



FRENCHMAN'S
CREEK
LIFE

MARCH 2017

A PUBLICATION ABOUT THE MEMBERS AND LIFE AT FRENCHMAN'S CREEK

9 " Wine & Dine

WINNERS FEBRUARY 3, 2017

South Front

- 1st Bernie & Rosa Meyers
Marvin & Elaine Gottlieb
- 2nd Richard & Lynn Feinstein
Harvey & Arlene Caplan
- 3rd Fred & Penny Abrams
Ed & Harilyn Zimmerman

South Back

- 1st Howard Winer & Judy Rubin
Larry Blacker & Linda Epstein
- 2nd Jonathan & Lois Mills
David & Carol Schulman
- 3rd Frank Grobman & Joan Simmons
Hans & Myna Homburger



North Front

- 1st Michael & Carol Smith
Hank & Lisette Siegel
- 2nd Herb & Roberta Selzer
Marty & Susan Sleprow
- 3rd Robert & Lauren Jacobson
Peter & Iris Arest
- 4th Jacques & Debra LaLonde
Gunter & Gaby Brinkwirth

North Back

- 1st Bob & Barbara Sheldon
David Charlowe & Linda Robins
- 2nd Bob & Patti Annunziata
Norman & Marjorie Feinstein
- 3rd Ted & Susan Davis
Carey & Linda Pack
- 4th Mel & Karen Adler
Harvey & Ethel Schultz



2017 Ladies Member/Member Golf Tournament WINNERS

Flight 1

Champion: Susan Furst & Sandi Lamm

Runner-up: Linda Robins & Judy Konigsberg

Flight 2

Champion: Nancy Berkley & Marion Newman

Runner-up: Ronni Grebow & Mary Lou Cocci

Flight 3

Champion: Paula Silverman & Sandra Myrow

Runner-up: Debbie Hornstein & Roz Fanaroff

Flight 4

Champion: Jeri Jacobs & Lois Stern

Runner-up: Alice Bael & Marleen Hacker

The Community mourns the loss of our following members

JEANETTE SPIRA who lived at 3280 Monet Drive West and was a resident since 1989. Our heartfelt sympathies to her beloved husband, Seymour and their family.

ELAINE KOENIGSBERG who lived at 13644 Rivoli Drive and was a resident since 1995. Our sympathies to her family.

GERALD (GERRY) EPTON who lived at 13281 Provence Drive and was a member since 1989. Our heartfelt sympathies to his beloved wife, Marilyn and their family.

ELAINE KAUFMAN who lived at 13765 Le Havre Drive and was a member since 1987. Our sympathies to her family.

Our 2017 Golf Champions



OUR MEN'S CHAMPION: **ERIC BECKER**



MEN'S CHAMPION RUNNER-UP: **RICHARD ADLER**



MEN'S CHAMPION 2ND FLIGHT: **STEVE WEINBERG**



MEN'S RUNNER-UP 2ND FLIGHT: **MICHAEL MOSHONTZ**



MEN'S CHAMPION 3RD FLIGHT: **JACK LEWIS**



MEN'S CHAMPION 4TH FLIGHT: **BRUCE LEVY**



MEN'S CHAMPION 5TH FLIGHT: **MICHAEL SLOSBERG**



MEN'S RUNNER-UP 5TH FLIGHT: **LARRY COHEN**

Our 2017 Golf Champions



OUR WOMEN'S CHAMPION: **SALE JOHNSON**



WOMEN'S CHAMPION RUNNER-UP : **BARBARA SHELDON**



CHAMPION 2ND FLIGHT: **MARLEEN HACKER**



2ND FLIGHT RUNNER-UP : **MARY ANNE BARTFIELD**



3RD FLIGHT CHAMPION : **SUSAN LUDWIG**



3RD FLIGHT RUNNER-UP : **PHYLLIS HERSHMAN**

Not pictured on previous page:

MARTIN STEIN: RUNNER-UP 3RD FLIGHT

ALAN SPRINGER: RUNNER-UP 4TH FLIGHT

Up The Creek



A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE PARTY FOR DONALD SMITH'S 90TH AND ARTHUR LERNER'S 75TH BIRTHDAY AT THE POOL SIDE CAFE AFTER THE WATER AEROBIC CLASS WITH MATHEW CLAUDEL. ALL MEN HAD A GREAT TIME AND ENJOYED THE LOVELY BIRTHDAY CHOCOLATE CAKE AT THAT EARLY MORNING HOUR.

