florida boards and served in leadership positions from the Chamber of Commerce to the Education Foundation and being awarded many real estate top honors, Kim has a firm grasp on what it takes to sustain a thriving real estate business through whatever market cycle arises. Rock solid experience, adaption, being competent and forward thinking, are key to navigating any market.

Kim is well versed in international sales, oceanfront, residential, golf course communities, estates, land development, commercial sales and development, equestrian and ranches, leases, consulting work with other real estate companies, and training new real estate agents... and has the many designations and education that go along with it.

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Watson wins Diamond Award from Global Real Estate Network

Watson Realty Corp. was awarded Leading Real Estate Companies of the World's® (LeadingRE) highest honor, the Diamond Award, at the network's annual conference at the Wynn Las Vegas Feb. 20-22.

The event was part of LeadingRE's Conference Week, a series of educational and networking events focused on leadership, innovation and delivering superior consumer experiences in real estate.

This is the sixth year Watson Realty Corp. has won the Diamond in the award's 16-year history. The Diamond Award recognizes outstanding performance in all of LeadingRE's business programs and is given to only one affiliate of the global organization.

"It is an honor to win the Diamond Award for the sixth time," said William A. Watson Jr., founder and chairman of Watson Realty Corp. "This accomplishment illustrates the hard work and dedication by the entire Watson family and its affiliates. It is a true example of how we handle every transaction, and our customers can rest as-

sured they always receive the same legendary quality of service."

Watson was awarded with additional marketing awards, including interactive media (third); internal promotions (second); referral promotions (second); brand builder (second); business cards (second); and honorable mention for video.

"Honoring our Achievement Award winners was a highlight of our conference, as we celebrated the companies that earned distinction among the best firms in the business," said Paul Boomsma, LeadingRE president/CEO. "Our award winners set the standard of excellence not only for our network, but also for the industry as a whole."

Watson Realty Corp. is one of the North & Central Florida and Southern Georgia representatives of LeadingRE (www.LeadingRE.com). A global real estate community spanning six continents, LeadingRE connects more than 565 firms and 130,000 sales associates who produce over 1.1 million real estate transactions annually.



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William A. Watson Jr., chairman of the board, and Ed Forman, president, display the Diamond Award at the Leading Real Estate Companies of the World's® annual conference at the Wynn Las Vegas Feb. 20-22. This is the sixth year Watson Realty Corp. has won the Diamond in the award's 16-year history.

The Ponte Vedra team of Kevin Waugaman, Neill Lasher, Lindsay Viering, Jessica Pettry, Deb Pettry, Leslie Taylor, Shelby Heinemann, Janet Westling, Holly Hayes, Marsha Keller, Wendy Patton, Cheryl Dolan, Cyndi King, Tina Webster, Devon Witt and Michele Segars

Photos courtesy of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty



Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR honors top producers at Celebrate Among the Stars event

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty recently honored its top producers of 2018 with an exclusive celebration called Celebrate Among the Stars.

"Our award-winning Realtors' contributions have made our company the market leader in Northeast Florida," said Christy Budnick, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty president and CEO. "We are grateful to be in business with such incredibly talented, passionate and successful Realtors and we appreciate their contributions to the company's success."

The festivities honored more than 90 Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices sales associates and their guests from the company's branch offices throughout Northeast Florida. The celestial-themed festivities featured gourmet cuisine, libations and entertainment.



The Beaches team of Joe Collerd, Casey Johnson, Wes Mock, Tansy Moon, Marc Fagan, Lynn Mattingly, Linda Sherrer, Jennifer Sexton, Don Cline and Lee Elmore

"We congratulate our award-winning associates on their tremendous accomplishments," said Linda Sherrer, founder and chairman of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty. "We are so proud of our exceptional Realtor

team, and we are excited to soar to new heights in 2019."

For more information about Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, visit www.FloridaNetworkRealty.com or call (904) 296-6400.

Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR welcomes Erin Spalding to Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty (HSFNR) has added Erin Spalding to its Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office.

Spalding is a New England native, graduate of the University of Florida and Northeast Florida resident since 2008. She joins Florida Network Realty with a background in sales and marketing.



Erin Spalding

For the past seven years, Spalding sold memberships for luxury private golf and country clubs, including the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club and the Lodge, the Carrollwood Country Club in Tampa and The Club at Hammock Beach. According to Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR, this experience has not only provided her knowledge of the local communities and amenities they offer but has highlighted her passion for helping guide her clients to find their dream home, as well as the lifestyle it can afford them.

In these roles, Spalding has gained experience in organization, event planning, marketing, public relations, project administration, customer service and, especially, in sales.

"Please join me in welcoming Erin to the Ponte Vedra Office," said Holly Hayes, broker/manager of the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office. "Erin's background in sales and marketing give her a strong base for her real estate career. Erin truly takes time to learn the needs of her clients and works hard to deliver. When you hire Erin as your Realtor, be confident in knowing she'll exceed your real estate expectations."

For more information, Spalding can be reached by phone at (774) 219-2860 or by email at Erin.Spalding@FloridaNetworkRealty.com. Visit her website at ErinSpalding.com.



Photos courtesy of Beacon Lake

The community of Beacon Lake celebrates the grand opening of its Lake House Amenity and Fitness Center.

Beacon Lake draws big crowd to Lake House grand opening event

The community of Beacon Lake welcomed approximately 1,500 homeowners, future homeowners and visitors to its recent Lake House Launch event, celebrating the grand opening of its Lake House Amenity and Fitness Center.

“We were thrilled to welcome a record number of guests to our spectacular Lake House Launch celebration at Beacon Lake, and we look forward to welcoming many back as residents in the future,” said Bruce J. Parker, managing director for BBX Capital Real Estate, Beacon Lake’s master developer.

During the event, Beacon Lake showcased its nautically themed Lake House, a community-gathering place providing opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreation and relaxation. Guests were treated to a celebrity cooking demonstration and tasting with Chef Tom Gray of Moxie Kitchen + Cocktails in the Culinary Studio and Demonstration kitchen. Outdoors, kayakers paddled past the lakeside gazebo while guests enjoyed live music by Firewater Tent Revival.

Guests also enjoyed free food trucks and family-friendly fun including caricature and balloon artists, face painters, pirate entertainers and an activity zone featuring a mechanical shark, 27-foot inflatable slide, rock climbing wall, giant soccer darts and more. Shuttles ferried visitors to the community’s five model homes by Dream Finders Homes and Mattamy Homes.

“We are overwhelmingly pleased by the enthusiastic response we received on our Lake House, community amenities and model homes,” Parker said. “Beacon Lake residents enjoy a welcoming neighborhood environment,



Guests at the grand-opening event are treated to a celebrity cooking demonstration and tasting with Chef Tom Gray of Moxie Kitchen + Cocktails.

coastal-inspired homes by premier builders and unique lakefront amenities.”

The Lake House is the heart of the Beacon Lake community. Anchored by a developing 43-acre paddle-friendly lake and nestled within 358 acres of nature preserve, the 8,200-square-foot Lake House is a gathering place for entertainment and get-togethers as well as a place for fitness and relaxation. The Lake House includes a fitness center with cardio and strength training equipment, free weights, spin bikes and a fitness studio. The Culinary Studio and Demonstration kitchen is available for catered events, cooking classes and chef demonstrations.

Outside, there are opportunities to cool off at the Splash Park, fun pool, junior Olympic swimming pool or lakeside sand beach. Residents can also rent a kayak or canoe at the Crew House and explore Beacon Lake. In addition, they can hit the tennis courts, kick around a soccer ball or play catch

on the multipurpose playing field. A bark park offers furry residents and their owners a place to exercise, socialize and play. Other features include a pirate ship-themed playground and multipurpose paths

In Beacon Lake’s Phase 1, community builders Dream Finders Homes and Mattamy Homes are offering award-winning, single-family home designs ranging in size from 1,600 square feet to more than 3,500 square feet. They are priced from the mid-\$200,000s to \$500,000s. Five decorated model homes are open for tours.

