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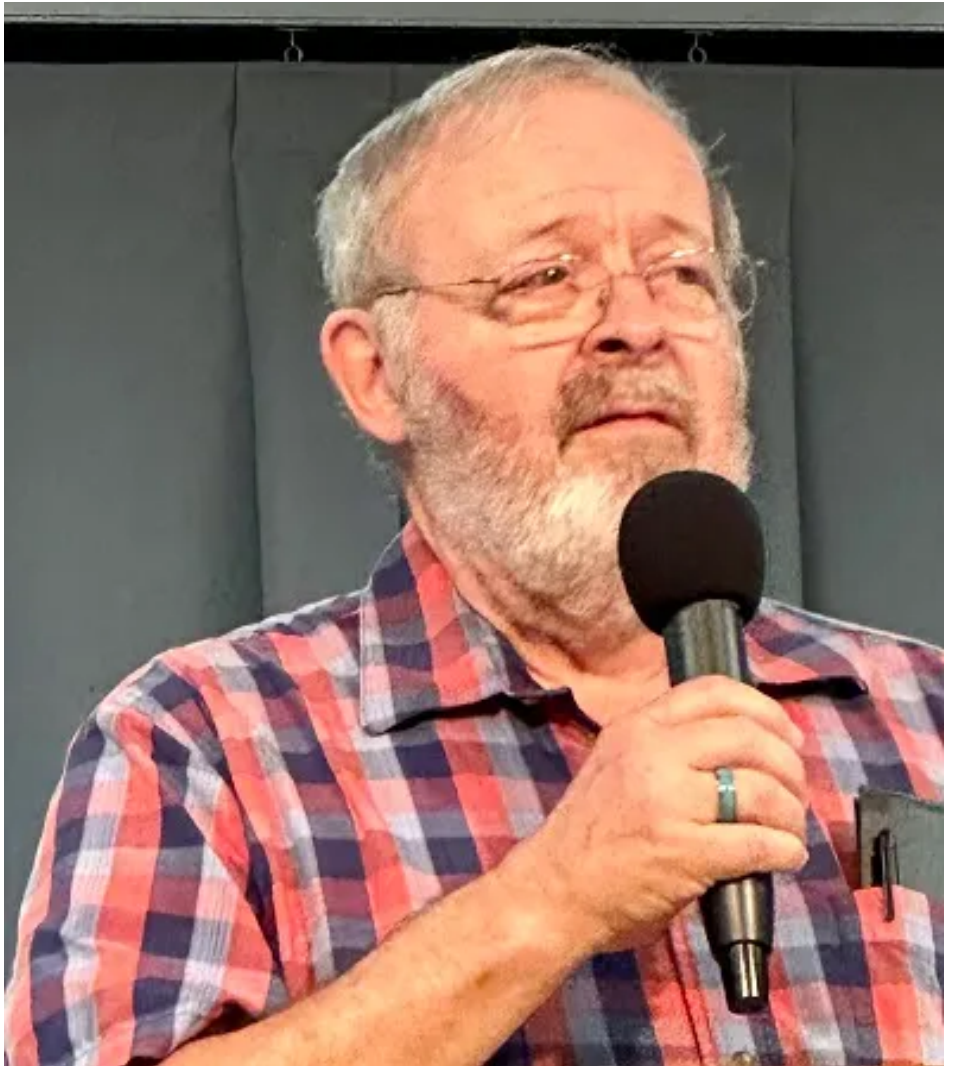
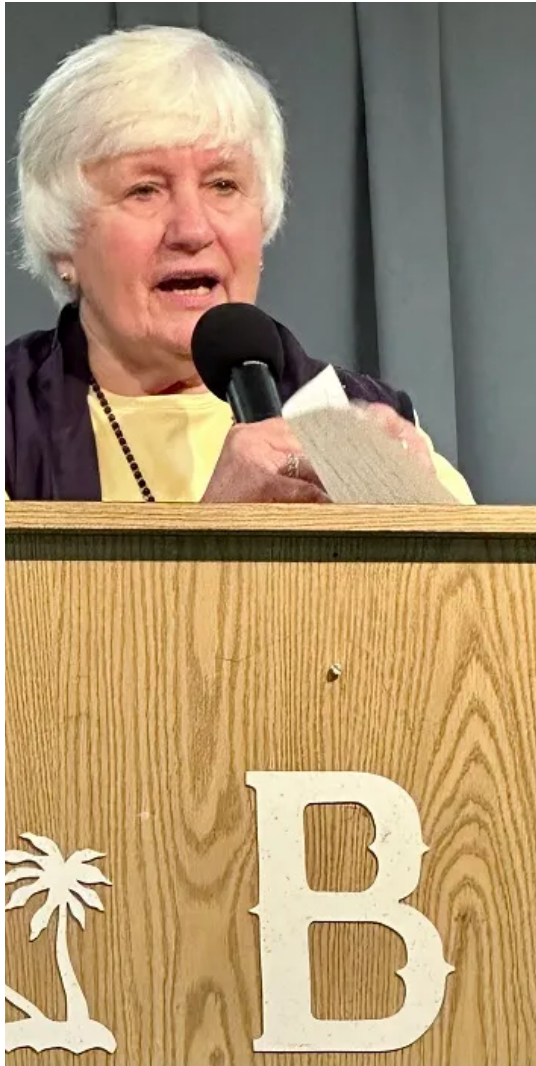
