



February 2024 Newsletter



Hello Water's Edge!

We've had a great start to our 2023 – 2024 Season! December ended with a Christmas Eve gift exchange/happy hour and caroling, which was a huge success. Also, the Christmas Dinner hosted by Joanne Horn and Lisa and Tony LaRose. And our annual fire and music on New Year's Eve. Great ending to 2023! Now let's get ready for February!

Diane C.



**Shareholder's Meeting is
Tuesday, February 6th at
9:30am. This meeting is for
Shareholders only.**

From Tema:

It has been a wild ride these past 2 years after our recovery from Hurricane Ian! I have to say as a community, we came together, we conquered, and continue to move forward! We are blessed to have each other and a great community!!!

Christmas Eve/Day went off with a bang this year! We had a great time with the gift swap/exchange for Christmas Eve. Everyone that participated this year brought/received fantastic gifts! It was a great turnout with the amount of people that participated. Lots of fun and memories made during the swap this year. After the gift swap/exchange we rode around the park with our golf carts playing/singing Christmas carols, so much fun! We ended Christmas Eve caroling in front of the office singing and dancing.

We had a great December, lets continue to have an awesome season and making memories.





Recipe:

An amazing Christmas recipe:

Prepare a tent to keep us dry and warm. Add Homemade eggnog, Billy making Bloody Mary's, and Lou serving Mimosa's. A pot of Wonderful clam chowder and delish appetizers to put the appetite on alert.....dinner is getting close! Uncover 40# of baked ham, and a couple of scrumptious turkeys, not to mention multiple Sides! of Everything! Imaginable!!! Cranberries, taters, stuffing, veggies!! Follow with a Dessert table chock full of sweet treats. Mix above with the very best Friends, neighbors, and loved ones you can only imagine having, count your many blessings, and have the happiest of Christmas meals ever! Thank y'all for coming!

- Joanne Horn



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The 2ND Annual Fishing Derby was held Saturday, January 13th. It was a great success again this year. Other than waiting for the rain to stop, everything went smoothly. There were 41 people who signed up with 36 participating. Thirty (30) fish total were caught. The winner was Howie Ruff who was the lucky winner of both categories; the heaviest fish – a large mouth bass weighing 3.13 pounds, and the longest at 22 inches (same fish). Total prize for both categories was \$190.00.

We are planning another derby February 17th.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked hard ensuring all figures were accurate and took pictures of all the fish caught, the two women who worked the registration table, the two women who cooked the food, and all who brought a dish to pass. I thank you all.

I would also like to thank the Water's Edge Social Committee for providing equipment needed. I hope a good time was had by all.

Albert Verheyen, Chairman
Water's Edge Fishing Derby





February Happenings – Special Events:

- 5th – Scavenger Hunt & Happy Hour 3pm at pool
- 9th – Clive Live 6:30pm in tent
- 11th – Super Bowl Party 5:30pm in tent
- 14th – Fire & Music 7:00pm – **Happy Valentine's Day!**
- 16th – J&K Mobile Food Truck 4-7pm at Firepit
- 17th – 2nd & ½ Annual Fishing Derby 8am
- 18th – Ice Cream Social – 3-4pm in tent
- 19th – Chili Cook Off & Happy Hour 4pm in tent
- 21st – Poker Run & Happy Hour 3:30pm at pool
- 27th – Camper Coffee 9:30am in tent – Coffee & Donuts provided!



BINGO is every Tuesday at 6:30 in the tent run by Donna Hopkins, with the help of Banker, Joyce Loop. Ticket sellers are Evie Holst, Pat Denman and Shirley Andrzejewski. Our callers are Bob Kranock, Bob Tater and Milt Weeks.

The cost is \$7 for 3 chances for 9 games, plus \$1 for the Water's Edge number (the pot is a dollar for every person in attendance). How to win is explained by the caller. We also play 2 special games for a dollar per sheet (3 chances).

You can buy as many as you can play. We then play a coverall at the end for a dollar per sheet.

Please come join us – the more people that play, the bigger the pots!

- Donna Hopkins

LIVE MUSIC! with Clive Live!

