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ABOVE: Donna Deegan (center), founder and president of The Donna Foundation with Katlyn Couch (left) and Renee Couch, two sisters running for their friends and sister-in-law.

LEFT: Runners race in support of the fight to end breast cancer at THE PLAYERS Donna 5K. Read more on **Page 35**.

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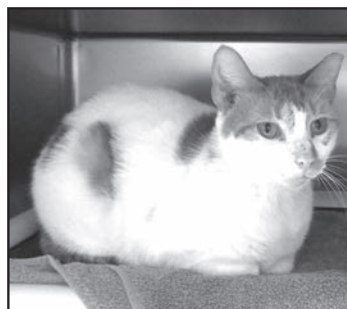
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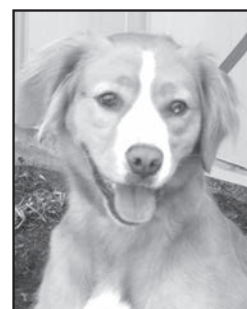
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CAT OF THE WEEK

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DOG OF THE WEEK



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Aqua Grill looks to 'wow' patrons with memorable moments at new restaurant

By Jennifer Logue

As Aqua Grill Owner Cary Hart prepares to welcome longtime patrons who come to his restaurant each year when they visit Ponte Vedra for THE PLAYERS Championship, he's looking forward to seeing their reaction to its new location.

If the response from local patrons is any indication, he said, it will be a positive one.

"The most common reaction we get is, 'Wow!'" Hart said. "It's so magnificently beautiful and has been so well received, I think people will really be blown away."

A Ponte Vedra Beach mainstay for 28 years, Aqua Grill relocated last fall to a new building constructed next door to its former Sawgrass Village home. The

multimillion-dollar project has created a sleek, cosmopolitan dining destination that offers total seating for 200, including the indoor dining room, bar area and the popular outdoor deck. Among the many patrons Hart expects to see Aqua Grill's new home for the first time this week are groups associated with THE PLAYERS Championship.

"This is my 29th TPC week – we've made so many different relationships over the years," he said. "NBC Sports, the Golf Channel, title sponsors – they all come here."

On the menu

The new Aqua Grill features expanded kitchen space, including a new back kitchen the previous location didn't have.

"The new kitchen is more flexible for our chefs," Hart said. "It's going to allow them to be more creative and allow us to do more specialty dinners that we couldn't do before."

The added flexibility has also enabled Hart and his staff of 50 to offer some new, more upscale menu items.

"We always change it to try to keep up with the trends," he said. "We want

to stay on top of what is happening now – the culinary world is very creative – and bring it to Jacksonville."

Unlike some restaurants, he added, Aqua Grill has a very eclectic menu that offers something for everyone.

"I was in California recently, and out there (restaurants) have five entrees,

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The new Aqua Grill features a sophisticated contemporary décor

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Senior center marks Holocaust Remembrance Day

By Carrie Resch

Local residents had an opportunity to hear from two community members whose lives were forever impacted by the Holocaust last week, when THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center hosted a special luncheon to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Sponsored by the Council on Aging and Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, the May 4 luncheon featured guest speakers Beth El Rabbi Michael Matuson and Holocaust survivor Morris Bendit.

Rabbi Matuson spoke first about his struggle to understand the Holocaust and disclosed how it has shaped his entire life – from the time he was a child and spotted tattooed numbers on a neighbor's arm and wondered what the numbers meant to the present day.

"The Holocaust is very much in my mind then as it is now," said Matuson, adding that he still prays to try and understand. "It's influenced my life in virtually every way.

"I don't have any answers," he continued. "I know how important it is to never forget. I know how important it is to never allow it to happen again, that I understand."

Then it was Bendit's turn to speak and share his story. Born in 1941 in Chernovitz, a city in western Ukraine, Bendit was just two months old when the Russian army enlisted his father to fight the Nazis. He never got the chance: While in transport, his father was killed when German bombers attacked his train. Shortly thereafter, in October 1941, Bendit's family and thousands of other Jews were forced out of their homes and herded into a ghetto, taking with them only what they could carry. They were marched to Transis-

tria, a territory in southwestern Ukraine that today is often referred to as "the giant forgotten cemetery."

During the day, they were forced to march from village to village, town to town, Bendit said, and when his mother was too exhausted to carry him, his grandmother took over. In the bitter cold, they would look for shelter in any form they could find in an attempt to protect themselves from the elements.

"Many died naked and barefoot in the cold – if you asked me how I survived, pure miracle," he said, listing just a few of the diseases he suffered from including typhus, malaria and scarlet fever. His mother, grandmother and aunt also survived, but they were the only survivors of his family by the time the concentration camp was liberated in 1944. Bendit was 4 years old.

After liberation, he immigrated to Romania and then Israel, where as an adult he served as a staff sergeant in the Israeli Navy. Shortly after finishing his military service, Bendit went to Montreal, Canada and stayed for three years. He immigrated to the United States in 1965 and has resided in Jacksonville for the past 31 years. He has three daughters and six grandchildren.

Bendit confided that no matter how many times he tells his story, it never gets any easier. He relives his painful past each time he tells his story. Hearing stories from actual survivors is a becoming a rarity, as an ever-growing number of people can only learn about the Holocaust in history books or from the remaining survivors.

"Twenty years ago – that's when my mother passed away – I realized that the WWII generation is disappearing fast," Bendit said. "Very soon there will not be any witness to the atrocity that



Photos by Carrie Resch

Darlene Mahany, senior center coordinator of THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center; First Baptist Church Ponte Vedra Beach Pastor Bob Loy; Beth El Rabbi Michael Matuson; Holocaust survivor Morris Bendit; Marion Ashton, THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center program assistant; and Mitzi Saul, community education supervisor for Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.

took place in Europe from 1939 to 1945. There will only be stories that will pass down to future generations."

So why share his story? It is a question he said he is often asked.

"I believe it should be told," he said. "The reason is, history always repeats itself – no matter if it's 70 years, 100 years or 1,000 years. Never again is not just a slogan. Never again means not to let your guards down, making sure that no other manmade human disaster ever happens again.

"We cannot fix the past, but we can improve the future," he said. "Living in the past is not healthy; remembering the past is essential."



Beth El Rabbi Michael Matuson with Morris Bendit

Aqua Grill

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five appetizers, four sides and that's it," Hart said. "At Aqua Grill, I could order a hamburger and you could get lobster. I could get fish and you could get chicken. And we print our menu in-house so we can change it as often as we need to."

There are some menu items, however, that patrons won't let him change. Among them: the Vidalia onion flounder, the whole fish Cantonese style and the ruby red shrimp.

"If we try to take them off the menu, people ask us to bring them back," he said, noting that Aqua Grill only uses the freshest local seafood, along with

beef and poultry products that are free of hormones.

Making memories

While Ponte Vedra has seen many restaurants come and go over the decades, Hart takes pride in Aqua Grill's longevity.

"We've been part of the fabric of Ponte Vedra for 28 years now," he said, noting that many staff members have worked at Aqua Grill for decades. "We consider ourselves to be an icon in the community: Families have grown up here. People tell me, 'My son is 40, he's very successful – and he started working here for you as a busboy!'"

That familial connection is important to Aqua Grill, because ultimately, Hart said, it's not about the food.

"You could go buy a sandwich at

Publix or eat anywhere," he said. "In this business, you want to create 'wow' moments – the moments in people's lives they'll never forget."

Multiple generations of families have been coming to Aqua Grill to celebrate rehearsal dinners, school graduations, retirement parties and other special occasions. It's a responsibility the staff takes seriously.

"We are the stewards of special moments in people's lives," Hart said. "We want to be a place that people can feel proud to bring their family to celebrate those special moments. This business is all about relationships.

"For 28 years, we've been the community's restaurant," he continued, "and we want people to know we plan to be here for the next 28 years, for their grandchildren."

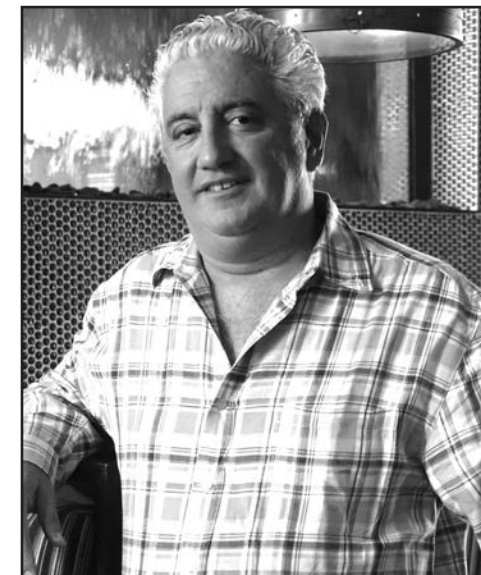


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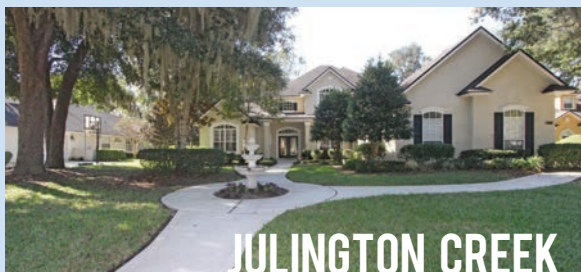


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Photo provided by Girl Scouts of Gateway Council

Women of Distinction award recipients Cheryl Bryan, Heather Duncan, Velma Monteiro-Tribble, Stephanie Cost, Vickie Cavey and Debbie Buckland

By Jasmine Marshall

The Girl Scouts of Gateway Council recently presented the 27th annual Women of Distinction awards, recognizing the professional accomplishments and services of women of Northeast Florida.

Six Jacksonville women were honored at the fundraising event, which generated proceeds to support the Girl Scout Leadership Program for area girls. This year's honorees included retired educator Cheryl Bryan, BB& T market President Debbie Buckland, Jacksonville University First Lady Stephanie Cost, JEA Director of Strategy Development and Execution Vickie Cavey, AT&

T Florida Regional Director of External Affairs Heather Duncan, and Florida Blue Foundation Director of Grants and Programs Velma Monteiro-Tribble. The honorees were chosen by event volunteers, staff of the council and a representative of the council's board of directors.

Mary Anne Jacobs, CEO of Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, said the celebration creates an opportunity to see the impact of the Girl Scouts' leadership program and to see women in business reconnect with their roots as scouts.

"Women across Northeast Florida connect with their girl scout experience

during the annual Women of Distinction event," Jacobs said. "It is rewarding to hear how participation in Girl Scouts helped prepare the honorees for leadership roles in our community.

"The research indicates Girl Scouts is the premier leadership development program for girls," she continued, "Yet, the Women of Distinction event provides the opportunity to see it firsthand."

As part of the program, Jacobs said, the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council paired ambassador girl scouts with the Women of Distinction award recipients to create an opportunity for the honorees to discuss career options and

leadership paths with one another, continuing a cycle of growth started with the leadership programs for which the organization is known. Her ultimate hope in recognizing the Women of Distinction honorees is for the community to acknowledge the success of women and continue to invest in the future of girls.

"At Girl Scouts, we have always known that girls are the key to our collective future," Jacobs said. "One of the best things we can do as a community to ensure the long-term strength of Northeast Florida is to invest in girls."

Newcomers of the Beaches holds annual fashion show

Newcomers of the Beaches recently held its annual fashion show at the group's April luncheon held at Marsh Landing Country Club. Members of the group modeled fashions provided by Stein Mart. Pictured from left are: Chris Loeb, Maria DiClemente, Rene Sinaly, Sally Lutz, June Johnston, June Walz, Pat Smith and Ann Rosenblum.

Newcomers at the Beaches welcomes any women who are new to the area or who have experienced a life change. For more information, visit www.newcomersofthebeaches.com



Ponte Vedra students named winners in Notre Dame art contest

Two students from Ponte Vedra have been named winners in the University of Notre Dame's first "Living Worlds Space Art Contest," which aims to foster creativity while building on a foundation of astrobiology.

Victoria Joseph, a third grade student at Palmer Catholic Academy, won first place in the Grade 2-3 category for her artwork titled "Blobstin." Lillian Massey, a Palmer kindergarten student, won second place for her drawing titled "The Butterfly Flower."

Open to students from kindergarten through fifth grade, the contest asked students to imagine and depict the unusual forms of life that might inhabit other planets. The entrants from around the country also included written descriptions of their creature, specifically describing how it had adapted to conditions on its planet.

Organizers said the goal of the contest was to allow students to explore evolution, adaptation and the discovery of planets around other stars. To guide their students, teachers had access to learning materials on animals, space, planets and stars, including a Living Worlds sample lesson from the iLocator program at Notre Dame. An ultra-precise spectrometer being developed at Notre Dame, the iLocator, will use infrared wavelengths to find new planets. It is expected to be operational in 2018.

First place contest winners received a \$250 teacher cash card, a \$75 student space swag bag and a classroom Skype session with Notre Dame iLocator scientists. Second place winners received a \$150 teacher cash card and a \$75 student space swag bag, while third place winners received a \$100 teacher cash card and a \$75 student space swag bag.



Photo provided
"The Butterfly Flower" by Palmer student Lillian Massey

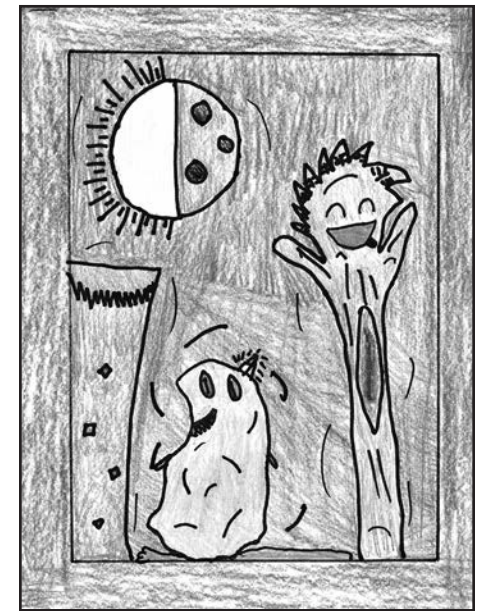


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"Blobstin" by Palmer Catholic Academy student Victoria Joseph

Freedom Boat Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters join forces for youth-mentoring group

By Carrie Resch

Freedom Boat Club is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America to raise awareness and funds for the 111-year-old organization that pairs at-risk youths with mentors. It's the first time in the franchisor's 26-year history that the club's corporate ownership and franchise owners/operators are working together in a cause-marketing program and platform.

The campaign theme "Boating Big! All Aboard for the Littles," features a fundraising initiative for BBBS and a special event in cooperation with local BBBS affiliates. A nationwide "All on Deck" boating party will take place this month featuring feature boat rides for BBBS mentors, also known as "bigs," and their mentees, or "littles," that will include lunch and entertainment.

Locally, the Freedom Boat Club Jacksonville and St. Augustine will hold its "All on Deck" party on May 21. The group will launch boats from Julington Creek and be motored to Green Cove Springs, where they will dock at the springs and picnic, have a chance to explore the area and play on the playground. Participants will then re-board the boat for a short trip up Black Creek and return to the dock at Julington Creek.

Lisa Almeida, co-owner of Freedom Boat Club Jacksonville and St. Augus-

tine, said that Freedom Boat Club chose BBBS as its corporate charity entity with the idea of wanting to get kids on a boat who might never have the chance. The local franchise previously has done charity boat rides on its own with organizations such as Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, the Daniel Kids Foundation and Father's Harbor Academy.

"We love giving people the opportunity, especially kids, to get out on the water when they may not have had the chance before," Almeida said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida CEO Warren Grymes echoed that sentiment.

"A lot of our kids have never been

out on the water and this gives them that opportunity to do something a little bit different, and that's kind of the way that it is for a lot of our children," he said. "We have kids living 12 miles from Jacksonville Beach and have never been there – never seen the ocean, so similarly, here we have this beautiful river running right through our city that many of these kids will have seen coming from the north side of town, and they've really never had the opportunity to go on a boat and experience what life is like on the water. It's something that many of us who are in a little bit better position just simply take for granted."

Grymes said he is thankful for the

boat club's willingness to be involved with the campaign, acknowledging that they have a number of volunteers who are helping to facilitate the event that are taking time out of their weekend.

"It's one more great testament to me of a giving community that we live in," he said. "These folks are willing to take time out of their weekend to do something for kids who have never experienced what these folks experience on a regular basis, so I think it's just tremendous."

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Anyone who has ever volunteered at THE PLAYERS Championship has probably tasted the culinary talents of Darlene Riggs. For 30 years, Riggs has been the driving force behind what has become known as “Darlene’s Diner” – the food tent that provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks to the thousands of volunteers who make the tournament possible. — By Jennifer Logue

Darlene Riggs

This is your 30th anniversary serving up food as a volunteer for THE PLAYERS. How did you come to be involved with the tournament as a volunteer?

Yes, this is my 30th year. I worked for SunTrust Bank and my boss, Robert Alexander, a tournament vice chairman in 1987, asked me to come out to help with the on-course concession deposits. After two years, I was asked to be an assistant on the food and beverage committee. Two years later, I was asked to be the chairman and I have had the privilege of serving in that capacity ever since.

Feeding thousands of volunteers is a pretty big task.