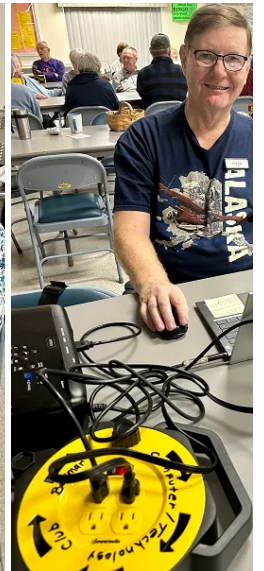
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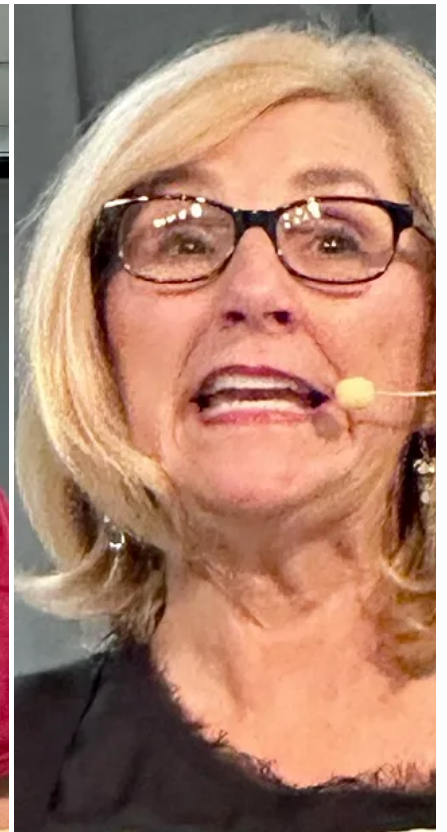
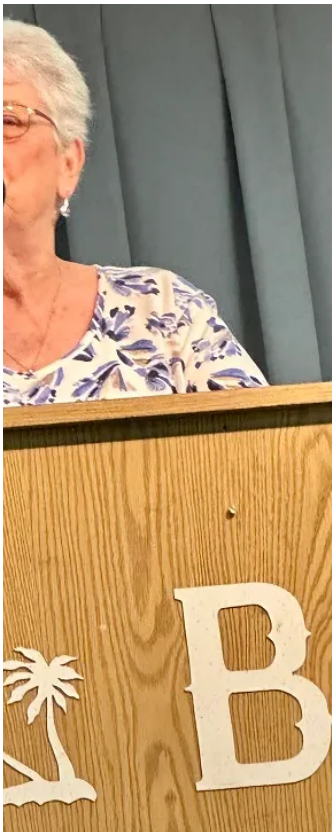