Friday, February 9th! 6:30 p.m. In the Tent!

Come and join in the fun as we listen and dance to some of our favorite music with all our friends at Water's Edge!



CHILI COOKOFF – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH at 4:00pm IN THE TENT, AND A HAPPY HOUR OF COURSE! MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Please see your calendar for regular activities. **All are welcome (shareholder and guests/renters) to our Social Events.**

Please keep an eye out for updates in the office hallway and from parkinfo@watersedgervresort.com (which is for social events only).

Water's Edge 2nd^{-1/2} Annual Fishing Derby

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

8 AM TO 12:00 NOON

ENTRANCE FEE IS \$5.00 PER PERSON

Prizes for the Longest Fish & paying 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

**** Prize for whoever catches the Tagged Fish****

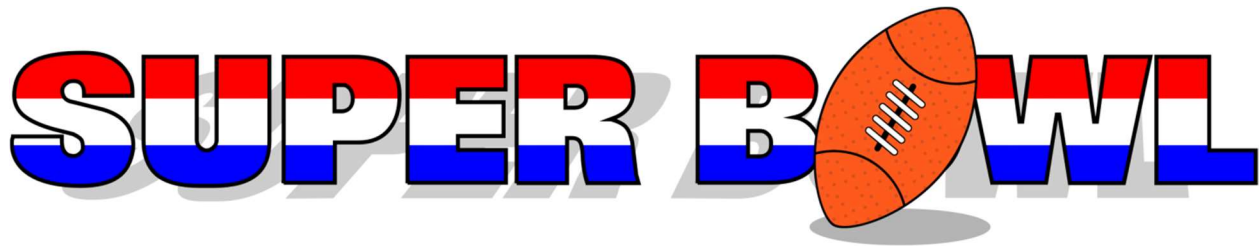
Rules & Regulations:

- Derby only open to Water's Edge owners & renters only!
- Must use a fishing pole
- Derby starts at 8 am sharp and ends at 12 noon
- No dog food or corn may be used to catch fish, including using it to lure fish to where you are fishing
- You may use live bait (worms, shrimp and fishing lures, such as flies, plugs, spoons, etc.)
- The money collected will be divided and given to the three top winners. Again, prizes for the top 3 longest fish.
- One prize per person. Prize money split for tie.
- Special prize for the person who catches the fish that is tagged.
- If no fish are caught, we will try again on Saturday, February 24th from 8 am to 12 noon (if no other events are planned).
- All fish must be caught in our pond – please not from any stores! 😊
- We are also planning a get together in the tent after the derby.

Sign up in office hallway!

Good luck!

Contact info: Al Verheyn – Site M-39



Are You Ready For Some Football?
You're Invited to A Super Bowl Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th - 5:30 PM - ?

In the tent!

Please bring a chair if you don't want to sit at a picnic table.

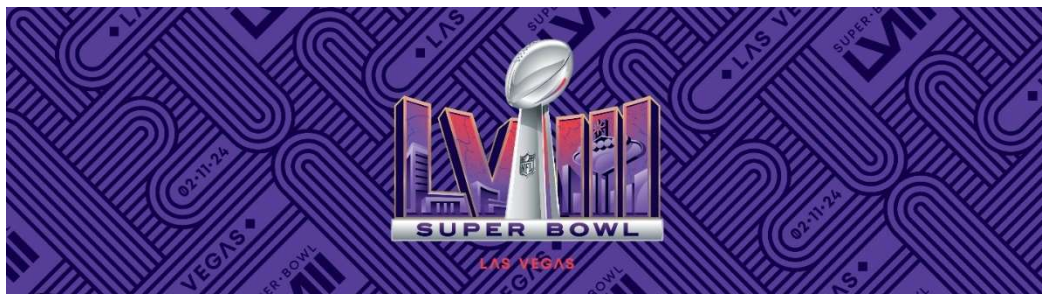
Join us for food, awesome commercials, a halftime show, and oh yeah, someone said something about a football game (No Matter Who's Playing).