Beacon Lake is located on the south side of County Road 210 between U.S. Route 1 and Interstate 95. The community is within the St. Johns County Public School District and zoned for A-rated schools including Ocean Palms Elementary School, Alice B. Landrum Middle School and Allen D. Nease High School for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, visit www.BeaconLake.com.

Suzanne Cash named new sales director for EvenTide in Ponte Vedra Beach

GreenPointe Communities recently announced the hiring of Suzanne Cash as sales director for EvenTide in Ponte Vedra Beach.

“We are pleased to welcome Suzanne to EvenTide,” said Mike Taylor, North Florida regional president and a Ponte Vedra resident. “She is an accomplished sales professional who understands the exclusive coastal lifestyle available to homebuyers at EvenTide.”

Cash brings more than 16 years of experience in Northeast Florida real estate to EvenTide. Prior to joining GreenPointe Realty, she worked for several companies specializing in sales at luxury boutique communities in Jacksonville, Amelia Island and St. Augustine. According to GreenPointe Communities, Cash thrives on helping buyers find homes that will bring them long-term happiness.



Located on Ponte Vedra Boulevard between Sawgrass Drive and Mickler Road, EvenTide offers homebuyers the opportunity to build a custom home within walking distance of the Atlantic Ocean. EvenTide residents enjoy private beach access, access to championship golf courses and one of the best school districts in Florida.

GreenPointe has partnered with custom home builders Arthur Rutenberg Homes by Mark Refosco, Glenn Layton Homes and Heritage Homes to build in EvenTide. Buyers may choose to work with one of EvenTide’s preferred builders or are welcome to engage with their own builder. The community’s 23 estate-sized lots, priced from the \$500s, offer preserve and lake views and range in size from approximately one-third acre to more than 1 acre. Home and lot packages are priced from \$1.5 million.

For more information about EvenTide, call Suzanne Cash at (904) 962-7477 or visit www.EvenTideLiving.com.




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Work by artists Karin Olah (left) and Laura Lacambra Shubert (right) will be on display at Stellers Gallery spring exhibit.

Stellers Gallery to host spring show with nationally recognized painters

Show to raise funds for Art with a Heart in Healthcare

Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra Beach will this spring exhibit the work of nationally recognized painters Laura Lacambra Shubert, Page Jones Davis and Karin Olah, with an opening reception on Friday, April 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. The show is open to the public and will feature an existing and new body of work by each of the artists.

As a gallery favorite, Shubert has been with Stellers since 1995. According to the gallery, the artist's individual use of color and light in both subtle and bold brush strokes evoke nostalgic and uplifting feelings by the viewer. Thick with paint in acrylic

and oil, each art piece offers light and rich characters that transcend the content of the initial image. According to Stellers, viewers are drawn to feel strong emotions of joy and warmth while focusing on themes of beauty and happiness in a subtle, suggestive manner. The optimistic and romantic concepts portray scenes encountered in daily life.

The artwork of Davis includes canvas, paper and woodblock. Her mixed media art is inspired from the aesthetics of the modern market place found in places such as advertisements, apps, catalogs and stores. According to Stellers, she juxtaposes her subjects while focusing on the importance of human contact in a culture that is becoming more and more communicative, yet less connected.

The gallery said Davis' work encourages the viewer to bring their ex-

periences to an open-ended dialogue and an implied invitation to become a part of the story. The visual space is created to evoke emotions such as curiosity, intimacy, playfulness and chance.

Olah works in mixed media collage using textiles, gouache, acrylic, pastel and graphite on linen, canvas, wood panel and paper. She works from photographs taken in everyday life while on family walks, days at the beach and views from her favorite playgrounds along with the environment. According to Stellers, Olah has developed a unique brand of fiber art that combines printmaking, quilt-making, hand dyes, collage-work and painting, to name a few. Her refined process creates a various series inspired by shapes and colors.

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Cummer Beaches to host upcoming meetings, events

Cummer Beaches, a support group of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, is continuing its Art Book Club and Adventures in the Arts program series in March with meetings at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. The organization is also soon taking a bus tour to St. Augustine.

The March meeting for the Art Book Club is Monday, March 18 at 3 p.m. The group explores the literary world in connection with Cummer exhibits and permanent collections. The March meeting will feature discussion on a book related to the present exhibit "Augusta Savage: Renaissance Woman." Call Maurice Shuman at (904) 982-1340 to join Cummer Beaches and the Art Book Club.

The Adventures in the Arts program series will continue Thursday, March 21 at 2 p.m. The meeting will feature speaker and Cummer Museum Educator Danielle Garcia, who will present "Creating Access: Disability, Inclusion and the Arts."

Garcia received her degree in art history from University of Florida, with experience in museum education, curatorial work and studio arts. She collaborates with museum educators and other departments to ensure that museum experiences are welcoming, inclusive and accessible to, among others, children, Women of Vision and the Florida School of the Deaf and Blind. For more information, call Marianne Stein at (904) 280-2976. The program is free and open to the public.

Cummer Beaches is also partnering with Beaches Museum to coordinate a bus tour to the Ancient City on Friday, March 29 for members and their guests. The tour will include Flagler College and its Solarium, the Crisp-Ellert Art Museum and the Lightner Museum following lunch in the afternoon. The bus leaves at 8 a.m. from Books-A-Million in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call Marianne Stein at (904) 280-2976 or visit www.cummuseum.org/beaches or www.beachesmuseum.org.

Artist Mary Hubley to show solo art exhibition at St. Johns County Administration Building

Artist Mary Hubley's new solo art exhibition, "Living the Coastal Landscape," will be shown at the St. Johns County Administration Building Rotunda March 19 to May 23.

Hubley is an internationally-recognized artist, although she calls St. Augustine home. She spent many years doing corporate art and book illustrations. She won first place in a Smithsonian Institution exhibit and an award of excellence with the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society (NOAPS). She was spotlighted in two Best of America Artist books, three Richeson75 art books and American Art Collector magazine. She conducts regular painting workshops and sells her work through prominent U.S. art galleries. Hubley's paintings showcase the coastal landscape. Her brushstrokes are soft with a modern impressionist style.

Hubley's art show at the St. Johns County Administration Building in St. Augustine features 30 of her large coastal landscape and still life paintings. The opening reception for the exhibition will be held on March 19 from 8:15 to 9 a.m. in the Rotunda area prior to the regularly scheduled St. Johns County Commission meeting. The reception is open to the public to meet the artist, ask questions about her art and view the exhibit.

Between March 19 and May 23, the exhibition may be viewed during business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It's free and open to the public.

This exhibition is sponsored by St. Johns County and the St. Johns Cultural Council and funded in part by the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs. The exhibition is also supported by St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.



Artist and St. Augustine resident Mary Hubley will display her solo art exhibition, "Living the Coastal Landscape," at the St. Johns County Administration Building Rotunda March 19 to May 23.

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“True West” is the next production at Players by the Sea Theatre in Jacksonville Beach.



Classic play ‘True West’ to be performed at Players by the Sea

Unsettling and intense, “True West” tackles identity, family and self-doubt and is the next production at Players by the Sea Theatre in Jacksonville Beach.

The play tells the story of sons of a desert-dwelling alcoholic and a suburban wanderer who have chosen extremely different lives. Their sibling rivalry violently erupts as they compete for the attention of a Hollywood producer, each trying to sell him a story for a new motion picture.

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The Psychedelic Furs return to Ponte Vedra Concert Hall April 23

British modern rock luminaries The Psychedelic Furs will return to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on Tuesday, April 23.

Led by vocalist and songwriter Richard Butler and his bass-wielding brother, Tim, the Furs scored major hits with “Love My Way,” “Pretty in Pink,” “Heaven,” “The Ghost in You” and “Heartbreak Beat.” The Furs released seven studio albums, spawning several compilations, a boxed set and a live concert DVD.

Born out of the post-punk UK rock scene, the Furs quickly developed as one of the premiere bands on U.S. College and Modern Rock radio scoring a multitude of No. 1 singles. With the advent of MTV in the early 1980s, the band took off into the stratosphere and when John Hughes approached the band with his film built around the Furs’ song “Pretty in Pink,” the band’s legacy was cemented. After a brief hiatus in the 1990s, and a side project called “Love Spit Love,” the band regrouped at the dawn of the new millennium.