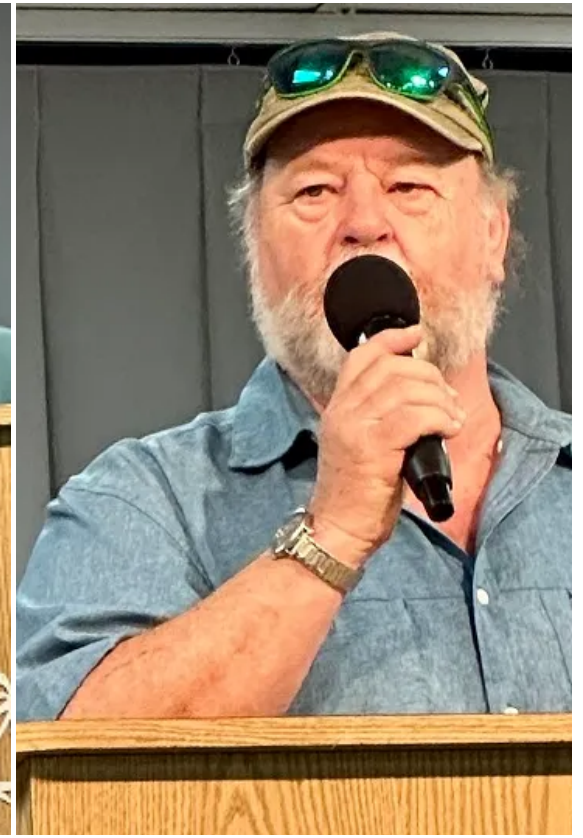
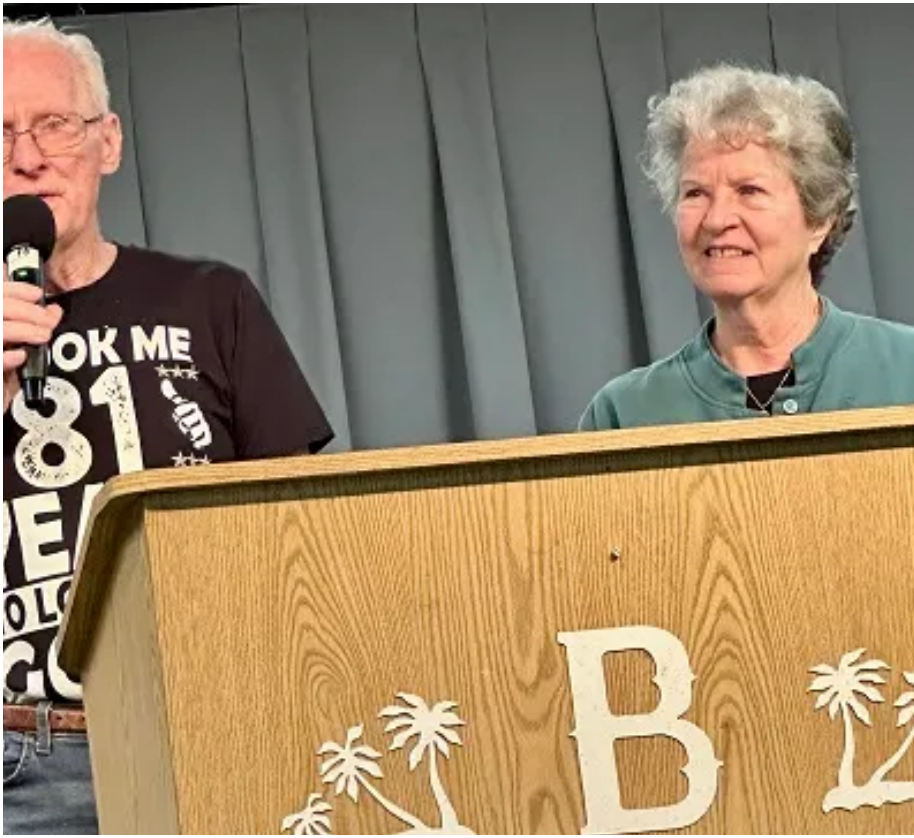
GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!