Football squares will be available for \$5.00 a square, and a 50/50 drawing – 6 tickets for \$5.00!

Bring a Dish to Share and Beverage of Your Choice

Sign-up sheet is in the office hallway.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Golf Scramble Tournament

For the Water's Edge Scramble on Monday, January 15th, there was a good turnout. We had 32 players, which was great, except for the rain that hit us near the end. Our first place team was Jim Frost, Al, Vane, Mike Braeger and Steve Wagner - great job guys at nine under. There was a tie for second place with Chris Wolstenholm, Steve Godfrey, Dave Malcolm and Lenny Daugherty; and team Dave Escher, Mark Keiser, Mark Milbourne and Tim Foley - great job both teams at five under. We had four closest to the pins - Dave Malcolm, Tim Foley, Lester Allaband and Mike Braeger - great job all four players.

We are planning a scramble in March for end of season - same format. Hope to see everybody! It's a lot of fun, minus the rain.

Our regular Monday golf is still the same. 9:06 tee time - group text will go out on Sundays to find out who's playing.

Steve Godfrey



POKER RUN

If you haven't come out and joined us on our poker run, you don't know what you are missing. If you don't play, you can't win. We have had two poker runs. Our next Poker Run is at the pool on February 21st. Starts at 3:30. Cost is \$5.00 if you want an extra card, you can get on for a \$1.00. First, second and third place win money. Come on out and join the fun! See you in February!



Cornhole - Let the season begin. Every Friday at 1:00, we are playing Cornhole. If it is raining, look for us to be playing in the tent. We play luck of the draw and double elimination. We started keeping tabs on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners to participate in the winner's tournament at the end of the season. Don't let that keep you from coming out, every skill level is welcome to play. We are looking forward to seeing you Friday!



We had our first **Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, January 14th, and considering the amount of rain, and how chilly it was, I have to say it was a success. There were approximately 25 people who weathered the weather 😊 and enjoyed the different flavors of ice cream and toppings. We even had someone suggest maybe hot chocolate the next time....lol

So, we will be doing this again next month!



Sammy Jo and Karaoke! What a blast everyone had with a packed “House” in our tent! Four hours of singing, dancing and laughing. We have many “talented” people in our Water’s Edge home. As promised, Diane did not take any videos, but I know there are a few out there you may want to check out. LOL - Here are a few pictures of some of our “Stars” below:



**WE ARE FAMILY!
WATER'S EDGE!**

Our next **camper's coffee** is Tuesday, January 30th at 9:30 am in the tent. Coffee and donuts are provided. **Everyone** come and join us as we discuss what will be happening in February.



50/50 raffle tickets are sold at all Camper's Coffees & all social parties. \$5 FOR 6 tickets. There will be a weekly drawing every Friday at Cornhole at 2 pm (or if there is an event that Friday evening) with tickets being sold during the week at Bocce & Cornhole. That way there are more chances to be a winner! Please make sure that if you will not be at the drawing, to write your name or site number on the ticket.

The proceeds from these drawings go towards our entertainment and supplies for our Water's Edge parties and other events. You are all helping and it is much appreciated.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR MARCH 2024:

1st - Tropical Avenue (5 piece band) 7-10 pm

6th - Poker Run & HH 3 pm

11th - Pool Fun Day & HH 3pm

15th - J&K Mobile Food Truck

24th - Ice Cream Social 3-4 pm

26th - Camper Coffee & Donuts 9:30 am (everyone is welcome)

26th - Cornhole Tournament of Champions 1 pm

29th - Cornhole End of Season Tournament 1 pm



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

With Josie Tillyou



PHIL MURPHY S-51

Life Motto: "Live by Integrity, Kindness, Honesty and Fairness."

About Phil

Phil was born in Dansville NY & brought up in the small town of Marcellus NY, south of Rochester. His father was his first role model demonstrating hard work, loyalty to family & moral ethics to their 9 children. Phil was becoming very "self-sufficient" at the early age of 12, he began mowing lawns & started landscaping work. His little business flourished quickly. Being second oldest of his siblings, he chose to quit school at 15yrs old to help his family, proudly buying their first refrigerator & his own motor scooter to get to work proving as someone once said, "Adversity introduces a man to himself."

