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Golden Acres R. O. Board of Directors

Presidents Message

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

Our members' annual meeting and elections is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Hope to see you there.

If you haven't done so already, please sign up for electronic communications. This saves the HOA on mailing costs.

Owners, if you are renting your homes, please make sure you leave a copy of our rules available for your tenants to read. We also have a copy of our rules in the Clubhouse Library.

As a reminder, all work that you do on the outside of your unit must be approved prior to work beginning. This includes replacement of HVAC systems, any refresh painting of driveways and units, lattice work, skirting, etc.

Our activities are in full swing at the Clubhouse, so please sign up and participate. It is a great way to meet new members.

Have a great February!

Tammy Davis





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Golden Acres Recreation Committee 2025-2026

Chairperson	Maureen Shannon
Vice-Chairperson	
Treasurer	Glenda Spafford
Secretary	Tina Sinclair
Bingo	Anne Knott
Kitchen	Deb Pollard
Member-at-Large	Richard Barnes

Golden Acres Summer Recreation Committee 2024

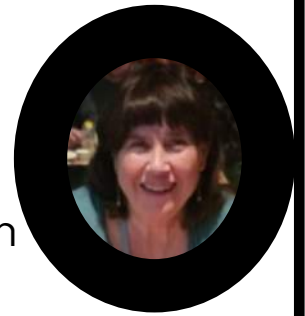
Elaine Mackey
Gina Douthit
Fran Clark
Debbie Douthit

Events

Bingo Committee	Anne Knott, Kevin Rainsforth, Paula Bunevith
Darts League	
Fun Shuffle	Team Captains
Golf	Ron Tasior and Ed Richtmyer
Health and Welfare	Master of Ceremonies (Coffee Hour)
Indoor Exercise	Nancy Karhoff, Claudia Burke
Newsletter Editor	Sue Bailey
Paddling Club	
Pickleball	Staicy Boyd Gunter
Pool Exercise	
Progressive Cards	Dave & Lynn Roselli
Shuffleboard	Rose West

It does take a village
Please consider filling
in some of the blanks.
Your assistance would
be most appreciated.
Get to know your
Golden Acres Family.
NO EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED WILL TRAIN

From the Editor's Desk
By Chris Rainsforth Unit 215
Phone: 226 224 5503(Mobile)
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Greetings:

First I would like to mention Sue Bailey on behalf of all the residents of Golden Acres for her hard work on the Newsletter for the last 12 years. It involves far more than anyone can imagine.

****Special thanks to Mark Kirincich in #206 for being our News Media Newsletter drop off spot. As he is full time he has stepped up. Thanks Mark , much appreciated. Once the fobs are in play News Media will not have access to the clubhouse.

I look forward to editing and producing the newsletter.

Please take a moment to fill in the newsletter sheets in the Clubhouse. I am, by Coach Number, requesting you to fill in them months that you will be in residence at Golden Acres. I would like to decrease the number of printed Newsletters delivered. There are too many going into the recycle and landfill. The option to filling in the form in the clubhouse is to drop me a quick email with your coach number and months. I am please to continue sending the Newsletter to those on the email list and would be pleased to add anyone who would like to stay informed about Golden Acres even when unable to get the hard copy.

The sign-up list for volunteers to deliver the printed copy is also in the Clubhouse. If there is not a volunteer available, the printed copies will be available in the library. I understand that this is not usually an issue. Thank you volunteers.

Guidelines for the Newsletter.

1. Please note the list of due dates for submission is posted in the Clubhouse.
2. March deadline is February 10, 2026. This is a hard deadline to have articles included in the printed newsletter copy.
3. Would love to have submissions letting us know some of the fun things you're doing when you are not at Golden Acres. Electronic submissions only please.
4. Articles or postings that put money in your personal pocket will NOT be posted. No political articles.
5. If your article does not make the printed copy it hopefully makes the e-newsletter. Photos of Golden Acres friends with names and Coach Number should accompany the Photos. Please get permission to post photos. (We don't know who may be in Witness Protection. LOL) Please feel free to share the e-newsletter with Past GA family.

Chris

February Recreation Report
Rec Comm Report, February 2025
By Maureen Shannon #200 Recreation Committee Chair
mshannon@capecod.edu 508-776-8778

To those still returning, Welcome Back! Remember, Wednesday Weekly is still on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. Please join us and feel free to ask questions, if you need an answer.