How many volunteers assist you in “Darlene’s Diner” and what types of duties do they perform?

This year I have a staff of 86. We prepare a full breakfast and a broad menu lunch for our volunteers. They do everything from grilling our meats, to preparing our salads and sandwiches. Everything is prepared fresh every day, so they are quite a busy group.

Describe a typical day running Darlene’s Diner.

I get to the diner every morning at 5 a.m. and I start by getting the water on for our grits. We serve a full breakfast made to order: hash browns, grits, bacon, sausage, eggs cooked to order, toast, pancakes, French toast, breakfast sandwiches and breakfast bowls. We start serving at 6 a.m. and people are already lined up when we open the door. At 10:30 a.m. we change over to lunch: We serve hamburgers, cheeseburgers, grilled chicken sandwiches, sausage dogs, hot dogs, chicken fingers, French fries, grilled cheese sandwiches, BLTs, our famous tuna and egg salad sandwiches. We also serve our popular bean and barley side salad, cole slaw, Marconi salad and snacks. All of our food is prepared fresh on site daily. We serve lunch until 4 p.m. Our meats and bread are delivered each afternoon. We marinate our chicken, store our breads and any other delivered product, clean up and get ready for the next day. We usually get out of the diner around 5:30 p.m.

How much food will you go through during the week?

During the course of the seven days, we will cook 832 dozen eggs for breakfast. Each day, we average between 70 to 120 dozen eggs cooked to order, 200 large sausages, 35 to 40 pounds of bacon and several hundred “Darlene’s Specials” – a sandwich with two pieces of toast, two fried eggs, two slices of cheese, two slices of bacon and if requested we add a sliced sausage – “the ultimate.” They love these sandwiches. For lunch, we will cook over the seven days 880 pounds of chicken breasts, 3,700 hamburgers, 12 five-gallon buckets of boiled eggs for our salads and several hundred grilled cheese sandwiches. Our volunteers love to eat, and my staff and I take a great deal of pride in making sure that we prepare our food quickly, so volunteers can get back out to their assignments and they go away saying, “That was really good!”



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

What’s the most rewarding part about running “Darlene’s Diner”?

I just enjoy interacting with the volunteers and have made lifelong friends and many memories. I have worked at other tournaments and I think that the diner at THE PLAYERS is a one-of-a-kind venue, a special place for volunteers. It gives them a place to sit together, enjoy a good meal and build lasting friendships. They can have their breakfast, come back and have lunch, then return at the end

of the day and relax with popcorn and a beverage. It is the center of our PLAYERS volunteer community and I like to feel that it is as special to them as it is to me.

When you’re not working or feeding hungry volunteers, how do you enjoy spending your free time?

I love to sew and work in my yard. I live on three acres and so I have plenty to keep me busy. My 12-year-old grandson lives with me and he races dirt bikes.

We travel every other weekend to somewhere in Florida to race. It keeps me busy. I never thought at this stage of my life I would be hauling a motorcycle all over the state, mixing oil and gas, changing spark plugs and helping with pit stops! I do enjoy this and I still cook. All of my grandson’s friends come to our tent because they know Ms. Darlene always brings brownies, cookies and sandwiches.

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Annual 'A Night at Roy's' fundraiser raises awareness, funds for children's advocacy group

By Carrie Resch

More than 400 attendees gathered for a Hawaiian-themed fundraiser to benefit the Monique Burr Foundation for Children at the annual "A Night at Roy's."

Held April 19 at Roy's Restaurant in Jacksonville Beach, this year's event was the biggest yet, event organizers said.

Tents and tables were set up outside of Roy's Restaurant, owned by James Beard Award-winning chef Roy Yamaguchi, who attended the event. Guests were presented with leis at the sign-in table. Inside the restaurant, attendees perused and bid on the silent auction items.

The night included live musical entertainment from Nashville artist Colleen Orender, Mack & Jack Hazel, Peyton Woods & Wesley Monzon, and Jack Rosa. Guests dined on Hawaiian influence gourmet cuisine and sipped on tropical cocktails. The live auction was conducted by MG Orender, who was assisted by event emcee Curtis Dvorak and Jacksonville Jaguar quarterback Blake Bortles, who helped to auction off one of his signed game jerseys.

Opening remarks were made by MBF Founder Ed Burr and retired teacher Karen Wolfson, who praised the foundation's Child Safety Matters Program, a prevention education program that provides information and strategies to prevent bullying, cyberbullying, digital abuse and other types of child abuse and exploitation.

"This program truly works and the children understand the safety rules and use them," Wolfson said. "I've seen it work in the classroom and as a volunteer at the Wolfson Children's Hospital, I have seen the tragic effect of child abuse."

The MBF Child Safety Matters curriculum is approved in 58 counties in Florida and its safety lessons have reached more than 1 million children. The foundation has trained more than 1,300 facilitators to implement the program, which is made possible through donations and fundraising events such as "A Night at Roy's." The foundation hopes to expand the program into other elementary schools nationwide following its recent launch in Dayton, Ohio.



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Michelle Woods and Rebekah Davis



Ed Burr addresses the crowd at A Night at Roy's.



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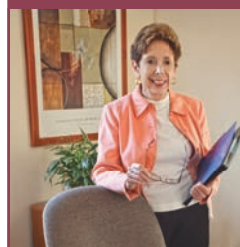
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Sunset Rotary Club awards scholarships

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset recently awarded scholarships to two local students as part of its "Service Above Self" scholarship program. Each student received \$1,000 towards her college education.

Divya Mahesh was chosen as the 2016 Service Above Self scholarship recipient for Allen D. Nease High School. Mahesh was recognized for achieving a high level of academic success: In addition to ranking number one in her class and maintaining a 4.7 GPA, she is an International Baccalaureate student, an AP scholar with Distinction and a 2016 National Merit Finalist. She is also involved in community service activities: Mahesh was the founder of the FAME (Friends Aiding Medically Everywhere) organization, which partners with local doctors to establish a free monthly clinic for the homeless. She was also the president of the Fight Against Hunger Club and the founder of the Nease High School Food Pantry and Closet, and has logged 300 volunteer service hours at the Sulzbacher Center, St. Francis House, Taylor home for seniors and Mayo Clinic.

Mahesh is treasurer of the National Honor Society and a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and the Hispanic Honor Society. She is the daughter of Mahesh Krishnamurthy and Akila Mahesh of St. Augustine.

Tess Reiman was chosen as the

scholarship recipient for Ponte Vedra High School. In addition to maintaining a 4.4 GPA, Reiman is the founder of the national award-winning organization Project Storybook and Project Play, which provide books and play equipment for children living in Habitat for Humanity homes. Reiman is also the founder and president of the Ponte Vedra High School Sharks and Minnows club, which mentors elementary school children at the Rhoda Martin Cultural Heritage Center.

A three-year varsity athlete with the girls lacrosse team and a varsity letter athlete with the swim team, Reiman is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, the English Honor Society, Rho Kappa History Society, the Science Honor Society, the Hispanic Honor Society and a multiple Academic Excellence Award winner. She is one of six founding commissioners of the Ponte Vedra High Link Crew, and has represented PVHS as a Hugh O'Brian (HOBY) youth leadership ambassador and a delegate to Youth Leadership Jacksonville. She is the daughter of Dan and Brette Reiman of Ponte Vedra Beach.



Photos courtesy of Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset
Rotary President-Elect Janeene Hart, Nease High School Principal Kyle Dresback, Akila Mahesh, Mahesh Krishnamurthy, Divya Mahesh, IB Coordinator Kim Hollis, IB instructor Derek Coghlan and Rotary President Ron Mott.



Service Above Self Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Jeff Hart, PVHS counselor Catherine Snowden, PVHS Principal Steve McCormick, Rotary President-Elect Janeene Hart, Tess Reiman, Rotary President Ronald Mott, Beaches Habitat for Humanity CEO Donna Keith Rex and scholarship committee member Paula Roderick.



Photos by Susan Griffin

Christy and Jason Leinheiser (center) join with representatives from the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce to cut the ribbon on their new shop, Christy's Dream Ice Cream Bar.

Christy's Dream Ice Cream Bar holds ribbon cutting

Members of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Ponte Vedra Beach Division were on hand to help cut the ribbon for the new Christy's Dream ice cream shop.

Located in Sawgrass Village adjacent to the Hilton Garden Inn, the shop is the "dream" of Christy and Jason Leinheiser. Sporting a funky décor heavy on '80s

pop culture, Christy's Dream features more than two dozen specially made flavors, including such options as "Shut Your Face," which features Oreo cheesecake. In addition, the shop features about eight to 10 "adult" flavors, including "Bond. James Bond" – a chocolate martini – and "I Cried at Work Today," which features a chocolate Heath bar and chocolate liqueur.

Underwood's Jewelers IPPOLITA trunk show and benefit for Angelwood

By Carrie Resch

Underwood's Jewelers hosted a three-day trunk show featuring the 2016 IPPOLITA spring collection April 28-30 at Underwood's of Ponte Vedra. A portion of the proceeds from the trunk show benefited Angelwood Inc., a Jacksonville-based nonprofit organization that assists families in caring for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The trunk show kicked off with a cocktail reception attended by Angelwood employees, board members and supporters. Natalie Wall, director of sales for IPPOLITA, was on hand to showcase the spring collection and oth-

er special items from the jewelry line, which was founded in 1999 by Italian artist and designer Ippolita Rostagno.

Underwood's approached IPPOLITA about donating a necklace for a raffle drawing benefiting Angelwood. IPPOLITA donated an 18-karat gold pendant necklace that is part of a new sculptural line called Senso.

"We normally do not raffle anything off, but we really wanted to do something special because it was an organization that we thought was really great," Wall said. "Ippolita Rostagno is a big fan of pairing with charities; a lot of times when we do events or she makes a personal appearance, it's usually tied

with some sort of a charity."

The necklace will be on display at Underwood's until Angelwood's Aug. 12 fashion show and luncheon. Customers can view the piece and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win the necklace. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or three tickets can be purchased for \$50. The winner will be announced live at the fashion show.

"(Underwood's) been very generous in providing us with silent auction items, and then they came to us in January and told us that they were going to donate this piece of jewelry so that we could raise money throughout the year," said Tera Williams, develop-

ment director for Angelwood. "It's been a huge hit at all of our events; people are loving it.

"We're hoping to raise a couple thousand dollars which is a big deal for our organization," Williams continued. "We are just so grateful to Underwood's and IPPOLITA; they are just so giving and have done so much for us."

For more information about Angelwood or the upcoming fashion show, visit www.angelwoodjax.org/cms2.



Photos by Carrie Resch

Angelwood employees Diane Tuttle, executive director; Tera Williams, development director; Alexis Bohrer, community involvement director.



Natalie Wall, director of sales for IPPOLITA; Diane Tuttle, executive director of Angelwood; John Rutkowski, Underwood's Jewelers of Ponte Vedra store manager.



The 18 karat gold pendant necklace donated by IPPOLITA is part of a new sculptural line called Senso. The necklace will be on display at Underwood's Jewelers; customers can view the piece and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win the necklace. The winner will be announced live at the Angelwood fashion show taking place Aug. 12 at Sawgrass Marriott.



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Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group

Members of the Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group held their monthly after-work social hour last week at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa's Cabana Beach Club.

On the first Wednesday of the month, the networking group holds a social mixer at various restaurants and clubs throughout the Beaches area. The rest of the month, the group meets Wednesdays at noon at Mulligan's in the Hilton Garden Inn, located in Sawgrass Village



Photos by Susan Griffin

Ken and Karen Butler and Carol Maurer



Gloria Dongara and Christine Ondek



Brooks Werkheiser and Marc Ressler

Beaches Episcopal teacher receives grant

Beaches Episcopal School faculty member and IDEASudio Educator Betsy Bailey was awarded a DeWitt E. and Vera M. Hooker Fellowship Grant from the Florida Council on Independent Schools (FCIS).

Bailey received the grant for her "Florida Sands Project," which will focus on collecting coastal, lake, river and stream sand specimens found across the state. The project will integrate science, social studies, technology, reading, engineering, art, and math. BES fourth grade students will also communicate and collaborate with other Florida students by written and electronic correspondence. Bailey will then present her project at the FCIS

Convention in Miami in November 2016.

In addition to Bailey's project, grants were also awarded to St. Andrew's School for "Reducing Your Eco Footprint" and Shorecrest Preparatory School for "Coastal Awareness with ROVs."



Bailey

Carol Thomas, RN celebrates 25th anniversary with River Garden

Carol Thomas, RN, CDONA, recently celebrated her 25th anniversary with River Garden Senior Services. In a field where nursing directors often measure length of stay in the same facility in months or a handful of years, Thomas's tenure is impressive, colleagues say.

Thomas began her River Garden career in April 1991 and in 1997 was named its chief nursing officer. Under her leadership the nursing department has grown to include more than 170 staff, and River Garden has consistently earned the highest ratings from state and federal regulatory agencies.



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Palencia holds grand opening of Costa del Sol model homes

By Carrie Resch

Home builders, realtors and potential buyers flocked to the recent grand opening of three model homes in Palencia's Costa del Sol neighborhood.

Attendees at the May 5 event could take a self-guided tour of the model homes from Cottage Home Company, CornerStone Homes and Arthur Rutenberg Homes, and enjoy live music, food and cocktails provided by Anthony's Gourmet Catering at each location.

Costa del Sol is the final estate neighborhood to be built in Palencia. The 62 lots are surrounded by nature with views of the Intracoastal Waterway.

Palencia broker Naomi Lumley is credited with being Palencia's longest sales associate. For the past 15 years, she has touted Palencia's features.

"Palencia has something for every age group," said Lumley, noting that Costa del Sol is situated on some of the prettiest property in Palencia. "The school district is the number one draw. The Arthur Hills golf course is a big draw and our tennis program is fantastic, so I think the other thing that really sets us apart is when you drive through here and you see how we've left the trees."



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Davidson Realty's Delores Alexander, Watson Realty's Betsy Picot and Davidson's Maxine Levey



Joan and Mark Refosco of Arthur Rutenberg Homes



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Glen McKenede and Patrick Kelly of Anthony's Gourmet Catering



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Cottage Home Company owner Bill Petkoski with architect Bob Esposito



Violinist Eva Karjono.



Stellers 'Hue' opening reception benefits Art with a Heart in Healthcare

Spring was in the air April 29, when Stellers Gallery hosted the opening reception for "Hue," an art exhibition celebrating bold and vivid colors.

The exhibition features the works of nationally recognized painters Michelle Armas, Shawn Meharg, Enrique Mora and Steve Williams. As part of the opening reception festivities, four pieces of artwork by each featured artist were raffled off as a fundraiser to benefit Jacksonville's Art with a Heart in Healthcare. The nonprofit organization aims to aid the healing process of sick children through art, providing art therapy and artistic activities to patients at Wolfson's Children's Hospital and Nemours Clinic.

"Art with a Heart is a cause that Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra feels very passionate about," Gallery Owner Hillary Whitaker said. "Art is such a powerful tool, and we love that Art With A Heart uses art as a form of healing and helping to humanize and diminish the fear, pain, boredom and depression associated with hospitalization for children."



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Eileen Dyson, Steve Givens and Geri Price



Katie Howard, artist Steve Williams and Lucia Miller



Kim Hartwick and Carol Wakefield



Toby Smith and Michelle McDowell-Smith



Nostalgia-fueled 'MY2K' tour to visit St. Augustine

98 degrees to headline show

Nineties boy band 98 Degrees will headline the "MY2K" tour when it stops at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre July 14.

Ryan Cabrera, Dream and O-Town will also appear with 98 Degrees, whose members include brothers Drew and Nick Lachey, Justin Jeffre and Jeff Timmons. Unlike other boy bands of the period, the platinum-selling 98 Degrees formed independently before being signed to Motown Records, which released their debut album in 1997. During the next five years, the band would sell 10 million albums.

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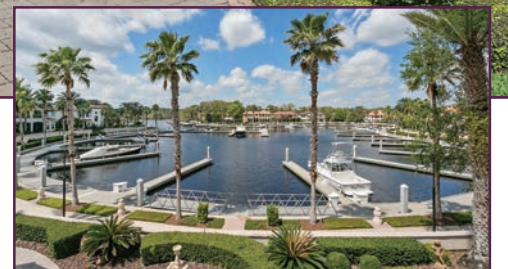
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Arbor Terrace of Ponte Vedra to celebrate one-year anniversary

Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra will celebrate its one-year anniversary next month with a reception to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

To be held June 20 as part of "The Longest Day 2016," the event will feature a wine and cheese party with live music by Priscilla Johnson and a silent auction.

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of 52 apartments for 64 residents in assisted living memory care. While many communities offer memory care programs as part of a larger assisted liv-

ing program, Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra focuses solely on serving residents with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. Arbor Terrace is located at 5125 Palm

Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. To RSVP, call (904) 834-7578. To learn more about Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, visit www.at-pontevedra.com.

REVIEW: Cast keeps spirits high in Alhambra's 'Blithe Spirit'

By Jennifer Logue

When Noël Coward's ghostly comedy "Blithe Spirit" first premiered in London's West End in 1941 during the dark days of the Blitz, some wondered whether a farce featuring loved ones back from the dead would play well with war-weary audiences dealing with death on a daily basis.

They needn't have worried.