Photo by Maggie Butler

The Psychedelic Furs will return to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall April 23.

The Psychedelic Furs touring lineup consists of Richard Butler (vocals), Tim Butler (bass), Rich Good (guitar), Mars Williams (saxophone), Amanda Kramer (keyboards) and Paul Garisto (drums).

Starting at \$46.50, tickets are available for purchase at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre Box Offices, ticketmaster.com and by phone at (800) 745-3000.

For more information, contact the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall at (904) 209-0399.



Image courtesy of The Amp

The Amp’s new logo reflects the venue’s iconic tent tops, paired with colors that represent the beachside pallet of St. Augustine.

St. Augustine Amphitheatre unveils new brand identity

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre recently unveiled its new brand identity. Moving forward, the venue will be known as “The Amp,” with its new logo reflecting the venue’s iconic tent tops, paired with colors that represent the beachside pallet of St. Augustine.

According to a press release from the venue, its tagline, “Big Acts, Small Venue,” encapsulates what the community and the concert industry love about the venue and why it is often simply referred to as “The Amp.”

“It’s perfect timing because we’ve spent the last decade really building this amazing thing in our corner of the world,” said Ryan Murphy, director of The Amp. “What I’m hoping to achieve is that we could be looked at as the example of what needs to be happening, so to rebrand ourselves as ‘The Amp’ is very much in that vein of understanding that we are what it is to be an Amphitheatre.”

Currently, The Amp hosts an average of 40 concerts, dozens of free community events and a weekly Farmers Market. According to the venue, 2018 was a strong year with nearly 20 sold-out shows and record ticket sales. It ranked No. 3 in the United States and No. 4 worldwide in Pollstar Magazine’s Midyear Top 50 Amphitheatre Venues, was nominated for Amphitheater of the Year by the International Entertainment Buyers Association (IEBA) and scored Best Live Music Venue by multiple regional publications.

According to the venue, the Amp also experienced growth and success in previous years from record-breaking ticket sales to the debut of the award-winning Green Hands venue conservation program, the expansion of the Saturday Farmers Market, the launch of the free, multi-weekend Sing Out Loud Festival and the introduction of the Front Porch and the Backyard Stage.

“We want to make sure we’re speaking to the community and for the community,” Murphy added. “Between the concert events, Farmers Markets, the Sing Out Loud Festival and the Front Porch and Backyard shows, we’ve given a ton of options for people to come out and enjoy the Amphitheatre and let them really feel that it’s their Amphitheatre.”

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'True West'

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“Theatre should be a safe place to do the dangerous work of facing ourselves — what’s true and what’s real about ourselves — and this play, in particular, gives us an opportunity to do that,” said Director Brian Niece, who is making his *Players by the Sea* debut.

Niece’s process of working with the four-actor cast revolves around uncovering that truth and pushing further into the words of playwright Sam Shepard.

All four actors are making their *Players by the Sea* debuts in “True West.” The cast features Josh Andrews, Tyler Hammond, Tyrone Thornhill and Brooklyn Murphy. According to *Players by the Sea*, each actor brings a diverse set of rich theatrical and film experience to the production.

“With all material, what’s most important to me is the honesty of what you’re doing,” said Andrews, who is playing Austin. “I think as an audience member, that’s what is most important as well — is really believing what’s happening in front of you and the fact that it’s happening for the first time in front of you. For me, being honest through the choices of the character and the given circumstances of the play — that’s paramount to a spectacular performance, not just a mediocre one.”

According to the Jacksonville Beach

theatre, the process of bringing this story to life exemplifies *Players by the Sea*’s mission of “enriching the community through excellence in theatre.” The theatre hopes to create and spark discussion and profound thought.

“Let’s have a conversation,” Executive Director Suzanne Hudson-Smith said. “Though the play (was) written in the late

1970s, the conversation for generations has been about the mixed messages our culture sends to men, and the way these continue to shape male identity. Sam Shepard is a master in exposing relationships of rawness.”

“True West” runs on the theatre’s Studio Stage March 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Stage management is by

Kristin Livingston.

Tickets are on sale now at playersbythesea.org or by calling the Box Office at (904) 249-0289. General admission is \$28 and admission for seniors, students and military is \$25. Thursday night performances are special Student Nights, at which students can receive half price tickets with a valid student ID.

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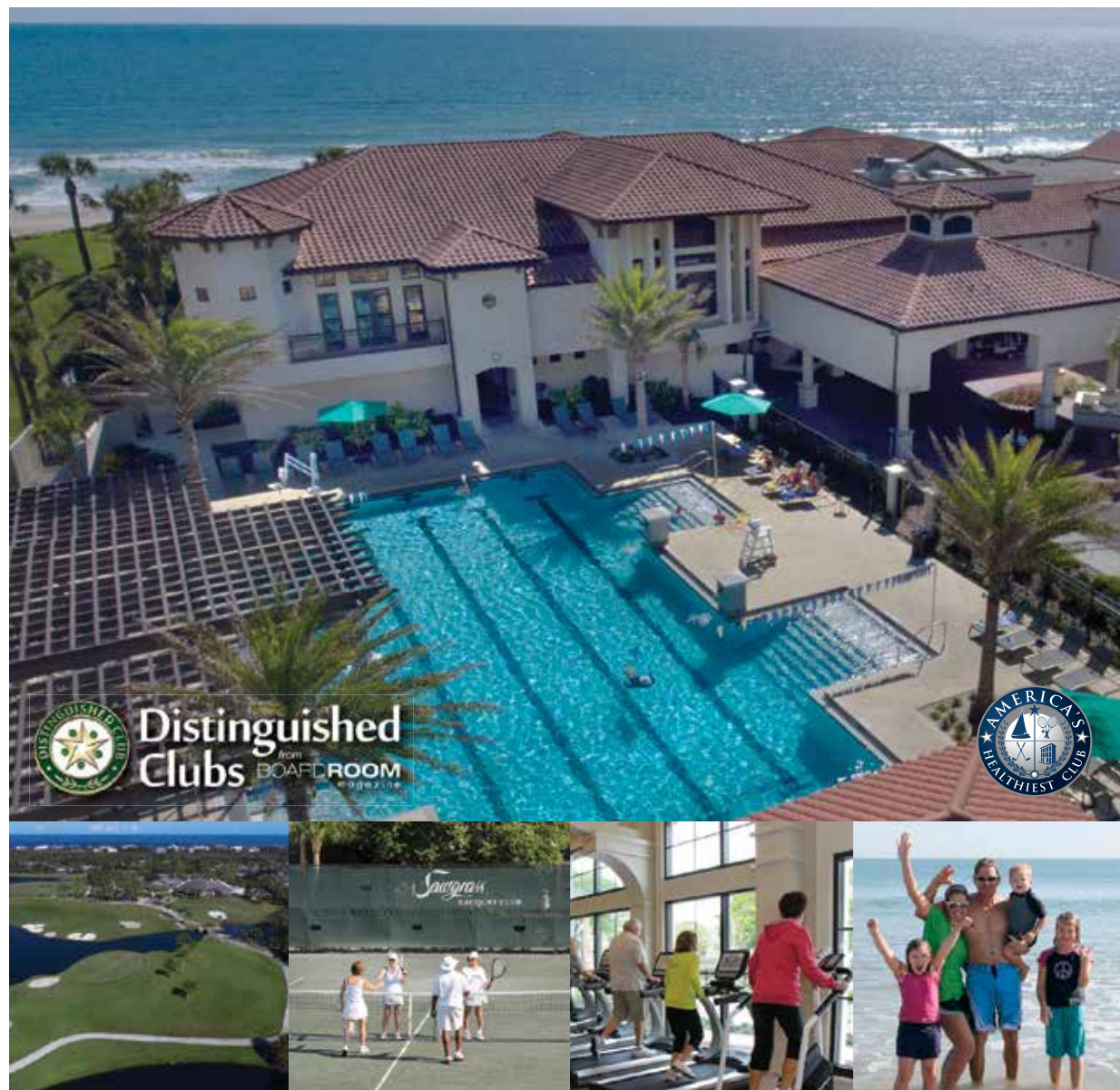
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THE PLAYERS 2019



Photo by Chris Norton

Woods insists he's ready to go for THE PLAYERS

By Kathy Bissell

Tiger Woods withdrew from last week's Arnold Palmer Invitational with a neck strain, but he has rested and received therapy. At his Tuesday news conference at THE PLAYERS, he insisted he is ready to go.