TUESDAY AT COFFEE:











MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

WHAT IS WITH THIS WEATHER??? OH, MY IS IT COLD!! EL NINO? I've been to the pool and golfed the same day just because it was the only warm day! Crazy!! Here we are in February, and I hope it warms up for our oldest two grandkids when they are to come in on the 18th! Bring on the heat please. Regarding activities, stay informed so you don't miss anything.

March Bulletin Information Due to Communications FEBURARY 9TH

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT



She is a member of the Betmar chorus

Volunteers in Communications

Attends Busch Gardens concert series

Plays golf

Active in Vespers

An avid pickleball player

Serves on the HOPA committee

Initiated the Betmar Travel Group

Who is she ?

Sandy Bedingfield

NEW RESIDENTS:

REBECCA-ON TARA

ACTIVITIES:

John Perry will be playing music this Friday afternoon starting at 2:00 pm. Thank you so much for your support. 🥰 John Perry

Returning for the 13th year , the ever popular **Healthorama** wellness fair. February 22nd 9-12noon. Many exhibitors, fasting blood screening for cholesterol and sugar and regular blood draw for PSA. Hearing screening and mobile mammography. Door prizes and free giveaways at exhibitor tables.

Marsha Frain

Thank you Pam Braden Westbrook for hosting our the **Cooking Show!** We had a great time cooking and a more fabulous time sitting down eating together.

This year's **Canadian Picnic** will be held in Club House 2 on February 15. The Social Hour from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. will include several fun games providing everyone an opportunity to meet new people. The Pot Luck dinner will be 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Groups of 8 or 16 are encouraged but any singles will be placed at a table where they can share their meal and meet new friends. Every table will have a Host who will help with organizing the food for their table. Every guest should bring their own place setting and preferred beverages.

Jesse Derringer will be providing entertainment from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be on sale before coffee hour until the event or until they are all gone! Donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Dianne Buynink (813) 783-4045 or Janet Shaffer (807) 221-9259.

The next visit from **Onspot mobile dermatology** is Feb 20, 7:30-3:00pm. **15 minute appointments** available. Call 941 444-0011 or via website at onspotdermatology.com/betmaracres 10 scheduled appointments are needed for the unit to make the trip from Sarasota.

I am collection **shoe and boot boxes** for Operation Christmas Child. Please drop them off at my house, 5312 Mary Street. There is a tote by the back door. Last year we sent out 1141 boxes. If you would like any information on Operation Christmas Child, please email me at pchefray@gmail.com. Thank you for your help with this project. Ray Dutil

A great big THANK YOU to all of you who were involved in making our **Newcomers Fair** so successful and making our newbies feel welcomed in extravagant Betmar style! Many are finding their niche and getting involved in various clubs and activities. This could NOT have been done well without you! Your tables and generous raffle prizes were very much appreciated. Thank you to Judi Gearsbeck for feeding our Exhibitors a delicious lunch and not holding back on the yumminess she always provides for so many events!! Thank you to our Board of Directors and Board of Trustees for your many kindnesses in various support of this event. There wasn't much time to put something delightful together and you allowed me to do something 'Out of the Box' and new. I thank you for your trust and the fact that you also wanted our new residents to know how precious they are to the future of the great life we embrace here in Betmar; They are all worth the investment, time and efforts that we all put into this fun event. Thank you to all of our new residents of 2023! It was a joy to us all to see so many of your smiling faces and meet you face to face. Please ask questions of things you may not quite fully understand about Betmar. Hopefully, you're feeling better acclimated to the many fun Clubs and great activities that are here for you. Welcome Home!! Blessings to You! Melinda Graves, Activities Co-Chair

Bingo is one of the largest fundraisers here in Betmar. Our attendance has been growing (which is great for Betmar!), however that means we need more volunteers! Right now, we have 3 "call back / floor workers", but it seems with our increased attendance, we now need 5 call back / floor workers each Monday night. It is preferred that a person volunteers for 1 week each month. This makes scheduling easy and leaves you free to make other plans for the remaining weeks in a month. Please reach out to Brenda Lapierre @ 843-283-4422 if you feel you can help out and volunteer. As always, we appreciate your help!

Five State plus picnic will be this Saturday, February 10 in Clubhouse 3 with social time at 11:00: lunch at 12. This includes the following states: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, D. C. West Virginia. Meat and beverages provided. Bring a covered dish to share and your own table setting. \$3.00 donation if you have a door prize you would like to bring that would be greatly appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO 26 BETMARIANS. A reminder that you are invited to the 80th birthday of 24 Betmarians and the 20th birthday of one and the 22nd birthday of one! We are celebrating at Club

House 3 on February 29, 2024, with an OPEN HOUSE format between 1 and 3 PM. There will be sandwiches, chips, pickles, cake, and ice cream that we will enjoy with you. If you plan on coming you will need to RSVP with Nan Ertel at 813-997-6677. I need to know by February 15th, 2024. We all hope to see you there. PS: PLEASE NO CARDS OR PRESENTS. YOUR PRESENCE IS ALL WE WANT!!