Coward's "Blithe Spirit" went on to break West End records before moving to the Broadway stage and the silver screen in a 1945 film version starring Rex Harrison. And the Alhambra Theatre & Dining's new production does Coward's comedy justice, striking a deft balance between humorous hijinks and shrewd social commentary on the complexities of modern marriage.

The play begins as a seemingly straightforward British drawing room comedy, as novelist Charles Condomine and his second wife, Ruth, await the arrival of dinner guests, one of whom – the flamboyant psychic medium Madame Arcati – Charles hopes to

mine for material for his next novel. The guests good-naturedly take part in a séance and have a jolly time humoring the medium – that is, until Charles discovers that the melodramatic mystic has somehow managed to summon the spirit of his late first wife, Elvira.

From there, Coward exploits all the comedic possibilities of Charles' predicament. As the only person who can see and hear Elvira at first, the suave and sophisticated Charles swiftly begins to unravel, becoming ever more frantic in his attempts to keep straitlaced Ruth from both learning about Elvira's presence and questioning his sanity. Eventually, Madame Arcati is summoned to send Elvira back where she came from – with about as much success and finesse as her previous séance.

It would be easy to dismiss "Blithe Spirit" as nothing more than a light theatrical confection were it not for the clever way Coward uses the play's supernatural love triangle to explore marriage and the human condition. And

the Alhambra's cast is more than equal to the task: As Charles, David Arrow is adept at conveying the confusion of a man torn between love for his current, more mature wife and lingering feelings for the irrepressible, coquettish Elvira. He is ably assisted in that effort by Laura Hodos as Ruth – the duo's timing is excellent and at times their marital sparring seems eerily authentic – and Jessica Booth, whose mischievous Elvira relishes the chance to throw a mystical monkey wrench into her husband's new marriage.

As Charles engages in heart to heart chats with first one spouse and then the other, it's fascinating to see how one man could have enjoyed happy marriages with such utterly different women. It's also easy to understand why Charles hesitates to banish the charming and devilish Elvira from his steady yet all-too-sedate union with



Photo courtesy of Alhambra Theatre & Dining
ABOVE: Charles Condomine (David Arrow) is caught in a supernatural love triangle with the ghost of late wife Elvira (Jessica Booth) and his second wife, Ruth, (Laura Hodos) in the Alhambra Theatre & Dining's production of Noël Coward's "Blithe Spirit."

Ruth.

Patti Eyler and Drew Taylor strike the right note as the happily married country neighbors, the Bradmans, while the play's comic relief is entrusted to Lisa Valdini as the exuberant Madame Arcati and Lexi Langs as the high-strung parlor maid, Edith.

Together, the Alhambra cast succeeds in keeping the audience's spirits high for one of Coward's most enjoyable theatrical romps.

"Blithe Spirit" runs through June 5 at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining in Jacksonville.



Tickets on sale for country star Chris Young at St. Augustine Amphitheatre

Tickets are now on sale for country music star Chris Young, who will perform Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre.

Joining young on his "I'm Comin' Over" tour will be Cassadee Pope, winner of television's "The Voice" competition and with whom he sings the duet, "Think of You." Young also got his big break on a TV talent competition, winning the 2006 season of "Nashville Star."

Known for such hits as "Tomorrow," "Gettin' You Home" and "I Can Take it From There," Young has released five albums that have produced eight number one singles and 14 gold/platinum certifications.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the amphitheatre box office and ticketmaster.com. Tickets are \$49.50 and \$59.50. For more information, call 800-745-3000.

Film director/producer Kevin Smith to hold pre-release screening of new film, live Q&A at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall



Film director and producer Kevin Smith will host a special pre-release screening of his new film followed by a live question and answer session at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, to be held Thursday June 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Known for such films as "Clerks," "Dogma" and "Chasing Amy," Smith will be on hand for the pre-release screening of the teen comedy "Yoga Hosers." After the screening, Smith will take questions from the audience.

To be released this summer, "Yoga Hosers" stars Lily Rose Depp – whose

father, Johnny Depp, also appears in the film – and Harley Quinn Smith as two teen yoga fanatics who stumble upon an ancient evil buried beneath their Canadian homeland. The film is the second installment in Smith's "True North" trilogy that premiered this year at the Sundance Film Festival.

Tickets for the screening and Q&A are \$41 for the first 10 rows and \$32 for all other seats. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices and ticketmaster.com.

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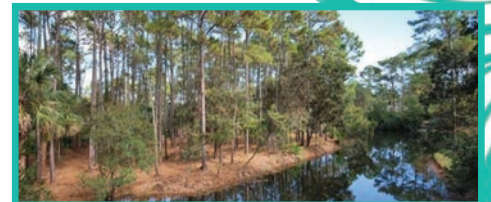
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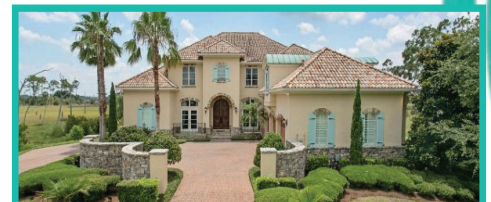
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Players by the Sea announces 2016-2017 season

By Carrie Resch

"A Season of Bravery" will be the theme for the Players by the Sea's upcoming 2016-2017 theatre season.

Associate Director Bradley Akers said the theme reflects the company's theatrical choices for its upcoming 51st season, which will feature nine shows, including a U.S. community theatre premiere and Southeastern U.S. premiere productions.

"After our 50th season we recognized that the work over our 50 years has been incredibly courageous and bold," Akers said. "The 51st season is comprised of shows that are brave in the sense that they are big stories and bold stories that are important to tell."

All of next season's productions have never before been performed by PBTS, Akers added. The 2016-2017 season will also include another first for the company with the theatre's "New Voices" initiative. Through the program, two local playwrights will be selected to embark on a year-long development process during which they will write a full-length play. At the end of the year, the two productions will be performed on the studio stage.

Playwrights Kelby Siddons and Drew Brown were chosen to be the first partici-

pants in the PBTS New Voices program, which Akers credits with being the first of its kind in the area.

The Southeastern U.S. premiere of "The Walls," meanwhile, will debut next spring at PBTS. The play deals with behavioral and mental health in women over the years and how those issues have been addressed. Playwright Lisa Dillman will be present for the show and will speak with both the cast and audiences.

"We're really proud of the upcoming season because we think it defines us really well," Akers said. "The work is so varied, it is so different and unique but it's all really exciting and theatrical and has something for everybody."

PBTS features two theatre spaces: the 150-seat John H. McManus, Jr. Mainstage Theatre and the 80-seat Grace Darling Studio Theatre. During the run of each show, an exhibition of local artists' work will be on display in the Grune Family Gallery.

In addition to theatrical productions, the theatre offers adult acting classes, summer camps, and yearlong studios programs featuring an acting studio and musical theatre studio for elementary, middle and high school-aged students and a dance theatre for 5th-12th grade students.

"Into the Woods"

Sept. 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 and Oct. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8

"Hand to God"

Nov. 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19

"Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge"

Dec. 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17

"Eurydice"

Jan. 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21

"City of Angels"

Feb. 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25

"Killer Joe"

Mar. 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 and Apr. 1

"The Walls"

Apr. 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30 and May 4, 5, 6

New Voices: Two World Premieres by Kelby Siddons and Drew Brown

May 26, 27 and June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17

"American Idiot"

July 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and Aug. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12

Summer Camps 2016

Acting Workshop - June 13-17
Musical Theatre Workshop - June 20-24
Dance Workshop - June 27-July 1
Let's Put on a Play! - July 11-22
Let's Put on a Musical! - July 25-Aug. 12

Limelight Theatre celebrates 25 years

Limelight Theatre will celebrate a milestone 25 years during its upcoming season.



The 2016-2017 season will include seven productions, beginning with "Oklahoma!" in September. The 25th season party is scheduled for Sept. 21 at Raintree Restaurant in St. Augustine.

In celebration of the anniversary, the theatre troupe recently debuted a new logo. Created by St. Augustine-based Design Extensions, the new logo replaces the comedy/tragedy theatre masks that often symbolize the theatre arts with two lions: Pounce de Leon (comedy) and Pawdro Menendez (tragedy).

Established in 1992 by co-founders Anne Kraft and Jean Rahner, Limelight Theatre is the only year-round community theatre located in St. Augustine. In addition to productions, Limelight Theatre offers year-round education for ages 4 through adult including the theatre's KidsFACTory program, a theatre and instruction program for ages 4-18 and adult acting classes. Summer camps are also available.

2016-2017 SEASON

"Oklahoma!" Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Preview: Sept. 22

"Cotton Patch Gospel" Dec. 2-31
Student/Teacher Night: Nov. 30 · Preview: Dec. 1

"Hedda Gabler" Jan. 27-Feb. 19
Student/Teacher Night: Jan. 25 · Preview: Jan. 26

"The Mystery of Irma Vep" Mar. 10-Apr. 2
Student/Teacher Night: Mar. 8 · Preview: Mar. 9

"I Ought to Be in Pictures" Apr. 21-May 14
Student/Teacher Night: Apr. 19 · Preview: Apr. 20

"The Nance" June 2-25
Student/Teacher Night: May 31 · Preview: June 1

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"
Student/Teacher Night: July 19 · Preview: July 20

Summer Camps 2016

Emma: A Pop Musical
June 20-July 15; 7th grade and up

Jump 'N' Jive Juliet
June 13-July 8; 3rd-6th grade

Props & Costume Camp for "Jump 'N' Jive Juliet"
June 13-July 8; 3rd-6th grade

"Charlotte's Web"

June 6-10; kindergarten-2nd grade

"Charlotte's Web" Puppet Theatre
June 6-10; 3rd-6th grade

"The Lorax"

July 11-15; kindergarten-2nd grade

"The Lorax" Puppet Theatre
July 11-15; kindergarten-2nd grade

"The Wizard of Oz"

July 18-22; kindergarten-2nd grade

Music Theatre Camps

July 18-29; 3rd-6th grade and 7th-12th grade

Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Finnegan to discuss 'Barbarian Days' at The BookMark May 17

Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Finnegan will discuss his award-winning memoir, "Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life," at The BookMark in Neptune Beach on Tuesday May 17 at 7 p.m.

"Barbarian Days" recounts Finnegan's lifelong obsession with surfing, beginning with his early years in California and Hawaii. He went on to become a distinguished writer

and war correspondent.

A staff writer for "The New Yorker," Finnegan is the author of "Cold New World," "A Complicated Ward," "Dateline Soweto" and "Crossing the Line."

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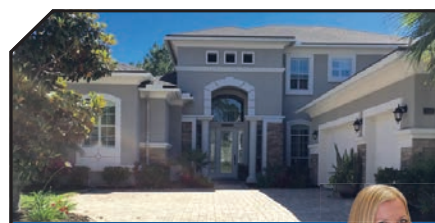


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Thursday, May 12	Friday, May 13	Saturday, May 14	Sunday, May 15
<p>Whistle Talk The Beaches Museum & History Park's Whistle Talk series continues May 12 at 5:30 p.m. The speaker will be Worley Faver, Palm Valley native and author of "River of Time: Memories of a Life Well Lived." Museum members may attend the talk for free; there is a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members. The museum is located at 381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 241-5657 or visit www.beachmuseum.org.</p> <p>Photography Show The 5th Annual Saint Augustine Camera Club's (SACC) juried member photography show will be on display in the Rotunda Gallery at the St. Johns County Administration Building, 500 Sebastian View, St. Augustine through June 8. The St. Johns County Administration Building is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.</p> <p>Good for You Gathering Good for You Gathering: "Well women in action" will be held Thursday May 12 at 11 a.m. at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. Join Patricia Calhoun, MD, to take steps to protect your health now and in the future. Get updates on recommended check-ups, exercise and healthy eating appropriate for you. This free event is open to the community. Reserve a seat today at baptistjax.com/ymca or by calling (904) 202-5376.</p> <p>Evenings at Whitney Lecture The Evenings at Whitney Lecture Series hosted by the University of Florida Whitney Laboratory returns on May 12 at 7 p.m. with the program "Historic Trees: The Science Behind the Preservation and Conservation of our Largest Specimens." Danny Lippi, International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist and qualified tree risk assessor as well as University of Florida master naturalist instructor, will talk about the biology of tree growth, specifically how older trees grow in comparison to younger trees. The free lecture is presented at Lohman Auditorium located at 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd., St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 461-4000 or visit www.whitney.ufl.edu.</p>	<p>THE CUT The sixth annual THE CUT, benefiting the Boselli Foundation will be held May 13 from 6 to 11 p.m. at Cornerstone Park, 1046 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach. One hundred percent of the proceeds from THE CUT Concert will benefit The Boselli Foundation, an organization that assists Jacksonville's at-risk youth. Headlining the event will be Clare Dunn and Chris Lane. The concert is open to ages 18 and over and is limited to the first 2,000 people. Tickets are \$40 per person; each ticket includes entrance to the concert and two drink coupons. On-site parking tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.thecut.ticketleap.com.</p> <p>Moonlight Movie: 'Inside Out' The Jacksonville Beach Moonlight Movie series continues through the month of May. On May 13, the featured movie will be "Inside Out." The movies are free and are shown on a large screen on stage at the Seawalk Pavilion. Movies start at 9 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and picnic before the movie. A vendor will be on site selling popcorn, candy and beverages. For more information, including restrictions, visit www.jacksonvillebeach.org.</p> <p>Arbor Terrace Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group Day Program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 497-4346 or visit www.at-pontevedra.com.</p> <p>Free Bridge Lessons Free beginning bridge lessons are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Jacksonville School of Bridge, 3353 Washburn Road, Jacksonville Beach. Lessons start 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. This is followed by an actual game at 10:30 a.m. and ends by 2:15 p.m. Contact Burt O'Dell at (352) 428-1075 for more information.</p>	<p>The Party The Party, presented by 904 Happy Hour, will take place May 14 at the Seawalk Pavilion in Jacksonville Beach. Performers include Better Than Ezra, Big Sky, The Band Be Easy, and The Chris Thomas Band. The event will also include on-site food trucks, games and activities. The Party will take place from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available. Tickets range in price from \$22.09 to \$106.49 and are available for purchase online at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-party-tpcs-largest-after-party-ft-better-than-ezra-more-tickets-24811996349. The Seawalk Pavilion is located at First St. N., Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>'Peter Pan' The St. Augustine Ballet presents an encore of last year's performances of "Peter Pan." The shows will take place on Saturday May 14 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday May 15 at 2 p.m. at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College, 14 Granada St., St. Augustine. All tickets are \$25 with reserved seating and may be purchased at www.saintaugustineballet.com or by calling (855) 222-2849.</p> <p>'Battle of the Seasons' RuPaul's Drag Race "Battle of the Seasons" will take place May 14 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. Tickets for the general admission, standing-room-only event are \$39.30; VIP ticket packages are also available. Doors open at 8 p.m.; show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Family Seining Activity Visitors can pull a seine net through Guana Lake and then learn about the species they collect on on the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. Waders, boots, and all other necessary gear will be provided. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. For more information, call (904) 823-4500. To reserve a spot online, visit www.gtmnerr.org.</p>	<p>Masterworks Concert The St. Augustine Community Chorus will present its spring Masterworks Concert Sunday May 15 at 3 p.m. at Ancient City Baptist Church, 27 Sevilla St., St. Augustine. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$5 for students and active military. Advance tickets can be purchased at Ancient City Baptist Church or at the following outlets: Sterry Piano Company, Carter's Jewelry, Flowers by Shirley, Herb Wiles Insurance and Southern Horticulture, or online at www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org.</p> <p>Blood drive Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church will hold a blood drive on Sunday May 15. The Blood Alliance mobile unit will be parked at the church at 76 S. Roscoe Blvd., from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds can donate blood. A photo ID card is required. Donors can sign up at www.igiveblood.com or email nflagal@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.</p> <p>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p>Travel Training Program The Council on Aging's Travel Training program is designed to assist seniors in learning to ride the Sunshine Bus. Residents interested in expanding their transportation options or who would like to increase their confidence as a bus rider can receive assistance from trained volunteers in navigating routes, reading time tables and making transfers. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging at (904) 315-6505 or email Katie Arnold at karnold@stjohnscoa.com.</p>

