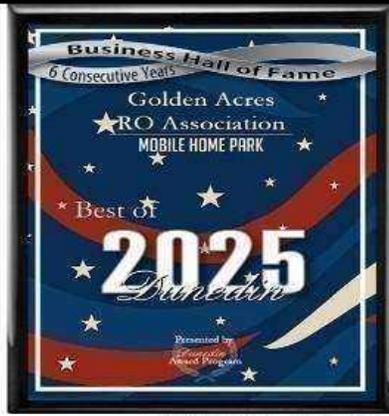




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Golden Acres R.O.A. Retiring Board Members

Special thanks and gifts
were presented to Dick
Donnelly and Don Webb By
Tammy Davis (President)

Special thanks and
gratitude for the time an
effort put forth to serve on
the GAROA as board
members.



Dick Donnelly Tammy Davis (President)



Don Webb Tammy Davis (President)

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Golden Acres Recreation Committee 2025-2026

Chairperson	Maureen Shannon
Vice-Chairperson	Richard Barnes
Treasurer	Glenda Spafford
Secretary	Tina Sinclair
Newsletter	Chris Rainsforth
Bingo (Sub Committee)	Anne Knott
Kitchen	Deb Pollard
Member-at-Large	

Golden Acres Summer Recreation Committee 2026

Gina Douthit
Debbie Douthit

Events/Activities

Health and Welfare Master of Ceremonies (Coffee Hour)	
Bingo Committee	Anne Knott, Paula Bunevith, Kevin Rainsforth,
Darts League	
Progressive Cards	Lynn and Dave Roselli
Bowling	Jack Terry
Pool Exercise	TBD
Golf	Ron Tasiar and Ed Richtmyer
Newsletter Editor	Chris Rainsforth
Indoor Exercise	Nancy Karhoff, Claudia Burke and Belinda Sezbenski
Ping Pong	Lori Barns
Jamming with Jim	Jim Davis
Pickleball	Staicy Boyd Gunter
Fun Eucre	Jim and Tammy Davis
Shuffleboard	Rose West
Fun Shuffle	Team Captains (Rose West)
Shuffle Under the Stars	Rose West

President's Report By Tammy Davis #21



Hello GA family,

As we move into our last month of the “snowbird” season, we want to remind you that the annual Board of Directors’ picnic is scheduled for March 25. Please pencil in the date. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks on this popular event.

As of this writing, we have 8 units for sale. In viewing other parks’ websites, this seems to be the trend this year.

As a reminder, please refer to the back of your rules and regulations for our checklist for closing up your unit for the summer. If you are a new resident, reach out to your neighbor for guidance on this topic.

Please keep in mind that you are responsible for the upkeep of your unit even when you are away.

Want to meet new people in the park? Please volunteer for a committee or event.

Enjoy the lovely month of March. We are extremely blessed to live in such a beautiful community.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!!

Tammy Davis

Reminders from the Board

1. Speeding and failure to observe stop signs are a problem, please be considerate to others by making a conscious effort to slow down and stop.
2. Parking on sidewalks and grass is not allowed by cars, golf carts or motorcycles at any time.
3. Any renovations or outside improvements need to be approved prior to any work being done. Stop in to the office to complete the form.
4. Any complaints must be filed by completing the form which is in the office and signing the form. Any verbal complaints will not receive a response. We need a paper trail, so please fill out the form.
5. If you have guests, please be sure to sign them in either at the office or the library. We need this information for safety reasons.

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Daylight Savings Begins @ 2am

St. Patrick's Day

First Day of Spring

Palm Sunday

Closing the Coach for the Season:
(This can be found on Page 16 of the R&R's.)

Check off list at end of
Newsletter for printing

What the park expects you to do before you leave for the summer.

