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Board Of Commissioners

Election to the Board occurs in both the general election process and the landowner process, both held in November. Three of the Board seats are held via landowner votes; one acre/portion equals one vote, and each home or lot equals one vote. As an example, if you owned a home and two additional lots you would have three votes. If you owned 35 acres of land you would have 35 votes. Each landowner seat is for a three-year term, guaranteeing at least one vacancy per year. A landowners meeting is held every November prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting. All interested candidates can pick up proxies at the Spring Lake Improvement District (SLID) office at no cost.

There are two popular seats on the Board that are based on one person, one vote. These Board seats are for four-year terms and appear on the standard election ballots. The next general election to fill these positions will take place in November of 2010 and candidates must file their candidacy with the County Board of Elections.

All Board meetings are open to the public and are held the second Wednesday of each month at the District Office, beginning at 3:30 p.m. The District Board operates and is governed by the Florida Sunshine Laws.



Left to right are Commissioners: Bill Rentel, secretary; Brian Acker; Marsi Benson, vice chairperson; Leon Van, chairman; and Ann Steinlage

Spring Lake Property Association

The monthly newsletter of the Spring Lake Property Association (SLPA) is both printed and e-mailed. If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter electronically, simply call the office at 655-2230 and give them your address. You can pick up a written copy of the newsletter at four convenient outside locations: Spring Lake restaurant; the large map structure by the Village II entrance; the Community Center; and the SLPA office. Inside locations are at the four local churches and the Spring Lake Realty Office.

The Neighborhood Watch Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7 at the Community Center, 7 p.m. The Highlands County Sheriff's Office will be represented by Nell Hayes of the Crime Prevention Unit. She will be presenting a number of informative issues that are of a concern to all residents. As many of you know, several youths responsible for a lot of damage have been apprehended by the sheriff's department and are awaiting charges. These young people are from our community and have been causing serious damages. Let's hope they are punished for their deeds and others will be discouraged

to participate in this needless vandalism in the future. With the 12 Hours of Sebring fast approaching, volunteers are needed to help patrol the community. If interested, please contact Neighborhood Watch Chairman Vohn Steinlage at 655-4981.

The Association is comprised of eight Board members who each have a specific role and responsibility. Along with the standard set of officers, the committees include: Violations, Architecture, Newsletter, Program, Beautification, Neighborhood Watch, Welcome and Outside Liaison. Board members elected for 2007 include:

Walter Wolfe	John Sciacca
J. Roland Kelly	Vincent Alfeo
Jack Johnson	Vohn Steinlage
Sandra Hinson	Dottie Perrin

The Association's office is located at 6122 U.S. Highway 98, in the shopping plaza. The phone number is 655-2230 and the fax number is 655-1993. If you would like to be included in the telephone directory, or make any changes, you must contact the Association directly.

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Villa Association Under New Management

Dottie and Bob Blackwell have assumed management responsibilities for the Country Club Villas. The position was previously held by Marie Brower, who, along with her husband, John, had to oversee all the work that needed to be done after the hurricanes several years ago. Their quick action and diligence helped a lot of villa owners minimize damages.

The Blackwells have owned a villa since 1993 and currently live at 1216 Villaway West. They can be contacted by calling (863) 655-9522 or you can e-mail them at dottie1960@earthlink.net. There is also a Web site at www.springlakeccv.com. The villas are comprised of 214 units, two pools, a putting green, a laundry room and a screened lanai at the west pool. Almost half of the villas are involved in the Golf Resort Rental Program.

The Villas were first constructed in the early 90s by resort owner, Mike Tellschow, and over the years additional units were built. It is through the villa program that so many people first came to Spring Lake and got their start. It was also the villa program that gets credit for the unparalleled growth of the golf course. A number of people have sold their villas

and built homes in our community, as well as people who have sold their homes and moved into a villa. Two other villa locations have been constructed as well. Waterway Villas go up Clubhouse Lane to the resort, and the villas just to the left of Clubhouse Lane form another Association.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Feb. 27 at the Community Center. Current directors are:

Dan Ostapowicz, president; Ron Brochu, vice president; Millie Havlock; Terry DeVries; and John Koller.

The Villa Association sponsors a number of events and social gatherings for their owners and guests. On Saturday, March 3, the annual craft and rummage sale will take place at the Community Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact Bonnie Berg at 655-2630.

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Who's Who?