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<p>Book Talk Café The May 16 Book Talk Cafe program at the Ponte Vedra Library will feature journalism professor Lyn Millner, who will discuss her book, "The Allure of Immortality." The book is about a religious cult that settled in Florida at the turn of the last century. Book Talk Café is free and open to the public. It will begin at 6:30 p.m.; light refreshments will be served, and attendees will have an opportunity to purchase the author's book. For more information, email Vic DiGenti at vicdig@mac.com.</p> <p>Pre-registration for library programs Children ages 6-12 interested in the Nature Detective Workshops, featuring butterflies and presented by the Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants, and children ages 6-10 interested in the library's summertime My Little Pony Club are invited to register for these opportunities starting Monday May 16 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library by visiting the Reference Desk or calling (904) 827-6950. Space and materials are limited, so pre-registration is a must to attend. The library is located at 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Caregiver Support Group The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group is a program designed for those with memory changes who like to stay active mentally, physically and socially while allowing caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ashford Court, 1700 The Greens Way in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 568-8174, or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p>	<p>Beaches Mixer with ImpactJAX The JAX Chamber Beaches Division Mixer with ImpactJAX will be held May 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Views at Harbortown, 14030 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville. There is no cost to attend, but advance online registration is requested. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.myjaxchamber.com.</p> <p>St. Johns Audubon Program The St. Johns County Audubon Society will present a special program, "Matanzas Biodiversity Initiative – Documenting our Region's Biological Diversity in Space and Time," May 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Johns River State College, Building C-116, 2990 College Drive, St. Augustine. The speaker will be José M. Núñez M.Sc., research scientist at Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience, University of Florida. There is no cost to attend. For more information, call (904) 504-1240 or visit www.stjohnsau.com.</p> <p>Shakey Graves concert Shakey Graves and special guest Son Little will perform at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall May 17. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets for the standing-room-only show are \$18 in advance; \$20 day of show. Tickets are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Deftones concert The Deftones with special guests Code Orange will perform May 17 at the St. Aug. Amphitheatre. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.; the show starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.50 and are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine.</p>	<p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets the second, third and fourth Wednesday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. at Mulligans, 43 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. The first Wednesday of the month, the group hosts an after-work social mixer at various locations. For more information, call Dave at (904)248-9871, visit www.pvpng.com or email pontevedrapng@gmail.com.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. The group meets Wednesdays at The Players Community Center, 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. Contact Lucy Reep at (904) 607-3695 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p> <p>2017 Administrator's Budget Hearings Members of the public are invited to attend the St. Johns County Fiscal Year 2017 Administrator's Budget Hearings scheduled for 9 a.m. May 18-20 at the St. Johns County Health and Human Services Building, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine. For more information, call the Office of Budget and Management at (904) 209-0572.</p> <p>Chamber at Noon The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division Chamber at Noon will be held May 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Aqua Grill, 395 Front St., Ponte Vedra Beach. Rep. Cyndi Stevenson will be the speaker. The cost is \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.stjohnscountychamber.com.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity volunteers Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and Habitat helps build them a simple, decent place to live. For more information on volunteering, donating or qualifying for a Habitat home, visit habitatstjohns.org.</p>	<p>Coffee on the Coast The JAX Chamber Beaches Division Coffee on the Coast will take place May 19 from 8 to 9 a.m. at Mission House, 800 Shetter Ave., Jacksonville Beach. The cost is \$5; advance online registration is requested. A continental breakfast will be served. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.myjaxchamber.com.</p> <p>North Beaches' Art Walk The North Beaches' Art Walk will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Atlantic and Neptune Beaches' Town Center. For more information, call First Street Gallery at (904) 241-6928 or Archway Framing and Gallery at (904) 249-2222 or visit www.nbaw.org.</p> <p>Grief Support Group A Grief Support Group meets on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul's Catholic Church, in the Library of the Family Life Center, 578 First Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach. 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 May 19 at 7 p.m. For information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665.</p> <p>Adventures in the Arts Holly Keris, chief curator of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, will present "Conservation, Beautification, and a City Plan: Ninah Cummer and the Establishment of Jacksonville Parks" May 19 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. This will be the final Adventures in the Arts program of the 2015-2016 season. For more information, call (904) 827-6950 or visit www.sjcpls.org.</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 carrie@opcfla.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Letter to the Editor - the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement

Told that another trade treaty will improve their lives, provide jobs, and raise their standard of living, the American people will once again be betrayed by their government. Remember NAFTA and the great whooshing sound of our jobs going south? Well, that is kids' play compared to this treaty agreement.

This agreement will equalize us with 12 other countries. Multinational corporations will be given supreme power

over U.S. courts, corporations and our laws and the sovereignty of America and 11 other nations. We will be ruled by an unelected corporate oligarchy much like the EU.

The TPP was written in secret over five years by 600 large corporations. This treaty will fundamentally change our laws regarding Internet freedom, health care, food (GMOs), copyright and patent protection, civil rights, en-

vironmental standards and much more. It's all about the money, not the welfare of citizens. It will essentially ban all American laws, as their courts will have the final say.

Congress has been kept in the dark and had limited access to this document. They will be ratifying it shortly with just an "up and down vote." The next two agreements to be ratified are the TTIP, which will link us to the

European Union, and TISA, which will allow in unlimited immigrants. These three agreements could set the stage for a one world government.

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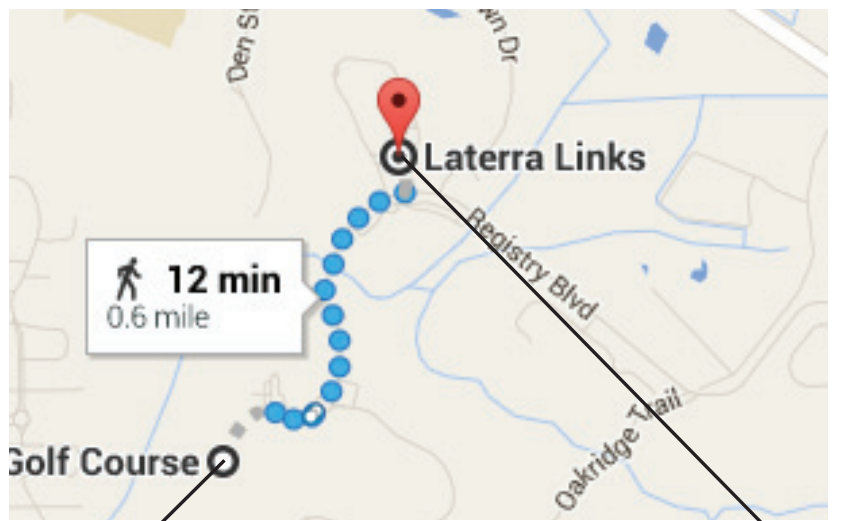
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Guests enjoy farm-to-table cuisine at 'Southern Soiree'

By Jennifer Logue

The Green at Nocatee's Crosswater Hall was transformed into a southern garden party May 5, when the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach held its "Southern Soiree" celebration to benefit the center's programs.

Guests adored in colorful garden garb and hats worthy of Kentucky Derby Day enjoyed a reception featuring southern-inspired cocktails and hors d'oeuvres along with live entertainment

by a string trio. Also on display was an active beehive attended by Master Beekeeper Bo Sterk, who described the bees' activities.

Following the reception the party moved indoors, where guests had an opportunity to sample and savor cuisine from a dozen local restaurants and caterers.

"We choose a new theme for this farm-to-table event every year," said Cultural Center Development Director

Toni Boudreaux. "Last year, we featured an international theme and this year we decided to go with traditional southern fare."

Jean-Sebastien Gros of Rype & Readi Farm Market took that theme to heart, displaying stalks of fresh corn and other vegetables he was using in preparing seafood cataplana and other dishes.

"This is real farm-to-fork cuisine!" Gros said.

Other culinary interpretations of the

southern theme included sliced prime tenderloin with New Orleans sauce from Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, chicken and waffles with fruit preserves from Table 1, and spicy shrimp and green cauliflower grits from the Alhambra Theatre & Dining. Locally sourced honey – courtesy of beekeeper Sterk – and Florida cane vodka from St. Augustine Distillery were also featured along

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Betty Saunders, Sue Mabry and Brooke Hackney of The Plantation

Photos by Jennifer Logue



Ponte Vedra Ballet dancers Victoria Long, Sophie Newman and Hayden Beck



Maryanne Nava and Diana Federico



Zoe McDaniel of St. Augustine Distillery



Southern Soiree table setting



Alyssa Markowski and Emily Kohnke of Table 1



Farm-to-table tomatoes at the Southern Soiree

'Southern Soiree'

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with corn bread and a grits bar with a variety of toppings.

While sampling the southern delicacies, guests had an opportunity to bid on silent auction items before participating in a live auction hosted by Craig Smith.

"This is our last event of the spring

and it sells out every year," Boudreaux said. "People really look forward to it."

That was true of Plantation resident Brooke Hackney, who attended last year's event and came this year with first-time attendees Betty Saunders and Sue Mabry.

"They have wonderful auction items," Hackney said. "Last year, I got a trip for two to Greece!"

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Hundreds join in family-friendly Flavor Run

Hundreds of local residents were bursting with fruit flavor Saturday, as the 3rd Annual Flavor Run 5K returned to the First Coast. Hosted on the grounds of Crosswater Community Church in Nocatee, the family-friendly event attracted runners of all ages, who doused themselves in a riotous rainbow of fruit-flavored powder. Prior to the race's start, attendees enjoyed music, entertainment – including group dance “warm-ups” – and food from local vendors. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit Crosswater Community Church's mission activities, including bringing youths from Kazakhstan to the church this summer.



Photos by Jennifer Logue



Nocatee authors, photographer to hold group book signing at St. Augustine's Anastasia Books

Four Nocatee authors and photographers will hold a group book signing from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday June 4 at Anastasia Books in St. Augustine.

Participating local authors include children's author Edith Andersen, poet and novelist Sally Wahl Constain, former CIA officer Dr. Edward Mickolus and photographer Sharon Grossman.

Andersen's children's books include “An Angel is Born,” “Flat Grandma,” “The Princess Wants More” and “Tumi the Dragon.” Constain will sign copies of “The Keys to Fanny” – which recounts the adventures of a young teen who leaves a shtetl in Kiev for America – and “Sometimes I Wonder,” a collection of 12 poems.

Mickolus will sign six of his books, including several that deal with the Central Intelligence Agency (“Stories from Langley: A Glimpse Inside the CIA”) and terrorism (“The Terrorist List”) as well as “Food with Thought: The Wit and Wisdom of Fortune Cookies.” Grossman, meanwhile, will offer several prints with a St. Augustine theme.

The Anastasia Bookstore is located at 81-C King Street in St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 827-0075.



Photo courtesy of Ed Mickolus

Nocatee residents Sally Wahl Constain, Ed Mickolus, Edith Anderson and Sharon Grossman will hold a group book signing June 4 at Anastasia Books in St. Augustine.

THE PLAYERS Championship: hole by hole

Whether you're a first-time visitor to THE PLAYERS or a seasoned spectator, this handy hole-by-hole rundown will help you navigate the Stadium Course like a pro:

Hole 1 –

Views:

- The large grandstands surrounding No. 1 tee are a popular place 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 a great opportunity to get close to players as they walk from No. 1 green to No. 2 tee.

Food & Beverage:

- Refreshment stand at 1 tee and 2 green

Hole 2 –

Views:

- 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.

Food & Beverage:

- Refreshment stand at 1 tee and 2 green

Hole 3 –

Views:

- 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 3rd hole as well as see players warm-up. This elevated areas provide 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.

Food & Beverage:

- Refreshment stand at 1 tee and 2 green

Hole 4 –

Views:

- 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.

Food & Beverage:

- Refreshment stand at 4 green

Hole 5 –

Views:

- 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 driving range.
- Elevated mounding behind the green provides superior viewing angles.

Food & Beverage:

- Wine & Dine on 9
 - Vernon's Restaurant
- The Wine Lounge Presented by William Hill Estate
 - High-end varietals from William Hill Estate Winery
- Permanent restroom located on 9 fairway

Hole 6 –

Views:

- 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.

- Permanent restroom located on 9 fairway

Hole 7 –

Views:

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

Food & Beverage:

- Wine & Dine on 9 located on 9 fairway
 - Vernon's Restaurant
- The Wine Lounge Presented by William Hill Estate
 - High-end varietals from William Hill Estate Winery
- Michelob ULTRA Mobile Build-a-Bar located at 9 Fairway
- Refreshment stand left of 8 green and 9 tee
- Permanent restroom located on 9 fairway

Hole 8 –

Views:

- 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).
- This area also allows fans to see shots land and players putt on this undulating green.
- The fan bleacher on 8 green, featuring the Wine Lounge presented by William Hill Estate, offers fantastic views of the 8th hole.

Food & Beverage:

- Refreshment stand near 8 green and 9 tee
- Wine & Dine on 9 located on 9 fairway
 - Vernon's Restaurant
- Michelob ULTRA Mobile Build-a-Bar located at 9 Fairway
- The Oasis (21+)
- The Wine Lounge Presented by William Hill Estate
- High-end varietals from William Hill Estate Winery
- Permanent restroom located on 9 fairway

Hole 9 –

Views:

- A great par 5 to watch players hit their tee shots and decide whether to go for the green in two.
- Significant amounts of foliage to the left of the green have been removed, and bleachers were added.
- New mounding on 9 green was added so you now have a better view of players' approach shots and putts.

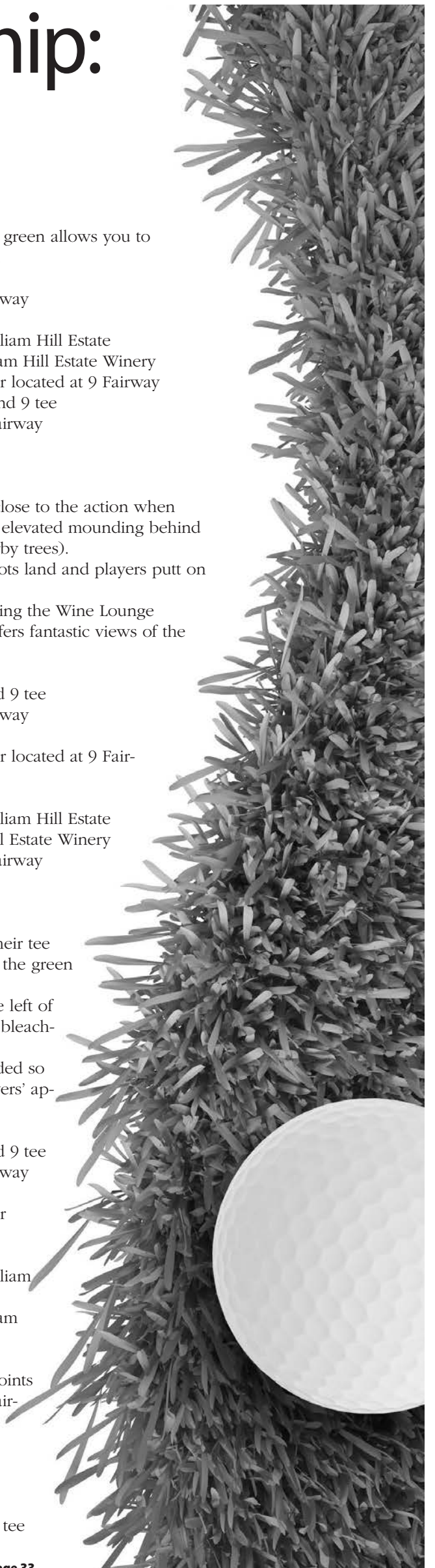
Food & Beverage:

- Refreshment stand near 8 green and 9 tee
- Wine & Dine on 9 located on 9 fairway
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- Concession Stand located at 18 tee
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Hole 10 –

Views:

- The elevated mounding behind the tee provides great views of players' tee



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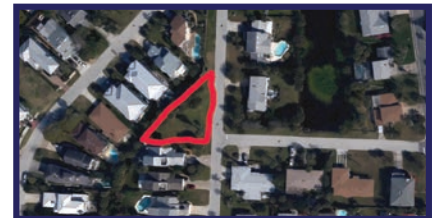
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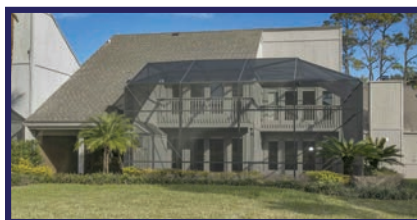
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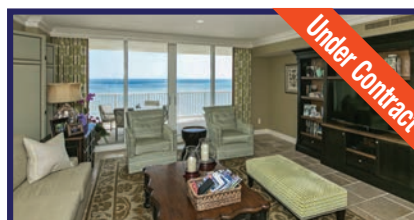
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 - Mystery Melt
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 - Mama's Food
 - Up In Smoke BBQ
 - Pounders Burgers
 - Cely's Filipino Food

- Michelob ULTRA Mobile Build-a-Bar located at Trucks on 10

- Permanent restroom located at The Patio

Hole 11 –

Views:

- 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.
- The newly enhanced bowl-shaped mounding around the green provides fantastic views of 11 and 12 with great shade.
- Additional mounding for improved viewing on 11 green.

Food & Beverage:

- Tacos on 12
 - TacoLu will be serving food and beverages.

- Taste of JAX
 - Candy Apple Café
 - Mojo Kitchen
 - Pele's Wood Fire
 - Trasca & Co Eatery

- Trucks on 10
 - Mystery Melt
 - Catullo's Italian
 - Mama's Food
 - Up In Smoke BBQ
 - Pounders Burgers
 - Cely's Filipino Food

- Michelob ULTRA Mobile Build-a-Bar located at Trucks on 10

- Permanent restroom located at Taste of JAX

Hole 12 –

Views:

- Elevated mounds around the tee provide excellent views of players hitting their tee shots.
- 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.

Food & Beverage:

- Tacos on 12
 - TacoLu will be serving food and beverages.

- Taste of JAX
 - Candy Apple Café
 - Mojo Kitchen
 - Pele's Wood Fire

- Trasca & Co Eatery

- Permanent restroom located at Taste of JAX

Hole 13 –

Views:

- 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.

Food & Beverage:

- Tacos on 12
 - TacoLu will be serving food and beverages.

Hole 14 –

Views:

- 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.