Picture by Gaby Brinkwirth

Talking of Aerobics Class

A typical 8:30 a.m. water aerobics class at Frenchman's Creek on a Monday morning.

Achal Goswami on his morning rounds wished us all Good Morning!

Welcome back! we call out .Thank you Shall I send you champagne?

" Mimosas," sings Chris and mimosas we get. 😊😊



Speaking of Birthdays, pictured are the family and Fitness Staff and members at the Fitness Center celebrating the **101st Birthday of HUBERT OPICI !!!!!**

Photograph by Norma Lippman



Up The Creek

Outside the 19th hole, near the putting green, there is a space where people can bring their dogs and dine. For many months, while the sports bar was under construction, it was not available to us and when we were allowed back, we found that it had been changed. There was no door! There was a door shaped space, but it was now designed to have an electric shade, which meant if the shade was lowered, nobody could get in ... or out. Genius, right?

It took a bit of work, but all's well that ends well and on March 12, more than 20 happy dog owners and their 4-legged pals showed up to enjoy breakfast and our beautiful new room-with-a-door. 😊

Norma Lippman



On March 1st the Volunteer Match Program, held its first event for the *Literary Coalition of Palm Beach County*. Over 20 of our members volunteered to read essays written by adult students learning to read and write English. Our volunteers read the essays and then wrote affirmative and supportive comments encouraging continued learning. Our thanks to Sue and Bob Shaw who coordinated this event.

By Nancy Berkeley



Even the ducks like **SUSAN and SYDNEY KATZ'** pool.



Bald Eagle on North number 12 seen by our Birder, **DR. BURT GREENBERG**

Holes-In-One



On February 16th **JERRY MOFF** had a hole-in-one on number 9 South. It played at 153 yards and he used a 5 hybrid.



On February 24th **RALPH GREBOW** had a hole-in-one on number 5 South. It played at 150 yards and he used a 7 iron.



On February 26th **JOAN SIMMONS** had a hole-in-one on number 9 South. It played at 94 yards and she used a 7 wood.



On March 6 **MEL ADLER** had a hole-in-one on number 2 North. It played at 165 yards and he used a 3 iron.

Member-Guest Golf Tournaments

Two highly successful member-guest tournaments were held at the beginning of March - The Couples' and the second Ladies' Member Guest.

The Couples' Member-Guest on March 3 was record setting. It was the largest turnout for this event, with more than one hundred-seventy players signed up, and including guests from twenty-six different clubs. After checking in there was a "bruncheon" in the grill room before golf. Everyone then played a shamble format with foursomes overflowing both courses. In addition to the winning couples, there were prizes for par three closest to the pin for gentlemen members and guests and ladies members and guests. Following golf everyone enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and then a delicious buffet dinner in the main dining room, which ended with a lovely, imaginative dessert in the design of a putting green. The gifts were fabulous - with each couple receiving an Amazon Echo, a computerized cylinder enabling the user to ask "Alexa" just about any question desired. Unlike the previous events this year, the weather was not so great. No rain - but very windy and cold. In spite of that the tournament went well and a good time was had by all. Thank you to successful co-chairs Helene Myers and Lila Silver.

The second Ladies' Member-Guest Tournament, with the theme "In Honor of Women's Golf", held on March 7, was also a very well-attended event, with also more than one hundred-seventy golfers. There were guests from forty-five other clubs. A lovely brunch was held in the main dining room and sports bar, but when it was time to play, the weather was ominous. It started with a light rain, which then became heavy around tee-time. Everyone stayed and waited a bit, and then proved that women are committed golfers by playing the whole eighteen holes in nasty weather - even when rain re-started towards the end. (They really fit the theme of the day - a salute to women's golf.)