Thursday, March 14 3 – 5pm Small, Simple Spring sign making class. Come with an open mind to create. We will have fun 😊 All supplies will be provided. 15 people Apache-Maple room. Space is limited call or text Lynn Mac Donald at 207-314-5838

March 28. 3-5 pm. Apache-Maple room. Let's lift one another up while creating a unique collage about you, love, God, family, or whatever. All supplies will be available. However, if you have copies of photographs and magazines they could be used. Very limited space. Once it's full we're full.

Contact Lynn MacDonald at 207-314-5838 If you have your own water based acrylic paints and/or brushes, bring them.

VIDEO CLUB

The 25th Memorial Video is complete and ready for purchase. They are \$10 and available at the Video Control Room in the back of clubhouse #2 after coffee.

The Video Club will have the Dessert Theater Video complete in a week. Sign up for your copy. The form is outside the Video Club.

Tickets are available in the annex before coffee and after coffee at the video control room for the Video Club Magician Show on February 29 at 7 PM in Clubhouse #2. Tickets are also available at the Betmar Office.

As always, Ralph Shaffer and I are available for tickets and videos.

Ralph's cell number is (724) 730-3064. Mine is (813) 391-2700

CARPORT CONCERT

Carport Concert is THIS Thursday @ 4-6pm

36704 LAKEWOOD Drive It's a TAILGATE party!!! You know what to do!

Featuring RB Stone Band on tour from Nashville. 18 albums, 33 countries, and coast to coast audiences. He is sure to delight us all with his "trans-genre" (rock-twang-blues) sound!

DART CLUB

Betmar Dart Club presents RICH WILSON in concert.. February 25th in club house 2. Tickets will be available for 8.00 dollars at coffee hour or call Cindy @ 208-249-0308. Tickets will also be available at the door.

AROUND BETMAR



CREATIVE WRITERS

"Writing is easy: All you do is sit staring at a blank sheet of paper until drops of blood form on your forehead".

Creative Writers welcome everyone to join our supportive community to share what we have written or listen to gather ideas for your own work. We meet on Mondays at 9am in the White Room in the Apache Clubhouse.

GAME CLUB

Forty Mahjong players came to have a fun-filled day and compete for a total of \$720.00 in prize money at Clubhouse #3, including 17 Betmar residents. It was our first tournament, and we are hoping to make it an annual event. Continental breakfast and lunch were served, and the hall was decorated beautifully in a Chinese theme. As usual, many volunteers worked at planning, setting up, serving, and cleaning up to make this event happen. Many thanks go to all the volunteers and to the Game Club for supporting this new event. All proceeds will be donated to the Betmar Game Club.

CHECK OUT HORSESHOES THIS WEDNESDAY MORNING

THANK YOU, GAME CLUB, FOR DONATING \$4000 TO BETMAR AND \$500 TO COMUNICATIONS!!

VESPERS

Every Sunday night, before Pony Cards and the Trivia Game, join us in Clubhouse 3 for Vespers which is a time of devotion and singing. Most times we have a special speaker. Following the service, we have

food and fellowship.

TRIVIA

Exciting trivia competition this week with the lead changing hands a few times before the eventual winners came out on top.

NO TRIVIA QUIZ NEXT WEEK DUE TO SUPERBOWL

COOKING CLASS

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Music entertainment this Friday clubhouse #3 at 7 PM. Danny Jackson, is your host for a great show one dollar donation at the door.

TOPS

I have learned:

Adults are people who have stopped growing except around the middle.

Hello Betmar! TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) invites you to join us for an informative, fun gathering. We weigh in at 8:15 (Accountability) and our meeting is at 8:45. Everyone-guys included are welcome. See you in the Apache Clubhouse Blue Room.

BETMAR TRAVEL GROUP

Thursday, February 8 we will leave at 10:00 a.m. outside clubhouse 2. This trip is to Clearwater to the Ed Fletcher Early Bird Theater to see "One Slight Hitch."

TABLE AND CHAIR SET UP

Block assignments for Table & Chair volunteers are published in each month's Betmar Bulletin. Blocks are mapped out on page 28 of the phone book. The block assignment for the first half of February is Blocks K & L (portions of Lakewood, Beth, Grace, Kay Amanda & Waters).