The Improvement District is managed by a Board of Commissioners, a full-time staff and advisors. Here are the people in charge of SLID:

Board Of Commissioners:

Leon Van	Chairman
Marsi Benson	Vice Chairperson
Bill Rentel	Secretary
Ann Steinlage	
Brian Acker	

District Staff:

Joe DeCerbo	District Manager
Diane Angell	Administrative Assistant
Greg Gretz	Water Department Supervisor
Randy Nelson	Maintenance Department Supervisor
Gladys Eaglen	Secretary

Field Staff:

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Randy Wilde	Neil Wilkinson
JR Clarke	Corey Jones
Bill Maine	

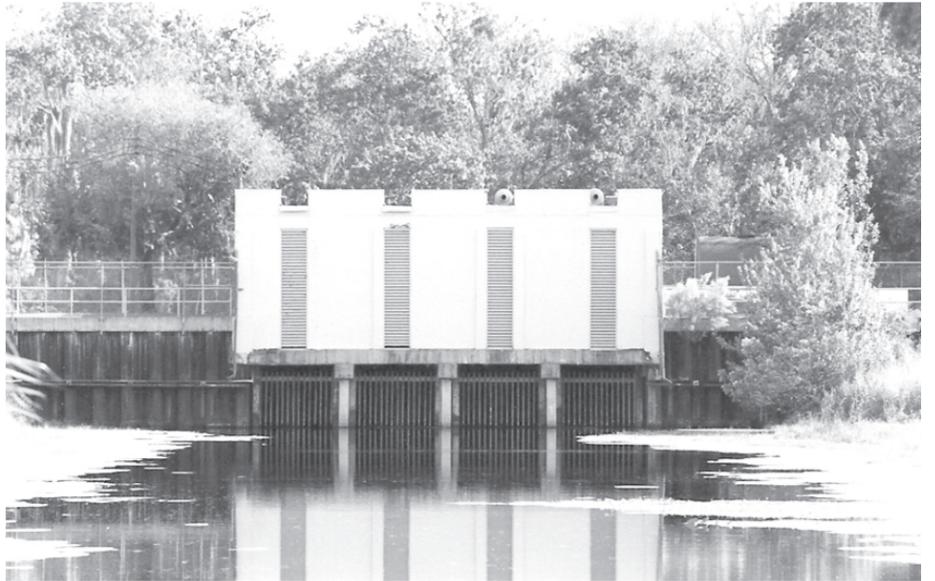
District Advisors:

William Nielander	Attorney
Gene Schriener	Craig A. Smith Engineering
Craig Wrathell	Financial and Management
Bruce Stratton	Accounting and Auditing

Controlling Drainage

Without proper drainage systems, most of Spring Lake would be uninhabitable. On May 11, 1973, the South Florida Water Management System issued a permit to Spring Lake for the "construction and operation of a water management system serving 4,934 acres of residential and commercial lands by swales, canals, detention lakes and includes a 260,000 gallons per minute pump station discharging into Ar buckle Creek via an auxiliary channel."

In 1974, a pump station was built on the back side of Duane Palmer Boulevard. For



Outside pump station

Important Phone Numbers

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School Board	471-5555
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Hammock State Park	386-6094
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Neighborhood Watch

Chairman	Vohn Steinlage	655-4918
Village I	Dan Snyder	655-2723
Village II	Don Vandygriff	655-1762
Village III & IV	Joanne McCulley	655-1701
Village V	Marsi Benson	655-1081
Village VI	Ann Steinlage	655-4981

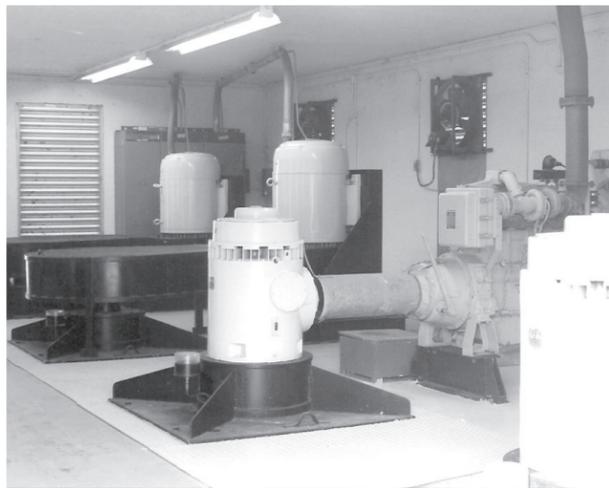
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Notice Of Meetings

The Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District will hold their meetings at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Blvd., Sebring. The meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Any person requiring special accommodations at these meetings because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (863) 655-1815 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. Meetings may be continued at a later date and time, which will be announced at the meeting.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.