Divided into four flights, again more than covering both courses, they played a shamble format. Special awards were again given for longest drive and closest to the pin for members and guests in each flight. The cocktail party and dinner following golf was delightful and delicious - with another imaginative dessert - this time the centerpiece on each plate was a cake shaped like a club head next to an ice cream "ball". Each participant received a pair of designer sun glasses that she was able to choose herself from a varied assortment. Despite even worse weather than the couples' member-guest, the event turned out to be a great success. Kudos to co-chairs Marjorie Feinstein and Mady Friedman.

For both tournaments, the golf staff headed by J.R and Rich, did their usual excellent job of organizing and getting everything to run smoothly. The culinary and office staffs also did a wonderful, well planned and executed - and imaginative - job. We're fortunate to have such great and helpful staffs. Everyone is looking forward to next season's events.

Buy Mimi Bergel

A DESERVED SHOUT OUT TO DEBBIE HORNSTEIN

A very well attended and looked forward to event at Frenchman's had a hard time getting started. Accolades to Debbie Hornstein who for the past 5 years has brought us fantastic foreign films every week in season.

It was not easy to get this program off the ground or approved, but her perseverance paid off. Each year, the number of attendees grows. The showings are 5:30pm and 7:00pm. At one movie this year, there were 86 at each showing.

Thank you, Debbie, for bringing these movies to us each week and some weeks in the summer.

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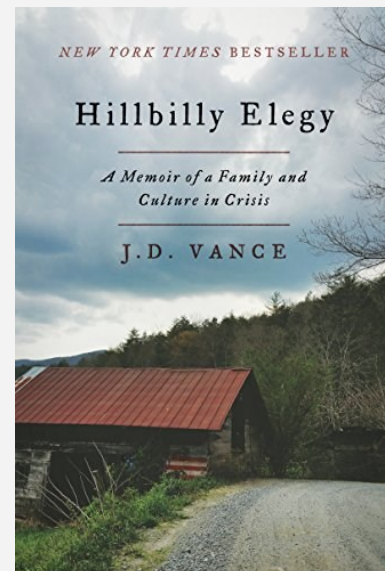
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis

J. D. Vance comes from a long line of hillbillies. His family started out in hillbilly country in Kentucky, but then, he and his mom moved to hillbilly country in Middletown, Ohio. Although he lived in Middletown, his heart always yearned for his grandparent's place in Jackson, Kentucky, in the Holler. While his family was dysfunctional by most standards, his grandparents instilled a desire to achieve within him. Fortunately, he spent a good deal of time with them, in Kentucky. The most important time of his life was during his high school years when he moved back there and lived with his mamaw. She had great expectations for him. Even though her own methods were crude, her language foul, and she was sometimes violent and had little regard for rules, regulations or laws, she managed to propel him toward a brighter future than she had had and to motivate him with her real affection and respect for him. For a good deal of his life, he was shuffled from place to place, sometimes with his mother and one of her five husbands, sometimes with his sister.

Often, he could not tolerate the places he was forced to live in or the people with whom he lived. His mom's way of life exposed him to chaos. His sister and his grandparents were the ones who centered him, and his sister was one of the rare hillbillies who actually escaped the clutches of her culture and its history. She was upwardly mobile and continued to stand by him, through thick and thin, enabling him to mature and succeed, control his anger and maintain hope for his future and the future of other hillbillies.

Still, violence was an accepted part of the structure of hillbilly life, especially when it came to defending the insults to a member of the family. The culture was one of drugs and alcohol abuse; it was perpetuated by a continuing lack of morality, ethics, education, outside support, and, most important, a lack of responsibility for one's own actions. The hopeful future of many of the young girls was often cut short by unplanned, early pregnancies, sometimes resulting in an early marriage, sometimes not. Suddenly, their dreams of a future were ended by motherhood when they were least able to handle it. Boys were not expected to get too much of an education. Those that succeeded were often alternately openly mocked and/or cheered.