As the only golfer to have won the Ponte Vedra Beach tournament in both March and May, and as one of only 23 golfers in the field to have played in both weather conditions, he may have an advantage this week.

Concerning the differences between March and May, Woods said, in March, the ball doesn't go as far, everybody playing hits more drivers and golfers use longer clubs going into the greens. Another significant aspect, he noted, is that the greens are more receptive this time of year. He also recalled the Island Green in March.

"I've been between 6-iron and 5-iron on 17 to hit the shot," Woods said about the treacherous hole. "Not too many people can say that, unless they've played in March."

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NBC Sports, Sky Sports to offer most coverage ever at THE PLAYERS

NBC Sports Group and Sky Sports announced on Monday that each will offer the most coverage ever for THE PLAYERS Championship.

Being staged in March for the first time since 2006 as part of the newly enhanced golf calendar in 2019, the PGA TOUR's flagship event will include 22 live hours of tournament coverage across GOLF Channel and NBC. NBC Sports' week-long coverage also will include collaborations with Sky Sports Golf, which will re-brand itself as "Sky Sports: THE PLAYERS" for the duration of the Championship. In total, NBC Sports Group will dedicate more than 150 hours to live programming surrounding THE PLAYERS.

"The return of THE PLAYERS to March helps improve the rhythm of the golf calendar with six championship events across the next six months," said Mike McCarley, president, Golf, NBC Sports Group. "The collaboration between Sky Sports and NBC Sports will help us both better serve the sports fan by providing more in-depth coverage of THE PLAYERS than ever before. Together with Sky, we're able to enhance the fan's viewing experience surrounding THE PLAYERS and elevate the collective coverage in both the U.S. and Europe."

Jason Wessely, head of Sky Sports Golf, echoed those sentiments.

"THE PLAYERS Championship is one of the highlights of the year for the UK golf fan," Wessely said. "The exciting

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McIlroy unveils exclusive PLAYERS Championship-themed Nike golf shoe

PGA TOUR star takes part in youth clinic for local chapters of First Tee, PGA Jr. League

Rory McIlroy unveiled an exclusive, limited-edition PLAYERS Championship version of the Nike Victory Tour golf shoe Monday at a youth clinic for more than 100 youth from local chapters of The First Tee and the PGA Jr. League.

McIlroy, a 14-time winner on the PGA TOUR, and fellow Nike

athlete Tommy Fleetwood provided tips and took questions at a clinic at The Kids Zone presented by The First Tee, as well as the 17th Hole Challenge presented by Optum, Morgan Stanley and Grant Thornton.

Ten pairs of THE PLAYERS-themed Nike Victory Tour shoes that McIlroy unveiled Monday will be made available to the public each day, Thursday to Sunday, at a retail price of \$200. The shoes will only be sold in the PGA TOUR Fan Shop at THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience

and will go on sale starting at 10 a.m. each day.

"It's great to partner with Nike on shoes that blend my style with the newest technology," McIlroy said. "I love that fans have the opportunity to have the same custom, unique shoes that I'm wearing for golf's biggest events."

McIlroy will wear his new limited-edition golf shoes Thursday to Sunday of THE PLAYERS, where he's chasing his first PLAYERS Championship victory and arrives on the heels of five consecutive top-10s on the PGA TOUR.

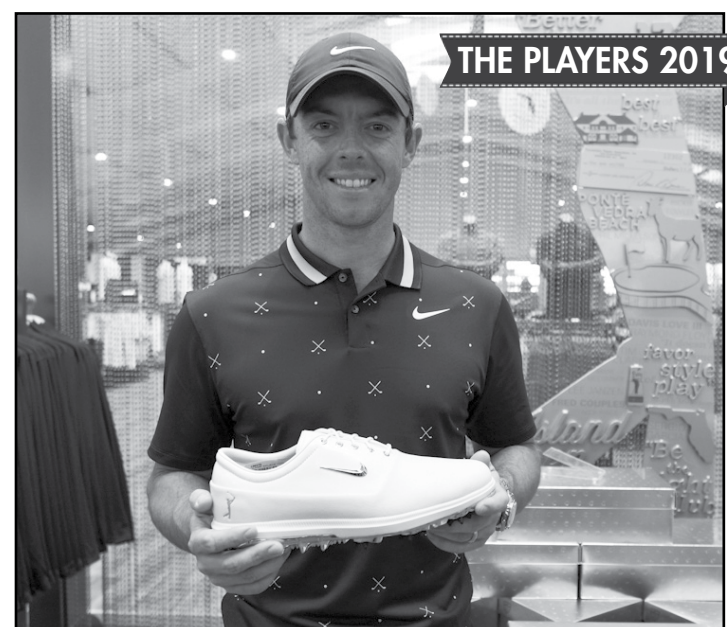


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Rory McIlroy displays his PLAYERS Championship version of the Nike Victory Tour golf shoe.

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Ponte Vedra baseball kicks off season with optimism

By Jim Moyes

Special to the Recorder

Following the departure of three graduating seniors currently playing baseball at the Division 1 level, including Florida Gators starter Jacob Young, one would believe that expectations would be lowered for the 2019 Ponte Vedra Sharks.

The Sharks were also dealt a bitter blow when last year's leading hitter, Sebastian Rothman, sustained an offseason knee injury that will sideline the South Georgia JC commit for the season.

There is plenty of optimism, however, for the current Sharks squad, which returns several veterans who played major roles for last year's district champions. The returning veterans, coupled with the emergence of some promising newcomers, have propelled the Sharks to a nice start for the current season.

After a perfect preseason sweep over St. Joseph Academy (9-3) and Atlantic Coast (10-3), the Sharks have begun the season with a pair of victories and two defeats.

The Sharks began their regular season with a 2-0 road win over Valdosta's Lowndes behind the shutout pitching of returning ace Tony Roca and sophomore newcomer Scott Griesemer. With the victory over Lowndes, Roca won his 12th career victory and has climbed into fifth place in all-time wins for a Shark hurler.

Roca combined with current Jackson-

ville University pitcher Kevin Faulkner to form an effective one-two combination the past couple of seasons. Projected to replace Faulkner in this year's rotation is senior Brody Maynard. The 6-foot-4-inch, 215-pound Maynard sat out virtually the entire 2018 season with a shoulder injury before returning very late in the season. Maynard came on in relief to post a save in the Sharks' district championship win over Clay. A healthier Maynard is poised to take on a much more meaningful role this season.

After a somewhat shaky start to this season in the Sharks' come-from-behind 9-8 victory over Mandarin, Maynard has shown some great potential by striking out nine opposition batters in less than six innings of work thus far.

Neither Roca nor Griesemer saw action on the mound in the second week of play in the current year's schedule. Entering his 11th year as the head coach of the Sharks, veteran head coach Tom Stanton has traditionally mixed up his lineups early in the season as he points towards his Sharks playing their best ball come tournament time.

In the Sharks' first loss of the season to Bartram Trail, the Sharks' opening pitcher gave up six runs to the Bears, a deficit that would prove too difficult to overcome as the Sharks fell 14-4 to Bartram Trail. Four other pitchers used in the contest also proved ineffective against the host squad.

Playing in the spacious confines of the

Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, the Sharks dropped their second contest to Fletcher in a final score that was in no way indicative to what was a very tight game up until the final inning.

Trailing by a 1-0 score entering their half of the sixth inning, the Sharks, playing without some of their best hitters, loaded the bases with one out but failed to produce a run against the Senators. A deflated Sharks team then saw Fletcher tally seven runs in the bottom half of the inning to cement the victory.