- a) Any items outside of the coach or in the carport must be secured.
- b) Garbage containers must be tied down or left in the shed. The park is not responsible for any items.
- c) All other outdoor items (chairs, tables, flower pots, figurines, etc) must be put inside the shed or coach.
- d) Trim all shrubs and plants, etc.
- e) Make sure gutters and downspouts are clear.
- f) Make sure water is turned OFF.
- g) DO NOT leave any items unsecured behind the coach.
- h) Make sure the office has a good contact number so you can be reached while away.
- i) Put a change of address in with the Post Office.
- j) Cancel your local newspaper delivery service.
- k) Disconnect battery cables to e-bikes, golf carts and vehicles.

Greetings from the Office
By Karin Desmone

Please welcome Richard Allen, Unit #207 to the park.
Congratulations and may you find lots of happiness, fun, and
laughter at your new residence.

From the Editor's Desk
By Chris Rainsforth Unit 215
Phone: 226 224 5503(Mobile)
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I am still busy working on formatting the Newsletter. . Frustration sets in as I had a Tech glitch and lost every bit of the 98% finished newsletter. I have no idea what I did but, I have just recompiled it. I had a couple of Tech 101 Articles I will see how far I get. Tonight I will export this document as a pdf as I have a program I can trust and works well for me.

By some miracle the Birthday List and Anniversary List is now back in my mailbox. Please in order to keep this effective for everyone I would ask you to email me or send me a note if 1. You do not want your Birthday or Anniversary posted in a) the printed copy b) posted on Facebook c) posted on Golden Acres Website or 4) sent to GA Owners by email. I would also ask that if you have a Life Changing Status could you please inform Karin at the office and me @ goldenacresr.o.newsletter@gmail.com Please forgive us if by some chance something gets posted in error, due to submission requirements it takes around 2 weeks of overlap time to make a correction.

So far I have had good reception to the emailed version of the Newsletter. Folks like the pictures and even more they like having the names attached. With the huge turn over the last few years many of us have memory lapses and gaps. (Me that is me) I am working on it, it is never a mistake to say "hi, were ____ & ____ and we're at Unit ____" Much like being a teacher, when the students all know who you are, but it takes some time to know who the other 200+ are. LOL If you were a teacher you know what I mean, Wishing you all safe travels as you make your journey home at the end of this season. To our G. A. Guardians, the (36 Units)full time residents. We pray for your safety, may the winds be balmy, may the rain fall gently and the grass grow greener and may your air conditioner function well. Hopefully we are all reunited next fall. The Newsletter will continue monthly and I look forward to sharing updates from everyone that I can share in the Newsletter.

Chris Rainsforth

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

March 2026

As we get ready to start the next month, remember, Wednesday Weekly is still on Wednesday Mornings at 9 am in the clubhouse. Please join us for coffee & donuts.

Well, this year got off to a great start. We're two-third through the yearly calendar. By the time you read this, we should be betting ready for the Penny Bazaar and CanAm. For more Information, contact Chris Sprague and Jim Davis. Please mark your calendar.

Thank you to all that attended the 50th anniversary hosted by Paula Bunvith & Kathy Schmitt and Valentines Day dance, hosted by Steve & Linda Swann. I hope everyone had a great time. Thank you, Anne & Bob Knott for hosting the upcoming St Patrick's Day dance and Easter dinner.

As we continue to work on the 2026-2027 calendar, please consider volunteering. 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.

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

Maureen



What: CANAM TALENT SHOW
Theme: Songs & Scenes from the Movies
When: Thursday March 5th at 7PM in the Clubhouse
Why: To show off your secret Talent or to enjoy the show.
Cost: \$5.00 plus a dish to pass. BYOB
Tickets: Wednesday Coffee or Paula #202 or Roz #72
For more Info: Jim Davis, UNIT #21 or 607-732-0625

2026 Bazaar/Penny Sale

by Chris Sprague #96 CoChair

Did you know that this is the largest fund raiser for the Recreation Committee which made approximately \$1700 last year. All thanks to everyone who helped organize, donated time, donated items, helped set up, tear down, and bought and sold items.

This year's Bazaar/ Penny Sale is on March 7th, from 9-12:30 followed by the selection of the winners on the items on the Draw/Penny table. A canteen will be available from mid morning selling hotdogs, chips, water and soft drinks.