Food & Beverage:

- Taste of JAX
 - Candy Apple Café
 - Mojo Kitchen
 - Pele's Wood Fire
 - Trasca & Co Eatery

Hole 15 –

Views:

- 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.

Food & Beverage:

- Taste of JAX
 - Candy Apple Café
 - Mojo Kitchen
 - Pele's Wood Fire
 - Trasca & Co Eatery

- Trucks on 10
 - Mystery Melt
 - Catullo's Italian
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- Michelob ULTRA Mobile Build-a-Bar located at Trucks on 10

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- Permanent restroom located at Taste of JAX

Hole 16 –

Views:

- The Fan Bleacher presented by MD Anderson Cancer Center – a public access shade zone – located behind the tee, provides a great view as players launch their tee shots.

- The elevated mounding on the left side of the green also 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.

Food & Beverage:

- The Blue Room VIP Lounge presented by Michelob ULTRA (ticketed venue)

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- The Patio

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- The Patio

- Fan Bleacher presented by MD Anderson Cancer Center

- Concession stand located in the Grove behind 16 green and 17 tee

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- Permanent restroom located behind 16 green

Hole 17 –

Views:

- There is not a bad view of this legendary, island green par 3.
- Cool off in the shade at the Fan Bleacher presented by MD Anderson Cancer Center – a public access shade zone – located behind the green.
- 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.

Food & Beverage:

- Concession stand located in the Grove behind 16 green and 17 tee

- The Food Court

- Brucci's Pizza
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- The Oasis (21+)

- Concession Stand located at 18 tee

- Michelob ULTRA Mobile Build-a-Bar located behind 16 green

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- Permanent restroom located behind 16 green

Hole 18 –

Views:

- 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!

Food & Beverage:

- The Oasis (21+)

- Concession Stand located at 18 tee

- Permanent restroom located at The Patio

Horschel's birdies, eagles at PLAYERS to benefit Feeding Northeast Florida

Pro golfer Billy Horschel will donate \$1,000 for every birdie and \$5,000 for every eagle he makes at THE PLAYERS Championship 2016 to Feeding Northeast Florida, the three-time PGA Tour winner announced.

Nearly 174,000 spectators attended THE PLAYERS Championship in 2015. Knowing that nearly twice that many people in our area struggle with hunger, Horschel said, he

decided to use this year's tournament to help "Drive Out Hunger" in Northeast Florida. In addition to Horschel's donations, fans can make donations at <https://feedingnefl.givecorps.com/projects/13210-billy-horschel-tpc-challenge>.

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THE PLAYERS Donna 5K returns for its ninth year

By Jasmine Marshall

More than 1,600 racers gathered for the annual THE PLAYERS Donna 5K Saturday May 7 at TPC Sawgrass, where participants were treated to a behind-the-scenes look at the tournament preparations.

Runners and walkers were welcome to join the cause, starting near the island green of the Stadium Course's 17th hole and following a cart path through the nine back holes to raise funds for breast cancer research and treatment. Among the top finishers were male racers Cameron Klug, Wesley Twiggs and Jeff Provenzano, who finished first, second and third, respectively; and Carley Glasser, Erica Reinsel and Jennifer Leffew who finished first, second and third, respectively, among female racers.

As one of several events held on behalf of The Donna Foundation founded by Donna Deegan, the 5K run at THE PLAYERS is part of year-long efforts focused on the foundation's annual 26.2 with Donna national marathon. According to spokeswoman Lyndsay Rossman, the race serves as an extension of The Donna Foundation's ongoing fight to end breast cancer.

"It's really about driving awareness for breast cancer," she said, "and having a good time while doing it."

Now in its ninth year, THE PLAYERS Donna 5K's success can be measured by its history and the impact those funds and awareness have had on breast cancer research on the First Coast. It's Deegan's hope to continue to spread that effect.

"Since we started nine years ago, TPC has helped us raise more than \$300,000 that's helped thousands of families," Deegan said. "If you look at more than 10,000 people with critical needs, it speaks for itself. Hundreds of thousands of people have been helped by the foundation and we can continue to help them with events like this."

It's a cause that many were happy to join, whether they ran for fun, for awareness or for loved ones, both survivors and those who'd lost their battle with the disease. All came together with one goal in mind: to help end breast cancer.

"The atmosphere is fun, but the best part is seeing everyone united for one cause," said volunteer Rachel Gupton.

And for Deegan, that united front is worth more than the sum of its parts.

"I hope everyone has a great time," Deegan said, "but I also hope they feel like they're a part of something bigger than themselves."



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

The first wave of participants in the PLAYERS Donna 5K races along the cart paths by the newly renovated double-decker hospitality buildings.



Racers run along the wooded path just beyond the 17th hole.



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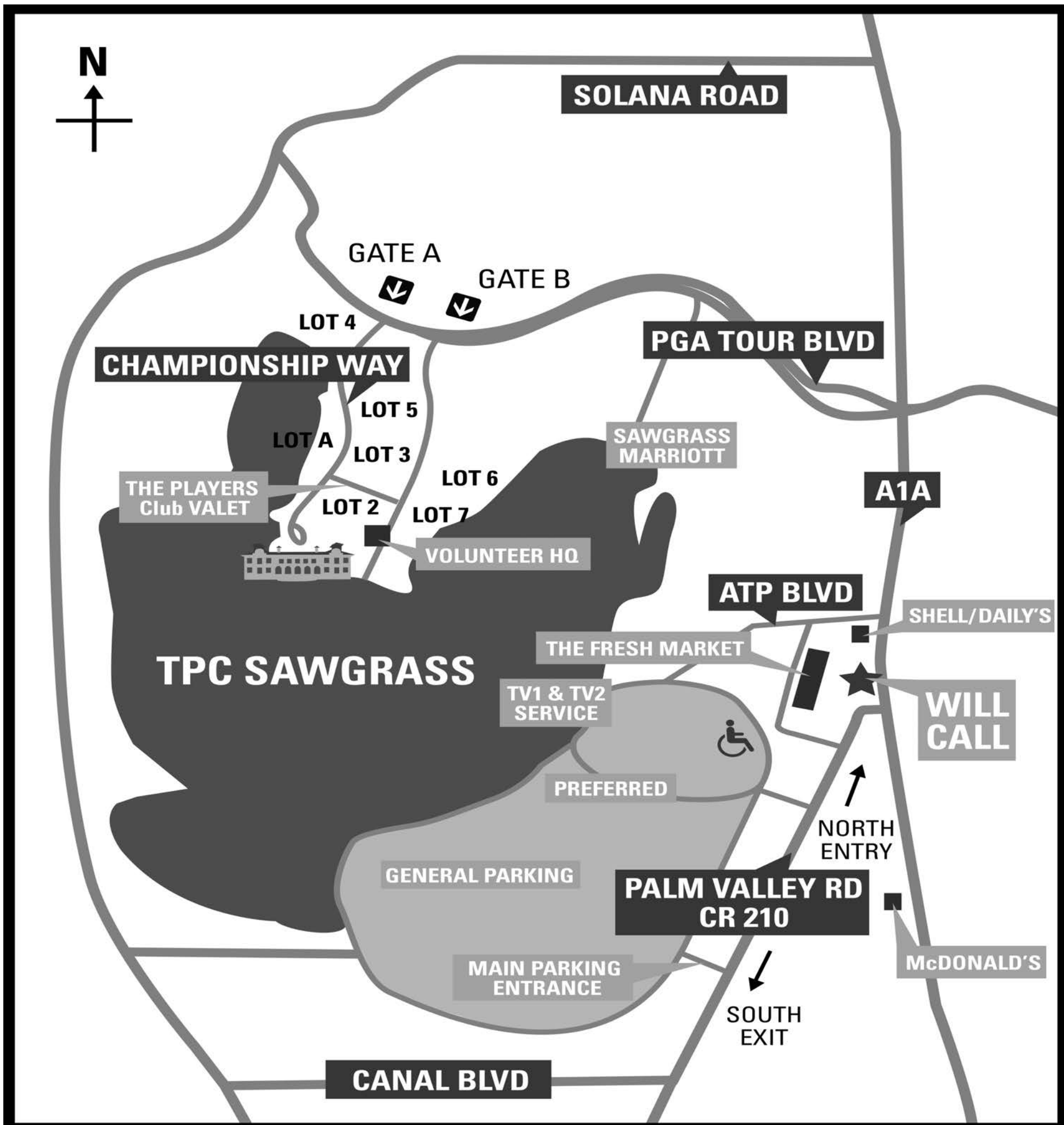
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As part of THE PLAYERS' efforts to plan for the number of parking spaces needed per day, parking passes for the 2016 tournament must be purchased in advance. No passes will be sold in the lot or at Will Call. Parking passes may be

purchased online at theplayersparking.clickandpark.com. Parking is \$30 per day Thursday and Sunday, \$35 per day Friday and Saturday.

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DEP recognizes THE PLAYERS Championship for environmental stewardship

The state Department of Environmental Protection's Northeast District recognized THE PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass recently for its commitment to implementing environmental management policies, including using reclaimed water for irrigation and adopting a goal of achieving zero-percent waste at the tournament.

"By actively promoting environmentally responsible practices such as water conservation, resource management and recycling," Northeast District Director Greg Strong said, "TPC Sawgrass is helping to create a culture of sustainability and improve the environment in our community."

Through the education and implementation of sustainable practices, DEP said, THE PLAYERS Championship has committed to decreasing the amount of non-recyclable waste by 15 percent at this year's event. In addition to using single-stream technology and waste compactors that will allow for more recyclable materials to be mixed in a recycle bin, the tournament will use compostable materials at concessions as well as environmentally sustainable promotional items at future events.

The efforts build upon the tourna-

ment's new PLAYERS PRIDE initiative to create a culture of sustainability and responsibility among fans, staff, vendors and volunteers.

"We have taken our lead from the TPC Network in trying to be great stewards and a showcase for others," said Matt Rapp, executive director of THE PLAYERS Championship. "In working with Republic Services and a dedicated volunteer group, our staff has made significant progress in recycling over the past several years and we hope to do even better moving forward."

In addition to its waste reduction goal, THE PLAYERS Championship is also committed to water conservation, officials said. During the past two years, TPC Sawgrass has reduced the amount of water from the Floridan Aquifer used for irrigation. While the Stadium Course uses 50 percent reclaimed water for irrigation – with approximately 12 percent coming from the aquifer – the Valley Course uses 100 percent reclaimed water. TPC Sawgrass has also implemented landscape techniques, such as using native plants, to reduce turfgrass and water consumption.



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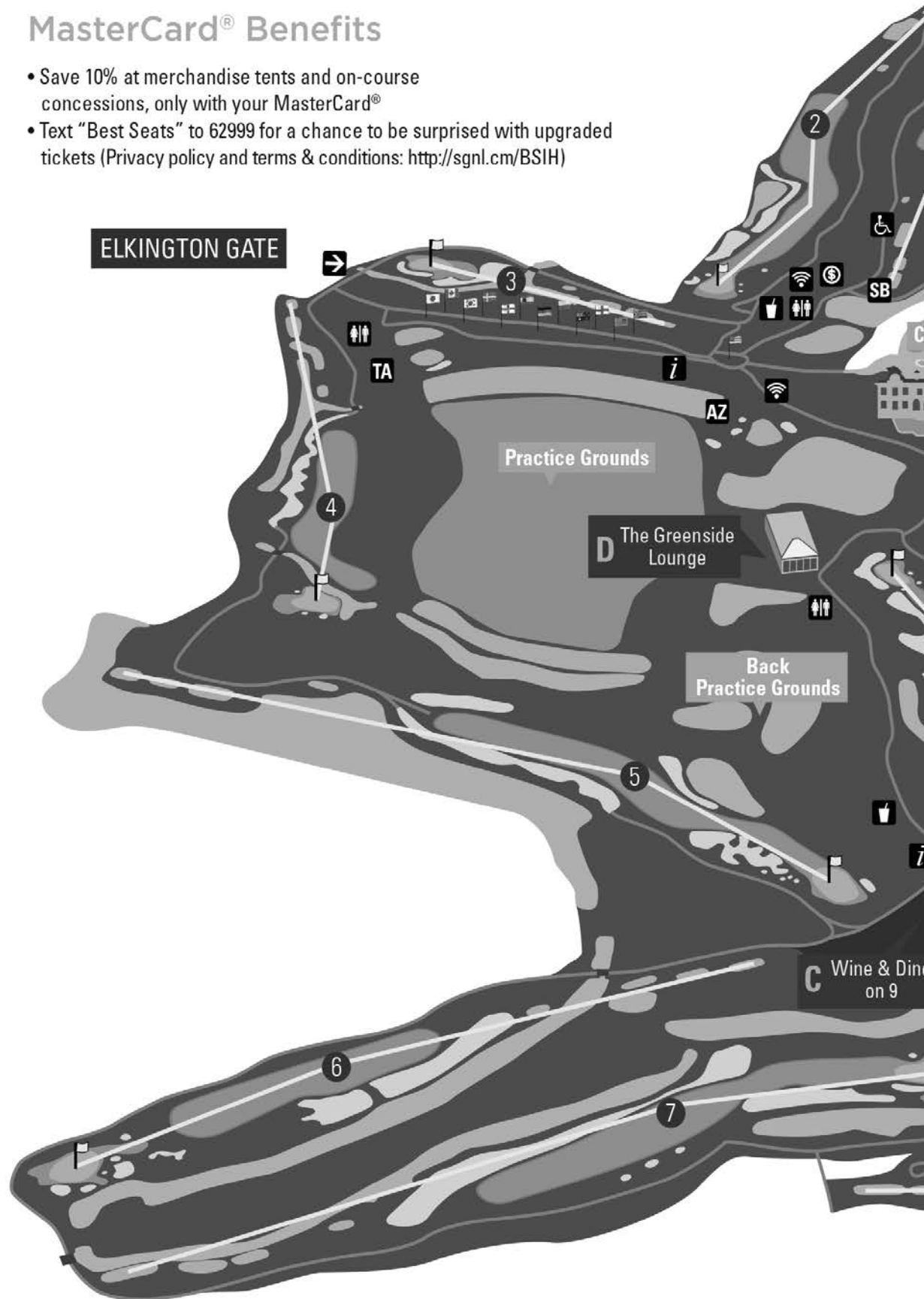
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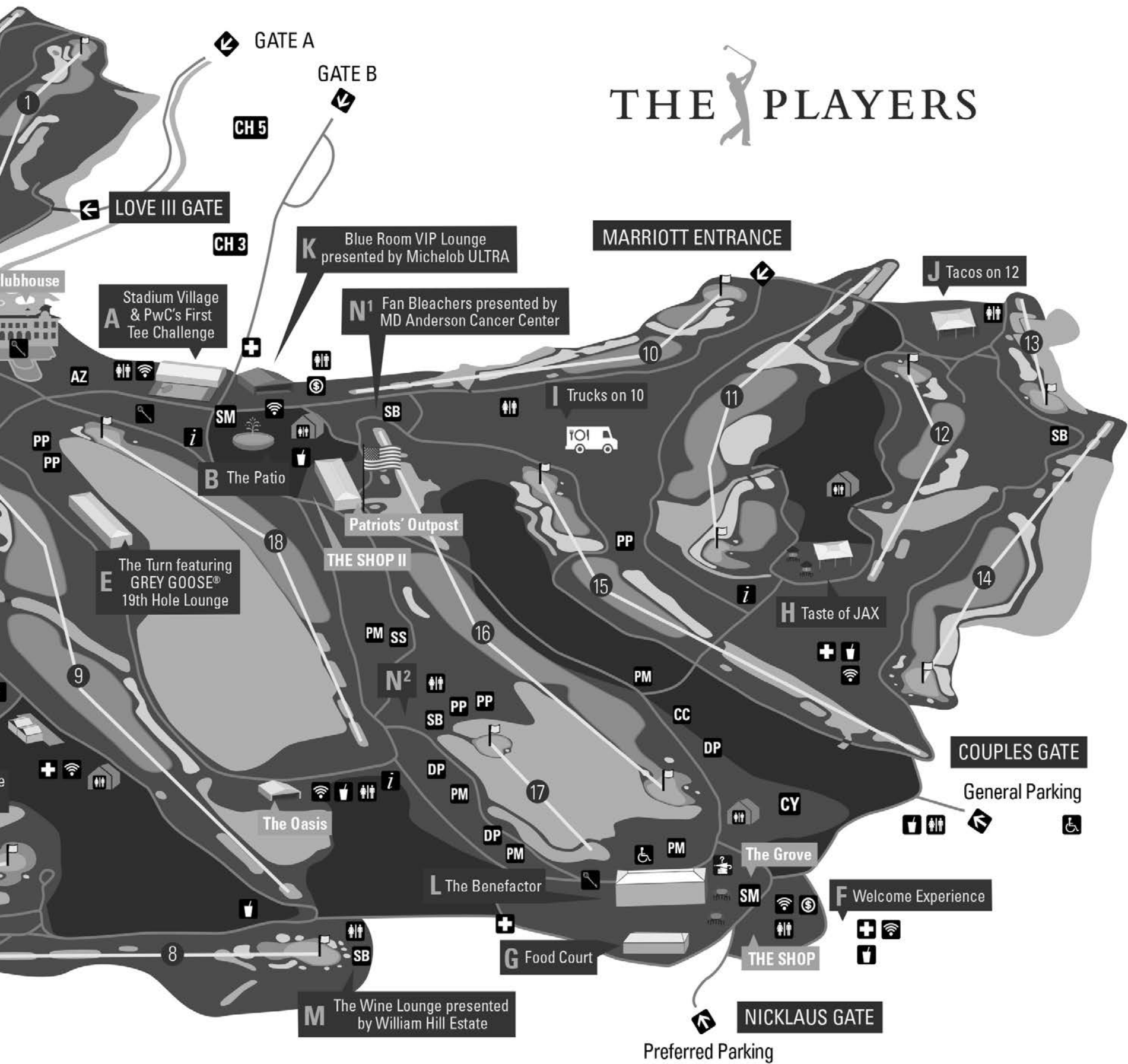
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PGA Tour caddie walks a 'A Mile in My Shoes' to raise funds for family foundation

By Carrie Resch

If you've ever wondered what it's like to walk a mile in someone else's shoes, or have taken for granted the very act of being able to walk, then you may understand how Paul and Michelle Tesori came up with the idea for a fundraising campaign for their charitable organization, the Tesori Family Foundation (www.tesorifamilyfoundation.org).

