

# **INSIDER**

January 2022

In the early 1970s my grandfather, Anthony Wisne, was approached by a friend and fellow businessman to invest in a land development project over 1100 miles away from his hometown of Dearborn, Michigan. That land, filled with pines and orange groves, proved just right for a 90-acre (give or take) golf course and country club. Yep. We were a country club once. Very, very briefly. The doors opened in 1972, and over the years investors changed hands, the focus switched to golf, but his dedication remained true. And now 50 years later here we are.

FIFTY YEARS! Take a moment to just breathe in the enormity of that. I can't help but think what my Grandad would say about this special anniversary. Certainly, he would not have been surprised to see OTGC grow into this decade, he was quite the visionary. I know some of you who knew him are laughing because a few things he would have said might not be fit for print, but all the same, there would have been some wisdom in there. You don't build a lasting club like the Tree by accident. You don't build a club like the Tree without family. And you don't keep a club like the Tree going without embracing all into a family community.

2022 is going to be a great year for OTGC as we take the opportunity to look at where we've been, and where we're going.

Na Zdrowie Grandad! (Cheers)

Shannon





# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- David Boyer
- Trish Eakin
- Drew Han
- Kathy & Ron Oldenkamp
- Carlos Barrios
- Bruce & Denise Crabbe and family
- Yaohang Hong and family
- Tao Lu and family

# **WELCOME BACK**

- Bill Muth & Laurel Cebrian
- Dick & Kate Pfeiffle



## BULLETIN



Be sure to check out the Orange Tree Insider, an informative monthly video segment in collaboration with the Golf Channel. Episodes can be found on the main page of our website and our Facebook page.

# CONGRATULATIONS

2021 Princess 19 Champion Sue Jones, who drilled an 18-foot putt to secure the win. Great playing down the stretch from "Jonesy" and Evangeline "E" Ossmann, who both made it an exciting competition!



#### **Ladies Club Champion:**

Kerry Hazelriga

**Ladies Super Senior Club Champion:** 

Debbie Austin

**Ladies Net Champion:** 

Joi Scudder

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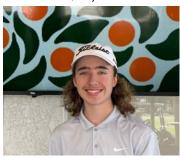
**Ladies Super Senior Net Champion:** 

Tommie Witthohn

**Ladies Orange Tee Champion:** 

Connie Browne

2021 Junior Club Champion Oliver Plumb, Boys 12-15



Joe and Elaine Mannella celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary this past fall. Joe also

recently sold Kiddie U and retired.



2021 Junior Club Champion Brant Moreno, Boys 16-18



Men's December One-Day Member Guest winners: Mark Tabor and Bob Clayton -14 (a new record!)



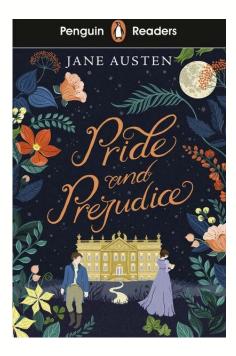
Marjorie Jones: Named to the LPGA Top 50 Best Teachers for the 5th consecutive year. She has appeared on this list every year since its inception in 2017. See the Member Page for more about Marjorie!

Andy Pope set a new course record from the tips... a 61!

## **BOOK CLUB**

This year the OTGC Book club will be reading some of our member's favorite books!

January's pick, Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, is brought to you by Katrina, OTGC's newest team member! This is one of the best-loved and most enduring classics in English literature, the romantic clash between the opinionated Elizabeth and Darcy is a spectacle rendition of civilized sparring. Pride & Prejudice has enchanted readers around the world, in every language, for more than 200 years.



Every time I re-read Pride and Prejudice, I find myself genuinely laughing-out-loud at the entire Bennet family and getting sucked into the soap opera-like drama that keeps readers on the edge of their seats. Pride and Prejudice is one of my favorites, Jane Austen easily blends elements of romance, sarcasm, and comedy that keep you enthralled every step of the way. I hope you love it as much as I do!

OTGC Book Club meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 2:00pm. This month's meeting is January 27th. Book Club is open to all members. You don't have to be able to make it every month to participate... join us in any month the book selection interests you!

# **OTWGA**

It was a smaller group for the Princess 19 this year, but that didn't dampen the competition! These ladies played in record time (nothing will hold them back when there is a tiara on the line). But don't let the sparkles fool you... these ladies take their golf, and their fun, seriously.



# MEMBER REFERRAL PROGRAM

Refer a member and receive 4 guest passes.