Schedule for this period follows:

Wed 2/7	8 am	Bandstand (major)
Thu 2/8	8 am	Valentine Card Party (major)
Sat 2/10	8 am	Dance (major)
Mon 2/12	8 am	Bingo w/Chorus (major)

For questions, contact Tom Brown

HOBBY CLUB

Hobby Club is having a raffle for a quilt made by Mary Tucker and a Red quilted reversible bag. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets are on sale at coffee hour this week and the 13th. We will be drawing the winners at coffee hour on February 13.

Betmar Hobby Club will be selling strawberry shortcake on Thursday, February 29. 1-3. Carry out only. Must buy ticket before event only selling 100 tickets- \$5 Will have tickets at coffee hour on February 13, 20, and 27. If want a ticket please call Grace Zebley 260-215-1550 or Holly Hefner at 936-844-9458.

Betmar Hobby Club spring Bazaar will be on Thursday, February 29, 1-3 for Betmar residents only. Friday, March 1, 9-1 open to the public. In THE Annex.

BETMAR BANDSTAND

BETMAR BANDSTAND has tickets for sale for the February 21 Lasagna dinner show featuring Johnny Ellis and Danny Lee in the Annex beginning this morning. Seating is limited and sales are now open to the public so don't wait too long to get your tickets.

COMPUTER CLUB

ON-LINE BANKING MEETING

An informational meeting addressing on-line banking will be held today at 1 pm here in Clubhouse #2. This meeting is open to everyone in Betmar, you do not need to be a Computer/Tech Club member. The Betmar Computer/Tech Club is sponsoring this meeting. A representative from First National Bank will be in Clubhouse #2 at 1 pm today (February 6th) to address on-line banking procedures and to answer questions concerning this activity.

Also, a reminder that every Tuesday at 2 pm is "Fixit Tuesday" here in Clubhouse #2. Bring in your tech gadget and/or problems with software, etc. and our Computer/Tech Club members will try to help you resolve your problem. You can attend 2 Computer/Tech Club meetings without being a member. Membership is only \$15 and is a great investment that provides you access to all of the Computer/Tech Club training and assorted activities.

GOLF CLUB

And more good news to share. Can I say this is probably the best part of sending this information in, its mostly good news. The weather is looking like it will finally break for the warmer weather that we ALL love and enjoy. With that its February and we had our Groundhog tournament where golfers play the same hole over and over for 9 times. What a blast.

Saturday's breakfast was another huge success thank you for the Gugerty's and donation of the rolls supplies and labor. It was awesome!! Let's keep this "rolling" pun intended. March breakfast is breakfast casserole.

Tree trimming is winding down, maybe three trees left, so be patient we are getting there. I have had a ton of positive feedback from the golfers and it's looking good for all our visitors for spring break.

UNO Fun Run – February 20th at 4:00PM tickets are on sale in the back and will be available in the office very soon. Elvis is still more than 3 weeks out so we can't sell them here at coffee hour yet. But if you want them, they are available for 'advanced' purchasing from several sources, including Mike Williamson and Mac McKinnon.

Ending out February will the Leap Year event for golf. Happens once every 4 years, so come out and enjoy!!!!

The Betmar Golf Course hosted a Red, White, and Brew Golf Tournament on

January 30th.

1st place winners:

Susie, Dan, Ron, and Fran

2nd place winners:

Charlie, Betty, Craig, and Karen

3rd place winners:

Jackie, Richard, Jack, and Chris

The Betmar Golf Course hosted a Ground Hog Day Golf Tournament on February 2nd.

1st Place winners:

Joel and Rich

2nd Place winners:

Dave and Sue (Sue absent from photo)

3rd place winners:

Rita and Craig (Absent from photos)

Betmar Annual Men's Golf Club Championship Friday March 1, 2024 SIGN UP DEADLINE – Friday Feb 23 This annual tournament is fun for golf members of all playing abilities. With five separate groups (Flights A, B, C, D, 80+), you are only competing against other golfers of similar abilities. Flight 80+ is new this year. 80+ year old players may optionally choose this group which uses the RED tees. A minimum of 9 players required.

Pro Shop Gift Certificate prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Flights A,B,C,D, and 1st and 2nd in Flight 80+, and your names will be engraved on the Club Championship Plaque in the Club House. Lunch will be available for all Club Members for \$5.

