

WATER'S EDGE RV RESORT

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

What a great season this has been. We started in the fall with our "new" tent, and we've been partying ever since.

We want to give a shout out to everyone who came and supported Water's Edge and all the things we have done this year. Thank you all, and hope you had as much fun as we did!

There will be an email going out shortly with a short survey about the things we've done this year. Just follow the instructions.

Wishing you all a fantastic spring and summer, and hope to see you all in the fall!



Diane C.

Now for the last newsletter of our camping season and a recap of the past couple of weeks:



March 11th was the 2nd golf scramble tournament of the year. A big thank you to Steve Godfrey for organizing this event.

First place winners from the golf scramble were the team of Joe Micklow, Lester Allaband, Steve Baker and Mark Milbourne.

Second place team members were John Colsanti, Steve Godfrey, Robert Klopatek and Lynn Clute.

Closest to the pins were Jonathan Maurice and John Colsanti. Both players won twice.

A big thank you to Bob and Joan for helping out on the lunch. It was a beautiful sunny day - great day, great golf!

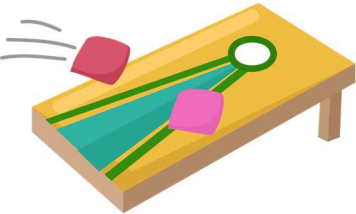
Hi! This is Chris Wolstenholm, M-35. I would like to thank everyone that came to water aerobics this winter season. I had fun and I hope you did as well. We had a lot of laughs, got more flexible, stronger, and stayed after class for W.E. 'Noodle News'. I hope everyone has a great summer and fall, and see you back here for 2025!



What would our **Annual St. Paddy Day Feast** be without Steve Godfrey and his cooking buddies, Wayne Savage, Phil Bolyard and Ted Legros? So glad we got to continue this great tradition! The food was amazing, the Irish music playing in the background was delightful, and to do this all with our friends! Doesn't get any better than that. Thank you, gentlemen, for a wonderful evening.



BOCCE Best Costume winners were Nancy Schilling, Heather Legros, Sally Tibbetts and Pam Deal



Wow! It's been 10 years since we started having **Cornhole** tournaments. This year's winners were Phil Bolyard and his grandson P3 and they got to sign the "Pig". Congratulations to Phil and P3.

Larry and I introduced cornhole to the park when we were renters back in 2011 and look at it now. We went from playing it on M40, then Builder Bob built us 2 sets of boards and we moved playing cornhole to the pool. As more and more people got interested in playing, we got kicked out of the pool and were moved over by the fire pit. With all the new construction starting, hopefully you can play it at the pool again. Larry and I have enjoyed running cornhole and meeting all the new people that have come and gone in our park. We thank each of you for coming out on Fridays and playing cornhole with us.



Hall of Fame

2015 Sandy Neal and Pam Toler	2020
2016 Steve Godfrey and Pam Toler	2021 Phil Bolyard and Dale Henderson
2017 Jeff Alfieri and Pam Toler	2022 Phil Bolyard and Dennis Miller
2018 Debbie Alfieri and Len	2023 Phil Bolyard and Bob S
2019 Jeff Alfieri and Curtis Davis	2024 Phil Bolyard and Phil 3



Our Tournament of Champions for 2024 are Chris Wolstenholm and Phil Bolyard. During the year each player accumulates points for coming in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place. The top 8 people get to play this game. It was a great day to watch everybody play. Congratulations to Chris and Phil!

Marcia Hodson

We had Sammy Jo back for **Karaoke** on the most wet and windy day ever. Great turnout out considering....and great time as always!



We brought back the **Park Jam** and we are so glad we did. What a great day of wonderful music by our own peeps! A big thank you to Glen Philips, John Colsanti and Al Verheyn. And to our singers. You can catch Glen at Gilcrest Park on Tuesdays jamming with his friends.

A special thank you to our guests, Grace and Al Hamilton. They winter in Port Charlotte and live in Listowel, Ontario, Canada. Al has played his fiddle at many old-time venues, as well as formerly here at Waters Edge. Grace is an accomplished musician. Not only does she play guitar and sing, her piano skills honor old time music as well.

We got some great feedback on this and hope to do more park jams next season. So, whoever can play tunes, on whatever instrument you have, bring it on!



We finally had an **Ice Cream Social** where the weather was beautiful! And what a difference with sunshine and warmth. We had a full house in the tent and the ice cream and company were awesome. Thank you to all who came out.



EASTER DINNER

Thank you to Joanne Horn for again hosting her Annual Easter Dinner for the park. The food was delicious and it was nice to see most everyone before they start to head back up north.



Our Water's Edge lake buddy, Fred, got a little big and a little friendly. So, Fred was scooped out of his former home here and he is now resting comfortably in his new home. Heard he has a couple girlfriends and is enjoying the good life!



Thank you to Bruce Patterson for the wonderful pics of our Fred.