Ponte Vedra beat Nease 2-1 on Tuesday night.

With more than 20 games remaining in the very young season, coach Stanton will welcome back a number of veterans that return from their district championship team from 2018.

A big reason for Stanton's optimism is the return to the infield of a now healthy Matt Barnhorst. The Cornell commit was relegated to just a hitting role in 2018, as an arm injury kept him out of the defensive lineup. Beginning his junior season, Barnhorst captured a starting role in his first year as the Sharks' second baseman. Now fully healed from his arm ailment, Barnhorst will be the starting shortstop for the Sharks and is currently hitting a hefty .500.

Ponte Vedra should be very solid up the middle defensively as slick fielding junior infielder Alex Oritz will move from shortstop to second base. Junior Porter Jord-

heim saw considerable action at third base last year, while the Sharks should expect to be very solid once again at first base with the return of the 2018 starter Tony Roca. When Roca is pitching, coach Stanton will have a very capable replacement at first base in Brody Maynard.

Stanton, a former minor league catcher, will return his entire three-man catching staff from 2018. With another year of experience behind them, the trio of seniors Mason McLeod, Michael Soncrant and sophomore Trey Powers, the Sharks should be much improved behind the plate.

Stanton also welcomes some valuable regular returnees in the outfield. Carter Page, a three-year starter with a career .319 batting average, returns in left field, while sophomore Cody Nelson will again patrol the outfield in centerfield. As a freshman, Nelson hit at a .300 clip offensively and led the Sharks with an on-base percentage of .540. The Sharks expect more productivity out in right field this season with sophomore Dillon Haines slotted as a replacement for last year's right fielders who hit well south of .200.

After Tuesday's with Nease, the Sharks will conclude their limited two-game schedule this week by traveling Thursday to Orange Park to take on Oakleaf. The Sharks will then spend their spring break with a three-game tournament at nearby Providence High School, where they will first face Tarvares on Monday at 4 p.m.

THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP: TEE TIMES AND PAIRINGS (ROUNDS 1 & 2)

FIRST ROUND (THURSDAY, MARCH 14)

1st Tee

7:40 a.m.: Charl Schwartzel, Tyrrell Hatton, Thorbjorn Olesen
7:50 a.m.: Lucas Glover, Louis Oosthuizen, Talor Gooch
8:01 a.m.: Chris Kirk, Brian Gay, Matt Wallace
8:11 a.m.: Charles Howell III, Aaron Wise, Scott Piercy
8:22 a.m.: Adam Long, Danny Willett, Vijay Singh
8:32 a.m.: Cameron Champ, Michael Kim, Cameron Smith
8:43 a.m.: Marc Leishman, Ian Poulter, Adam Hadwin
8:53 a.m.: Kevin Tway, Grayson Murray, Brian Harman
9:04 a.m.: Brice Garnett, Patrick Cantlay, Ryan Armour
9:14 a.m.: Ollie Schniederjans, Abraham Ancer, Seamus Power
9:25 a.m.: Kevin Streelman, Harris English, Peter Uihlein
9:35 a.m.: Nick Watney, Bronson Burgoon, Eddie Pepperell
12:35 p.m.: Brian Stuard, Chez Reavie, Patrick Rodgers
12:45 p.m.: Danny Lee Rotorua, Jason Kokrak, Scott Langley
12:56 p.m.: Aaron Baddeley, Branden Grace, John Huh
1:06 p.m.: J.B. Holmes, Jason Dufner, Jason Dufner
1:17 p.m.: Brandt Snedeker, Troy Merritt, Jimmy Walker
1:27 p.m.: Tiger Woods, Webb Simpson, Patrick Reed
1:38 p.m.: Henrik Stenson, Adam Scott, Martin Kaymer
1:48 p.m.: Francesco Molinari, Jason Day, Tony Finau
1:59 p.m.: Rickie Fowler, Brooks Koepka, Jordan Spieth
2:09 p.m.: Bud Cauley, Sam Saunders, Matthew Fitzpatrick
2:20 p.m.: Rafa Cabrera-Bello, Sung Kang, Tyler Duncan
2:30 p.m.: Anirban Lahiri, Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Ryan Blaum

10th Tee

7:40 a.m.: Chesson Hadley, Michael Thompson, Corey Connors
7:50 a.m.: Scott Brown, Byeong Hun An, Beau Hossler
8:01 a.m.: Ryan Palmer, Trey Mullinax, Sungjae Im
8:11 a.m.: Ted Potter, Jr., Patton Kizzire, Brendan Steele
8:22 a.m.: Keith Mitchell, Austin Cook, Tommy Fleetwood
8:32 a.m.: Justin Rose, Xander Schauffele, Justin Thomas
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12:45 p.m.: Vaughn Taylor, Nick Taylor, J.T. Poston
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1:48 p.m.: Satoshi Kodaira, Paul Casey, Jim Furyk
1:59 p.m.: Martin Trainer, Kevin Na, Jhonattan Vegas
2:09 p.m.: Emiliano Grillo, Shane Lowry, Martin Laird
2:20 p.m.: Ryan Moore, J.J. Spaun, C.T. Pan
2:30 p.m.: Denny McCarthy, Wyndham Clark, Lucas Bjerregaard

SECOND ROUND (FRIDAY, MARCH 15)

1st Tee

7:40 a.m.: Charley Hoffman, Luke List, Kelly Kraft
7:50 a.m.: Vaughn Taylor, Nick Taylor, J.T. Poston
8:01 a.m.: Alex Noren, Richy Werenski, Dominic Bozzelli
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Woods

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The 18th hole, he mentioned, plays completely different this time of year compared to May. It was interesting that he mentioned 18 because so few people discuss it.

“There's nothing easy about that hole,” Woods said. “Anything starts left, it's not coming back and you're going to have to be dropping up on the next tee or playing from there again. The bail-out, that first tree, I think was 280 to that first tree, and that's dead. So, I've tried to play more in the conservative side to try and put it in play, even though I'm a little further back.”

On the 18th hole last year, in May, Woods hit 3-iron, 9-iron. Tuesday in his practice round, he used 3-wood, 3-iron.

After the tee shot, there's the problem of landing on the green, he said.

“You can't bail right,” Woods said. “You can't bail short. You got to hit two really good golf shots to finish it off. And if you can play that hole in 16 for the week, you're going to be picking up a lot of shots on the field.”

When asked about the “better than most” putt that Woods hit in 2001, he said he actually got a read from Fred Funk's putt. Funk was playing in the group ahead, and Woods was waiting on the 17th tee, watching.

“He hit it up on the top shelf, and he four-putted the hole,” Woods recalled. “I



Photo by Chris Norton

hit my spot, and I was just hoping that it would take the break because I saw Fred's, how much it went to the right at the end, and my putt was not going right. I'm like, would you start breaking. And as soon as it started to break, I'm like, stop breaking. And then it caught the low side of the hole and went in.”

In addition to the difficulty of executing the shots required at TPC Sawgrass, Woods noted that Pete Dye is also a master of creating intimidating visuals.

“You have to overcome that part of it,” Woods insisted.

If you've played the course, you know just what he means.

Woods tees off Thursday at 1:27 pm. He's playing with Patrick Reed and Webb Simpson.

Coverage

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content collaboration between NBC Sports and Sky will allow our customers to get closer to the action at TPC Sawgrass than ever before.”

Live tournament coverage will be complemented by more than 60 live hours of comprehensive news, analysis and features within “Golf Central Live From THE PLAYERS” and “Morning Drive;” nearly 45 hours of “PGA TOUR LIVE” coverage on NBC Sports Gold; and more than 20 live hours of THE PLAYERS “Launch Pad” coverage on DirecTV.

Following Comcast's acquisition of Sky last year, NBC Sports Group and Sky Sports will employ their most extensive production collaborate to-date, led by Sky Sports Golf airing nearly 25 hours of live simulcast coverage of “Golf Central Live From THE PLAYERS.” In total, Sky Sports will air nearly

60 live hours of coverage surrounding THE PLAYERS, the most-ever for the network.

