



the magnolia

October 2002

Executive Chef Bill Arras

How many of you know we have a celebrity in our midst? Chef Bill Arras is well-known in our area, but also has been given national recognition on both television and in print!

“Chef Bill” was born in St. Louis, Mo., but moved to Clay County in 1976 when his parents relocated to this area. He attended Lakeside Middle School and Orange Park High School where he was active in sports. He continued his education at FCCJ and UNF.

Chef Bill is a graduate of Advanced Classes at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. He also trained overseas to expand his knowledge base in the culinary arts. He worked and trained in such exotic places as the Siani Desert in Egypt, in Tel Aviv, Israel on the Mediterranean, and in Kavala, Greece.

When he returned to the states, he went to work for Club Continental and was their Executive Chef for 13 years before moving to Eagle Harbor. At Eagle Harbor, he helped design their kitchen and clubhouse and was their Executive Chef for three years.

Chef Bill has been the featured guest chef on numerous television shows on HGTV. He has also been featured in both Bon Appetit and Country Inns magazines. Twice, he has been named the Head Executive Chef for the Cowford Ball, Jacksonville’s annual gala event to benefit breast cancer.

On the personal side, Bill is married to Nancy and became a proud papa in June with the birth of his son, Wil. He is also proud of his two stepkids, Aimee and Adam.



“Chef Bill”



One of his “gourmet” creations!

Chef Bill - “Goodbye Summer!”

Some good stuff is coming in October – goodbye summer, hello fall and cooler temperatures (we hope!). Scheduled for October is our Happy Hour and Pool Party on October 4. Sass N Brass will again provide the live music and song. We have canceled Thursday dinners, but are adding two Saturday night dinners on the 12th and the 26th.

Thanks to all the diners for making our Friday night such a success. We are expanding our hours and serving dinner until 9PM on Friday night. Please make your reservations early!

Halloween Party Open to All Residents

Don’t miss the fun and come show off your costume at the club on Halloween! Start your “trick or treating” with your first stop at the clubhouse to enjoy a pizza dinner and kid’s costume contest. Pizza will be served from 4:30 - 6:00pm. The costume contest will have winners in the following categories:



Most Original - The Ugliest
The Scariest - The Funniest

Open to all residents of the community. Cost \$2.50 for kids and \$3.50 for adults. Call today for reservations at 269-9276.

October 4 Poolside Buffet & Happy Hour

Make your reservations now for the Friday, October 4 Happy Hour and Poolside Buffet! Back by popular demand is Sass N Brass providing live music and song. There will be dancing and karaoke too. Space is limited. Check out the menu on the back of the calendar – \$16.95 for the buffet and \$1.00 drafts!

November 1 Happy Hour & Tailgate Party



Tailgate the night before the Florida/Georgia game at our monthly Happy Hour and Buffet.



Wear your favorite team’s colors or shirt – you don’t have to be a Gator or Bulldog! The menu will be emailed and appear in next month’s newsletter. Make your reservation NOW - call 269-9276.

Tee to Green

Jeff Harris, Head Golf Pro

With the cooler weather approaching comes the transition from the native Bermuda grass greens to putting surfaces over seeded with a variety of cool-season grasses such as rye and bent grass. This is done primarily to provide some protection for the dormant Bermuda grass from foot traffic and freezing temperatures, and to provide the desired green color that is absent once the native grass goes dormant for the winter.

Every year about this time, I make a conscious effort to 'transition' my putting stroke to allow for the faster, smoother greens that we'll experience during the winter months and into the spring. Because the winter grasses have a finer texture and can tolerate lower mowing heights, we normally see considerably faster greens with much less influence from grain than the same greens in the summer.

Putting successfully on greens that reach speeds of nine to eleven feet on the stimp meter requires a putting stroke that is long and fluid with emphasis on even tempo and good rhythm. Address the ball with a posture that is tall enough to let your arms hang long from the shoulders so you can create a swinging motion from the shoulders exerting almost no influence at all from the wrists and hands. Feel as if the putter swings back and through the ball at the same speed rather than any effort to accelerate through impact. This will help in developing the correct pace on your longer putts.

Here's a drill to help you develop the feel of great rhythm and tempo in your putting stroke. Take three balls to the practice green and place them where you can putt to three different holes that are approximately ten, twenty and thirty feet away. Put the shortest one first and progress to the longest each time with your eyes on the target instead of the ball. As you stroke each putt, count to yourself: ONE – TWO. Begin your backstroke on ONE and impact the ball on TWO, keeping the tempo of your counting identical regardless of the length of the putt. Obviously, your stroke will lengthen as the length of the putt increases, but the important thing is to maintain the same TEMPO. With a little practice, your putts will begin reaching the hole with the correct pace and you'll eliminate those frustrating three-putt greens!