Inside pump station

those familiar with the golf course, the pump station is located next to Cougar golf hole No. 6. Currently the pump

station is under an injunction, prohibited by the local courts from operating as planned. This injunction is in place because it has been ruled that Spring Lake is trespassing onto the property owned by Sandy Tyrell, which she purchased in 1986. The pump station is only allowed to run 15 minutes per hour, six hours per day, for a total of 90 minutes per day. During an emergency, similar to *Tropical Storm Ernesto*, the pump station cannot protect the community from flooding. The Board of Commissioners continues to try to find an alternative that will satisfy the courts, but it is extremely difficult to find options that replace a structure that can pump 265,000 gallons per minute.

The photos above show the outside of the pump station as well as the pumps. The station has two automated, electrically driven pumps and two diesel driven pumps for emergency measures. Designed usage for normal elevation maintenance of the canals requires the operation of only one pump for approximately 3.5 hours, with amounts of rainfall determining the frequency of running times for the other pumps. While under injunction, this design becomes irrelevant.

New Water Meters

For the past nine months, our water department has been installing new and improved radio frequency water meters for all homes and businesses served by Spring Lake. The meters being replaced are up to 15 years old, often running slow and causing problems. Sebring and many other communities throughout the state have also been addressing the need for new meters.

After several companies made presentations and offered bids, the Spring Lake Board of Commissioners approved the changeover and agreed to only pass through the actual cost of the meters to the District. For a five-eighths-inch standard meter, the cost is \$160, and a 1" nonstandard is \$210. Residents are being billed an additional \$7 per month for 23 months, or it can be paid in one lump sum. Either way, residents are only paying the actual cost for the meter; no installation or labor is added.

The radio frequency meters reduce substantially the amount of time it takes to read meters. Previously, our staff spent 12 hours each (24 hours) to read a cycle. Since there are two cycles, that is 48 hours per month to read meters. With our new meters, **one** person spends just three-and-a-

half hours for all of Spring Lake!

Regarding customer inquiries with problems, the water department can now run a diagnostic on your meter that will tell you the days and hours you have high use and can identify **p r o b l e m s** quicker and more accurately.

The new Master Meter (pictured right) is completely wireless; *Water meter* preprogrammed at the factory; self-activates as water starts to flow; provides detection against tampering, leaks and backflow; features a waterproof glass seal within a stainless steel base; and is powered with 10-year lithium batteries. Master Meter Inc. is located near Fort Worth, Texas, and serves Spring Lake through their distributors in Lakeland, Hughes Supply Inc.



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New Equipment



Board Chairman Leon Van, left, and foreman Randy Nelson, right, stand in front of the District's newest piece of equipment.



Oak Leaf before



Oak Leaf after

It has been many years since the Improvement District has had a backhoe with the workload capacity the new Caterpillar model has. Purchased in January, it has already been used on several projects, including two in the Oak Leaf subdivision.

This before and after picture shows how two retention

areas that were overgrown have been cleaned out.

The backhoe is also used when installing new water lines or repairing water breaks. The bucket capacity enables our water department personnel to dig quicker in repairing leaks.

Another of the primary objectives for this equipment is to begin working on the canals. Many of the canals need

widening and cleaning, and the 18-foot extension that this equipment has will enable our personnel to start the long and tedious job of working on a 14-mile canal system.



Pictured here are: Greg Gretz, right, and J.R. Clarke, left, doing what it takes to fix a water main break.