NBC Sports' Emmy-nominated live tournament team will unveil a new graphics package customized specifically for THE PLAYERS, featuring the championship's signature blue, gold, and white color scheme. Coverage also will implement new original theme music for the event, along with several popular NBC Sports' production enhancements viewers are accustomed to seeing at TPC Sawgrass.

GOLF Channel will produce international news programming surrounding THE PLAYERS in both Japanese and Mandarin, featuring reports and custom content throughout the week. These productions will complement the international distribution of “Golf Central Live From THE PLAYERS,” which is distributed to markets within GOLF Channel's worldwide footprint of nearly 500 million viewers in more than 70 countries and nine languages around the world.

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 14

- Entries open at 7 a.m.
- First round of competition begins at approximately 7:35 a.m. (threesomes off of No. 1 and No.10)

Friday, March 15

- Entries open at 7 a.m.
- Second round of competition begins at approximately 7:35 a.m. (threesomes off of No.1 and No.10)

Saturday, March 16

- Entries open at 7:30 a.m.
- Third round of competition begins at approximately 8:30 a.m., depending on the size of the cut (twosomes off No.1)

Championship Sunday, March 17

- Entries open at 7:30 a.m.
- Final round of competition begins at approximately 7:45 a.m., depending on the size of the cut (twosomes off No.1)

Navigating THE PLAYERS

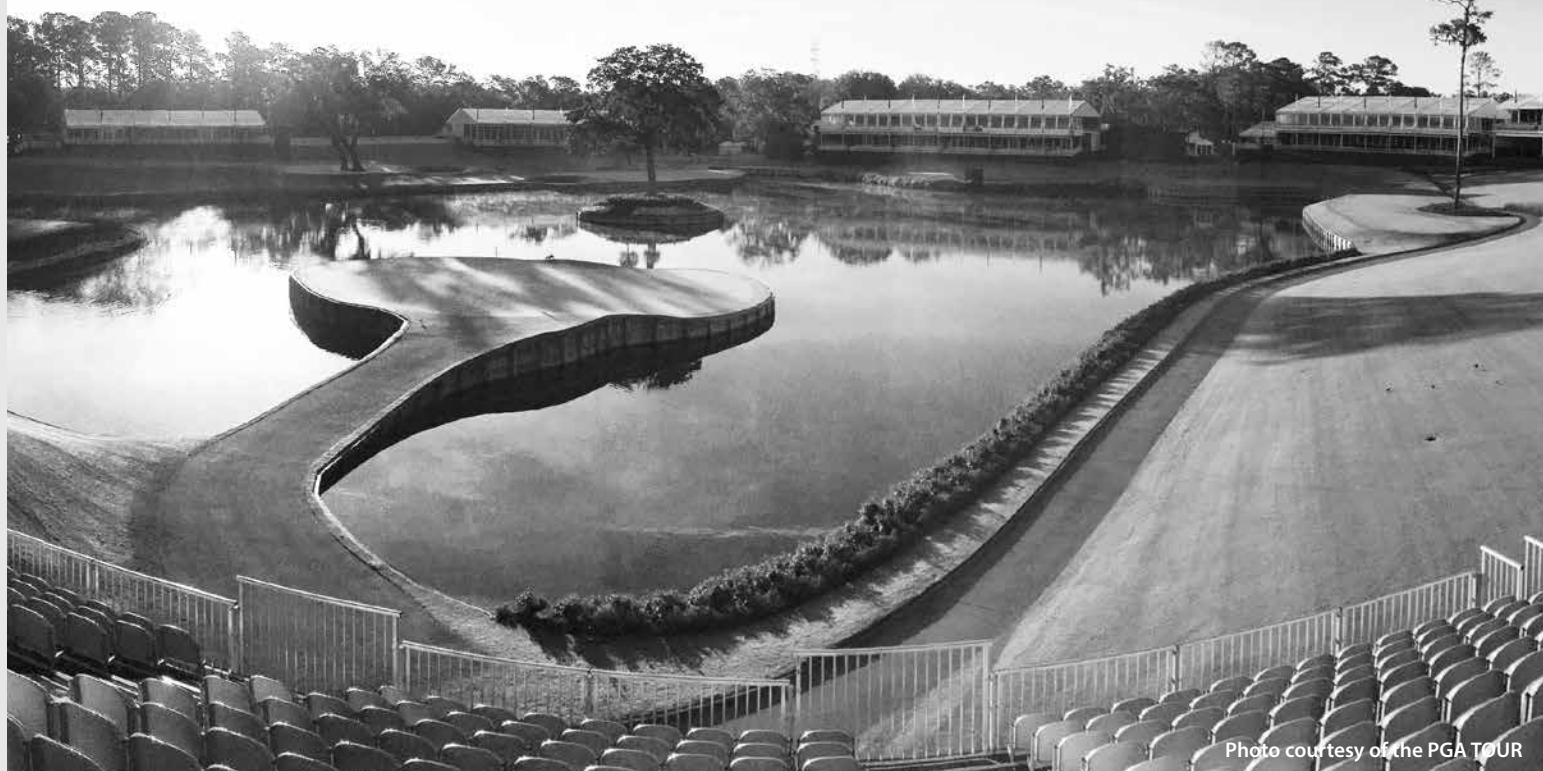


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TICKETS

Tickets for THE PLAYERS 2019 are on sale at THEPLAYERS.com, as well as at 57 Publix stores throughout Northeast Florida and the surrounding areas, including two locations in Georgia.

Passes are \$60 for Thursday; and \$70 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Fans can also purchase a weekly Stadium Pass for \$240, which includes admission Tuesday through Sunday. Stadium Pass prices are exclusive of sales tax and do not include parking.

FAMILIES

Taking the kids to THE PLAYERS? You're in luck: Youth 18 and younger are admitted free of charge when accompanied by a ticketed adult, and there is no limit to the number of youth fans admitted with that ticketed adult. That means youth sports coaches, for example, can bring the whole team with one paying adult.

What's more, the "Family Plan" offers additional savings. Families get two adult Stadium Passes, unlimited youth admission at the entrances and two \$10 concession vouchers. The Family Plan is \$120 for Thursday and \$140 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (taxes not included). Parking passes are additional, but remember that any car with four or more passengers parks for free under THE PLAYERS "Four for Free" policy (download vouchers at theplayersparking.clickandpark.com).

The Family Plan is offered at 30 participating Daily's convenience stores and at THEPLAYERS.com.

MILITARY/VETERANS

THE PLAYERS provides all career military — including active duty, Reserve, military retirees and dependents — with complimentary admission to the tournament throughout the week, while non-career veterans receive discounted admission. Career military, veterans and their dependents also receive access to the Birdies for the Brave® Patriots' Outpost — a hospitality tent reserved exclusively for the military that offers complimentary food, beverages and activities. Located near the tee at No. 16, the Patriots' Outpost is financially supported by United Rentals, THE PLAYERS volunteer leadership, the Red Coats and Jacksonville-area companies and individuals.

To receive a voucher for complimentary or discounted admission, visit THEPLAYERS.com and click on the military link.

Parking is not included in the complimentary or discounted ticket price. Parking passes may be purchased at THEPLAYERS.com/parking.

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

On Thursday to Sunday, fans are required to purchase parking in advance (\$35 on Thursday for general parking; and \$40 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday per day in general parking). Parking passes can be purchased at THEPLAYERS.com/parking. Volunteers will not sell parking passes in the lot. Parking will not be sold at Publix or Will Call.

Four for free

Fans with four or more guests in a vehicle can park for FREE Thursday through Sunday with the "Four for Free" parking voucher. Fans can go online to THEPLAYERS.com/parking (click on the "Tickets" tab) to download the voucher, which allows free parking in the general lot off of CR210. A new voucher must be downloaded and printed for each day (or saved on an electronic device); there is no limit to the number of days guests can park for free, but there is a limited number of vouchers per day.