Charity Golf Tournament October 13

Magnolia Point is hosting the 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefitting the Children's Haven on Sunday, October 13. Registration starts at 8:30 with a shotgun start at 9am. Consider entering this worthwhile event or becoming a sponsor. The individual golfer contribution is \$125 which includes the banquet. Information is available in the pro shop.

Club Championships - Oct. 5 & 6

Sign up now for the club championships to be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6. Divisions include Mens Regular, Mens Senior (55+), Mens Super Senior (65+), Ladies 18 Hole and Ladies 9 Hole. The entry fee of \$25.00 includes a Sunday Bar-Be-Que.

Golf dates to remember

Oct. 02 - Children's Miracle Network Charity Tournament, a shotgun start at 9:00am. Course closed until about 1:00pm.

Oct. 13 - Children's Haven Charity Golf Tournament, shotgun start at 9:00am. Course closed until about 1:00pm.

Oct. 14 - Overseeding of Greens

Nov. 15 - Ping Demo Day

Nov. 16 - MGA "Las Vegas Invitational BBQ" Tournament

Membership News Dee Hiler, Membership Dir.

Thank you to all the members who have returned their survey for the new membership directory. If you have any changes, please complete your form and return it to the Membership Office. We will include all members in the directory with their name, address and phone number. If you do not want your phone number published, please indicate this on your form. The target date for compiling the directory is late November for distribution after the first of the year.

A new "Rules and Regulation" booklet is now available. It includes our hours of operation, staff telephone numbers, and members of the Board of Governors. Stop by my office and pick one up.

The frequent dinner card has become very popular – eat 9 dinners and receive the 10th one free. If your card indicates an expiration date of 10/02 – that means October 31, 2002. You must have your card with you when you dine and be sure to have your server initial it before you leave.

Welcome New Members!

Alan Duke
Doug & Leigh Jones

Individual Golf
Pool/Social

"Hole-In-One Club" Party!!!

All members of the Hole in One Club are invited to the first annual "Celebration Party" to be held on Friday, November 22 at the club. Members of the HIO as of August 1, 2002 come free and may bring one guest. The guest charge is \$15.00.

The selected hor d'oeuvres include ice cold shrimp, teriyaki wings, flambee parfalle pasta with a shrimp garnish as well as a carving station with a steamship round of beef served with champagne dijonnaise. Entertainment will include a piano player featuring Broadway show tunes and other traditional favorites.

Call the club with your reservation (and guest count) as soon as possible - 269-9276.

“Court” Report

Jim Huber, Head Tennis Pro

Ladies Interclub B Team: Magnolia’s ladies B team started the season with a rain out after a long drive to St. Augustine on September 4. On September 11, the ladies lost 6-1 to a strong Orange Park CC team. Magnolia winners were Ros Arnold and Erin Love in the #two position. Thanks to Mary Jo Beefelt for all her hard work as team captain.

Ladies FCTA C Team: Led by captain Roxanne Assar, the team played their first match at the Arlington YMCA. The team split 2-2 with Catherine Gambill/Kim McCoy and Thresa Oliverio/Terry Newman winning their matches.

Men’s Senior Team: The team captain, Marcel Beauregard, will field one team in the men’s senior league this fall. Any senior man interested in doubles team play should call me. Matches are played Friday mornings starting in mid-October.

Junior Tennis Clinics: After school junior clinics are available for kids ages 6-17. The clinics are for all abilities and the cost is \$6.00 per child and parents should see me for more details.

Adult Monthly Mixer: The next mixer will be held on Friday, October 18 at 4pm. This will be a “potluck” event and limited to 12 couples. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Call the shop for more information or to make your reservation.

Clay High Fund Raiser: We will host a Clay High fund raiser on Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24th. This is a 2-day event for 16 members (eight ladies and eight men) playing with a Clay High tennis player. The cost will be a donation. Balls, drinks and a Saturday lunch will be provided. See Jim for details.

Duplicate Bridge News

Results of the Duplicate Bridge Competition held on Thursday, September 12, 2002, are:

1st Place.....Allen Jernigan and Ralph Patterson
2nd Place.....Roy Gulick and Jim Smith
3rd Place.....Brad and Gloria Lucas

Twenty-two people participated in an exciting evening of competition. This session kicked off the Fall tournament. "We have room for additional players, so if you would like to join us, call me," said Jim Smith, who may be reached at 284-2246, or email smithjwlkr@aol.com. Smith continued, "We are all about fun at the tables and play the second and fourth Thursdays each month, so don't hesitate."