The Ponte Vedra couple's 2-year-old son, Isaiah, who has Down syndrome, had just begun learning to walk, prompting them to wonder what it must be like for their son to tackle that challenge. The Tesoris then came up with the idea of using Paul Tesori's role as a PGA Tour caddie to raise money for their foundation.

Through "A Mile in My Shoes," Tesori will track the mileage he walks in the 2016 portion of the 2015-2016 PGA Tour wrap-around season. Donors can pledge to make a donation based on the number of miles Tesori ends up walking this year. At the end of April, Tesori had already logged 339.1 miles and still has about six months of the season to go. Anyone who pledges before June 1 can guess how many total miles they think he will walk, and the winner will receive a 2017 TPC Experience Package worth more than \$5,000. The package includes round-trip airfare for two anywhere JetBlue flies, two weekly passes to the 2017 PLAYERS Championship, gift certificates, pampering packages and more.

"We had set a goal of \$5,000, and I believe we've doubled that already," Michelle Tesori said. "Our hope now is to raise \$15,000 to \$20,000 for our special needs program through this mile in my shoes campaign."

Donors may make a pledge per mile walked, she said, or simply make a flat donation, with the funds raised going directly to special needs programs.

The Tesoris founded the Tesori Family Foundation in 2009 based on a mutual interest in charitable organizations and giving back to the community. The mission of the foundation is to achieve great things for God by lending a helping hand, providing hope and healing hearts for children.

In addition to supporting more than 20 local and national nonprofits, the foundation also partners with charities for events such as the Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine, an annual prom held in more than 200 churches in 48 states and seven countries around the world; and Hope for the Holidays, which provides aid to the homeless at Christmastime in conjunction with the St. Johns County Emergency Services

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The foundation has also pioneered a way to welcome new families into the Down syndrome community through "Buddy Baskets." When a family receives a diagnosis that their child has Down syndrome, the foundation steps in and offers families a customized basket of goodies which includes a free professional newborn photography session – something Tesori noted can be easily overlooked when a family is caught up in a diagnosis and medical care for their newborn. The baskets also include massages for the parents, tailored gifts for the siblings, gift certificates to the families' favorite restaurants, and more.

It's a program, Tesori said, she is hoping will be picked up in a couple of major cities in the United States as the benchmark for the Down syndrome community as to how to welcome new families. Currently, the program is available to families in Northeast Florida and southern Georgia.

Holly and Chris Bishop of Jacksonville were the first recipients of a Buddy Basket after the program was launched a little over a year ago. Their son, Beckett, was born in February 2015 and has Down syndrome.

"One morning, after Michelle called me, I was able to enjoy about a two-hour conversation with her and she just basically, gently pulled me into the Down syndrome world," Holly Bishop said. "Mother to mother, she was able to really get on the same level with me and help me feel better, that I'm not alone."

"Really the baskets were not even the whole thing," she continued. "It was the support that came with it and to see all of the people that it took to create

the buddy baskets – all of the different people that donated and gave their money or spent time hand-crafting the things that went in the basket is really what was the most touching part about it all."

In addition to Buddy Baskets, families can also join a private Facebook page the foundation set up where families can support each other. The foundation also organizes events for the families, such as an annual Christmas party and first birthday celebrations. Visitors to the website can also fill out a prayer request form to join its prayer network.

"We get requests from all over the world," Tesori said. "It's really amazing, and then if they

give us permission to share, then we will share on our Facebook page, on our Twitter handle and just engage the world in prayer for someone's specific prayer request," Tesori said.

photos courtesy of Michelle Tesori Paul Tesori and PGA Tour golfer, Webb Simpson, during a practice round at the 2013 Masters Tournament.



photos courtesy of Daydream Designs Beckett Bishop and Isaiah Tesori. Beckett Bishop and his family, mom Holly Bishop, dad Chris Bishop and sister McKenli Bishop, were the Tesori Family Foundation's very first Buddy Baskets recipients.



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More than 700 business and community leaders celebrated the start of THE PLAYERS Championship festivities last week, when the St. Johns County and Jacksonville chambers of commerce hosted their annual joint "After Hours at THE PLAYERS" reception.

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Taste of JAX: Trasca & Co, Pele's Wood Fire, Mojo Kitchen and Candy Apple Café are among the restaurants you'll find at this public venue located between the Stadium Course's 11 green and 12 tee. This year, Taste of JAX will feature more seating, an expanded patio and a Bacardi open-air bar. Permanent restrooms are also available here, as are video boards to keep up with all the tournament action.

Food Court: Popular for family picnics, the food court also offers dining options from local restaurants, including M Shack, Bono's Pit & Bar-B-Q and Tropical Smoothie Café. Located near the Nicklaus Gate entrance, the food court features shaded seating.

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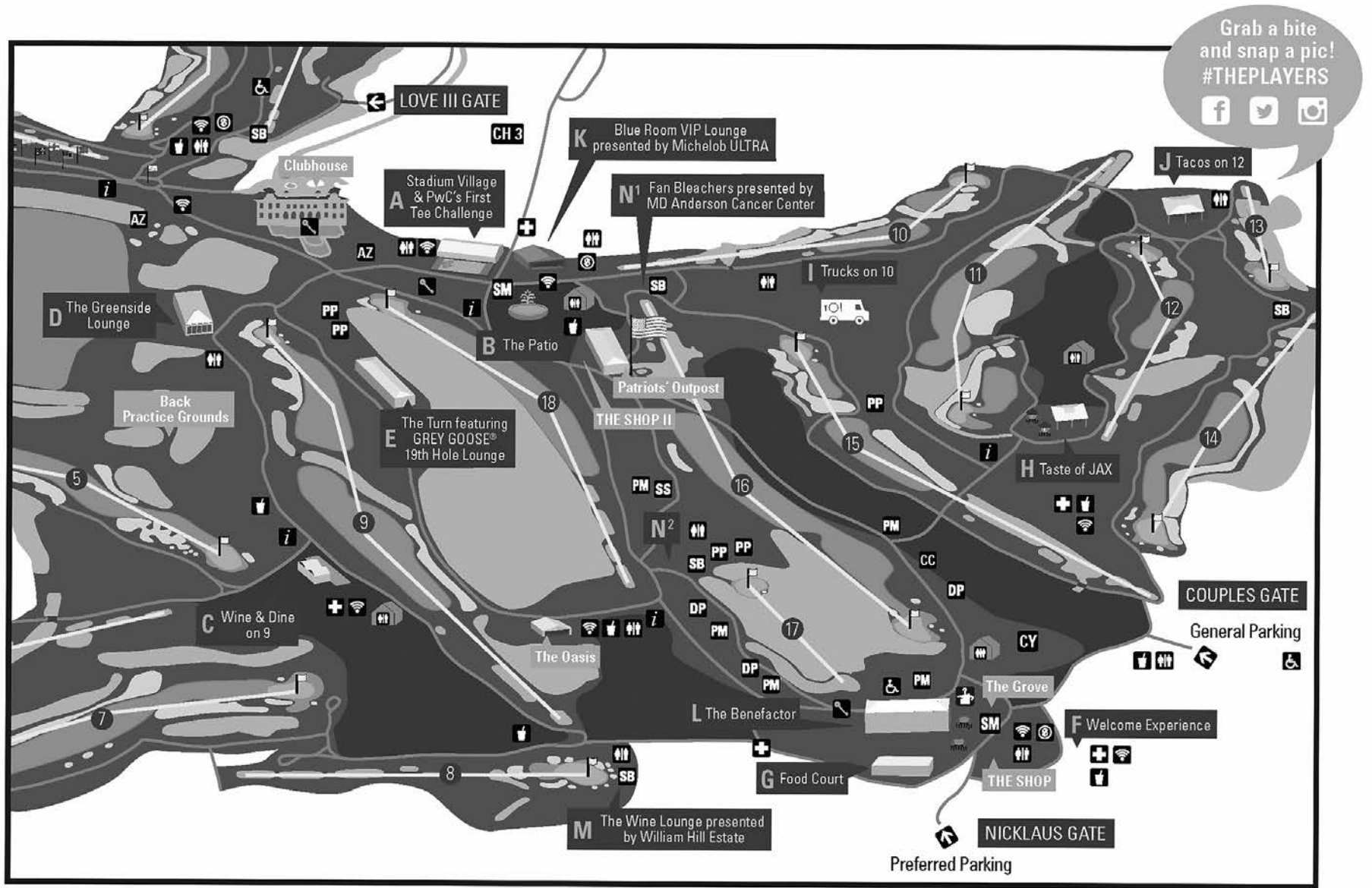
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PLAYERS volunteer one of thousands who make the tournament happen

By Jasmine Marshall

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Beneath the veneer of a world-renowned event are more than 2,000 volunteers – many returning from previous years – acting as the gears that keep the show running. The experience is not unlike a Disney movie, wherein the golfers, employees and volunteers all come together to make the event as seamless and enjoyable as possible.

Among those thousands of volunteers is Steve Nix, an IT worker from Convergys Corp., who is returning to THE PLAYERS for his 14th year as a volunteer. In his time there, Nix has seen, operated and assisted in just about every aspect of the event. From manual scoreboard duty to acting as a former chair for The Patriots' Outpost to his current post as assistant chair of on-site parking, his work as a volunteer is as expansive as his tenure. It's also, he says, an extremely rewarding experience.

"Every year, you see the tournament give back to hundreds of local charities, things that help the community," Nix said. "And just by us volunteering our time we're able to help put millions of dollars to Northeast Florida charities. So donating the time and energy for benefiting the people of our community is worth more than any financial reward."

Nix's volunteer experience spans several charitable organizations, including Jacksonville FC, The Donna Foundation and the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation. He first started as a volunteer with the PGA Tour at a friend's insistence that they participate together. While his friend never joined, Nix returned to the tournament every year because of the camaraderie of its volunteers and the benefits it brings to the community.

In particular, Nix remembers the time he spent at The Patriots' Outpost for allowing him to witness the service the tournament does for the community.

"To see the military folks who serve us all be able to come in and interact with the professional golfers and entertainers, and to see just how many people support that tent is one of my favorite parts," Nix said. "For a week, as a volunteer, I was able to help them. But for a lifetime they've helped me."

It's the spirit of giving back locally that Nix said keeps him and other volunteers coming back year after year for a "reunion" of sorts at THE PLAYERS Championship.

Volunteer Challenge

PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem announced last year that the 2015 tournament generated \$8.1 million for some 300 charities in Northeast Florida. This year, as per tradition, THE PLAYERS will hold a friendly competition between volunteers called The PGA Tour Volunteer Challenge (www.tourchallenge.com). Until 2 p.m. on May 14, fans, friends and family are encouraged to vote for the volunteer of their choice in order to give them a chance to present a \$10,000 check to the charity of his or her choice from a list provided by the tournament.

And though Nix joins the ranks among several other registered volunteers, his insistence on lending his time is a personal obligation.

"Between the dashes – between where your life starts and where your life ends – it's important to fill that time with doing good," he said. "So I always lean towards causes for people who might need help."



Brian Franco, 2015 Tournament chairman and Steve Nix

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Special guests at the shower included Matt Rapp, executive director of THE PLAYERS Championship; LeAnn Morrissey, founder of Operation Shower; and Naval Air Station Jacksonville Commanding Officer Captain Howard Wanamaker and his wife Teri.

Sunday's event was the 35th shower hosted by the PGA Tour through its Birdies for the Brave military outreach initiative in partnership with Operation Shower.



Tabitha Furyk addresses the audience during Operation Shower before THE PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass on May 8, 2016. Photos courtesy of PGA Tour



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First time's a charm: THE PLAYERS welcomes several new golfers

The 2016 edition of THE PLAYERS will see an abundance of first-time participants, with more than 20 players competing at TPC Sawgrass for the first time.

PGA TOUR winners Emiliano Grillo, Fabian Gomez, Jim Herman, Peter Malnati, Smylie Kaufman and Tony

Finau headline the group of Sawgrass newcomers. An international crop of players will also make their PLAYERS debut, including Andy Sullivan and Matthew Fitzpatrick of England, Byeong-Hun An and Si Woo Kim of South Korea, Carlos Ortiz of Mexico, Kiradech Aphibarnrat of Thailand and

Rafa Cabrera-Bello of Spain.

Andres Gonzales, Hudson Swafford, Jon Curran, Kyle Reifers, Patton Kizzire, Scott Pinckney, Steve Wheatcroft, Will Wilcox, Zac Blair, Jamie Lovemark, Harold Varner III and Patrick Rodgers round out the list of first-timers.

Kaufman, Grillo, Kizzire and Varner currently hold first, second, third and fourth ranks, respectively, among top contenders for Rookie of the Year during the 2015-2016 season. Kaufman's FEC Rank is 11, with Grillo following at 22, Kizzire at 30 and Varner at 71.



Fabian Gomez



Smylie Kaufman

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Jacksonville leaves its mark on PLAYERS

The First Coast will be well represented at this year's PLAYERS tournament, with several local golfers representing the Jacksonville area. In addition to Jim Furyk – who returns following a wrist injury and a return to competition at the Wells Fargo Championship – Billy Horschel will be on hand, hoping to join the ranks of local PLAYERS

champions Mark McCumber, David Duval and Fred Funk. Also participating will be 2015 Memorial Tournament winner David Lingmerth, 2015 WGC-HSBC Champions winner Russell Knox, World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh, two-time Arnold Palmer Invitational winner Matt Every and upstart player Jonas Blixt.



Jim Furyk

Skin cancer screenings to be available at THE PLAYERS Championship

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is teaming up with Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center this year to provide skin cancer screenings for spectators at THE PLAYERS Championship.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 12 to May 15, physicians from MD Anderson in Houston and Baptist MD Anderson in Jacksonville will be at TPC Sawgrass to conduct the screenings, which take approximately 10 minutes. Appointments (<https://skincancercheck.eventbrite.com>) are available but not required and walk-ups are welcome. The screenings will take place in a private area at the adjoined MD Anderson fan zone and Baptist MD Anderson first aid center, located inside the Nicklaus Gate.

“Since becoming the official cancer center of the PGA Tour last year, MD Anderson has offered skin screenings at six events, screening 216 players and caddies thus far,” said Tom Buchholz, MD, executive vice president and physician-in-chief at MD Anderson. “Through this partnership with Baptist MD Anderson, we are advancing our shared mission of eliminating cancer.”

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States and one of the most preventable. The 2016 PLAYERS Championship marks the first time MD Anderson has used the PGA Tour as a platform to reach hundreds of thousands of people in the fight against cancer. Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center joined MD Anderson’s Cancer Network as a partner in October 2015.

“By providing skin cancer screenings at THE PLAYERS, we are able to educate the public on the importance of sun safety and cancer prevention,” said Bill Putnam, MD, medical director of Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center. “This collaboration with MD Anderson allows us to reach more people with these convenient services that will truly make a difference in our community.”



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By Kathy Bissell

The Marvin Books

"Marvin the Golf Caddy Dog" was the first in the series of books by Harold Mann. A stray golden retriever, kind of like Buddy in the "Air Bud" movies, and a boy named Ted meet on a golf course. Ted makes Marvin his golf caddy dog and their adventure begins. The book is filled with color illustrations of beginning rules of golf in a far easier format than the USGA Rules of Golf pamphlet.

After "Marvin the Golf Dog Caddy," Mann created sequels as coloring books designed to teach the basics of the game, including etiquette. First came "Marvin the Golf Caddy Dog ABCs of Golf," and then "Marvin the Golf Caddy Dog, 1 2 3s of Golf." Now there's "Marvin Qualifies for Junior Nationals." Available from www.thebookmann.com

"Joann Dost: The Ultimate Round Pebble Beach Golf Links, An Illustrated Guide to America's Majestic Dream Course"

The title says it all, really, if you know anything about Joann Dost. But if you don't, she is quite simply one of the very best golf photographers anywhere and has chosen to spend a great deal of her professional life photographing Pebble Beach. Dost has also been chosen by the USGA for a variety of photography assignments for their

tournament programs. Neal Hotelling and James Dodson provide the words to accompany her photos, giving background about the resort and detail on the course.