Uber to THE PLAYERS

Uber, the preferred ride sharing partner of THE PLAYERS, will drop off AND pick up at the Couples Entry. New in 2019, THE PLAYERS has a designated rideshare pickup, and drop-off, location located steps from the Couples Entrance off of ATP Boulevard. Rideshare vehicles will be staged outside the Couples Entry, making this one of the easiest modes of transportation for spectators. As an added incentive, fans who purchase an Uber will receive a coupon code in their end of ride email from Uber for \$20 toward the purchase of PUMA product in the PGA TOUR Fan Shop in THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience. Valid same day, while supplies last.

Shuttles from downtown

Shuttles are available from downtown-area hotels to TPC Sawgrass for THE PLAYERS, Thursday through Sunday of tournament week. Shuttles from Hogan Street by the Omni Hotel, Hyatt Regency Hotel and Lexington Hotel will be available to hotel guests and for residents to "park and ride," providing a convenient and cost-effective way for fans to get to and from the tournament. Shuttle passes are \$20 plus applicable fees and must be purchased in advance at THEPLAYERS.com/shuttle. Shuttles will operate Thursday through Sunday.

Pedal to THE PLAYERS

THE PLAYERS offers complimentary bike parking during the tournament, from 7:30 a.m. until end of play. Spectators can ride their bikes to Gate B located inside the TPC Sawgrass Gates off of PGA TOUR Boulevard in the back of lot 5. Bike racks are available free of charge for spectators.

Golf cart parking

THE PLAYERS offers complimentary Golf Cart parking services through Sunday at Gate B located inside the TPC Sawgrass Gates off of PGA TOUR Boulevard in the back of lot 5. Golf cart parking is free of charge for spectators.

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CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH AREA OFFICIALS

THE PLAYERS has teamed up with The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to encourage fans traveling to and from the tournament to use FDOT's 511 Traveler Information System for info on crashes, congestion, construction and more. FDOT provides up-to-date information on traffic conditions throughout the Jacksonville area, including I-95, I-295 and I-10. Motorists in the area can get information by calling 511 toll free, visiting FL511.com, downloading the free

Florida 511 mobile app on Android and Apple devices or following @FL511_northeast, @FL511_I95 or @FL511_I10 on Twitter. Individuals can also sign up for route-specific text, phone or email alerts via the FL511.com website.

DISABLED GUEST SERVICES

THE PLAYERS Disabled Guest Services program provides shuttles during the tournament. There will be 14 shuttles on course.

A van shuttle, which is wheelchair accessible, is available to and from Accessible Parking in the General Parking Lot and Shuttle Row, adjacent to Davis Love III Entry for spectators wishing to access the Practice Area, Clubhouse or No. 1 Tee.

Carts will run from the time entries open each tournament day until 30 minutes after play.

Cart Shuttles will only pick up and drop off from designated locations below and will not stray from the official route under any circumstances.

1. Behind 16 green by Couples Entry and The Courtyard
2. Behind 17 tee by the Food Court
3. Players' left of 9 fairway by Wine & Dine on 9
4. Players' left of 9 green by Greenside Lounge and Past Chairman
5. Clubhouse area behind 3 tee
6. Players' right of 16 tee in front of Patriot's Outpost
7. Players' right of 15 fairway at Taste of JAX

If disabled guests need assistance from a location without shuttle access, they should contact any tournament official with a radio.

For more information on tournament policies, visit
www.THEPLAYERS.com

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Official course map

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WHAT TO DO AT THE PLAYERS

FAN JOURNEYS

To make fans' onsite experiences as easy, fun and memorable as possible, THE PLAYERS team created customized, step-by-step adventures — "Fan Journeys" — for all different types of fans. Whether you're a family with young kids, social scene seeker, golf fanatic, foodie, selfie taker or on a ladies day out, these Fan Journeys were designed based on your unique interests. To choose your Fan Journey, visit the "Plan Your Visit" tab at THEPLAYERS.COM or download the PGA TOUR App.

THE PLAYERS WELCOME EXPERIENCE

THE PLAYERS has upgraded the main entryway experience for fans as they arrive through the Nicklaus Entry from general parking. Upon entry into the 2019 tournament, spectators entering through the general parking lot will walk through a bridged pathway through the woodlands into THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience. THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience includes the following:

The PGA TOUR Fan Shop

THE PGA TOUR Fan Shop at THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience is a great place to gear up for THE PLAYERS, featuring 2019-specific items that won't last long once the crowds arrive. Improved in 2019, the PGA TOUR Fan Shop has been redesigned and expanded to over 25,000 square feet and includes new product lines and exclusive gear, including specialty T-shirts and custom logoed headwear for THE PLAYERS 2019.

Stadium Village

This air-conditioned public fan zone features a centrally located bar, open-table seating and luxury restrooms. Stadium Village also includes interactive fan experiences including the Bridgestone Performance Center, the Lexus display, the GEICO display and more.

17th Hole Challenge presented by Optum, Morgan Stanley and Grant Thornton

This is a replica of the famed 17th hole where fans can take two free shots at the Island Green or purchase an additional chance for a \$5 donation to The First Tee of North Florida.

The Grove

Located in the area behind 17 tee and 16 green, The Grove is an outdoor, newly turfed area that is open to the public. The area includes space for gathering, pavers, table seating and a walkway from the Nicklaus Entry that will lead fans directly to the location. The Grove will include a large video board showcasing the Golf Channel and NBC broadcast so fans won't miss any tournament action while they're taking a break. The Grove will also feature a social media board covering THE PLAYERS Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds. The area is also in close proximity to the large permanent restrooms located behind 16 green and 17 tee.

The Kids Zone presented by The First Tee

The Kids Zone is an interactive destination for kids and families attending THE PLAYERS Championship. It features a par-3 Mini-Golf Challenge, a golf simulator, digital photo booth, The First Tee Target Wall and parent recharge stations with a live feed of the tournament. This is not a daycare area, as parents are required to stay with their children, but it allows parents the ability to take a break and relax in the shade while the kids have fun.

The Bier Garden presented by Hoptinger

THE PLAYERS will feature the Bier Garden presented by Hoptinger adjacent to the Couples Entry. Spectators will have a variety of craft beers on tap to choose from.

The Family Care Suite presented by Baptist Health

As part of Baptist's program as the onsite provider of medical services, the Family Care Suite will extend their services to attendees of THE PLAYERS with the venue serving as a comfort station for mothers and fathers to care for their babies and have a private, comfortable venue as needed during tournament week.

Palm Valley Village

Palm Valley Village is adjacent to the Greenside Lounge and is open to everyone with a Stadium Pass. This fan area will provide fans with a comfortable area near the 9th green, 18th green and practice area featuring food, available for purchase, from Publix and bibigo. Publix will be serving its signature sub of THE PLAYERS.

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DINING AT THE PLAYERS

FOOD POLICY

THE PLAYERS allows fans to bring in their own food in a 1-gallon clear, plastic bag, where food items are also wrapped in clear wrap. Fans can refill up their empty water bottles at the filtered water stations. This policy does not allow fans to bring in outside water bottles and/or beverages.

Below are some of the dining options/venues available at THE PLAYERS.

THE PLAYERS Club

THE PLAYERS Club is a private hospitality and hosting experience with private space onsite in the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse, as well as on 17 tee and 18 green. THE PLAYERS Club tickets cost \$6,000 per person and are purchased on a weekly ticket basis — each weekly ticket consisting of individually issued tickets by tournament day and including a ticket Tuesday to Sunday. Tickets can be transferred each day to another individual. Visit theplayers.com/theplayersclub for more information.

Captain's Club

New in 2019, the Captain's Club is available to spectators Thursday to Sunday at THE PLAYERS. The Captain's Club is a premium club space with views of the 16th and 18th holes at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass. This hospitality venue is the only daily upgraded ticket available. It features seating, a full-service bar and will include a premium viewing experience to watch the tournament. Beer, wine and soda are included in the cost of the ticket. Tickets are \$225 per day for Thursday and Sunday and \$250 per day for Friday and Saturday. Tickets are available at THEPLAYERS.com/tickets.

The Fan Bleacher presented by ULTRA

This is a public bleacher located behind 8 green with concessions available for purchase.