A flyer will be or was delivered to your coach mailbox covering the key information and contacts which should answer many of your questions. Here are contacts for each area:
Jewelry Table, Lori Barnes #5 - new or gently used

Bake Table, Marie Zweifel # 223 - Sign up sheet at Clubhouse

White elephant, Theresa Quinn # 224 - gently used, working items

Draw/Penny Sale table, Pat Vanderheyden # 23 - new or gently used items, gift cards.

Have your own crafts to sell, contact Chris Sprague #96 for \$5 table rental.

Again thanks to all of you for the success of last year and your continued support toward making 2026 an even better year.

Chris Sprague
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Golden Acres Shuffle

By Rose West # 108

“SHUFFLE UNDER THE STARS” every Wednesday evening starting at 7PM.

All are welcome whether you've played before or not.

For those that haven't played shuffleboard before, have you looked at the shuffleboard courts and thought maybe you should try it...but you're just not sure.....Is it fun? Is it difficult? What equipment do I need?

Here's how AI describes shuffleboard.....

*“Outdoor shuffleboard is very easy to learn, fun, and suitable for all ages, making it a popular, low-impact, and social game. The game involves sliding pucks down a narrow court towards a scoring area, requiring minimal physical exertion. Beginners can quickly understand the basic rules—using a 6-foot cue to slide discs into a scoring triangle—and start playing within minutes.”*Would love to have you join us on Wednesday evenings. There's nothing for you to bring, except yourself. The cues and discs are provided and experienced shufflers are always there to help as needed. Shoes should be “closed toe” only.

Here's an interesting historical note

In the 1920's and 1930s droves of snowbirds came to the St. Petersburg and Clearwater areas and shuffleboard's popularity exploded. Both areas established shuffleboard clubs in the 1920s. The St. Petersburg Club is over 100 years old, has 74 courts, 2,600 members, and is the oldest shuffleboard club in the country.

The Clearwater Shuffleboard Club, also one of the oldest, has 52 courts and is located four miles south of Dunedin..... down Edgewater Drive just past Sunset Point Rd. You pass the courts on the left on your way to Clearwater Beach.

Golden Acres ROA 2025-26 Shuffle League



Standing left to right

Peter Modny, John West, Dave Sinclair, Jim Stewart, Paula Bunevith, Dave Merriam, Jim Zweifel, Jim Davis

Seated left to right

Rose West, Tina Sinclair, Marilyn Burton, Wendy Modny, Tammy Davis, Debbie Mathews

Missing, Mary Ellen Hearn

Meet and Greet

By Mark & Lin Johnson #174

Today, while the blossoms still cling to the vine, we need to give out a few thanks related to our Meet and Greet event held on Thursday, January 22nd, erst we forget.€

Thanks to the participation of our Golden Acres Community, this year's Meet and Greet Lip-Sync Fever Event was an enjoyable success.€€€

100 plus members brought their energy and enthusiasm, as well as, some out of this world appetizers that made the gathering truly memorable.

The evening was highlighted by some creative entertainment provided by members of the park. We appreciate their contributions, as well as those who assisted in the set up and tear down of the venue.€

The Meet and Greet was attended by many new members to Golden Acres, and the goal was to welcome them with open arms.

Lin and I would like to especially acknowledge the efforts of Nancy Karhoff and Eric Duling #67, Claudia Burke and Jack Terry #141, Lori and Richard Barnes #5, Jimmy List #19, and Steve Swann #219, who were key players, both out front and behind the scenes, in planning for this night of music and laughter. A shout out to Jim Davis #21 as well, for his technical assistance with the microphones and sound system.

It has been an enormous pleasure Lin & I to host this great event. So, again, today, while the blossoms still cling to the vine, we will not forget all of the joy that the park has brought to us, thanks to all of you.

Ping Pong

By Lori Barnes # 5

Come and join in the fun—bring a friend!

The 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month!

7:00 p.m.

