

## PICKLEBALL



**Yellow Team Champs—Dave Hathaway, Sherry Benz, Bob Schuck, Rick McKee.**



**New Pickleball Officers and Chairpersons. Back Row: Garry Gray, Larry Martinson, Bill Pomeranz, Frank Houghton, David Cook. Front Row: Anahid Gregg, Ginny Spencer, Robyn Siebenthal, Linda Eige.**

### By Kay Gray

Last Saturday the Pickleball Club held a team pickleball tournament. It was a beautiful spring day. There were four teams (blue, red, yellow, green) with 40 Villagers participating. Each team had women's, men's and mixed doubles categories. The yellow team led by captain Mike Walias were the champions with the most wins. Blue team came in second followed by green and then red. Those players who were undefeated were Mark Gregg, Bob Schuck, Greg Stewart and Fred Mathis. Each participant played between two to four games. A big thank you to Sherry Benz for organizing the tournament and Robyn Siebenthal for putting together drinks and snacks for all the players.

On Sunday the Pickleball Club held its annual meeting at the Foothill Center. An overview of the year was given by president Garry Gray followed by the election of new club officers. The new officers are Larry Martinson-president, Bill Pomeranz-vice president, Kathi Ashby-secretary, Betty Olsen-treasurer, and Sheryl Ruth-tournament director. Larry presented his goals for 2019. The club members enjoyed appetizers and desserts prepared by everyone. Another big thank you to Robyn Siebenthal for organizing the event. A great time was had by all! For more information go to [villagespickleball.org](http://villagespickleball.org)



## Golf Course Walking Hours

Mondays – Prior to 1 p.m. and after 7 p.m.

Tuesdays – Prior to 8:45 a.m. and after 7 p.m.

Wednesdays – Prior to 7 a.m. and after 7 p.m.

Thursdays – Prior to 8 a.m. and after 7 p.m.

Fridays to Sundays – prior to 7 a.m. and after 7 p.m.

As the summer progresses, walking will be prohibited until after 8 p.m. and we will keep you informed as times change. Let's remember to be safe! It's about safety, nothing else! Thank you for your cooperation.

## Tennis Club scholarship events—note date correction

Four scholarships, totaling \$2,000, will be awarded to hard-working and highly qualified Silver Creek HS students. In its 15th year, the Villages Tennis Scholarship is the largest scholarship award to Silver Creek High School. The scholarship winners will be announced soon.

The Villages Tennis Scholarship Committee has been busy planning the fundraising tournament, dinner and auction for April 27 and 28. The dinner is April 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Foothill Center. **Please note the dates were previously listed incorrectly.** Sign up at the Tennis Hut to reserve your fun-filled evening. The cost is \$20 per Tennis Club member, \$25 per guest to be billed to your Villages account.

Cancellations after April 25 will be billed to your account. Please bring your dinnerware, drinks and money fifty-fifty raffle and take part in the silent auction of dinners, golf and tennis items and more!

These events, in addition to individual monetary gifts, provide the funds to continue the annual scholarships. The Scholarship Committee members are Wendy Ferguson, Jim Ferguson, Phyllis Seeger, Akiko Giordino, Melinda Dobbs, Suzie Hathaway, Cheryl Diltz, Michael Diltz, Phil Hawkinson, Howie Blumstein, and Claire Hintergardt. Congratulations to the Evergreen community businesses and residents who continue to donate services and funds! Their generosity is vital to the fundraising. Donations may be sent to The Villages Tennis Club, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.



**Tennis Scholarship Committee members Jim Ferguson, Claire Hintergardt, Wendy Ferguson, Phyllis Seeger, Melinda Dobbs and Suzi Hathaway.**

## FROM THE PRO

By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

**Swinging for Memories Golf Classic benefiting the Alzheimer's Association—Shotgun is Full. Waiting list started! Still space for lunch only.** Many ways to give. Donations are welcome! Our Second Annual Swinging for Memories Classic benefiting the Alzheimer's Association of America is Sunday, April 28. Let's join together and fight this terrible disease!

### Upcoming Events

**Home & Home** – Thursday, April 11. 1:10 p.m. Shotgun. Course closed for Twilight Play that afternoon.

**Men's Club Spring Open Tournament** – Saturday, April 20. 8 a.m. Shotgun. 1 p.m. Charity Shotgun – Golf Course closed at 1 p.m.

**Swinging for Memories Golf Classic** – Sunday, April 28. Golf + Lunch benefiting the Alzheimer's Association of America. 9:30 a.m. Shotgun. 3 p.m. Open Play Tee Times.

**Pro Shop Spring Shoe Sale!** From now through May 5 all shoes in the Pro Shop 20 to 40 percent off! Skechers, Footjoy, New Balance. Many sizes and styles to choose from...all provide great golf performance combined with exceptional comfort! Sale applies to in-stock items only

**Spring Aeration Continues**—Greens aeration was completed successfully. The Par-3 Course, the practice putting green and both the Montgomery and Vineyard chipping greens will all be aerated on Monday, April 15. The tees will be aerated shortly after...specific days TBD.

**Get Golf Ready for Beginners**—five one-hour plus Sessions for \$120. Every Saturday at 3 p.m. April 20 through May 18. If you ever wondered about the game of golf, or just wanted to learn to play, this is the perfect class for you. We will discuss the logistics of the game and all it entails; plus we will cover how to play with instruction on putting, chipping, the full swing and driver, plus playing golf on the golf course. Sign up as a single, pair or small group. Email Scott Steele, PGA Director of Golf at [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)

### Golf Course Projects

The stream and pond repair on #9 & #18 has been delayed due to persistent inclement weather. The liner needs to dry for 10-14 days before repairs can start. We hope to complete this project in late April if the weather will cooperate.

The first week of May, we will be repairing the ramps on hole #5 and #10 and adding a new material for safe foot traffic. This walking material will also be installed on the bridges on holes #9 and #18 at the same time.

The golf course landscaping areas will all be upgraded starting April 17. We will remove all the wooden dowels and add new fresh bark and landscaping plants and rocks to these areas. Some areas will also have nice borders installed around the landscaping. This will create a consistent and clean look to all of our landscaping on the golf course.

### Tips from the Pro – Scott Steele

#### The Pressure Principle...

How often do you focus on your grip pressure, or pressure points? My guess is probably not often. But the fact of the matter is, grip pressure and how the fingers and hands hold the club are extremely important. Here are a few scenarios to think about:

**Grip pressure**...in golf, a softer grip pressure is preferable to a tight grip which inhibits wrist action and the resultant club lag needed to create speed.

**Pressure points**...feel the last three fingers of your left hand and the right thumb and forefinger as the pressure points...do not squeeze the grip with all of your fingers nor your palm.

**Deep Rough**...to keep the club stable and avoid fast twisting in the rough, grip the handle tighter when playing out of deep rough.

**High-soft pitch**...in order to create a soft landing approach, reduce your grip pressure by 20 percent when hitting a high, soft pitch shot around the green.

If you tend to slice the ball, think about relaxing your left hand, and increasing the pressure on your right thumb and forefinger.

If you tend to hook the ball, try relaxing your right hand and increasing the pressure on the last 3 fingers of your left hand.