



# The Happenings April 2014

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## President – Dave Lucey

Our financial picture continues to improve with February's preliminary report showing a profit of \$51,000 following on the heels of January's profit of \$58,000. We have surpassed both 2013 actual profit and 2014 budgeted goals in both months. Additionally, March revenue is projected to exceed March 2013 revenue by 25% and 2014 budgeted revenue by 18%. A more detailed and comprehensive report will be published when first quarter data is available. Greens fees continue to drive our revenues but again, members are playing the vast majority of rounds. Also, the dining room, thanks to member patronage, has emerged as a significant contributor to the bottom line. Our efforts to improve food quality and service, along with market pricing, seems to be having a positive effect. Pope has served us well in expense management. For example, Pope led us to a new insurance broker resulting in expanded coverage at a reduced premium. They also introduced us to a new auditing firm giving us broader service at a substantial savings.

**Meeting with Pope** - Four of your Board's officers recently spent a full morning meeting with Pope Golf Inc.'s management team at their corporate headquarters in Sarasota. The purpose of the meeting was to further identify and define the distinct roles of the Board and Pope. As this type of contractual arrangement is new to us and old to Pope, it was important that balance of authority, responsibility and accountability be clearly understood. The contract the Board signed last fall outlined these areas but we thought that with having over five months of the engagement, we could take that experience and apply it to the ongoing relationship.

The agenda covered a wide area from membership growth plans, to golf course care, to capital needs, to by-law review, to budget management and many other discussion points.

What we got from the get-together was that Pope is professionally sound and we are confident their planned course for Twin Isles sustainability is well founded. What I think Pope gained from the meeting is that the Twin Isles Board represents a strong and loyal membership that is determined to do its part as Twin Isles continues to grow in numbers and in strength.

**Rumor Central** – Any time there is a group of people larger than one it's likely that there will be a rift of rumors. Twin Isles is no exception. I ask that if you hear something about the Club that is disturbing or causes you concern, please seek out the general manager or a Board member to get confirmation, denial, clarification or explanation. Communication is vital but it must be accurate and productive.

My home phone is 505-2420. Call if you have something to run by me.

## Upcoming Events

- Apr. 2 & 4 Club Championship Golf All Flights
- Apr. 4 BSIA/BSIBC Mixer
- Apr. 5 Club Championship Dinner
- Apr. 9 Ladies 9 Hole Closing Golf & Luncheon
- Apr. 11 Cooking Class
- Apr. 12 & 13 Tennis Tournament Shoe-For-Kids
- Apr. 14 TI Women & Garden Club Annual Tea Luncheon
- Apr. 16 Ladies 18 Hole Golf & Luncheon
- Apr. 18 Fish Fry Dinner
- Apr. 20 Easter Buffet
- Apr. 21 Flite Bridge
- Apr. 23 Book Club

**April Lunch Special**  
**Liverwurst Sandwich**  
*Sliced Liverwurst with mustard and onions on rye bread and served with french fries.*  
 Served with your choice of a draft beer, soda or tea  
**\$9.95**

**Wacky Wednesdays** Happy Hour 4-7 PM  
 \$1 Domestic Drafts  
 \$2 Domestic Bottles

2014 Twin Isles CC  
**Club Championship Dinner**  
**Saturday, April 5**  
 5 - 5:30 pm Happy Hour  
 5:30 pm Dinner  
 \$25.00++ per person  
**Everyone is invited!**  
 Reservations Required



Come View  
**"The River Runs Through It"**  
 quilt exhibit depicting life along our Peace River created by the Peace River Quilters Guild.  
**On display in the lobby Monday, April 14**



**Easter Brunch Buffet**  
**Sunday, April 20**  
**11-2 pm**  
 Adults \$25.95 ++  
 Children \$10.95 ++  
 Make your reservations today!



## General Manager – Mike Kaiser

Wow, I can't believe April is here and the season is coming to a close. For those of you who will be heading back north this month, have a safe journey and a wonderful summer. Just remember we will miss all of you here at Twin Isles and look forward to your return.

With summer just around the corner, we are working hard on the reciprocal list of Clubs that will be partnering with us to provide more places to play golf for our Members. The list will include more Clubs to our north thanks to our other Pope Golf Country Clubs. We are working with them to provide even better golfing options. One Club I would like to recommend is Esplanade. It is a brand new Club in Lakewood Ranch that is getting fantastic reviews. As soon as the Esplanade in Naples opens, we will include them as another great option to go play!