Couples Social Bridge

Gloria and Brad Lucas will be in charge of the October social bridge group that will meet on October 3 and 17 in the clubhouse at 7pm. Call the Lucas' at 529-7583 if you are interested in playing.

From the General Manager

Bob Forgea

It’s hard to believe October is here! Many of our members are returning home and the staff looks forward to seeing everyone and making this “season” a new experience for you. With that in mind, let’s kick off the season with our kid’s Halloween Party on October 31. There will be pizza party and a “costume contest” for the kids with prizes. This event is open to all residents of the community. Call the club to reserve your spot.

You will notice some discoloration of the grass for the next several weeks as weed killer is being applied. With the summer rains, most of the weed killer applied was washed off or diluted. As the rain slows down, we will go after the weeds very aggressively along with fixing the ruts made from greens equipment and golf carts.

The two new holes are on schedule and doing well. Our target for the opening date is November 1 if Mother Nature cooperates. We have started on the “cart path repair project.” Please obey the directional signs that will be posted until this work is completed.

Please make your reservations for Friday night dinners as early in the week as possible. This helps us to staff better and, in turn, gives you better service.

A Word about Golf Carts

Mike Sbarro

Golf Course Superintendent

Revenue from cart fees is essential to the operation of all golf courses. Unfortunately, golf carts are one of the most detrimental influences on turfgrass (especially during wet conditions) and during winter dormancy. It is *extremely* important to obey all directional signs and routing. Magnolia Point provides specific routing directions on all holes during wet weather. It is unfortunate that some golfers fail to comply with these guidelines. A common practice is to travel the “off side” rough and then either cross the fairway or travel behind the green to return to the cart path. This causes obvious rutting and compaction that may not be obvious, but is very harmful.

We prefer to allow play on all 18 holes whenever possible, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to do so. It is very rare that we close down or allow play only on the “Magnolia Nine.” Please remember – IT’S YOUR GOLF COURSE!

PS: I’m often asked “what can we do to help out?” The most helpful thing that golfers can do to help is to simply follow Magnolia Point’s rules and guidelines.

Ladies Bridge, Monday, September 30

The ladies’ bridge will be this Monday, September 30 at 10am in the clubhouse. If you are interested in playing, call Kaaren Tague (284-8974) or Lora Kindig (529-1286).

October’s bridge play will be on Monday, the 28th.

Thursday & Friday Dinner Menu

All You Can Eat Soup & Caesar Salad Bar
(included with all entrees)

Dinner Caesar Salad
with Choice of Grilled or Blackened
Shrimp or Chicken or Fish Du Jour
\$9.95++

Magnolia's Fish & Chips
Fried Grouper with Fresh Fried Potato Chips
\$10.95++

Pasta Dishes (Linguini)
Beef Tenderloin Tips Bourguignonne or
Sauté Shrimp Scampi or
Chicken Julienne Alfredo
\$12.95++

Grilled or Blackened Fish Du Jour
Or Jumbo Atlantic White Shrimp
With Black Beans and Rice,
& Fresh Vegetable
\$14.50++

Marinated or Grilled
Steak Du Jour or Chicken Breast
Topped with Fresh Tomato and Lime Salsa
Served with Vegetable & Starch
\$14.95++

Filet Mignon Tournedos of Beef
With Sauce Diane, Vegetable & Starch
\$16.95++

Plus Nightly Specials
Petite portions for the smaller appetite - \$2.00 less
Ask your server about our a la carté Dessert Menu!
Iced Tea, Soda or Coffee \$1.50 ~ unlimited refills

Friday - Oct. 4th - 6-9:00pm
1st Annual Oyster Roast & Grilled Ribeye Buffet
Happy Hour and Poolside Buffet w/Live Music
Roasted Appalachicola Oysters on the Half Shell
Marinated & Grilled Ribeye Steaks
Salad Bar and More!
\$16.95++
\$1.00 Michelob Drafts
Call Now for Reservations - 269-9276

Thursday, October 31 - 4:30 - 6:00pm
Halloween Party for Adults & Kids
Open to All Residents of the Community
Pizza & Garlic Bread
Punch & Cupcakes
Candy for the Kids!
Costume Contests!!!!.
Adults \$3.50++ Kids \$2.50++

Winners Circle

HOLE IN ONE

Phil Roseberry
Sept. 15, 2002
#17 - 156 yards, 8-Iron

CAREER LOW

Roger Hall
Sept. 5, 2002
72 (par)

LABOR DAY FLAG TOURN.