In addition to beautiful photography, there are tips for how to play the holes as well as some historic stories about things that have happened on them. For example, on the second hole, although the hole is 511 yards and a par five for most golfers, the USGA routinely makes it a par four for its championships. There's a note on the barranca in front of the green, with a suggestion that laying up in front of it is the way to go. That leaves a 75-yard pitch shot to the green.

History is a great part of Pebble Beach, and that information is included. For instance, on the second hole, Bobby Jones was short of the green after two shots in the 1929 U.S. Amateur played against Johnny Goodman. Jones conceded the hole to Goodman, giving him a two-up lead after two holes. Eventually Jones lost the match, and my opinion is that may be one reason Pebble Beach wasn't used for a U.S. Open for another gazillion years.

Most recently, the hole was where Dustin Johnson made his untimely triple in the U.S. Open and lost his third round lead. The tournament was won by Graeme McDowell.

Every hole has a story, including the sixth, which was a pasture for "National Velvet," starring Elizabeth Taylor. Together with stunning photos, it's a book that lovers of the game will enjoy. Available at amazon.com

"Golf: The Last Six Inches, Change Your Brain, Change Your Game"

A paperback by Sue Wieger, M.Ed, and LPGA 2015 Teacher of The Year might be just what the doctor ordered for help with getting the most out of your game. Part of it is, as the chapter 3 introduction says in a quote from Gandhi, "Your beliefs become your thoughts."

She emphasizes the importance of keeping a journal to compare the golf shots you hit to what was happening mentally at that time. She talks about the emotions of the game of golf, the importance of selecting a target, and generally all those things good golfers know and do. So if you want to improve your physical game, Weiger says, it starts with the area between your ears. Find it at amazon.com.

My experience is the better golfers talk more about the mental side of the game because they have most of the physical down. But the mental side can help everyone. Available at amazon.com

"Well Done! Life Love & Food – Jack and Barbara Nicklaus"

This is sure to become a golf classic

because it has recipes that stoked the fires of a great champion! They call it recipes and memories because, just like at your house, certain dishes are served at special times of the year or for special occasions. There are old family photos to prove it.

Perhaps the best recipe is the one Barbara says she got from her mother called the Recipe for Living. It's 1 cup friendly words, 2 heaping cups understanding, 4 heaping tablespoons time and patience and a pinch of warm personality. If you know Barbara Nicklaus at all, you know that describes her perfectly. Only in her case, the warm personality is more like a gallon than a pinch.

Recipes are in categories of Appetizers, Breads, and so on, through to Desserts. And she features some that were given to her, like the Antipasto Salad recipe that she got from Delores Hope.

"Jack and I were having dinner at the Hopes home in California," Barbara writes, "and Jack commented that he really like the salad. So Delores sent me her recipe."

There's a recipe for game meatballs including elk. And there's grouse with duck sauce. Jack's sister shared an Italian noodle casserole, and Barbara's mother's cheese soufflé is included.

Mainly, it's not fussy food. Barbara is not opposed to the can of soup here and there, which is common in most households (sorry, Julia Child). She has

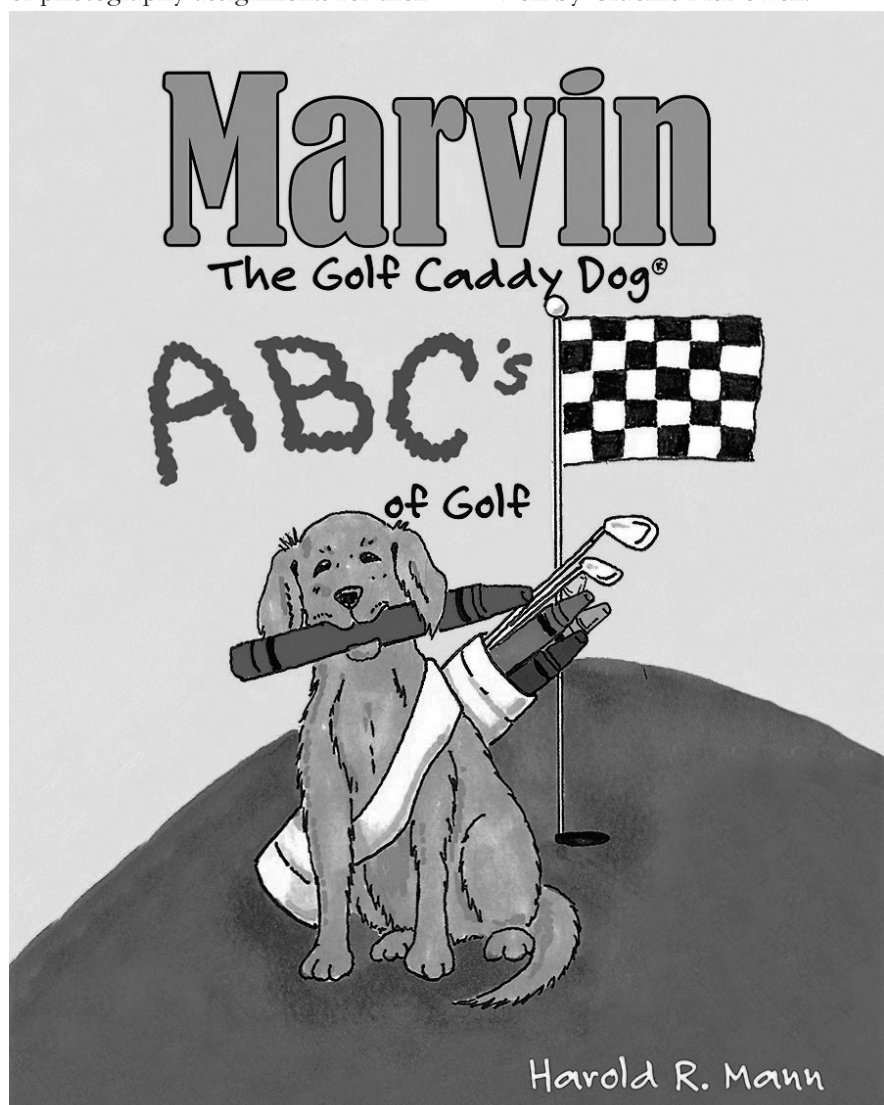


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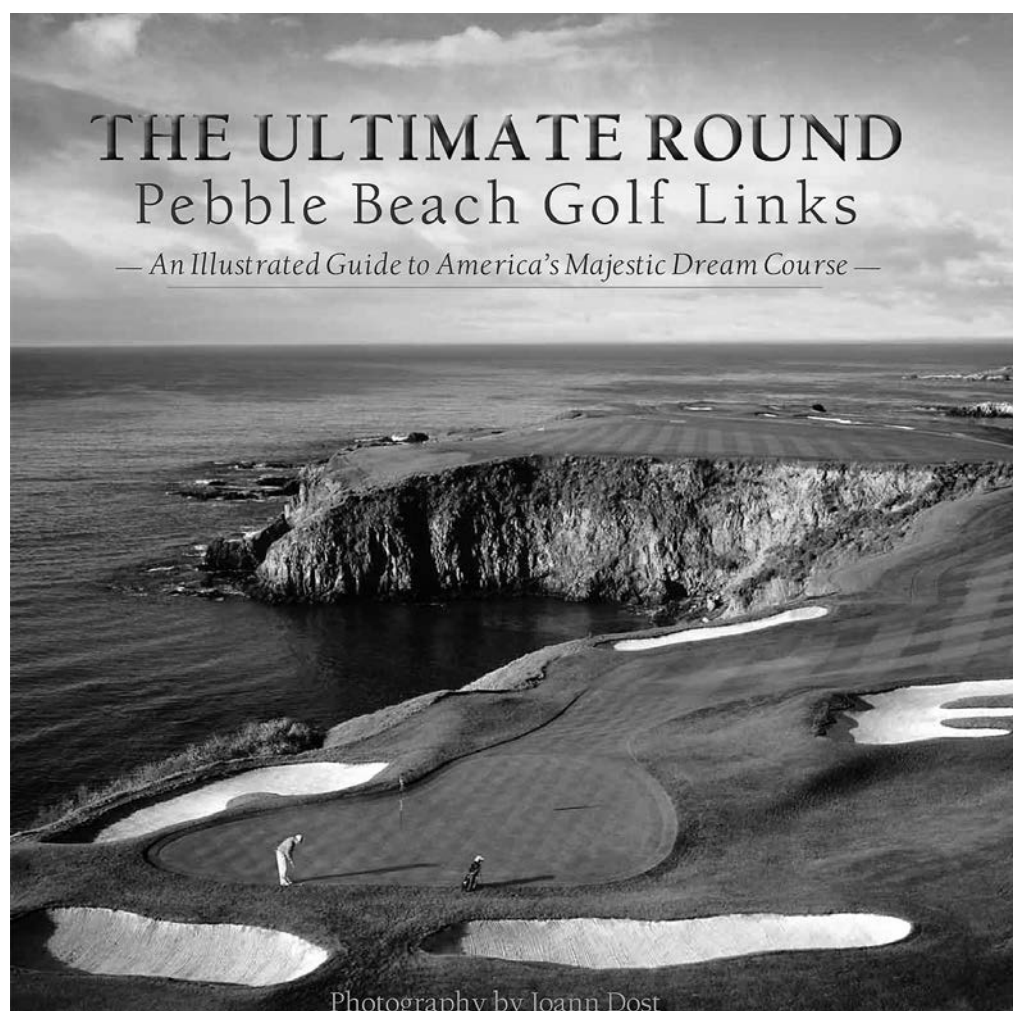


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a Bailey's white chocolate cookie recipe with macadamia nuts which sounds like it is to die for, and there's one just called World's Best Cookies from Janic Savic, Pandel Savic's late wife. (Savic was a quarterback for Ohio State and is a good friend of the Nicklauses.)

If you are looking for a recipe that is going to work the first time, use one of these and just don't worry about it. Barbara would never allow anything bad to come out of her kitchen. You'll have to trust me on that.

I was particularly curious to see if there was a recipe for Buckeyes, which is a candy that everybody living in Ohio for longer than two years learns to make. Even I have made Buckeyes, and I almost never cook, so that's how easy they are. Basically, if you love Reese's peanut butter cups, you will love them. Sure enough there it is, squeezed in nicely between Peanut Brittle and Lemon Squares. It is

actually her mother's recipe and there's a photo of her parents next to it. The only problem with it is buckeye lovers snap them up like they were M&Ms.

The buckeye is a tree and the nut of the tree is called a buckeye. It's encased in a hard shell and it's difficult to get open, but I bet squirrels have a way.

All the proceeds from the sale of the cookbook go to the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation. (www.nchcf.org to get yours)

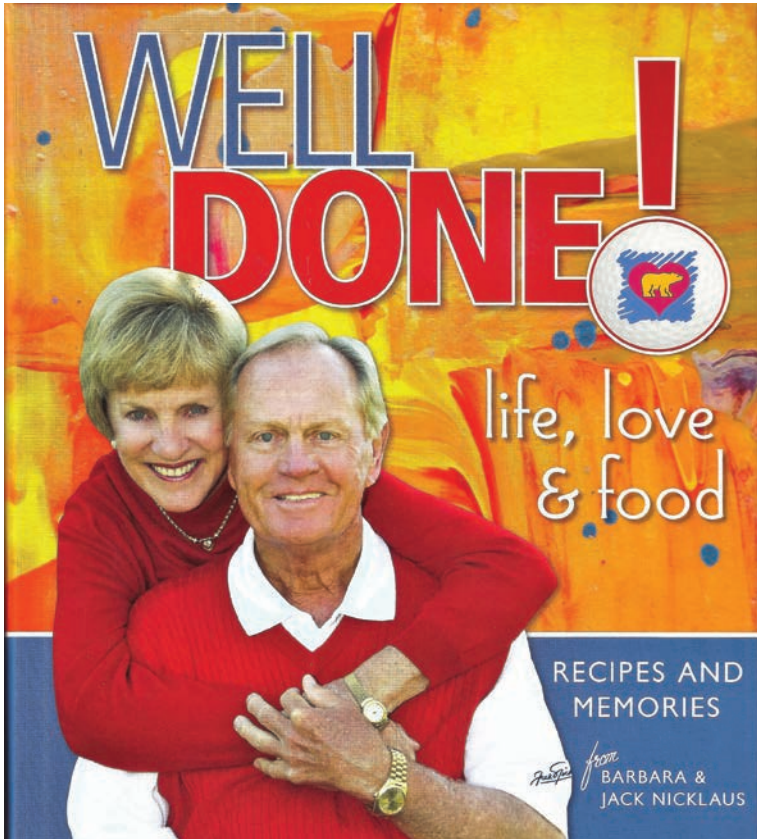


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Donald and Doral: How Trump restored resort to its former glory

By Kathy Bissell

The Doral Resort has evolved over six decades, enjoying some good times, and enduring some challenging times. Now, under the ownership of presidential candidate Donald Trump, the newly christened Trump National Doral has been restored to its status as a world class golf destination. But it was a convoluted process.

The story behind the transformation of the Doral Resort of the 1960s and 1970s into Trump Doral is intertwined with development, decline, renovation, bankruptcy and redevelopment. In addition, the last decade-and-a-half made profitable operation of the resort very difficult due to the aftermath of 9/11 and the financial and housing recession that began in 2008. Both 9/11 and 2008 caused a near collapse in business and discretionary travel – and a destination resort without travelers is a big monetary problem.

But let's start at the beginning, in 1959, when Alfred Kaskel bought 2,400 acres of what was considered swamp-land for about \$49,000. It's impossible to know what it looked like then. We can only imagine by looking to the west where I-75 meets the Sawgrass Expressway. After I-75 makes the turn west toward Naples, the Sawgrass Expressway cruises north until it makes the turn east at Coral Springs. Looking west, there's an endless sea of brown grass. That's the eastern edge of the Everglades. Things that slither and bite live out there in abundance, waiting

to be turned into shoes and belts and handbags. It's so nasty that the rest stop on I-75 going to Naples has signs warning about poisonous snakes. This is not a people-friendly area.

Nevertheless, whatever it looked like in 1959, Kaskel bought the land, because, as everyone in Florida knew then, you just drained the swamp and then built on the land. Without that philosophy, many places in Florida would not exist today, including TPC Sawgrass.

Kaskel was not a novice developer. He was quite the real estate tycoon in New York City and had built something close to 17,000 apartments, including Gracie Towers on East End Avenue and 360 East 72d St. in Manhattan, Roosevelt Terrace, Churchill Manor, Park City, Park City and Kennedy House in Queens, River Terrace and Skyview in the Bronx, and others. With the acquisition of the land in Florida, Kaskel turned his construction focus south.

Of the 2,400 acres, 800 acres would become the resort. The remainder would become Doral Estates and Doral Park, some of it built in conjunction with Lennar. If you are familiar with the area around Doral, Kaskel owned land on both sides of the current resort and to the north of it. The southern border was NW 36th Street. His holdings started where the turnpike is now on the west, and ran east almost to route 826, the road that connects I-75 with the Doral exit. That is a swath approximately four miles wide. He also

owned the land from NW 36th Street to NW 74th Street, a distance of about two miles. So basically he owned something about the size of Key West, without the ocean.

The name for the property, Doral, came from Kaskel's name and his wife's name: Doris for DOR and Alfred for AL.

1960s modern luxury

When Doral opened, it was luxurious and modern in a 1960s Jetson's kind of way, with sleek lines and interesting space-age design, including a round third floor level complete with floor to ceiling windows that overlooked the putting green and the golf courses. With multiple golf courses, it was designed to be a golf vacationers dream.

In 1962, professional golf debuted at the Blue course, which was subsequently named the Blue Monster for its lakes and difficulty. The first winner of the tournament, then called the Doral "500" Open, was Billy Casper. It was his 17th title, and he won the tournament again in 1964 on his way to 51 career victories.

Other early winners in the heyday of the Supremes, the Beatles and the Beach Boys included Doug Sanders, Phil Rodgers and Jack Nicklaus (a two-time winner).

Lee Trevino, Tom Weiskopf and Raymond Floyd would capture the title in subsequent years. Ponte Vedra's Mark McCumber won in 1979 – his first PGA Tour victory – and again in 1985.

With professional golf established,

Doral was on the map in a big way. It was a place where parents of baby boomers went for winter golf vacations and talked about what they shot on the Gold or the Red or the Blue. Eventually the Kaskels would build four courses.

Weeks became years, and years became decades. As with any set of buildings, there was wear and tear on the nearly 700 hotel rooms and the physical systems. By the mid-1980s, guests were likely to find rooms with air conditioning that didn't work or that cooled too much. Still, people came. It was Doral, after all, even though crumbling. The prime reason they came was because of the cache of the PGA Tour.

A period of decline

By the late 1980s, no one wanted to venture outside of the resort at night. The neighborhood had deteriorated. Businesses along the roads to Doral had bars on the windows and graffiti on the walls. It was not the kind of place anyone would want to drive through alone at night, at least not on purpose. If you were leaving after dark, you hoped for green lights.

Making things even more eerie, old warehouses surrounded the resort to the north and east. On the west boundary of the property, development stopped. Beyond that, the Everglades.

In the mid-1990s resort travel was upended for a time when a few tourists were car-jacked leaving Miami International Airport.