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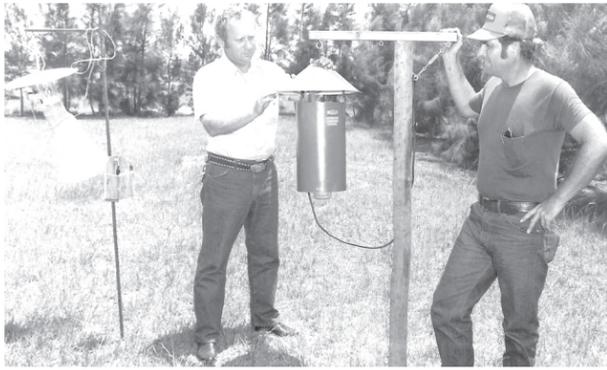
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Mosquito Control

The Spring Lake Improvement District has had responsibility for overseeing the mosquito control program since 1980. As the picture shows, back then the process used to detect and lessen the mosquito attacks was not very sophisticated. Traps for adult mosquitoes were placed in strategic locations throughout the District. Specimens were sent to the Florida State Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services Entomology Lab in Jacksonville to identify the types collected.

There are 67 species of mosquitoes, which occur throughout the state, and each type breeds in different environments. Some mosquitoes can fly up to 50 miles to invade a community. A motor-powered spraying apparatus mounted on a pickup truck is the primary weapon in the arsenal against this pest. Affected areas are patrolled and a nearly invisible mist is sprayed, which is harmless to



Pictured above are former District superintendents Gene Decker (left) and Bob Aquilina (right) with equipment that captured mosquitoes that were sent to Jacksonville for identifying the type of breed.

humans. The machine that is used to spray is called a "Micro-Gen." The current equipment owned by the District is a 1983 truck and a 17-year-old sprayer!

A new pickup truck and sprayer have been ordered and will be available for service immediately; additional personnel are being trained to mix the chemicals. There are some very specific training programs that staff must attend to utilize the equipment and chemicals. There are state certification programs that personnel must also go through to be licensed.

Poor equipment and lack of additional trained personnel have had a negative impact on our ability to contain mosquitoes on a consistent basis. We anticipate a much greater impact on mosquito control and the ability to respond quickly to segments of the community that get affected between spraying and need immediate assistance.

Lake Istokpoga

First time visitors to our community often do not realize that Florida's fifth largest lake forms the southern boundary of Spring Lake. The lake is 27,000 acres, 40 square miles and averages about 4-feet deep. Istokpoga Park, easily available to all Spring Lake residents, is located just east of the fish camp on Rt. 98 and gives access to a boat ramp, 700-feet of boardwalk, nature trails, dock fishing, restrooms and picnic areas. There is no charge to take advantage of this county-maintained park.

As legend has it, Lake Istokpoga means "men have died here." The Indians that lived in the area at the time gave it that name because two- to three-foot swells would rise quickly without warning due to the shallowness of the lake's depth. These sudden waves would catch the Indians off guard and many drowned.

Lake Istokpoga has changed drastically since 1930, when the lake's history was first recorded. At the time, the lake and

the area between it and Lake Okeechobee was a wet prairie during the rainy season. Then, after a couple of years, there was a long drought period. As a result, Highlands County lakes officials say the lake does not function as an active lake any longer, and now operates like a reservoir, or water storage area, for consumptive use and flood control.

The lake is the No. 1 permitted source of surface water consumption or irrigation. This use has a large part in fueling Highlands County's economy. The change has made the area around the lake habitable for humans and wildlife, and also made it an ideal host for the dreaded hydrilla. During droughts, the lake's water would recede and dry out any organic matter. Now that the lake is constant, the hydrilla has very little natural growth deterrent.

The county weed control, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, South Florida Water Management District and

the Highlands County Lakes Association all teamed up to find a solution to the hydrilla and the funding needed to enact it. Since the early '90s these agencies and groups have been fighting to gain control over the hydrilla. A lake-wide application of herbicide, sterile grass carp, sonar herbicide spraying, a lake draw down in 2001 and another sonar spraying in 2003 have all been tried.

Mother Nature intervened in 2004 with *Hurricane Jeanne*. The churning of the lake and wind/wave action during the storm uprooted most of the hydrilla and displaced it along the lake's shore to dry out and die.

It is hoped that the lake can go back to being controlled by nature again. One way this may be possible is if a large water reservoir is built north of Okeechobee that could store 200,000 acres of water. If this came to be, the lake could return to its natural state without flooding or the reducing irrigation supply.