Well, the year is off to a great start. We're one-third through the yearly calendar. By the time you read this, we should just be finishing the yearly meet & greet, on Thursday, January 22, 2026. Thank you, Mark & Lyn Johnson for all you do/done for GA.

February is jammed packed, 50th anniversary, Valentines Day, hosted by Steve & Linda Swann on Thursday, February 12, 2026 from 7 to 10 pm. The tickets are \$10 pp. Then of course, the monthly breakfast and progressive cards. The month will end with Derby night on Saturday night, February 28, 2026 starting at 6 pm. With that being said, we're into March, 2026. Penny sale, Can Am and Spring fling at the end of the month, We are in desperate need of volunteers to continue to enjoy these events. If we don't get them, we won't be able to have them. Easter 2026 needs a host. Also, the 2026 New Year's Eve dance does too. We can't hire a band without a host. This is true for all our 2026 activities/events. Remember, it takes a village, and this is our village. We need everyone to continue to enjoy our activities. Please feel free to contact me at any time to answer any questions. We're all here for each other.

THANK YOU

PS

Remember, the Rec Committee activities schedule is always changing. Please check the schedule in the clubhouse for corrections or additions.

Interesting facts about Florida

Florida was named Florida after the first contact to the land was made by a Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon on April 2, 1513. The explorer named the region, La Florida ("land of flowers").

Birthdays and Anniversaries by Norma Moore

We want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our very best wishes.

Golden Acres February Birthdays

Denise Irwin	February 1
Janice Good	February 2
Tony Vanderheyden	February 3
Micheline Roy	February 4
Gerald Saunders	February 5
Bo Linden	February 7
Brandon Boehme	February 9
Pat Courtney Dugan	February 10
Paul Casavecchia	February 13
Mike Preston	February 13
Bethany Chorba	February 14
Jim Davis	February 14
Mary Stewart	February 14
Stephen Swann	February 14
Terry Woods	February 16
Jean Key	February 19
Beverly Collins	February 21
Lori Nickle	February 21
Anna-Lisa DeLuca	February 22
Jeff Dugan	February 22
Denise Olsen	February 22
Diana Roggenbuck	February 22
Katherine Schmitt	February 22
Susan Jarema	February 23
Mark Kirincich	February 23
Anne Knott	February 23
Stephen McCann	February 24
Barbara Sanford	February 24
Michael Stoffel	February 26



Golden Acres February Anniversaries

Thomas and Angela Franz	February 14
Richard and Patricia Higgins	February 14
Steven and Dorene Robertson	February 14
Steve and Debbie Pollard	February 16
William and Carol Smith	February 22



50th Anniversary 2025

By Paula Bunevith #202 & Kathy Schmitt #217



Our annual 50th Anniversary Party will be held Sunday February 15th at 1 pm in the clubhouse. This year we are honoring Steven and Dorene Robertson and Gordon and Glenda Spafford. A sign up sheet so we can plan refreshments will be available in the clubhouse. Please come and celebrate this great occasion. Hope to see all of you there.

Shuffle Report

By Rose West # 108

Our shuffle courts have been painted and not only do they look great, the park assets shuffle area has been given new life and sparkle! We are grateful and thankful to the Board for their wonderful support in making this project successful. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped prep the courts before painting the framework and courts, namely Dave Merriam, Peter Modny, Jim List and John West. Dave Merriam and John West took the old scoreboards down and installed the new scoreboards; Dave Merriam with his ingenuity added necessary components to the scoreboards. We avoided buying new scoreboard lights with Dave Merriam painting those rusty light covers and adding much needed proper light bulbs. They look brand new! We are so thankful to Jack Bailey for donating his time and wonderful woodworking skills to build our shuffle stick holders from scratch, which John West painted. Jack did an amazing job! We are so fortunate to have had the assistance of our amazing shuffleboard volunteers. John West is now in the final stages of getting the courts ready for use by waxing all our courts.

Shuffle Under the Stars is set to start January 14.

For anyone interested in joining our Golden Acres Shuffleboard League, kindly call Rose at 705-792-8852 or sign up at the club house. Shuffle is a great game at any age, lots of fun, and keeps one active. And if I may say so, also easy on the body! Hope to see you join us!

Rose West

Shuffle is a great

G. A. Pickleball Club

by Staicy Boyd # 46

Pickleball is once again alive and well in Dunedin. The sport continues to grow substantially each year with the actual number of people currently playing pickleball in North America being well in the millions. Both USA Pickleball and Pickleball Canada have over 80,000 registered members who enjoy the benefit of accident insurance coverage, tournament play and a wide variety of resources.