Come and learn or play with others.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

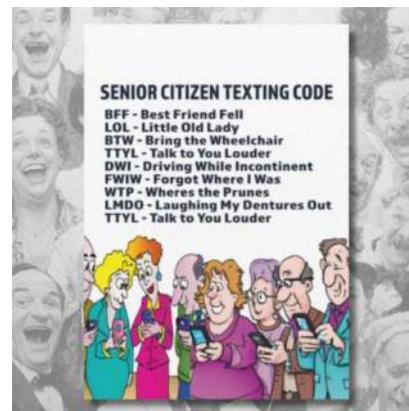
by Norma Moore

***** Please note that if you do not want your special days recognized and posted contact Chris Rainsforth @ goldenacres.o.newsletter@gmail.com. If you have any life changes please advise the office and Chris. As of submission this information is accurate. We apologize for any inadvertent errors. *****

Golden Acres March Birthdays

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

Jacqueline Meunier	.....	March 1
Louis Tasior	.....	March 2
Susan Franco	.....	March 3
Linda McCullough	.....	March 4
Kathy Houston	.....	March 6
Pascal Pillion	.....	March 6
Ronald Winders	.....	March 7
Korena Drane	.....	March 8
Kevin Roggenbuck	.....	March 8
Charmine Hay	.....	March 10
Karen Obermark	.....	March 13
Barbara Kanney	.....	March 16
Patrick Blaney	.....	March 17
Thomas Frantz	.....	March 18
David Nicol	.....	March 18
Bobbi Bragg	.....	March 24
Tina MacLaren	.....	March 24
Ann Marie Zakala	.....	March 24
Daniel Kirkey	.....	March 28
Barbara Pylinski	.....	March 28
JoAnn Daniele	.....	March 29
Ron Tasior	.....	March 29
Iris Desilets	.....	March 30
Michael McCallum	.....	March 30
Mike Piurowski	.....	March 31



Golden Acres March Anniversaries

Roy and Donna Outhouse	.....	March 4
Joe and Dianne Lemon	.....	March 15
Bill and Karen Obermark	.....	March 25





Steve & Dorene Robertson

Glenda & Gord Spafford

50th Wedding Anniversary



Active-Duty Soldiers and First Responders

Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our Countries, and First Responders whose job entails being the first on the scene of an emergency, 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 Lot#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

Please send updates to Chris Rainsforth Lot 215 to
goldenacresr.o.newsletter@gmail.com

Coach List for Closing:

This list is just some suggestions and it works for us because we do not leave on Electricity or water.

Check off List for Closeup of Coach – Add and delete to personalise		X
1a	Forward mail. Requires ID and form handed into the Post Office <u>4 weeks before departure.</u> (No Cost)	
1b	Call Sheriff's office to let them know. Leave and return date. They have volunteers who will check your place.(727) 582-6177	
1c	Sign out of GA. Leave forwarding address, Phone number and email with Office. Leave a key and contact person in the park.	
	Interior:	
2a	<u>If you shut down your electricity.</u> Call Duke Energy. Cancel and start Service by calling 1 800-452-2777. Record Info. Unplug fridge and place tea towels to keep doors open.Switch inside breaker off also Turn outside breaker Box off. The Minimum Cost per month for no Hydro consumption and leaving the service connected is \$30. Disconnect and reconnect for \$12 A deposit will be asked for upon restart.	
2b	Cancel Tv Internet Provider Spectrum Information Return Equipment Make appointment at Countryside Mall to return equipment. Get receipt for return and confirmation of disconnect service. https://www.spectrum.com/locations/fl/clearwater/27001-us-highway-19-n	
3b	To control moisture due to high temps and humidity Damp Rid in every room Charcoal and Kitty Litter Mixed helps to reduce moisture in Coach during the Heat of the summer.	
3c	Shut curtains, lock windows.	
	Exterior:	
4a	Secure or store inside. All exterior decorations Garbage and Recycle Bins Hoses Patio and porch furniture Exterior Rugs and mats	
	Weeds:	
4b	Spray Roundup where weeds may grow around the Coach.	
	Toilets,sinks and drains:	
4c	Cover with clinging plastic wrap and something heavy on toilet lid. Do not put antifreeze into toilet. Rats are attracted to it and will come up the pipes. I fill ziplock bags with water and place them inside the toilet to keep critters from coming up the sewage pipes. (Yes they do come up)	
4d	Water Turn off outside water and as a safety precaution use shut off valves under all sinks including ice maker and toilet water shutoffs. Using shutoffs may keep them working.	
4e.	Bugs: Spray for bugs. Inside and out or arrange for Bug Spray Company to come in. Bug bombs set off just as you leave out the door, we hang a long acting Bug Controller in every room.	
	Remember to take home.	
5a	Printer: remove ink ans store in leak proof container, take home or store in a cool place.	
5b	Remember to take Coach ownership documents and insurance papers.	
5c	Pack Fire sticks, electronics, charging cables etc. Computer, Phones, Medicine.	
5d	Take a photo of each room for insurance purposes,	
5e	Take a photo or list of clothes leaving here.	

