Big Brothers & Sisters Play Tennis —

By Carolyn Lawver
HP Golf Professional

About 15 children showed up for the Big Brother/Big Sister of Sun Coast tennis event on Saturday, August 9. HP member Lillyanna Peniza was the sponsor from Big Brother/Big Sister of Sun Coast. Mike, Carolyn and Jimmy were the volunteer staff members. Even the assistants from BB/BS tried their hand at tennis. Pizza from Bellacinos was donated by HP. There were smiles all around.

For more than 43 years, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Sun Coast has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. Big Brothers/Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers (“Bigs”) and children (“Littles”), ages 6 through 18. They develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people. For information you can Google Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Sun Coast, Fort Myers, FL.

Andy Moves On

Article and Photos
By Bob Kelly,
Director of Golf

Andy Vertacnik grew up professionally in HP, working here for 10 years. When you read this he’ll be the 1st Assistant Golf Professional at Belfair Plantation in Bluffton, S.C. Check out their website – you’ll see a beautiful place.

He moved with his fiancé Nicole and their son Drew and they are expecting their second child in early November. At his goodbye lunch in the Club Dining Room, we had a great turn out and Andy was obviously choked up. It’s hard to leave HP; people here are the best.

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Dining room wait staffer Stephen, did a great job with the going away sign for Andy.

Divas Say Good-bye To Chris

By Eileen Wood
Photos by Stasia Arcarese

The Divas gathered after golf to congratulate Chris Phillips on his new position at Cypress Woods and to let him know how much he will be missed. He joined the group for cake after he finished golf camp and it was interesting to learn that the name of his young charges in golf camp was Divas. Two weeks later our group played at Cypress Woods and their new Director of Golf took very good care of us.

A Close Call

Photos by Danny Shea

Andy Vertacnik (Asst. Golf Pro) and Danny Shea (Outdoor Services) were standing in the breezeway. All the carts were in and they were watching it rain. Without warning there was a huge crash of thunder quickly followed by a bolt of lightning approximately 70 feet from where they were standing. It definitely got their attention. The lightning hit near Sabal 18 green…ripped up the ground, hitting an underground water main, and causing the water to gush up in a fountain. The guys called maintenance; they turned off the water and filled in the hole…plenty of excitement for an otherwise slow day.
Three Generations of The Craigs

Article and Pictures By K.C. Grosse

Surely I am not the only one here that has trouble keeping track of the years. It has now been six since my first interview with the Craig family and five since Trent Craig appeared in BTP as a freshman in high school. Time flies!

I recently got together with Randy and Debbie Craig and his parents Darrell and Joann Craig, all HP residents. Unfortunately Trent and Scott, their sons, were not able to be there. Scott lives in St. Pete now and Trent was working. But it was very apparent how proud Randy and Debbie and their grandparents are of them. Scott is an instructor now at ATP Flight school in St. Pete after graduating from Florida State. Flying is in his DNA with Dad, Randy, a pilot for American Airlines and an uncle who is a pilot as well. Trent was a champion runner in high school, went on to college and did not find running as gratifying at that level, so he now works for Fit to Run, a fast expanding retail establishment at Coconut Point. So he keeps up with his love of running by helping others with their mutual interest.

Mom Debbie is a second grade teacher in Lee Co. at Gateway Elementary.

Grandparents Joann and Darrel came here from St. Louis in 2002 and just celebrated their 60th anniversary on July 31. Congratulations! Joann is involved in bridge, mah jong, and tennis here at HP and Darrell plays golf and swims. They have two other sons besides Randy, and three grandchildren, two great-grandsons and finally a great-granddaughter.

Randy and Debbie have been married 29 years in August and are excellent neighbors. Living two doors down, we never heard any unusual noise from two growing teenage boys.

A change will be coming for the whole family when Randy and Debbie move into the new home they are building in the Florida Keys. Debbie will finish out the current school year and Randy will have a closer commute to work. He flies out of Miami and now drives over two hrs. to get there. He’ll be over an hour closer to work living in Islamorada. The boys are “good” with the move since they can visit mom and dad often to enjoy fishing, boating, and snorkeling. Trent will remain in the Fort Myers area, so Grandma Joann will still be cooking homemade dinners!

Three generations of Craigs living here will downsize to one generation – which is how it all started here in HP.

2nd Annual Summer Mah Jong Tournament

By Sue Moody, Organizer

The 2nd Annual Mah Jong Tournament was held Saturday, August 9th in the Clubhouse Dining Room. It was organized by Cindy Gilbert, Sue Moody and Eileen Wood. Many of the participants brought tasty breakfast goodies and snacks for all to share – thank you all. Carla and Paula set up the back area for us and Paula performed her usual fantastic job of serving all the ladies during the entire day.

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Marriage Contract with No Contingencies

After a brief lock-in period, Heritage Palms’ Realtor, Karen R. Schmidt closed on her marriage contract to Ronald Pierce on June 7, 2014 in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. The promissory note and truth-in-lending disclosure was executed before God as witnessed & celebrated by family during the momentous occasion which took place at the First Baptist Church of Fort Oglethorpe. Though her legal description is now “Karen Schmidt-Pierce” – her legal business will remain as “Karen R. Schmidt – Realtor.”