Our club members have been playing an average of two hours, three times a week. Depending on court availability, we vary our play location between Eagle Scout Park on Virginia Avenue and Highlander Park behind the Dunedin Recreation Centre.

We've gone "high tech" this year and now use the Team Reach app to schedule our play and record member participation.

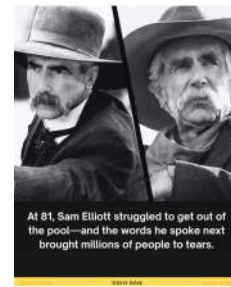
Our group is always excited to take on new players.

So..... if you are a Pickler and want to hit the courts again or you'd like to start learning this amazing sport and meet some kind, like-minded people then please, contact Staicy Boyd or Bruce Gunter at #46 or email me at ESBMinto@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you. Paddles Up!

Staicy Boyd

From Today's Post
Submitted by Chris Rainsforth #2



At 81, Sam Elliott struggled to get out of the pool—and the words he spoke next brought millions of people to tears.

I have messaged them and told them that I am sharing this article.

This article was copied from this Web page

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1AURhCRqiy/>

This Page is titled "Today's Post"

In these days of Ai it is nice to see a post that shares something so human. It touched my heart and it is a story everyone can or will some day relate to. In this world of negativity it is nice to see something that makes you feel empathy. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did. Chris

At 81, Sam Elliott couldn't climb out of a swimming pool—and what he said next brought millions to tears.

In a recent episode of *Landman*, the iconic actor delivered one of television's most unflinching reflections on aging. Playing T.L., an 82-year-old former oil worker and distant father, Elliott's character finds himself stuck in a pool, his knees and hips no longer strong enough to lift him out. His son Tommy, played by Billy Bob Thornton, has to step in and help.

What followed went far beyond performance. It felt like lived truth.

Sitting beside the pool with his son, T.L. speaks about another resident at the facility—a man who laughs endlessly, yet whose inner world remains unreachable. "It's a curse that my mind still works," T.L. says through tears. "I sit here fully aware of every way my body is breaking down. I'm fading while my eyes still see it all."

When Tommy suggests physical therapy, the reply is devastatingly plain: "You don't get it. This body is worn through."

The scene captured something television rarely lingers on—the quiet sorrow of losing physical independence while the mind remains clear enough to register every loss. For Elliott, the emotion wasn't manufactured. He later admitted he spent much of the season overwhelmed with feeling, explaining that with Taylor Sheridan's writing, the emotion has to come honestly.

The moment ends with something small but profound: T.L. and Tommy share their first hug, a simple gesture that signals long-delayed reconciliation between father and son.

Across a career spanning more than five decades, Elliott has embodied toughness in films like *Tombstone*, *Road House*, and *A Star Is Born*. Here, though, he revealed a different kind of strength—the courage to be vulnerable when physical power fades.

The scene struck such a chord because it reflects something universal: watching our bodies slow down, witnessing it happen to our parents, or quietly fearing it for ourselves. Elliott wasn't chasing drama; he was letting the truth rise naturally from the moment.

For anyone who has helped a parent stand up, watched a loved one struggle with once-simple tasks, or felt their own body begin to push back, the scene holds up a painful mirror: we are temporary, and our bodies don't last forever.

Yet it also offers something gentler—connection, understanding, and the grace of being seen as we are. Sometimes the strongest thing we can do is admit we need help.

Quote of the Month:

You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

A.A. Mine Author/Poet

<https://www.berries.com/articles/just-because/positive-quotes>

Golden Acres FUN Facebook Page Administrators: Elaine and Jerry Unit 216

Do you want to see if anyone in the park can use your old bike? Are you wondering when the first dance will be? There's a Facebook page for that. It is a private page created by residents for residents of Golden Acres Mobile Home Park. It is called Golden Acres Resident Owned Fun Group. We invite all Golden Acres homeowners to join.

The page has been very helpful to residents. It provides an outlet for selling or giving away unneeded belongings. The Recreation Committee announces activities happening in the park. Residents often share photos of family, fun up north, and vacations.