One year later the Village of Marcellus hired him for mechanical & construction work. This began his interest in constructing buildings & repairing large equipment. Seeing the new finished result was very rewarding to him & to this day he still enjoys both.

Phil joined the Navy at 17 & because of his previous work experience, they placed him in the SEABEES Battalion, working with what he knew best. Phil was honored to be serving our country! He was stationed in Cuba, Africa, New Found Land & his favorite place, Eleuthera Bahamas. "I was a beach bum on this 110 mile Island. There, I was able to be Diving, Snorkeling, swimming as much as time would allow. I still remember gently swimming away from a school of Barracudas." While still in those beautiful Caribbean waters, he & his Navy buddies got a 55 gal drum, added an old 6 cylinder gas engine (just for the enjoyment of repairing & building)! They called it their "Yacht." Phil left the Navy in 1957, with a wealth of knowledge, experience & fortitude. I asked him is there is any other occupation that he would like? 'Oh no" he answered quickly, then paused to think for just a second & laughingly said "I think being a Lawyer would be very interesting 😊!" (I believe he could still achieve that, if he wishes to.)



He met his wife Nancy thru a friend on a blind date & were married in 1958. They raised two sons to have the same wonderful traits they shared with each other. When asked, "what quality do you think is most important in marriage?" he believes, "Love & religion." Phil's beautiful bride of 65 years passed away in May 2023 & he still misses her dearly.

Q&A with Phil

Would you rather be a musician, artist or athlete? Athlete

What is your best personality trait? My strong moral values.

What do you like most in a friend? Good character.

What was the best advice you received? In 7th grade an older girl from my school said: you're a good kid but you're hanging out with the wrong guys.

What is the most significant problem facing the world? North Korea

Who has inspired you as a mentor? you as a mentor? Lester Norris, a Funeral Director. I really looked up to him. He was a member of The Masons & became Mayor of our Village. Phil joined the Masons in 1964.

What is your greatest achievement? I was Boy Scout Leader for 17 years & received every award given by the College of Commissioner Science & was nominated District Commissioner from Stuben Area Council for my role as a leader. greatest achievement? I was Boy Scout Leader for 17 years & received every award given by the College of Commissioner Science & was nominated District Commissioner from Stuben Area Council for my role as a leader.



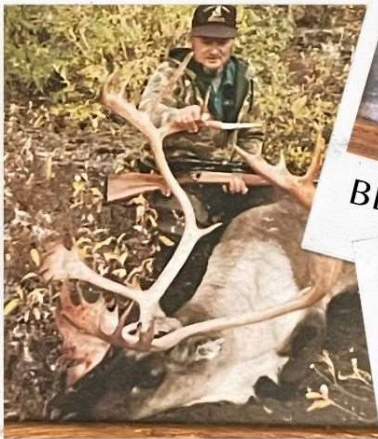
In Phil's "spare time", he built his home & their sons' homes. He bought an old trailer park & within five years, had put in electricity, plumbing & sewer, increased the acreage to the park & poured more concrete & ran the park for 13 yrs. Are we tired yet? He sold it, decided to tear down a large old metal building & built another huge one in its place. Half of the building was now a John Deer Store (the man finally got into toys!). The other half he turned into a Sporting Goods Store. Phil is the most avid hunter I have ever met, so it did not surprise me when he said guns were the number one seller in his store. Allow me to brag on his excellent aim with a gun.....

He has hunted big game in NY, PA, TX, Idaho, New Brunswick, 1000 miles up Northern Quebec, Alaska, & his biggest prize was in 1972 from the Yukon Territory in Canada. He hunted the largest grizzly bear that year, which went into the Book of World Records!

To challenge himself in his "spare time" Phil hiked 600 miles in the Finger Lakes Region in 40 days!! Jumped out of a perfectly good plane at age 75, did that same unnerving thing at age 80 & would like to do it AGAIN when he turns 90!