With the rate locked in for the remaining term of “life,” the couple fully anticipates equity benefits and accelerated appreciation as they form multi-dwelling units and merge personal property. With a vested interest and love for the Heritage Palms Community, Karen requires no hazard insurance as she chooses to continue life, work and breath within Heritage Palms; remaining ever committed to her former and future clients. No appraisals needed, no inspections ordered . . . survey results prove Karen as your top choice in Real Estate services . . . now and into the future!
Staying Connected

By Linda Harvey, Editor
harveyto@comcast.net

When we left HP in June, heading for the N.C. mountains I brought two articles which I planned to use in the summer issues of BTP. However, I had to use both in the August issue – which left me short of features for this issue. I emailed Sue Moody and K.C. Groesse and asked if they had any ideas for articles which they could/would write. I knew it was an imposition on their summer and I dreaded their return mail. BUT Voila they quickly responded that they had ideas and would be happy to write articles. I am so appreciative … and I know you will enjoy both offerings. Thanks K.C. and Sue.

Hope you had a chance to read Greg Kriesch’s summer updates about the courses. For those of us who are not in HP, it’s a super way to find out what’s going on. It’s detailed and the accompanying pictures are excellent… almost like we’re there. He writes it and takes the pictures and Danielle puts it all together for sending out. He’ll be back writing his articles for the N.C. mountains. I brought his last two articles which I planned to use in the summer issues of BTP but will find a good many of our regular writers back in the fold. I hope they’ve enjoyed their summers and are ready to come “back to work.” If you have any suggestions for articles or features you’d like to see in the paper please let me know.

The first event for Comedy Club is November, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th. Yes, that’s a Saturday and a Sunday. Our entertainer is Homer Noodlemann, described as totally crazy. He is an accomplished vocalist, musician, ventriloquist, mixed with magic and impressions. He is a one man show and has made over 500 appearances on British and American TV. Ticket information will be announced at a later time.

And once again I want to remind you that if you are moving away from HP and will miss receiving BTP, you can view issues of Between The Palms online. On our Website, there are items to view without having to sign in as a member. All you have to do is Google www.hpgcc.com – then click on the heading, “Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club” click on “News” at the top edge of the page … and on the dropdown, click on Between The Palms. Even if you are an HP member, this is a shortcut to viewing the paper which is posted within the first days of each month.

The Scoop

By Brian Mendez
Food & Beverage Director

Our dining room hours have changed:
• Sunday and Monday: CLOSED
• Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 11 am - 4 pm (Kitchen closes at 3 pm)
• Wednesday and Friday: 11 am - 9 pm (Kitchen closes at 8 pm)

We have started taking reservations for Thanksgiving. Reservations are exclusive for members up to two weeks prior to Thanksgiving. At that time we’ll then open reservations up to the public. Call the hostess stand now to reserve your table.

Don’t forget we have our Soup Station on Tuesdays and Saturdays. We will continue to be open for dinner on Wednesday and Friday evenings, with nightly dinner specials and our summer menu starting at 5 p.m. Please look at the board outside the Pro Shop, our website and the Monday News to verify.

Before you hit the links, be sure you stop at the Cabana for a breakfast sandwich! They’re offered seven days a week. Please note, the Cabana opens at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays to accommodate the morning shotgun.

The last summer member event is Sports Night with Pearl and Sassi on September 26th. Please check with the hostess for more details.

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Andy and Bob

L-R: Marcia O’Brien, Bonnie Panther, Andy, Sue Moody

L-R: Dave Parkhill, Andy, Bud Tibbits

L-R: George Biggs, Andy, Bill Adelhelm

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Celebrate With Margaritas

Article & Pictures By Sue Gutzwiller
Margaritaville Night at the Clubhouse on August 25 was a huge success with around 150 attendees. Many people rose to the occasion and dressed in Key West/Florida attire to add a festive flare to the evening. The Staff wore tropical outfits and hats and the decorations in the dining room were very festive. The music was very tropical and everyone enjoyed dancing the night away. The buffet dinner offered an array of delicious foods and the club provided watermelon margaritas for everyone as they entered. It was a great way to celebrate the summer at the Club!!!
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To many of us “new” arrivals in Florida, Lyn seems almost a native. After receiving her Master’s degree from Ball State University in Indiana and teaching in the northern “climes” for a while she migrated to our area in 1986. (How lucky for Lee County children!) She started her teaching career here in Cape Coral’s Skyline and Pelican Elementary schools, and retired from Edison Park Elementary in 2009, after 28 years of teaching. During that time she received numerous grants, was active on many committees, and trained other teachers. She was among the first group in Lee County to receive National Board Certification. She was also an adjunct professor at USF, FGCU and Barry University.

In 1995 she earned a Golden Apple – a prestigious award among educators. But, to Lyn, the award she is as proud of is the “Social Studies Teacher of the year” in 2008. It showed Lyn that even after 28 years of teaching she was still an effective and enthusiastic teacher (and to those who know her, we can only wish we’d had teachers like her). She is honored to still be in touch with former students and their families, and to receive gifts and photos and letters many years later.

She started traveling during summers and holidays to broaden her knowledge of other cultures and habitats, so that she could pass it on to her students. She is very adventurous and likes to do and see things first-hand. She has traveled to all seven continents…yes all seven!

Her most rigorous adventure was a WALK across England, which was preceded by a most luxurious week aboard the Queen Mary 2, and then afterwards, recuperation in the Azores for a week at the home of a former student’s mother. She and her friend walked from the Irish Sea to the North Sea and, per tradition, carried a pebble from one sea to throw in the other. The distance was almost 200 miles – and it was through fields and farms, through moors and over mountains, climbing fences (over stiles) and using GPS to find the way. There were no road signs or shops and few people – many sheep though. The “Lake District” turned out to be at the tops of mountains. What a surprise that turned out to be.

After the first day her feet were a bloody mess with very painful blisters, which she duct-taped each morning. They had to continue every day until they reached the planned B’n B where a Sherpa had dropped off their bags. It rained

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