If you are already in the Golden Acres Facebook group, great! Continue to use it and share news about your summer. If you are not in the group, do a search for Golden Acres Resident Owned Fun Group and request to join the page. We have about 200 members. We hope you will be a member soon, too.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/799942477050210/>
(Copy and Paste)

Or Scan the QR Code and you will be whisked to the page

Tech Support 101 By Chris Rainsforth #215

I really believe in keeping it simple. I have an 82 year old Sister-in-law. She is alone. I decided that during Covid I would get her on-line so that I could do a "wellness" check-in with her every day. I was a 7 hour drive away so this became her lifeline. We purchased her a phone and tablet exactly the same as mine. I will admit that I am an Android Techie, and a Windows PC user. She came up for a 2 week visit and my training began.

Please note**** I am too busy to offer Tech support.***** .

These are the very simple rules that I instilled in her. She was a reluctant scared woman who was successfully converted to a successful Tech Connected user.

Hard and Fast Rules to live by if you don't want to become a victim of scams on the INTERNET.

1. If you do not know the phone number calling. Do Not Answer. Let it go to messages.
2. If you get an email from someone you are not expecting- Delete it.
3. Never click on a link that you do not know or if you are not expecting someone to share a link.
4. With AI coming into the world, know that it is not going away. To ensure that you do not have an AI voice that has been copied, make sure that you and your family have set up a code word that you only share with them. Seniors are getting caught by AI Many are convinced is a loved grandchild.... The code word will confirm that this is NOT the person you think it is.
5. This one is common sense and it should be one that everyone follows. It is simple. If it sounds too good to be true chances are it is too good to be true. Anyone that offers a chance to make a quick buck means "Give your head a shake" It is a scam, it is too good to be true. If you're making a lot of money and having to convince others that they too can make money (They only have to get 10 more people to buy into the "project" then it is a pyramid scheme that means the only person making money is the guy at the top.

Ping Pong

Come and Play and Have Some Fun
Open to ANYONE and bring a FRIEND
The 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the Month
@ The Clubhouse @ 7:00 pm !!!

Active-Duty Soldiers to Remember

Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our way of life. Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.

Adam Coburn (British Army), Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.

Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment) son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins #128

Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC - Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Brian Karhoff (US Army LTC) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.

Colleen Terry, US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd class, Naples, Italy - Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Joshua Ryan Torres Air Force National Guard Staff Sargent (EOD unit) deployed – Son of Susan Franco, Lot #17

So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

For changes to the list of soldiers, please contact Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14  Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17 Mardi Gras	18	19	20	21
22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28

Photos of events.

Photographer: Randy Nickle.

Thanks Randy, for sharing your time to take and send the photos.

Provided to show you what you are missing. Join in and take part.

Please excuse any errors. Some pictures are missing names but, wanted to share the fun.

Printed Newsletters are here. for volunteers to deliver.

New Year's Eve Dance

By Jack Terry & Claudia Burke #141, and Nancy Karhoff & Eric Duling #67

This year we had a tropical theme for our New Year's Eve dance. The Clubhouse was decorated with colorful tropical items. All of the lighted jars that were placed around the Clubhouse were hand painted by Claudia and Nancy. There were 65 people who rang in the New Year. A big thanks to Jimmy and Robin for their extra help in setting up the black curtains, and to the crew of people who helped transform our Clubhouse to a tropical paradise. Claudia and Nancy



Golden Acres ROA January in Review



Steve Swann once again led and trained interested residents in the how, when, why and where this life saving information and equipment is available to save lives. He stated that people who administer these life saving techniques are protected by "The Good Samaritan Act"
Thanks for stepping up.

GM. CPR/AED
Familiarization,
January 15, 2026

A recent survey reveals that only 55% of Americans feel comfortable providing aid in emergency procedures. Fortunately, the Good Samaritan law protects people who assist victims in need in emergencies. You can help without worrying about the legal consequences of your actions. The legislation protects people who come forward and help others during an emergency.

Good Samaritan law, named after the Biblical parable, applies to Samaritans who help strangers during medical emergencies. The purpose of the act is to help others without fear of legal repercussions. This legislation will protect you from liability if you offer reasonable assistance to injured victims as long as it's voluntary and without expecting any reward. However, the specifics of the Good Samaritan Law differ between states and countries:

United States: Each state has its version of the law, with some providing protection only for medical professionals, while others extend coverage to anyone offering reasonable help.

Canada: Most provinces have laws similar to the U.S., which provide legal protection to anyone who voluntarily helps in an emergency.

United Kingdom: There's no formal Good Samaritan Law, but common law protects those acting reasonably in an emergency.