The resort and, truth be told, the



Photos courtesy of Trump National Doral Miami

entire area needed a facelift, but the money to fix the resort it was more than the children of the Kaskels had or wanted to spend. Yet in all that time, the Blue Monster course was so good and Miami was such an important market that the PGA Tour continued to find ways to hold the tournament.

Fast forward to 1994. KSL Recreation made an offer for Doral that the descendants of Alfred and Doris Kaskel did not want to refuse. At the time, the sale was reported to be slightly over \$100 million. An extensive renovation was announced and begun. The rooms were improved significantly. The AC worked. Plumbing worked. A spa was added. Marriott took over the operation of the hotel and built timeshares across the street from the resort entrance.

A new golf course designed by Greg Norman also went up across the street. It was dubbed the Great White. Things looked up, and Doral began, once again, to look more like a luxury resort and less like a crumbling structure.

This first renovation effort had a domino effect on businesses outside the walls of the resort, as ugly stuff was bought, knocked down and replaced with new strip malls, drug stores and restaurants. A Publix sprouted up a couple blocks west.

Then, seven years after KSL bought Doral came the horror of 9/11, which put the travel kibosh on the world, at least for a while. It was a difficult time financially for every golf destination, with the possible exception of Pebble Beach. Business travel, vacation travel, golf travel all came to a halt and only slowly returned. That caused problems for the Doral ownership, and they eventually sold to CNL, a real estate investment trust company in Orlando.

In the interim, other businesses continued to move in. Univision. The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta – Miami Branch. The area around the resort, with more than 50,000 residents, voted to make themselves a separate city.

Also post 9/11, Flagler Development, the development company headquartered in Jacksonville, had begun acquiring land around Doral Resort. Eventually they would own at least 120 acres.

In 2006, Flagler announced what they called Downtown Doral, a 120-acre mixed-use development which they said would become a city center for the new city of Doral.

“Downtown Doral will be vital to Doral because it is creating a true city center which will allow people to live near their work, an option that Doral has been longing for,” said Armando Codina, then president and CEO of Flagler, now executive chairman of Codina Partners.

A year later, Doral, along with several other resorts, was sold to one of Morgan Stanley’s real estate investment funds for a number close to \$500 million. KSL kept the Great White Course, as a future residential real estate play.

The deal for the resorts in the package was a bargain at the price.

Then the economy clawed back, only to be back-handed in the fall of 2008 with an economic double-whammy which again resulted in a decline in travel. It was bad timing, caused by worse people, and it happened to some large companies and many individuals.

All the resorts in the Morgan Stanley portfolio were in trouble. They tried to restructure their loans, and when that didn’t work, the lenders foreclosed on them.

By 2011, Paulson & Co., Winthrop Realty Trust, and Capital Trust, all junior debt-holders, took over the properties at a foreclosure auction. Paulson & Co., Winthrop Realty Trust, and Capital Trust hoped to fix the debt issues, and to do that they put the properties into bankruptcy. They approached the Trump people to see if they wanted to buy anything. Trump wanted Doral. Ivanka Trump was involved in the deal.

So in February 2012, Donald Trump announced to the world that his organization would be buying Doral. He made an appearance during the WGC Cadillac Championship.

“We think that Doral has just tremendous opportunity, it’s a tremendous location,” he said then. “We look to make this one of the great places anywhere in the world for golf. It needs a lot of work. It’s a little bit tired and that’s okay, and we are going to do something special.”

He said his daughter Ivanka and son Eric were going to spend a lot of time there working on the renovations.

In May, the bankruptcy court gave final approval for the sale of Doral assets to the Trump organization. Trump expected to take over the property by June of that year.

“When Doral first opened, it was considered the best resort in the world,” Trump said in a statement announcing the acquisition.

He paid \$150 million, although it had earlier been reported that the sale price would be \$170 million.

“I will spend much more money on fixing Doral than somebody else, because somebody else is looking on return on investment. I’m not,” he said. “I’m looking to make an amazing place, and the return will come. So I think it’s a good thing for golf.”

Let’s not kid ourselves. It was a great price for the property, and it will return money to the Trump organization. But it has also cost a fortune to renovate it.

With a little more than six months between the closing on the real estate and the next WGC Cadillac Championship event, the Trump organization knew they could not remake the golf course before March 2013.

“We’ll close it right after the 2013 tournament,” Trump explained. “We won’t skip a beat, and in the meantime we are going to be spending literally tens of millions of dollars on the rooms

and the ballrooms and all of the public space, and the clubhouse in particular is going to get a tremendous renovation.”

“There really will be nothing like it and there really is nothing like it in a city that is as robust as this one,” Ivanka Trump added. “Normally you have these large golf resorts, and they take five planes and three hours and a car to get to. So this really is something very special.”

After the 2013 golf tournament, the Blue Monster golf course was torn up. Gil Hanse had been hired to renovate and modify it, making it harder for today’s tour players. It was a huge amount of work to take on in a limited time frame. Fortunately, there were no hurricanes that year, and warm season grass grows all the time in Miami.

By the 2014 tournament, the Blue Monster had teeth, perhaps more teeth than the players wanted. The other courses, visible from the fairways of the Blue Monster, were in dirt. Changes were underway, but not completed, all around the property. The clubhouse, though, received a lot of attention.

The Trump touch

Anyone who has not been to Doral since the early 2000s will see the difference beginning at the entrance. Anyone

who has not been there since the early 1990s will be shocked at the transformation. For instance, hundreds of huge palm trees now frame the roadway from the guard gate all the way up to the resort front door.

One special addition is the helipad for you know who. It’s located between the 9th and 10th holes. At the most recent WGC Cadillac Championship, however, when Trump visited the resort on Sunday the helipad was not used, no doubt for security reasons. He landed on an adjoining golf course, the better for secret service to provide protection.

On the registration level, enormous chandeliers shimmer and reflect off marble floors, and the same kinds of light fixtures are found in many other rooms. Walls are hung with historic photos of golfers. There are oil paintings. It isn’t fake luxury. It is real luxury.

“All I want to do is take the existing buildings with Eric and Ivanka and make them absolutely beautiful,” Trump said. “The bones of this place are phenomenal, the way it was originally designed.

What was a cocktail lounge area in the 1980s, then changed to a gift shop in the 1990s, is now back to a cocktail lounge. There’s a second and quieter living room style lounge area that over-



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Also on the lower level, accessed from the patio, is a new Blue Monster shop with logoed merchandise, all reasonably priced.

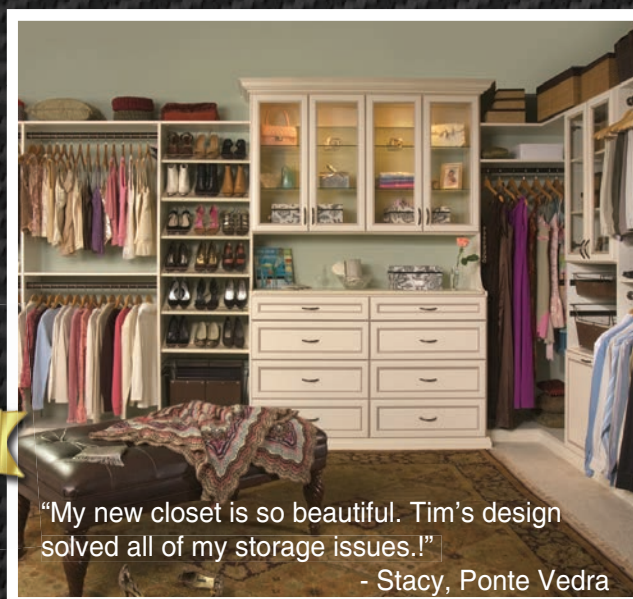
The guestrooms are in what Trump National Doral calls villas. He kept the footprint but made over the rooms. There's the Jack Nicklaus Villa, the Arnold Palmer Villa, the Tiger Woods Villa, The Bobby Jones Villa and so on. They all have had a great deal of exterior work done to them to mirror the renovation of the main building.



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Former USC and Jaguars offensive tackle Tony Boselli accepts his award recognizing his induction into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

Boselli inducted into Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame

Former Jaguars stand-out Tony Boselli was among the six individuals recently inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

Boselli, a two-time All-American offensive tackle with the University of Southern California Trojans, was inducted in recognition of his role in the Trojans' record-setting 1995 Cotton Bowl 55-14 blowout over Texas Tech. During that game, USC set records for total offense, passing yards, total points,

points in one quarter and points in one half.

Also inducted in the April 22 ceremony at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas was former Texas head coach Fred Akers, SMU tailback Eric Dickerson, Notre Dame linebacker Bob Golic, Arkansas quarterback Fred Marshall and Cotton Bowl Athletic Association Team Selection Chairman Dan Petty, who was inducted posthumously.

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The clubhouse rooftop has statues perched on the edge, reminiscent of the colonnades at St. Peter's Square in Rome, except that one is throwing the discus. (And it's a lot smaller than St. Peter's. And it's not Rome.)

While all of this is great for Donald Trump and his family, it is also a tremendous boost to the area.

The Downtown Doral property, which was announced in 2006, is just now coming out of the ground with high rise condos just north of the Trump Doral entrance, off of NW 87th Ave. Higher floors have expansive views of the Trump Doral golf courses. There are apartments just south of that on NW 87th St., located between the new condos and the Marriott time shares.

Several new retail shops and restaurant spaces are built, and some are leased. Office buildings are in the works, all to make the community one where residents do not have to get onto the highway and drive to work or home. The whole area is a win, win, win, win.

While many people believe that Donald Trump is prone to exaggeration, when it comes to his treatment of Doral resort, he isn't stretching the truth. The Trumps took what had become a problem property, bought it, and did more than restore it. He took a tarnished structure and polished it until the beauty that was originally there shone through again, recreating the well-known destination as an even better version of its original self.



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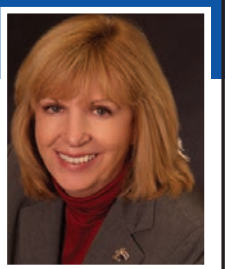
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Golf community hosts junior golfer appreciation event

Fifty junior golfers and their families had an opportunity to participate in a live Twitter question and answer session with a pro golfer May 10 as part of a junior golfer appreciation event organized by Jacksonville-area golf organizations.

Held at a private home in Sawgrass Players Club, the event enabled attendees to ask questions via Twitter of PGA Tour professional Chesson Hadley. Hadley earned his PGA Tour card in 2014, won the Puerto Rico Open and was named the tour's Rookie of the Year. Originally from Raleigh, North Carolina, he played golf at Georgia Tech, where he was a three-time All-American and won two events, including the 2012 ACC Championship. Hadley turned pro in 2010, earning his way onto the Web.com Tour in 2013.

The Twitter event was hosted by Ponte Vedra High School senior Hannah Berman, who is captain of the girls' golf team. Berman competed in the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur, won the USGA/AJGA President's award and a received a golf scholarship to

the University of West Florida.

Event organizers said the event was organized as a way of showing appreciation to junior golfers and their families for their dedication to the game while also providing insight into what it takes to move junior and college golf to the professional level.

Organizations involved in arranging the event include the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour (HJGT), Game Golf, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Golf Jacksonville, The Golf Academy of North Florida, North Florida Junior Golf (NFJG) Foundation and Tour and Berardi Golf Academy.



Timuquana Country Club to Host 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball

Host club for 2002 U.S. Senior Amateur awarded its second USGA championship

"Jacksonville's Timuquana Country Club, has been selected by the United States Golf Association as the host site for the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship.

To be held April 27-May 1, 2019, the event will be the second USGA championship to be contested at Timuquana.

"We look forward to returning to Timuquana Country Club for the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship and sincerely appreciate the club's enthusiasm for hosting this popular event," said Stuart Francis, USGA Championship Committee chairman. "We're confident Timuquana will provide a comprehensive test that will produce worthy champions while continuing to elevate the fun-spirited and competitive nature inherent to this team championship."

Designed in 1923 by Donald Ross against the backdrop of the St. Johns River, the course was renovated in the mid-1950s by Robert Trent Jones Jr., with subsequent

alterations by George Cobb and Dave Gordon. In 1996, Bobby Weed led another major renovation that improved drainage and irrigation. Among other changes, more than 800 trees were removed, helping to restore the course to its original design. Additionally, in 2011, the course was re-grassed and the No. 11 green was reshaped.

Timuquana hosted the 2002 U.S. Senior Amateur, won by Greg Reynolds, of Grand Blanc, Mich., who defeated Mark Bemowski, 4 and 3. Reynolds has since moved to Jacksonville and is an active Timuquana member. The club has also hosted several USGA qualifiers, including five U.S. Amateur sectional qualifiers. It will host its first U.S. Open sectional qualifier on June 6. Timuquana has also hosted the Southern Amateur and Florida State Amateur.

The Great Panic of 2016



Harry Pappas
Columnist

There is no diplomatic way to articulate what happened with the stock market in early January except to say that we are in panic mode! Investors had to decide whether they

wanted to go with the conventional bearish wisdom and bail on stocks. Indeed, nobody would think one was a genius for staying the course or better yet, buying stocks when there was blood in the streets. Nope, crazy was more like it! However, at least for now, some of the "crazy" ones are coming out ahead!

During the first two weeks of January, the stock market, measured by the S&P 500 index declined 8 percent. This decrease was the first time we have been down that much this early in the year in over three decades! Furthermore, many "head-for-the-hills" doomsayers masquerading as sophisticated investment analysts were predicting an alarming scenario that called for a repeat of 2008. They wanted us to think the unthinkable. As Charlie Brown would say, we are doomed. Some of these pouting pundits of pessimism proclaimed that technology and automation would eliminate half

of the jobs in the developed world! Yep. The talking heads were out in full force hyperventilating over the inevitable demise of the US stock market.

What many people did not and do not understand is that these doomsters have been singing the same song since 2008, while the S&P 500 increased over 200 percent from its March 2009 lows. If we had listened to them at that time, we would have missed one of the greatest advances in the history of the S&P 500. Ah, it feels good to get that off my chest. Now we can take a more academic approach.

When we are in the middle of so much anxiety and folks are stampeding to the exit door, it is hard to recognize that the theater is not on fire. Nevertheless, it was déjà vu all over again, as far too many folks hit the panic button, as their rational thinking went out the window. When selling stopped, and all the bears were exhausted, there appeared nothing else to do but buy! Friends, this is called capitulation! Regardless, many investors apparently believed this was going to be the first time in market history that the market goes down and stays down forever.

We must understand that periodic crises are inevitable, and though past performance is not indicative of future results, recovery has followed. Moreover, let us not lose focus with

the fact that since 1950, the S&P 500 has experienced a decline of between 5 percent and 10 percent in 35.5 percent of all calendar years, which is another way of saying that this recent drawdown was entirely reasonable. Sip on that for a second. Swirl it around. Savor the essence. No, do not spit it out. Take a good long taste. Painful yes, but true nonetheless.

Folks, if we know that about 35 percent of the time that we will experience a stock market decline in the range of 5 to 10 percent, then why would we ever think of hitting the panic button? I know why. Because when panic fills the air again, I will hear, as I always do, the misinformed peeps uttering those four annoying words: This time is different. Of course, it is different. So what if this time is different? Who cares? The fact is that market declines are normal. We must get over it or do not play the investing game.

Perhaps the words from the "Forest Gump of Wall Street," Warren Buffet, will help you stay the course the next time the market enters its normal and frequent decline: "For 240 years it has been a terrible mistake to bet against America, and now is no time to start. America's golden goose of commerce and innovation will continue to lay more and larger eggs" (from Buffet's 2015-year end annual letter).

My final advice is to beware of futurists and carry some salt. In other words, just stay the course. I believe in stick ability. Do not do something, just stand there! Now take a deep breath and turn the page.

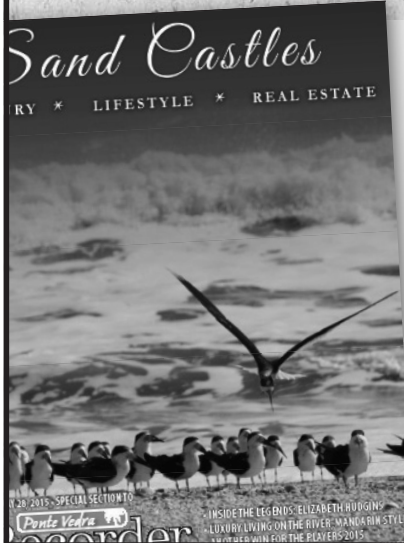
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- Put through a blender
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- Alley cat
- Ar on Periodic Table
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- Fling
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- Father of Keynesian economics
- Chills and fever
- Napkin holder
- *Allegro ____ in music, Italian
- Prefix meaning "left"
- Affirm solemnly
- Vendors do this
- Public hanging?
- Greek god's libation
- Color lightly
- Chlorofluorocarbon
- "Mr. Twister" gear
- *Judy's husband, from Italian Pulcinella
- Embryo cradles
- Sacha Cohen's middle name
- *Vocal piece for one, Italian
- Comedian ____ Rogan
- Bruce Wayne's Batman, e.g.
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- Behaved
- *Mercantile establishment, Chinese
- Between Phi and Kappa
- Studio 54 heyday genre
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- Old French coin
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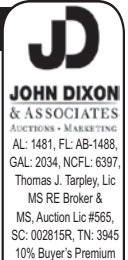
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