J. D. Vance succeeded against all odds. Although his role models were flawed, they were positive role models. They taught him independence and gave him the confidence to try and better himself. He was able to recognize right from wrong and own up to his own behavior, realizing that it was holding him back. He wanted out of that hillbilly culture of failure, but he also loved the hillbillies. This is well written and easy to read as it explains the clash of cultures in our society.



CORRECTIONS and AMPLIFICATIONS:

The staff and I are so happy you are reading our publication and finding our mistakes. Keep it up!

RHODA and ALAN EDELMAN'S happy news should have read as follows:

They are thrilled to announce that they became first time GIGI's, (Great Grandparents), on February 23rd. Their granddaughter and her husband, Melanie and Joe Young, who live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania had a baby girl, Raegan Penneys Young weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her grandparents are Jonathan and Diane Edelman who reside in Merion, Pennsylvania.

In addition, their granddaughter, Jackie, Jonathan and Diane's other daughter, was married to Steven Catania in Philadelphia on December 31, 2016.

MARCIA and ED BLOCH went on vacation to the Honduras with J Pat Mitchell and Georgiana Cotton.

WINTER HIGHLIGHTS OF LADIES GOLF

BY MARLEEN HACKER, CHAIR

The past few months have been very busy and exciting for the Frenchman's Creek Ladies Golf Association.

Below are some highlights from our 3 member guest days, tournaments, 9 wine and dine, the majors, new members, holes in one, and members that I made into a photo collage. "A picture is worth a 1,000 words!"

I want to thank J.R. Congdon, Director of Golf, Rich Luchini, Head Professional of Golf, and our liaison, all the Pros and staff, as well as Martina and the staff in Food and Catering, who did an outstanding job at our member guests. Most importantly, I want to thank all the women on my board for their dedication, hard work, creativity, and friendship.

As we come to the end of the season, there are still many events to look forward to in April and May. There will Field Day on 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 5/2, and 5/9. The "CLOSING DAY - 9 Hole ABCD 'Step Aside Scramble'" will be on Tuesday, April 25th at 9:30 am. Lunch and Awards will follow golf and we will have a brief meeting to vote for the next FCLGA Board. Two days later on Thursday, April 27 at 4:30 pm, there will be a fabulous "GIRL'S MINI NIGHT OUT", with lots of surprises. Look for an upcoming flyer and the sign up sheet outside the golf shop for more details.



The Homefront column is designed to inform our members where in the community our new residents are living and other residences they may have. It also keeps up with our present members who have stayed in the community but moved to new dwellings.

Of course we always wish our members who are moving out of the community good luck wherever their travels take them and our new members and established members good luck in their new address.

DEBBIE and CARY LUSKIN bought Anita Shapiro's home on Chateau Lane.



DR. BRUCE L. PLATT and LISANN J. JACOBS

purchased a home on Miro Drive. They also reside in Buffalo, New York.

SHARON and RICHARD DLESK bought Seymour Spira's home on Monet Drive West. They also reside in Westbrook, Connecticut.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS AND MAY YOU HAVE MANY ENJOYABLE DAYS AT THECREEK.

PET OWNERS BEWARE OF BOFU TOAD.

It is poisonous and can be fatal to small dogs. It can get into dog food bowls and eat dog food. They come out mostly in rainy or very damp weather. Do not let your dog out alone after dark and be on the lookout of shrubs and plants in the morning. If your dog comes in contact, place a hose along the inside of the dog's mouth, point the dog's head downward so the water cannot be swallowed. Flush the dog's mouth with water to remove all trace of the poison. While flushing, rub the dog's gums and inside of the mouth till slimy feel all gone. GET TO VET IMMEDIATELY AFTER.



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