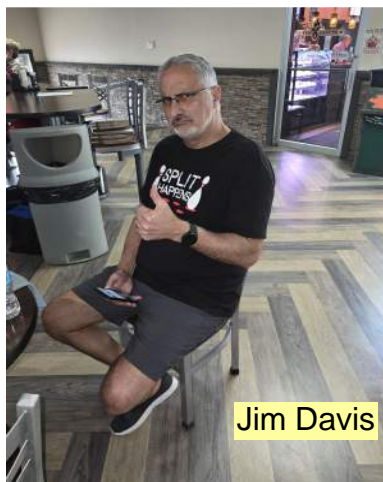
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Golden Nuggets Bowling

By Jack Terry #141



Jack Terry



Jim Davis



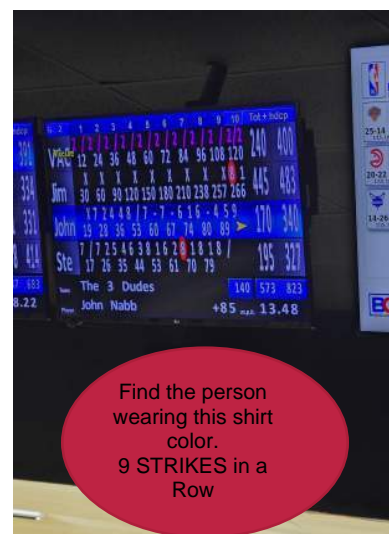
Jim Schmitt



Dave Sinclair and Randy Nickle



Linda and Stephen Swann



Find the person
wearing this shirt
color.
9 STRIKES in a
Row



Jean Franqueira

Claudia Burke, Lori Nickle, Nancy
(behind Jean)



John Nabb, Steve Robertson, Steve Toner, Doreen Robertson.

JANUARY 2026 PANCAKE BREAKFAST JIM SCHMIDT AND HIS CREW



Watch for the next yummy
Pancake Breakfast on
Saturday 21st of February.
Great breakfast was
wonderful. Thanks Guys

SATISFIED PATRONS ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF LABOR
OF THE ABOVE PANCAKE CREW.



Progressive Cards

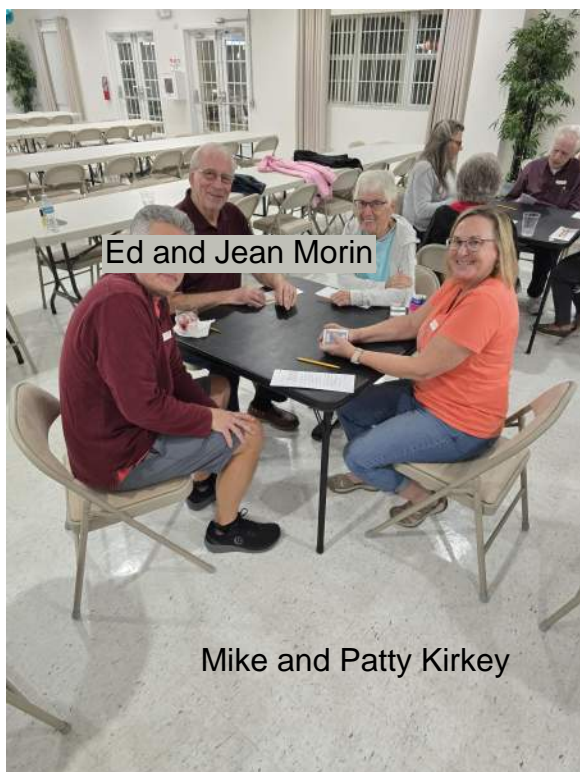
Hosted by: Marilyn Burton #194



Debbie, Jan, Debbie



Mary Jim Betty Paul



Ed and Jean Morin

Mike and Patty Kirkey



Dave Sinclair, Marilyn Burton



Tuesday Golfing



Bingo Monday Night at 7:00 PM.
@Golden Acres Club House.



Elaine, Nancy and Glenda,
3 of our volunteers selling Bingo Cards and
calling winning cards back to the Caller.



Mary Lou checking to ensure all of the
BINGO Balls are there.

Paula was the Caller

Kevin is Spare Bingo Caller and Tech
backup for the mics. (Thanks to Jim,
for supplying the microphone setup as
the Club House mic system was not
working.)



Hopeful BINGO players. Come on out and try your luck.

Twisted Stitchers



Phyllis, Fran, Mildred, Marie, Donna, Ann

This is the crafting group who welcome new members always.

They meet at the Club House on Thursdays at 1:00PM. enjoying sharing time together while enjoying varied crafts.