HELLO
Spring



Bruce Patterson P-06

*Getting To Know You
with Josie Tilyou*



Bruce Patterson's ancestors came from Scotland. He was born in London, Ontario Canada & has three siblings. Interesting enough to mention... his parents lived close to 3 other families also named Patterson & none of the families were related! When he was 5yrs old, his family moved to St Paul, MN, where he attended elementary School & like most Kindergarteners, he wanted to be a Fireman. Mrs. Brown, his 6th grade teacher was very inspirational for his commitment to learning well, "She made me work!" Looking back, He admits she became his mentor that helped change his direction at a very young age.

While in High School, Bruce started working at 14 yrs old at a Full Service Gas Stations. Yes, he was one of the attendants that use to carry around a rag to eagerly check oil levels & pump gas for us in the good old days. (I think it would be a unanimous vote that everyone misses that kind of service:). Bruce played soccer for a while but knew that would not be his calling in life, as well as never having to speak Latin again!

He went on to Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. While there he worked in Food Service, but in his heart, he really wanted to be a Photographer. During those fun College days, his friends, James & Sandy Meister (P-66) introduced him to his now wife Mari! They sat & talked at Meister's Bar for their first date & before long on July 13, 1993, this quiet gentle soul decided to marry Mari in the quiet city of LAS VEGAS!!:)

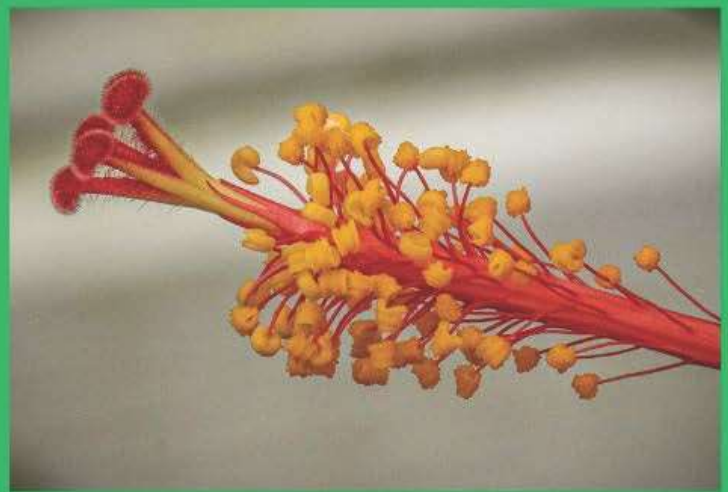
One year Bruce & Mari were visiting their friends, (Meisters P-66) who were camping at W's Edge.



They returned as snowbirds & fell in love with Punta Gorda. He has been a shareholder since 2015 & finally in 2022 Bruce became an American Citizen. This guy is just full of sweet surprises.

During his honeymoon years, Bruce worked at North West Airlines for 20 yrs. He continued to enjoy cameras but also learned to repair Clocks! Sounds like his 6th grade teacher taught him very well. He decided to start his own business repairing them. All was good... until the day his lovely bride retired! He immediately decided to join her great idea on that very same day!! In this new found freedom, his vision of taking up photography was finally going to happen!

Need I say his favorite pastime since retirement is photography? All the photos in this interview were taken by him right in our beautiful park & the surrounding areas! He may have started much later in life than he wished, but in my eyes, he has pretty much mastered photography.



Q & A

"FAVORITES" QUESTIONS

What is the most beautiful drive you have taken? Going through the Sun Highway at Rocky Mt. National Park.

What is your favorite restaurant in PG & your favorite snack? Italia, in downtown & my go to snack is pretzels.

What was your favorite meal as a child? Beanies & wienees!

What is your favorite music to listen to? Southern Rock, Lynard Skynyrd.

What do you like to watch on TV? Comedy, especially British comedy, and Documentaries.

Who is your favorite author? "JRR Tolken author of The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings.... I like Sci-Fi."

"CONTEMPLATIVE" QUESTIONS

What has been the most spiritual experience in your life? Getting married.

What quality is most important in a marriage? Honesty and fidelity.

What do you deplore most in others? Lying.

"WHAT IF" QUESTIONS

If you could complete one item on your "bucket list", what would it be?

I want to go to Bosque Del Apache in New Mexico. It's a National Wildlife Preserve, they have tons of different birds.

If you could donate 1 million dollars to a charity, which would you choose?

Animal Welfare League in Port Charlotte or Humane Society.

If you could take away ANY risk, what is one dangerous things you would like to do?

Sky dive.

If you could find anything at a garage sale what would it be?

High-end yellow Vaseline glass, very hard to find.

If you could have lessons from any professional who would that be?

David du Chemin, he's a world-renowned Photographer & the person I admire most.







**Bruce, you make our little touch of paradise in FL more beautiful through your lens. You said, one of your favorite Photographer is Clyde Butcher, but now YOU are one of mine.
Thank you for letting us “get to know you.”**