# **BRIDGE CLUB**

Open to men and women, social and golf members! Rubber bridge every Wednesday at 1pm. Email Linda Kenney to sign up: lindaefisystants.com



# **SCRATCH GAME**

•The Scratch Game Board members are: John Blazon, KenWood Gaines, Dennis Jones, Dennis Steinmetz, and Andy Pope



## ADDITIONS FROM ACCOUNTING

By Katrina Pare
Office Administrator

Sign up for Orange Tree Golf Club's web portal WebRes!

Our phenomenal online system allows you to keep track of everything Orange Tree, including checking your balance and minimums, making web payments, and even booking your tee-times, all through the member login on our website.

If you haven't signed up feel free to stop by or shoot me an email so I can get you an invitation! kpare@orangetreegolfclub.com 407.351.4034 ext. 108

SIDE-NOTE FROM SHANNON: You will note the addition of monthly birthdays to the member page of our newsletter. If your birthday was missed it was NOT intentional. It I always our goal to update any missing information, and maintain correct member files, so please email her whenever you have a change in address, phone number, or email, and of course, if your name was missing from the birthday list!





# **NEWS FROM "THE SUPE"**

**By Rob Tori** Superintendent

The #1 Rule of Golf? Always leave the golf course better than you found it!

Crabgrass control in central Florida lawns.

As winter stretches on, you may find yourself with brown lawn areas you swear were healthy green turf a few months ago. If so, the culprit is likely crabgrass. This grassy, warm-season weed can't take the cold, but it will most likely return. Unfortunately, once crabgrass has germinated and begins to grow, there are very few or no herbicides available to homeowners or commercial applicators that can kill it without harming most type of turfgrass grown in Florida. The best way to get ahead of it is with a pre-emergent herbicide. The general rule of thumb is to apply herbicides in the middle of February for central Florida lawns. Note that you should not use pre-emergent herbicides on areas where you plan to put down new sod or grow turfgrass from seed. And ALWAYS read the entire label before making any application.

## SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Robert Gamez

Robert hit his first golf ball at the age of 2 and so far has never stopped. In fact, he still has the first club that his father made for him... a cut down iron with a grip made out of electrical tape. It wasn't long until he was making a name for himself in golf. He grew up in Las Vegas and in 1984 he won the Southern Nevada Amateur followed in 1988 with the Clark County Amateur. For three years during that time, he was also the Southern Nevada Golf Association Player of the Year. Robert attended the University of Arizona where he was a member of the 1989 US Walker Cup Team, a year that also brought him honors as the Fred Haskins College Golfer of the Year, the Jack Nicklaus College Golfer of the Year and the Porter Cup Championship.

After his junior year at Arizona, he decided to turn pro and got his tour card at "Q" School.

He won his first professional tournament in 1990: the Northern Telecom Tucson Open and then followed it up by winning the Nestle Invitational (now the Arnold Palmer) at Bay Hill by holing out his second shot on 18 to beat Greg Norman. A plaque commemorating the feat still sits in the middle of the 18th fairway. He topped off 1990 winning "Rookie of the Year". In 2005 he won his third tournament at the Valero Texas Open. In the last 20 years his foundation "Team Gamez"

has donated over \$2 million to children's charities. Robert is a regular player in our Orange Tree Scratch Game, which naturally prepared him to join the Champions tour three years ago! Robert is an avid Star Wars fan and when he is not playing golf, he loves to go to movies (he has a huge movie collection), and hit the theme parks.



# **MEET MARJORIE JONES**



Marjorie Jones, "Marjie" to her friends has an impressive resume: an LPGA and PGA member, a Golf Digest 50 Best Women Teachers in America, and an LPGA Top 50 Teacher (5 years running). She has played in 8 Women's British Opens, 5 U.S. Women's Opens, the 2019 U.S. Senior Women's Open and the LPGA Senior Women's Championship. She is a member of the PGA Women Leaders Platform. Talk to her about golf and you'll know right away how much she loves it, but then she turns it right on you and wants to know what you love about it. Then all of a sudden you are talking about food, wine and travel. (Her dream trips? To the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu). She grew up playing the violin and the piano, and tried the French horn briefly. She also grew up playing field hockey, basketball and swimming. If that's not diverse enough, her Mom helped her develop a love of the arts, and she has some pretty enviable Broadway show experiences. The phrase "carpe diem" never fit anyone so well as her. Which is good, because she has a brand-new grandnephew, Henry Jones Young, born December 1st. Hope he can keep up!



# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

1	Arthur Lee
	Bill Muth
	Evangeline "E" Ossmann

3 Brian Harbour Al Wisne

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- Kunal Patel
- 5 Mare Blanchard Sam Griffin Beth Taylor
- 6 Bill Kellogg
- 8 Dave Merriman
- 11 Alan Murphy
- 12 Bill Coyle
  Brian Morris
- 13 Julie Sosebee
- 14 Mary SosebeeDonnie Troy
- 15 David NelGary Stebler
- 16 Michael DeWachter Shawn Warren
- 17 Sue Jones
- 18 Brian Futo
  Preston Sosebee
- 19 Ray Notarantonio Jr
- 21 Jake Grula
  Kim Nigrelli
  Natalie Wells
  Cathy Taylor
  Mingbo Yang
- 26 Philip KrupoffFenway Steding
- 28 Sheli Williams
- 29 Brad Durr
  Annette Green
- 30 Allyson Kotes
- 31 Will Farnsworth

# CATERING WITH KIRSTEN

By Restaurant and Event Manager Kirsten Carter



# **EMPRESS GIN & TONIC**

- 1.5oz Empress Gin (Purple in color)
- Pour over Ice in desired glass
- Top off with Tonic Water and watch your cocktail turn Pink!!!

Make it at home, or order a drink in the restaurant!



# **PETE'S EATS**

By Executive Chef Pete Madden



# POP INTO THE NEW YEAR WITH JALAPENO POPPERS!!

## Ingredients

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 8 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 12 large jalapenos

#### Instructions

- 1.In a bowl, combine cream cheese, cheddar cheese and 2/3 of the bacon until blended.
- 2.Cut each jalapeno lengthwise, and with a small spoon scrape out any seeds and veins.
- 3. Spoon cream cheese mixture into each of the hollowed pepper halves.
- 4. Arrange stuffed jalapenos in a single layer on a lightly greased baking sheet.
- 5. Bake in a 450 F oven for about 10 to 15 minutes or until cheese is lightly browned and bubbly.
- 6. Top with the remaining crumbled bacon. Serve immediately.



# DOGS OF OTGC



This is Bronco and Bentley. Also known as wiggle butts. Bronco loves his personal space, and his little brother Bentley also loves Bronco's personal space. He enjoys sitting, stepping, and laying on his brother to be as close as possible. Both dogs consider themselves lap dogs.



Bronco and Bentley's human is Kirsten!



# **SAVE THE DATE**

January 6: Men's One-Day Member
Guest

January 20: Ladies One-Day

**Member Guest** 

January 29-30: Men's Club

**Championship - Open Division** 

February 3: Men's One-Day

**Member Guest** 

February 13: Couples Mixer

February 19-20: Men's Club

Championship - Senior and Super

**Senior Division** 

March 1: Ladies 9-Hole Invitational

March 3: Men's One-Day Member

Guest

March 19: St. Patrick's Day

**Tournament** 

**April 1-2: Men's Member Guest** 

**April 6-7: Ladies Member Guest** 



# January 2021 at



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	Hours of Operation
Oon't forget we are social!						1 Men's Club 7:52 am Powerball 8:00 am Scratch Game 1:00 pm	Pro Shop: Tuesday-Sunday 7am-6pm Range: Tuesday-Saturday
Powerball 8:16 am Ladies 8:40 am	3 CLOSED	Ladies 8:52 am Ladies 9-Hole 9:28 am Coach's Game 12:00 pm	5 Men's Club 8:00 am  Scratch Game 1:00 pm  Junior Camp 3:00-5:00pm  Pub Night 5:30-8:00 pm	6 OTWGA 8:45am Men's One-Day Member Guest 1:00 pm	7 Men's Club 8:00 am  Ladies 9-Hole 9:28 am  Scratch Grame 1:00 pm  Dinner Service 5:30-8:00 pm	8 Men's Club 7:52 am  Powerball 8:00 am  Ladies 9:00 am  Scratch Game 1:00 pm	7am-7pm Sunday 7am-6pm Tuesday: Food Service 8am-3pm Bar Service
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8:16 am

MEN'S CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN DIVISION

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CLOSED

\*Please continue to make reservations for Wednesday and Friday night dinners so that we can maintain proper occupancy and social distancing. You may call 407.351.4041, or email restaurant@orangetreegolfclub.com And remember, you may call up to and during dinner service.

Carryout is always available too!