Tech 101 ~ Chris Rainsforth #215

Signs and reasons you might be ready to get a new email

1. Your email was with your INTERNET provider and you switched your provider. You will usually lose any email account provided with the provider. Examples:
@sympatico.ca @ rogers.ca.
2. You only used your work related email. Most retired employees lose access to their work email.
3. You are getting too much spam and you are unable to find the important email.
4. You need to have an email that is not associated to the one you created when you were a teenager.

Step-by-Step Guide to Setting up a Gmail Account

1. Visit the Sign-Up Page: Go to the Google Account creation page in your web browser.
2. Select Account Type: Click Create account and choose For my personal use (or select options for a child or business if applicable).
3. Enter Basic Information: Provide your first and last name, date of birth, and gender.
4. Choose a Username: Create a unique address (e.g., yourname@gmail.com). Google will suggest alternatives if your first choice is already taken.
5. Set a Strong Password: Use at least 8 characters with a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols.
6. Verify Identity: Google often requires a phone number to send a six-digit verification code via text to ensure you are not a robot.
7. Add Recovery Options (Optional): It is highly recommended to add a recovery email or phone number so you can regain access if you forget your password.
8. Agree to Terms: Review and click I agree to Google's Privacy and Terms.

Gmail a Viable Email Provider

Gmail's positive reputation stems from its focus on being "joyfully simple"—prioritizing a fast, frictionless experience that gets out of the user's way.

Key reasons users find Gmail positive to use include:

1. Seamless Integration

Gmail serves as a central hub for the Google ecosystem. It integrates directly with tools like:

- a. Google Drive: Automatically handles large attachments by uploading them to the cloud and inserting a link.
- b. Google Calendar: Scans emails for flight or dinner reservations to automatically create events.
- c. Google Meet: Allows users to start video conferences directly from an email thread.

2. Superior Organization

Gmail replaced the traditional "folder" system with more flexible organizational tools:

Labels: Unlike folders, you can apply multiple labels to a single email (e.g., "Work" and "Urgent"), so it appears in both categories.

Tabbed Inbox: Automatically prioritizes messages by sorting them into tabs like Primary, Social, and Promotions to keep clutter away from your main view.

Conversation Threading: Groups related replies into a single stack, making it easier to follow a discussion without searching for separate messages.

3. Powerful Search & Speed

Leveraging Google's core strength, Gmail's search is nearly instant. Users can find any archived message by keyword, date, or sender without needing to meticulously file them.

4. Advanced Security & Privacy

Gmail utilizes machine learning to maintain one of the industry's most effective spam filters, blocking 99.9% of junk mail and phishing attempts. Additional features include:

Confidential Mode: Lets you send messages that expire or require a passcode.

Undo Send: Provides a configurable 5–30 second window to "recall" an email after hitting send.

5. Smart Productivity Tools

Smart Compose & Reply: Uses AI to suggest sentence completions or quick responses as you type.

Nudges: Gently reminds you to follow up on emails you haven't responded to.

Snooze: Temporarily hides an email and brings it back to the top of your inbox at a time you specify.