Changes are in the Breeze at Golf View Village

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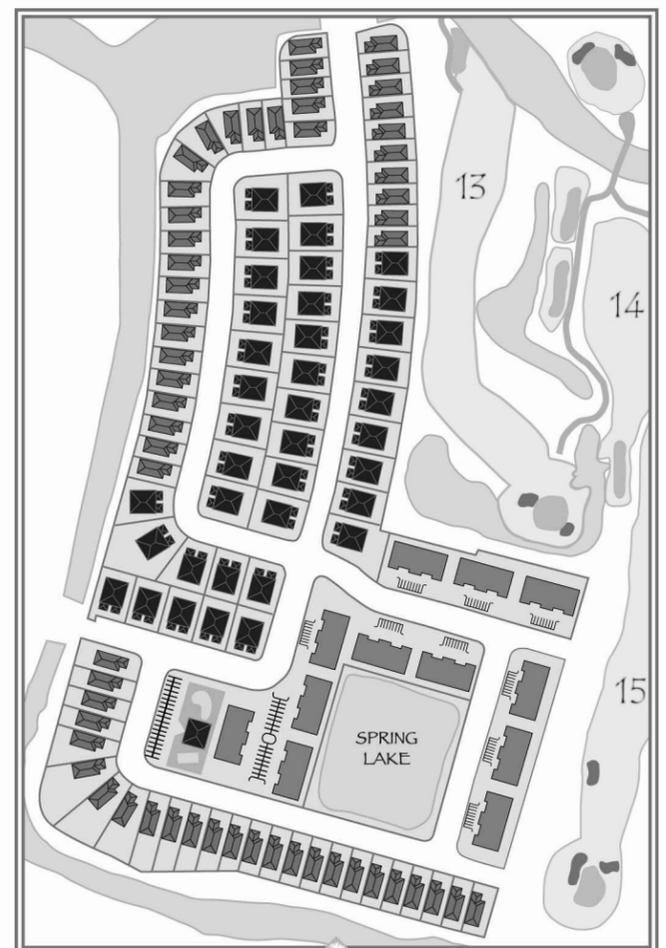
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Golf News

Men's Golf Association

By Ron Von Colln, President

The first two months of the year have proven to be good for the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association (SLMGA), as exceptional weather provided an atmosphere for good golf. There were just a few mornings that a chill was in the air, but that did not deter our hearty group. The golf course has continued to recover from the flooding that occurred during the fall of last year, and each week we see the course getting back to what we knew it was prior to the high water.

We would like to welcome new members Ted Simpler, Bart Rath and George Danser. We continue to strive for new members and look forward to those that have sat back with their wait-and-see attitude, coming to one of our meetings or coming out to play a round of golf. Find out for yourself the fun you can be experiencing.

The Association will be conducting its annual member championship in March. This requires a minimum of rounds to be played during the year, within the Association, to be eligible. There will be multiple divisions, including gross and net. A high level of competition is expected, and defending champions will need their "A" game to defend their titles.

Special thanks to the volunteers that have provided their time and effort in support of the events conducted by the Association. Thank you Paul Marchand, Jan Hard, Larry Sartory, Bill Lawens, Leon Van, Bill Rentel, Howard Weekley, Gale Monda, Ron Chitwood and Red Bohanon.

Ladies' Golf Association

By Marge Bates, President

We would like to welcome new members Terrie Ausin, Suzanne Campbell, Linda Cole, Carol Rath, Joyce Reaume, Yvonne Rohr, Candy Sartory, Julia Starr, Gail Whiting and Jean Teague.



Retirement is tough, but someone has to do it!



What a great way to spend a day.

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Back row, left to right: Jean Donahue, treasurer; Marsi Benson, secretary and historian; Jane Burgoyne, member-at-large; Nancy Ostapowicz, member-at-large; Bernie Ray, vice president. Front row, left to right: Joann Deweese, publicity chair; Doris Bishop, sunshine chair; Marg Bates, president; Linda Pflieger, ex-officio; Debbie Delaney, birdie chair.

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Golf News from page 5



Golfers tee it up at Spring Lake.



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There's always time for golf.

Lessons From Laura

By Debbie Delaney

It's all about the roll. Last month, Spring Lake Golf Resort instructor Laura Poe worked with 19 women on how to roll a putt and chip a ball to the hole. As the afternoon sun glowed upon the practice green on Clubhouse Lane, everyone gathered around closely to listen to Laura help improve our



Left to right: Pat David, Laura Poe, Grace Albert, Louise Butler, Debbie Delaney

short game. Her interactive lessons allowed us to participate and ask questions as we practiced. Laura demonstrated techniques with a 9-iron and putter then encouraged us to practice as she mingled with the golfers to answer their individual questions. She shared laughs and more than a few tips. Afterwards, each participant received a free Precept pearl blue Lady S III golf ball.