We are working on our summer lunch menu for the Grill Room. In the past, we had only the cold line and hot dogs. A limited hot and cold menu is being added to provide more options for our Members following their rounds of golf or to just come out to eat. A new summer dinner menu is in the works. We are open to your menu suggestions and ideas. Just let me know what sounds good to you!

Don't forget to make your Easter Brunch reservations for April 20!

In Membership, we are planning to roll out new summer programs to help grow our membership. The programs will benefit both new and current members. We will launch the programs as soon as they are approved.

Our current membership stands at 393 total Members, compared to 398 at this time last year. We have had major increase in Seasonal Members this year compared to last year. We almost doubled the number of Members from last year. We continue to have people inquiring about membership on a daily basis.

Again, to all of our Members that will be heading north this month, have a safe and wonderful summer. To those that are going to be here, we look forward to seeing you at the Club.

## Greens & Grounds – Al Ricci

This is my initial article and I will try to be brief and informative. I would like to thank the following members for agreeing to join me on your Greens & Grounds Committee: Fred Buckingham, Butch Seber, and Becky Paque.

As many of you are aware we have encountered a problem with mole crickets. Mole crickets are common turf grass pests that make tunnels in the ground, severing grass roots and causing the earth to bulge upwards. There is one generation of mole crickets per year, with eggs typically being laid in April and May. They have arrived early this year.

We have completed spreading the more expensive liquid insecticide and made a start in spreading granular insecticide. The main goal of these applications is to destroy the eggs, so as to control further infestations. These applications will also destroy the adult crickets who have a short lifespan. We now feel we will have the situation under control.

The course has come through the winter with flying colors. Looking at course conditions now as we enter the growing season we feel we have a great head start.

Fertilizing and verticutting of our greens has begun. Verticutting is analogous to pruning and is a common maintenance practice that decreases the thatch (or horizontal growth) in greens. Instead of horizontally cutting the greens, the verticutter knives slice vertically into the greens to chop lateral blades of grass. It encourages grass to stand up straighter, increases sunlight exposure to roots and improves effectiveness of top dressing. The purpose of verticutting is to promote a smoother ball roll and increased green speeds.

We have additional projects underway and I will bring you up to date next month.

## Golf - Steve Baisch

As the season winds down and we catch our breath, I think we can look back on the last four months and be proud of what was accomplished. With all the new challenges we faced it was a big step in making Twin Isles a stronger and more successful Golf Club. I can't thank my staff enough for all the hard work and dedication this season. I think most have adjusted to the new tee time system and are using it more often. Remember that members have between eight and 14 days to set up times before anyone else has access to it so continue to take advantage of it. Don't hesitate to ask any one of us for help.

All credit book money must be cleared by April 30. Any credit won in April may be carried over to next season.

Reciprocals begin in May so keep an eye out for the list of Clubs.

Twin Isles CC  
Club Championships 2014



April 2 & April 4

9 Hole Ladies  
Closing Luncheon



Wednesday, April 9  
AM Shotgun Lunch

Sign up in the Pro Shop

## Flite Bridge -

### Mary Lou Miller

The last Flite Bridge for the year is on Monday, April 21, 2014.

The winners for March were:

Katie Costello/ Nancy Scheer 5860  
Ginny Bowden/Emma Mae Goddard 5360

Kathy Hewett/Marie Nadle 3230  
Mary Collins/Joyce Downs 3180

We need more players for next year, if you're interested either find a partner or let me know and I'll see if I can find one for you.

Flite Bridge

Monday,  
April 21

Contact: Mary Lou Miller  
(941) 639-0165



## Garden Club – Monica Lucey

The Installation of Officers Luncheon with the Twin Isles Ladies will take place on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Patty Fox has a wonderful program planned. Please call the Club to make your reservation.

It has been my pleasure to oversee the Garden Club this year.

Thanks to all who participated to make it all worthwhile.

I would like to mention the women who helped make the Garden Club a great success this year: Kate Curly, Ramona Lanka, Chris McCarthy, Jackie Szeifert, Sandy Lorden, Becky Paque, Lu Brown, Laura Felmore, Pam Solinger, Katie Costello, and Mary Pedalino.