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Taste of JAX

Located behind 11 green and 12 tee, this public venue offers flavors from local, favorite restaurants, a GREY GOOSE open-air bar, permanent restrooms and video boards to keep up with the tournament. Taste of JAX restaurants include Brucci's Pizza, Mojo Kitchen, Zoe's Kitchen and Cousins Maine Lobster.

Wine & Dine on 9

Fans can enjoy gourmet small plates prepared by Matthew Medure, one of Northeast Florida's most renowned chefs, in a garden setting. Wine & Dine on 9 also features premium varietals

from Kendall-Jackson. Located left of 9 fairway, there is a videoboard and permanent restrooms next to Wine & Dine on 9.

Food Court

Located in THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience at the Nicklaus Entry, restaurants featured in the Food Court include Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q, Daily's Grab-n-Go, Firehouse Subs, Hawkers Asian Street Fare, M Shack and Tropical Smoothie Café.

Trucks on 10

Located between 10 fairway, 11 fairway and 15 green, this public venue offers flavors from local, favorite food trucks, an upgraded restroom and an open-air, centrally located Michelob ULTRA Mobile bar. Trucks on 10 will offer

seating for fans and include food from local trucks, including Cely's Filipino Food, Delish Kabob's, Mama's Food and Pele's Wood Fire, among others.

Tacos on 12

Located between 11 tee, 12 green and 13 tee, TacoLu will be serving food and beverages. This public venue includes seating and shaded areas.

Sawgrass Square

Located at the Davis Love III Entry, Mini Bar will be serving up its signature mini donuts alongside 4 Rivers Smokehouse, a local barbecue favorite.

The Benefactor featuring The ULTRA Club and Oakley Lounge

The Benefactor featuring The ULTRA Club and Oakley Lounge is situated be-

hind the tee box of the 17th hole at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course and has sold out since 2012. This 14,500 square-foot, climate-controlled venue has a 4,500 square-foot patio and allows spectators access to The Benefactor, The Turn and Tournament Grounds. There is upscale food and premium bar available for purchase and private restroom facilities.

Located behind the 17th tee at The Benefactor, the ULTRA Club will feature a climate-controlled interior with food and beverages for purchase, including Michelob ULTRA, the official beer sponsor of the PGA TOUR.

On the second floor of The Benefactor, fans can enjoy views of No. 17 from the Oakley Lounge in all-new Oakley sunglasses.

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THE STADIUM COURSE: HOLE-BY-HOLE OVERVIEW

HOLE 1

- No. 1 tee is a popular spot to watch players hit their tee shots with mounds to the left and right of the green for optimal viewing.
- Limited foliage lets you see a player's approach and putt.
- This less-crowded location provides an opportunity to get close to players as they walk from No. 1 green to No. 2 tee.

HOLE 2

- Elevated mounding behind the green provides a great place to watch players decide whether or not to go for the par 5 in two or lay up, and then you can keep an eye on them as they head to No. 3 tee to take a shot at the par-3 green.

HOLE 3

- Left of the tee box is a great place to view golf, as you are just on the other side of the practice tee, which means you can move back and forth to watch the third hole, as well as see players warm up. This elevated area provides a great line of sight.
- Extended mounding to the left of the green allows for great views of balls approaching the green and players putting.

HOLE 4

- Sit on the bulkhead around the water surrounding the green and dangle your feet (hold on to those flip-flops!).
- Lowered mounding for improved viewing on 4 tee.
- Expanded fan walkway.

HOLE 5

- Find great views of this tough par 4 from the elevated left side of the fairway, where you can also catch a glimpse of players practicing on the back tee of the upgraded driving range.
- Elevated mounding behind the green provides superior viewing angles.

HOLE 6

- This green isn't very crowded and offers a great place to catch the action up close.
- It's the perfect spot to be near players as they walk from the green to the No. 7 tee.

HOLE 7

- The elevated mounding behind the green allows you to see all the way back to the tee box.

HOLE 8

- Always a fan favorite, you can get close to the action when players hit their tee shots thanks to elevated mounding behind the green (and in the shade of nearby trees).
- The elevated mounds also allow fans to see shots land and players putt on this undulating green.
- The Fan Bleacher presented by ULTRA offers views of the eighth hole.

HOLE 9

- A great par 5 to watch players hit their tee shots and decide whether or not to go for the green in two.
- Significant amounts of foliage to the left of the green have been removed, and bleachers were added.
- Mounding on 9 green allows you to have a better view of players' approach shots and putts.

HOLE 10

- The elevated mounding behind the tee provides great views of players' tee shots, and you're just steps away from a permanent restroom.

HOLE 11

- A fan favorite par 5 where players often go for the green in two, the green is surrounded by sand and water, which provides non-stop drama and excitement.

HOLE 12

- Elevated mounds around the tee provide excellent views of players hitting their tee shots. Will they go for the green or lay up?
- The mound near the green allows you to look back at the tee and approach shots, as well as over the green for up-close views.
- Additional mounding for improved viewing on 12 tee.

HOLE 13

- Fans directly behind the green may even see a ball or two roll through the green and end up in collection area just on the other side of the ropes from where they're sitting.
- The top of the mounding behind the green also provides a nice view of players teeing off on No. 14.

HOLE 14

- A tough par 4 with great, elevated views behind the tee and the right side of the fairway. Errant tee shots to the right often end up right near fans.

HOLE 15

- This par 4 has elevated mounding on the left side of the green, providing good views of approach shots and putting.
- Additional mounding for improved viewing on 15 green.

HOLE 16

- The elevated mounding on the left side of the green provides an ideal vantage point for approach shots and putts, as well as a view of the 17th hole.
- This is one of the most iconic par 5s in all of golf, offering opportunities for eagles and birdies with accurate approach shots, but also bogeys and double bogeys with water looming down the right-hand side.

HOLE 17

- There is not a bad view of this legendary, Island Green par 3.
- This is a perfect spot to watch golf and then see players walk off the green and through the tunnel as they head to the 18th tee.

HOLE 18

- This finishing hole is one of the most difficult on the PGA TOUR, with water down the left side and an extremely narrow fairway.
- You'll find great views behind the tee and down the right side of the hole.
- The elevated area around the green is known as The Bluff, where courtesy folding chairs are provided at no charge, and if you're in your chair when the last putt drops at the end of the day, you can take it home for free!



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The Patio

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- 12. Voldemort's title
- 13. Ohio city
- 15. Sainly glow
- 16. Never a UK currency
- 17. Disapproved by audience
- 18. *American concentration camp
- 20. Peters out
- 21. *Harry Truman to Margaret
- 22. Feedbag morsel
- 23. Mountain climber's tool
- 26. Overplay in front of audience
- 30. Negative conjunction
- 31. Within a building
- 34. Leafy green
- 35. Captain America actor
- 37. Party bowlful
- 38. Dictum, pl.
- 39. Network of nerves
- 40. Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest
- 42. "To _____ is human"
- 43. *#23 Across victim
- 45. Like a human
- 47. "Never _____ never"
- 48. Raccoon's South American cousin

- 50. Mount Olympus' famous dweller
- 52. *Manhattan Project site
- 55. Does like a sponge
- 56. Horizontal wall beam
- 57. Pelvic parts
- 59. Actress Parker
- 60. Geologic time divisions
- 61. Steve Urkel, e.g.
- 62. Eat, past tense
- 63. Lt.'s subordinate
- 64. "_____ Louise"

DOWN

- 1. Mozart's "L'____ del Cairo"
- 2. Homecoming guest
- 3. #50 Across wife
- 4. Kenya's neighbor
- 5. Native American earthen structure
- 6. Orderly arrangement
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- 8. Circus trainer's poker
- 9. Zac Brown Band's body part hit
- 10. A in FANBOYS
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- 13. At right angle to a ship
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- 33. Black gold
- 36. Miniature Japanese carving
- 38. Hindu garment
- 40. Blue overhead
- 41. Intelligence
- 44. Impudent
- 46. Horse-involved activity
- 48. Man-made stone pile
- 49. Ladies' fingers
- 50. *Popular 1940s suit
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