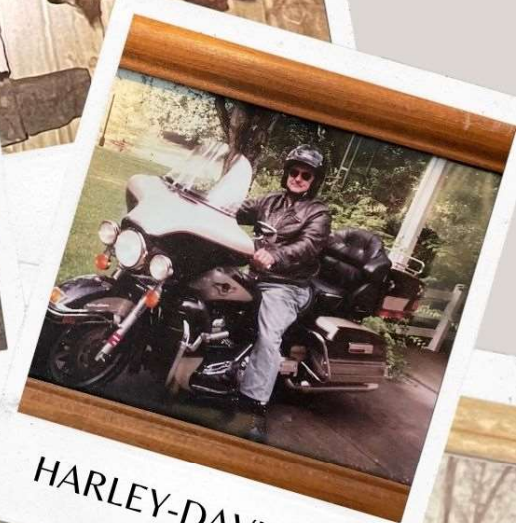
Phil & Nancy camped at W's Edge many times before they decided to stay in 1998. While back in Rochester for the summer of 2004, Hurricane Charlie came thru in Aug & totally devastated this park. He quickly came down to help. Phil was of course, great at repairing & rebuilding! The next 4 to 5 yrs he volunteered his help, while repairing & running all the equipment. He served 2 terms on the board & also became President! The impact that he and Nancy had on this park is remarkable. He admitted that he's had a very busy life then slowly nodding he added "busy, yes, but a very good life, I miss Nancy!"



BEAR HUNT



GRAND CANYON



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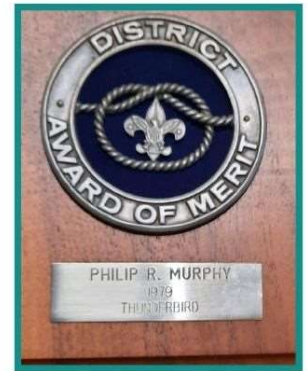
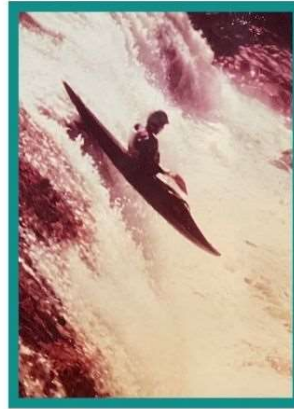


NANCY



#1 PRIZE

MORE ADVENTURES AWAIT!



Phil's Favorites

Favorite pastime? **Fishing and reading**
Favorite author? **None, I read any book in front of me that sounds good.**
What destination is left on your bucket list? **The Arches in UT.**
Favorite restaurant in PG? **Elena's**
Favorite Food? **Prime Rib**
Favorite dessert? **Mince Pie**



Thank you, Phil, for this privilege of getting to know you & allowing me to share your fun-filled, wonderful life with our Water's Edge friends.

Can't wait for your next adventures but when you celebrate 90, I'm staying **INSIDE** the plane !



The Yah Yah Girls, home of
The Back Pack Kidz
of Charlotte County

Water's Edge continues to sponsor "The Back Pack Kidz".

This is a program so the children of Charlotte County do not go hungry. So, if you are able, please make a donation of some of the food that is listed, or feel free to make a monetary donation. 100% of every donation goes to the children.

Food must be single portion, child-friendly (easy to open, non-perishable, no heating or refrigeration required). The school district requires there be no peanut butter or nuts. All food must be in sealed containers or wrapped - we cannot give food items such as fresh fruit or items that may have been opened before the child receives them.

**If making a monetary
donation, please make check
payable to:
Back Pack Kidz & mail to:**

**Back Pack Kidz
24440 Manchester Trail
Punta Gorda FL 33980**

Suggested Items:

Capri-Sun Drink Pouches
Pudding Cups
Yoo-Hoo Drink
Fruit Cups in 100% Fruit Juice
Chef Boyardee Ravioli or Beefaroni w/Flip Top (small can)
Apple Sauce Cups
Cereal Boxes or Bowls
Fruit Snacks
Rice Krispy Treats
Breadsticks 'N Cheese Snacks
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**Thank you in advance for your
generosity.**

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