Entry fee is \$5 paid in advance, when you sign up with any of the following:

Allen Faraday 207-415-5557

Tim Burns 231-349-7675

Ron Irwin 231-250-5076

Roger Staley 231-845-6747

Tee times (starting at 8 am) will be posted in advance.

Optional Skins game will be available for \$5 for each Flight.

Established Betmar handicap will be used first, but if you don't have one, then Saturday Skins Group and Wednesday Skins Group handicap can be used. If you don't have either, talk to one of us and we will figure out how to place you in your Flight.

Last Years First Place Winners:

Flight A – Eric LaCroix

Flight B – Fred Elkins

Flight C – Dan Taylor

Flight D – Tim Berger

There is more information posted on the Bulletin Board in the Club House.

Just a reminder, you can get up to date information on Golf Activities & Fundraisers on the Facebook page "Betmar Golf Club" or Betmar's home page under Clubs> Golf Club>Activities or Calendar. Hope to see you soon!

HOSPITALITY CLUB

Don't forget the Valentine card party on this Thursday, February 8th from 12:30 to 3:00. Doors open at 12:30! Tickets are available in the annex today and also by contacting Lorna at 207-314-8756. Lots of fun delicious dessert and prizes. Looking forward to seeing everybody.

Mah jongg Event

LIBRARY

"Don't get into a relationship with someone who doesn't own any books." -Unknown

Great news! The Betmar Library is changing. We are scheduled for a complete remodel starting on 01 April 2024. There will be many changes coming up prior to the start date. The books, equipment, and supplies will all have to be moved to storage. No books or puzzles will be checked out after the 15th of February. All books, videos, and puzzles will have to be returned no later than 10 March.

Come in and see our friendly staff. We will help you find a book. We have many new puzzles and books. Please do not forget our shut-in services. We have a lot of books for sale! Great sale prices have been posted. Come see our inventory. Our February Library Meeting will be on February 8th at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers please attend.

COOKING SHOW

**DEB MORIN AND THE MAINE TRIO
WILL BE IN THE PAVILLION TUESDAY 1-3**

Pickleball News

Twenty-nine adventurous souls learned to play pickleball last week under the leadership of Darlene Paine and her many helpers. The Tennis and Pickleball Club sponsors this free, five-day clinic each year to introduce the sport to residents.

THEATRE

Thank you to all who attended our fun skits over the weekend! We had a lot of fun performing for you! A big thank you to Dave Mace who put all the ideas together! He spends all summer looking for some fun things to do! Next play March 15,16,17

WHAT NOT BARN

Don't forget!!!! The What Not Barn is open Tuesdays and Fridays 9-12 !! Stop over after coffee hour and see what's coming in.

EVENT SNIP IT FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY VALENTINE CARD PARTY

THURSDAY LADIES GOLF TOURNAMENT-GOLDEN GIRLS

FRIDAY MICHIGAN PICNIC

SATURDAY 5 STATE PLUS PICNIC

SUNDAY

MONDAY

VISITORS/GUESTS

Owen and Judi Whitkopf have their daughter Lori from Michiga

Linda Allen a guest of Kerry and Carol Fritz-from Pennsylvania

To Submit a Guest Announcement, Click [HERE](#)

BIRTHDAYS:

Gail McClellan Feb 2nd 89 years

Maxine Bailey Feb 7th Old enough to know better

Sue Lane Feb 11

Tuesday Feb 6 is Jim Stepler's birthday. 81 years young

To Submit a Birthday Announcement, Click [HERE](#)

ANNIVERSARY:

Robin and Robert Burkhead Feb 5th 20 years

Brad & Kim Gooding
Anniversary 2/7/03. 21 years

Gerald and Pat VanCamp Feb 7th 65 years
King and Queen of Betmar 2013

[To Submit an Anniversary Announcement, Click HERE](#)

SICK BAY:

NONE

JOKE OF THE DAY:

A good friend of mine has two tickets for the 2024 Super Bowl, 50-yard line box seats. He paid \$2500 each but he didn't realize last year when he bought them, it was going to be on the same day as his wedding. If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place... At Trinity Lutheran Church, at 3:00 PM. The bride's name is Sheila, she's 5 feet 4 inches and about 115 lbs. She is also a very good cook. She'll be the one in the white dress.

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