## 18 Hole Ladies - Eileen Roehrig

Our Mexican-themed member/guest was held on March 5 and a good time was had by all. Many thanks go out to the chairman, Christine Ricci, for organizing the event along with Franna Hall.

I can't believe how fast this golf season has been going. The Club Championship has just begun and before we know it we will be having our closing luncheon on April 16. Please mark the date in your calendars.

Our shoot-out is coming up on April 10. If you participated in this season-long event, the players who made it into the shoot-out will be announced soon.

I wish all our golfers good luck in the Club Championship and look forward to congratulating our winners

## 9 Hole Ladies – Evana Young

Where has this year gone? It seems that we all just got started and here we are- its April.

We had a wonderful reunion event with former Ladies of the 9 Hole group in March. It is always a special time to be with the ladies who paved the way for our organization here at Twin Isles.

Our Championship, which is limited to Equity members, will be held on April 2 and 4. We will have a Championship flight from the red tees as well as a flight from the green tees. We hope that many will come out. Our Winter Season will come to an end on April 9 with our final tournament followed by our closing luncheon

Thanks for a great season.

## Jak Beardsworth – Tennis

Shoes- For- Kids is coming to Twin Isles. The fifth Annual Shoes-for-Kids Shootout Charity Tournament will take place at the Tennis Center on Saturday and Sunday April 12 and 13. The event is a Sunrise Kiwanis sponsored event and is one of many aimed at raising money to provide athletic shoes for children that need them in Charlotte County. Last year's event, held at Vivante, generated 200 new pairs of shoes.

This tournament features age group tennis for men and women. Mixed-doubles and singles (the area's only singles competition), will be held in the following divisions: open, 40 & over, 50 & over, 60 & over, and 70 & over. The men's open division, always a crowd pleaser, with the county's best players participating, has been won multiple times by Luke Andreae. All members are welcome to come out and watch the action.

I hope that many of our own league players will be up for the challenge and support this worthy event. New tennis member Mary DeMent has stepped up for the second year to be the presenting sponsor!

Entry forms are available at the Tennis Center, area Clubs and the specialty pro shops Wrigley's Tennis and Grand Slam Tennis Company.

Donations - checks payable to: Sunrise Kiwanis - in any amount are happily accepted by those not participating.

Harbor Style May issue, out and available later this month, includes a feature story on TICC associate professional Julie Heitman. Originally from Burma, now Myanmar, the story of Julie's amazing journey in tennis and life is one that will not disappoint.

Finally, all the best to our departing snowbird players. For our year 'rounders, it's time to get the hats, wristbands, and sunscreen ready for the warm weather.

See you on the courts.

## Cooking Class - Barbara Simo

My very special thank you to Steve and Marie Nadle. Steve for the delicious and enjoyable cooking demonstration of Baltic pork tenderloin and former-caterer Marie's artichoke chicken casserole. I learned that this was the fourth time they prepared and presented a cooking class at Twin Isles. Speaking of class, they truly are a first class couple. Again many thanks to the Nadle's. Loved the chicken roll appetizer too, Thanks Jean Carr).

I have truly enjoyed chairing the Cooking Class these past years but I have decided to take a little time off to do other things such as get back to many other commitments and Club duties.

However, the classes will continue all summer in a different format than you are familiar with. It has been renamed the Summer Cooking Club. Each participant will congregate on the second Friday of the month at 3 pm and bring their favorite small sample of food to share. This will be headed-up by Di Kandis for the month of April to get everyone going. April will be Appetizer month. The price is \$7 and that includes a beverage. No sign-ups or reservations required. Just come and enjoy. The idea is to keep it casual and everyone seems to be in favor of casual. Gretchen Neidlinger is the contact person. She can be reached at [gandbill@gmail.com](mailto:gandbill@gmail.com) for information.

Let's try something new...

### Summer Cooking Club

Friday, April 11 3 pm

April's Theme:  
**Appetizers.** Please bring a small sample of your own appetizer to share.

For more information:  
Gretchen Neidlinger at [gandbill@gmail.com](mailto:gandbill@gmail.com)

SHOES-FOR-KIDS  
Shootout  
April 12-13

Join us and help provide athletic shoes for children who need them in Charlotte County!  
**Contact Tennis Pro: Jak Beardsworth**  
[jbtennis@comcast.net](mailto:jbtennis@comcast.net)

Twin Isles Women & Garden Club Presents:

### Annual Tea Luncheon

Mon. April 14  
11 am

ALL TICC Women are invited!