Men Whitey Randall-#2 - 2ft
Ladies Barbara Shinn, #1 holed

MGA TWO-MAN TEAM

Sept. 14, 2002
Jim Burris & Gary Hoagland

SATURDAY SWEEPS

Sept. 7, 2002
Manny Alexrod & Danny Tippet

Sept. 21, 2002

Tom Grzelinski, Osbey Saylor
Bob Hirsch, Chris Rouke

LGA OPENING DAY

18 & 9 Holers Scramble
Sept. 5, 2002
1st Place

Charlotte Hales, Marilyn Kessler,
Merry Masi, Marguerite Riley

LADIES - 18 HOLERS

Sept. 12, 2002

1st Flight
Low Gross Pat Bunnell
Low Net Cindy McManamon

2nd Flight
Low Gross Marian Zanetti
Low Net Mary Jo Beefelt

3rd Flight
Low Gross Donna Hirsch
Low Net Marguerite Riley

4th Flight
Low Gross Margaret Talbot
Low Net Erin Love
(Tie) Marge Viken

Sept. 19, 2002

1st Place
Erin Love, Pat Mills
Celia Sohm, Barbara Varos

Winners Circle

LADIES - 9 HOLERS

Sept. 12, 2002

1st Flight Donna Laycock
2nd Flight Ursula Hundt
3rd Flight Coral Nettuno
4th Flight Dorothy Lunt

Sept. 19, 2002

1st Flight Kathie Cardon
2nd Flight Jackie McCann
3rd Flight Raquel Dutton

Channel 62 Update

The community cable system was hit by lightning early in the summer while Neil Beefelt was away. Neil has returned and is presently working on getting Channel 62 up and running. You will be notified by email when the system is back online.

Community Yard Sale

On Saturday, October 5, there will be a "Magnolia Point Fall Yard Sale" held at the main entrance from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. If you have any questions, call June Hatlestad at 284-8989.

Preschool Play Group

The Magnolia Point Play Group meets at Spring Park every Wednesday at 10:30am. Call Julie Devore 284-0602 for info.

Women's Club Events

The next meeting of the women's club is Wednesday, October 9 at 3:00pm. The featured speaker is Maggie Ouellette from "Maggie's Herbs" with tips on growing and using herbs. A follow up day trip is on Monday, October 14 to Maggie's Herbs on CR 13N in St. Augustine. Members will meet in the club parking lot at 9am. Lunch will follow.

On November 13, there will be a "Holiday Attire for Couples" fashion show and dinner.

From the Editor

Susan Mitchell

Email: If you haven't sent us your email address, you are missing out on all the latest news and reminders of club events! Just send a message to MagPtNews@aol.com and asked to be included in our announcements. Be assured that we respect your privacy and your email address will only be used by the club and not distributed to anyone. To take this a step further, all emails are sent as a "blind copy" so your address is not even passed on to other members.

Remember, we are open to all suggestions – this is your newsletter. Contact me if you have any ideas for articles or have an event or news or you would like share with our members. You can reach me at the above email address or call me at home, 529-7215.

Development Update

US 17 Signage: Montgomery Land is not dismantling the Magnolia Point sign on the corner of US 17 and is not responsible for the damage. They are looking into a temporary solution to the problem as they expect to have their new sign completed in the next 30- 45 days.

Model Home Center: Construction on models in the new model home center should begin in the next 30 days or sooner. There will be several builders displaying their models and American Homes will be the first to begin construction.

Planning a Special Celebration?

Don't forget the club is available for private parties to celebrate special occasions including birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. Chef Bill can prepare that special meal for you and your guests. Sit back and relax and leave all the details to our staff! Many dates are available, so book your special night by calling Dee Hiler at 269-9276.

A sample of one of Chef Bill's gourmet meals: French-cut chicken breast stuffed with Duxelle of Mushroom, topped with garlic rosemary au jus, angel hair, buttered pasta with broiled lobster tails, matre di hotel butter pencil thin asparagus with roasted red bell pepper hollandaise sauce.



Canceling Thursday Dinners and Adding Two Saturdays Nights

Due to a lack of interest, dinner will not be served on Thursdays at the clubhouse.

At the request of members, we will be open for dinner on two Saturday nights in October – the 12th and the 26th. The menu will be prime rib and crab legs for \$16.95.

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