If your game needs improvement, Laura plans to offer a variety of clinics throughout the year. Watch for flyers posted at the Clubhouse or call the Golf Shop at 655-0101.

Men's League Golf Scores

Two Man Team, One Best Ball

- A: First: Dale Stevens and Ralph Whitehead
Second: Larry Miesner and John Starks
B: First: Willard David and Wayne Mountz
Second: George Seeger and Bob Seelye

Individual Points

- A: First: Jan Hard
Second: George Green and Wayne Nelson
B: First: Willard David
Second: Joe Smith

Four-Man Team, Three Best Ball

- A: First: Ken Rohr, Ray Normandin, Ron Von Colln, Dan Ostapowicz
Second: Rod Allan, Vern Baxter, Martin Francoeur, Bob Hinde

Two-Man Team Aggregate

- A: First: Bo Bohanon and Larry Meisner
Second: Ron Von Colln and Gale Monda
B: First: Tony Flynn and Bob Seelye
Second: Ron Brochu and Wayne Mountz

Four-Man Team, Three Best Ball

- A: First: Jay Reeb, Gale Monda, Dan Porter and Howard Weekley
Second: Ron Von Colln, Karl Olnhausen, Jerry May and Paul Marchand
B: First: Bo Bohanon, Pat Jaskowski, Tony Flynn and Willard David
Second: Jim Acevedo, George Greene, Bob Berg and Roger Fitzpatrick

Four-Man Team, Net Score

- First: Vern Baxter, Bill Morris, Larry Miesner and blind draw
Second: Bill Lawens, Bob Berg, Jim Acevedo and George Seeger

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Sadie Hawkins Event A Success

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Spring Lake Men's and Women's Golf Associations sponsored the Sadie Hawkins' Valentine Tournament. This popular event has been a joint venture of the Associations for a number of years. Ladies

ask a man to be their partner and foursomes are made up of two couples.

The four-person scramble was held on the Panther Course with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start followed by cocktails and awards after the completion of play. Results were not available at press time and will be published in next month's paper.

Contests included closest to the pin and a special par-3 event, as well as the standard flight winners. A 50/50 drawing was also conducted, with proceeds donated to the Susan G. Koman Cancer Fund or a local cancer facility.



March Events

If your group or association has an event to post, please contact the Spring Lake Improvement District office.

- March 1**
6:45 p.m. Bridge Club, Community Center
- March 2**
6 p.m. Bingo, Community Center
Sebring Historical Sports car Race through Sunday
- March 3**
8 a.m. to 1p.m. Villa Association Craft Fair, Community Center
8:30 a.m. McFarling Memorial Golf Outing at Spring Lake
- March 4**
1:30 p.m. Golf View Villas Complimentary Reception at their Model
- March 5**
8 a.m. Ladies' Club Championship First Round
- March 6**
8 a.m. Men's Club Championship, First Round
6 p.m. Supper Club, Community Center
- March 7**
8 a.m. Ladies' Club Championship, Final Round
- March 8**
8 a.m. Men's Club Championship, Final Round

- March 9**
6 p.m. Bingo, Community Center

March 10 - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Spring Lake Presbyterian Church
Annual Flea Market

- March 11** Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 12**
7:30 p.m. Property Association Meeting, Community Center
- March 13**
8 a.m. Men's Golf League
6 p.m. Lorida Fire Department Meeting
- March 14**
8 a.m. Ladies' Golf League, Pick Your Partner Tournament
3:30 p.m. SLID Monthly Meeting
- March 15**
8 a.m. Men's Golf League
6:45 p.m. Bridge Club, Community Center
- March 16**
6 p.m. Bingo, Community Center
- March 17**
12 Hours of Sebring Race
St. Patrick's Day

- March 20**
8 a.m. Men's Golf League
- March 21**
8 a.m. Ladies' Golf League followed by General Meeting
First Day of Spring
- March 22**
8 a.m. Men's Golf League
- March 23**
6 p.m. Bingo, Community Center
Springtime on the Mall Arts and Crafts Fair
- March 27**
8 a.m. Men's Golf League
- March 28**
8 a.m. Ladies' Golf League
- March 31**
8:30 a.m. Nu-Hope Golf Outing at Pinecrest

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