### 18 Hole Ladies Closing Luncheon

"Hop into Spring"  
Wednesday, April 16  
8:30 AM Shotgun Lunch

### Good Friday Fish Fry

Fri April 18  
5-7 pm

Reservations Required

Moderator: Gretchen Neidlinger

### 3 PM Wednesday, April 23 Book Club

*Transatlantic*  
COLUM MCCANN

## TI Women – Patty Fox

The March Fashion Show was a huge success! Many thanks go to Deborah Luedtke and the models for presenting us with the new spring clothing from Nicole's Collection and Palms on the Pier at Fisherman's Village. Another outstanding job was done by the talented Roe Aloise, who single-handedly put together over 20 baskets and prizes for the luncheon. Many of the members donated items for the baskets, but it was Roe who arranged and set-up these beautiful baskets. I think we will see a return of them next year for the Fashion Show. Don't miss it! Bring your neighbors and friends. Thank you again Roe, from all who attended. Many thanks to Jill and the Twin Isles staff for all their assistance at our luncheons this year. It has been a pleasure.

April 14 at 11 am will be our last luncheon. We will install officers for both the Garden Club and the Twin Isles Women. Please come and support the new selection of women who will be giving their time and talents to our groups. Remember, if you are a member of Twin Isles, you are automatically a member of the Twin Isles Women. We welcomed a lot of new members this past year which means many new friends to make.

The luncheon speaker will be Nancy Reester of the Peace River Quilters' Guild who's traveling quilt exhibit "A River Runs Through It" will be displayed in the Club's lobby. Nancy will describe this unique exhibit that depicts life along the Peace River featuring many birds and beasts, activities and landmarks in our city.

The exhibit will be on display the day of the luncheon April 14 so don't miss the opportunity to see it and share it with your friends.

I have truly enjoyed serving as your president for the last two years. I know you will be in good hands for the next two years with the new officers. I wish them all the best.

## Book Club – Gretchen Neidlinger

On April 23 the Book Club meeting will be held at 3 pm. Please bring a book you read and loved but Book Club did not read. A book someone told you was a must read and they were right or if you have no idea what to read for your next book join us as we dust off some favorites and share with each other. This will be a fun meeting and we look forward to seeing you, your new neighbor, or Auntie K just to relax and share a good read.



**March 2014 Fashion Show  
Baskets by Roe Aloise**



**Fashion Show Models  
(left to right)**

Michelle Rhees, Mary Ellen Hanley, Joanne Zeimer, Nicole Anderson (owner & moderator), Bob Frame (our gracious escort), Karin West, Lori Gurr, Nancy Prafke, Pam Lawler and Deborah Luedtke.



Ken Ruhland (left) and BJ Tobey with their Tervis Tumbler trophies for shooting tee shots closest to the line on 18 (Ken) and

## Annual Irish Open March 2014

16 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IRISH OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT	
FLIGHT III	
WOOD BRUCE	71 57
WOOD PAT	
CARRI DICK	
ANDERSON DEBBIE	
HICK KIRK	69 54
HICK BONDA	
HICKY TOM	
HICKY BOZ	
MICHAEL WOODY JK	69 54
MICHAEL LOUISE	
FRAZER RON	
FRAZER KARLA	
FRAZER BRIAN	71 57
FRAZER JOANNE	
TOBEY PAUL	
TOBEY BIL	
PERALINO VIVIAN	

Golf Results



Woody & Louise McDaniel

## 9 Hole ladies Reunion Golf and



Back row:  
Phyllis Botticelli,  
Nancy Gruman,  
Kappy Frazier,  
Helen Butler,  
Penny Corbo, &  
Carole Martine

Seated from left to right: Ruth Demmon, Jo Donaldson, & Judy Moulton



As she walks among the guests, Pam Lawler models while Cheryl Blazer, Gretchen Neidlinger, Roe Aloise and Di Kandis look on.

For the members without Internet access; a hard copy of the Weekly Update will be available every Monday after 11 am and a hard copy of the Happenings will be available April 2 outside the membership office.