

# SPORTS NEWS

## SHONIS

By Tom Zades

Tuesday, February 12 was chilly but dry, so 17 Shonis came out to play this morning. Conditions weren't really much better than February 5, per Captain Bonnie Evans, when the members of the "polar bear foursome" (as they called themselves) were the only hardy souls to brave the elements. During the rainy season, avid golfers are not going to miss many opportunities to play!



**Julianna Wahlgren, Shoni's Captain Trophy winner for February.**

The Captain's trophy for February went to Julianna Wahlgren for her net 23. Congratulations, Julianna! And kudos to Tricia Hardt for a nice 20-foot chip-in on hole #2. Alas, no birdies were reported today.

Are you in the Fast Lane? In addition to the Monday-Wednesday-Friday editions, a Tuesday Fast Lane was launched on February 5. Tuesday Fast lane is entirely dedicated to golf! Teddy Morse is sending in Shoni and other golf-related information for us. Check out the new local out-of-bounds and lost ball rules. Get updates on tournaments and Pro Shop programs. Be sure to read the golf tips from our pros. Get in the Fast Lane!

### Chip Shot:

Pro to guest golfer: "Did you play the course today?"

Guest: "Yes. I had a good game!"

Pro: "How did you find the greens today?"

Guest: "I just walked to the end of the fairways, and there they were!"

## TABLE TENNIS

### *Come, Rain or Shine!*

By Tony Berg

Whatever the weather the Montgomery Multipurpose Room is always dry and welcoming!

Drop in on the Ping Pong group any Wednesday afternoon between 3 and 5 p.m. and see why so many newcomers (or returning players) are finding an hour or so playing Ping Pong is good for keeping fit in any weather.

Ping Pong is the perfect way to get a little exercise with friendly and encouraging, like-minded people. Some of the Drop in Ping Pong players have never played before—but with no experience (or just fond memories of games played many years ago) everyone quickly gets the hang of things, joining in the fun and getting some useful exercise too. Often a patient and experienced member of the Table Tennis Club drops in to offer friendly advice and guidance. So don't hold back in fear of being out of your depth.

Drop in to the Montgomery Multipurpose Room any Wednesday afternoon between 3 and 5 p.m. to see how Ping Pong can be a good way to meet people, get a gentle workout and make new friends.

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Sue Daughtrey

Well another rainy day and for most, no golf. This particular day we gave up our lunch anyway because the Italian Club needed our club room to decorate for their Valentine's Day dinner dance. Just a few things to remind our members about upcoming events.

First of all, we will be (weather permitting) starting our EC cards the first Thursday in March. If you have any questions regarding the EC, please call Janice LeCompte or Lyn Strong.

The WGANC Open day here at The Villages will be on March 21. We are hoping that it will be a go this year. Please consider signing up for this fun event.

Other Open Days coming up are Almaden G&CC on March 5, Discovery Bay on March 5, Contra Costa Thursday on March 7 and Green Hills CC on March 7. You can sign up in the posting room.

If you have any questions in regard to Open Days, please call Dianne Doughty at 408-239-0714. Let's look forward to the sunshine!

## SWINGERS

By Pam McCarthy

Swingers...this article is as dismal as our cold and wet weather. There is very little to report. Even the Pro Shop was closed on Wednesday so the score cards could not be picked up. Please consider saving the date, Sunday, April 28 for the Annual Swinging for the Memories Classic benefiting the Alzheimer's Association of America held here at the Villages.

February 26: M & M Tournament

March 1: VGCC Meeting 9 a.m. Montgomery Center

March 12: General Meeting and Luncheon at the Clubhouse

April 16: Guest Day

May 9: Exchange Day at Stanford

## PICKLEBALL

### *Pickleball Club hosts USA Pickleball Association Ambassadors*

By Larry Martinson

On February 15, the Pickleball Club welcomed Michael and Princess Leong to The Villages. They represent the USA Pickleball Association as ambassadors for the San Jose region. During a lunch in The Bistro Garry Gray and Larry Martinson provided them with an update on the pickleball activities at The Villages and shared the vision for new dedicated pickleball courts. Mike and Princess expressed their desire to help the Pickleball Club in any way they can. After lunch they had planned a demonstration on courts 5 and 6, only to find it raining. Instead the group moved to the Clubhouse where they were joined by about 10 other Pickleball Club members who came to meet the ambassadors. They provided information about their role as ambassadors and how the sport is growing rapidly in the Bay Area and around the globe. Once we have dedicated pickleball courts, they said we would have an opportunity to host a state tournament which not only would benefit our Pickleball Club but provide positive visibility for The Villages and represent a large revenue generating opportunity for the Club food and beverages operations.



**Princess and Michael Leong**

Mike and Princess have agreed to come back to The Villages on April 2 to be the SIR #114 speakers. All Villagers are welcome to come hear their talk at 12:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. In addition, there will be a demonstration by them afterwards at courts 5 and 6, weather permitting. See you then!

Reminder: Articles are due by 4:30 p.m.  
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