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Communication

A Webmaster's Nightmare

“Post This”, “Put this on the site”, “Mingle Pringle Cancelled” If these by themselves mean very little to you, you have just taken a glimpse into the crazy world of the Betmar Webmaster.

With a Betmar Website that has over 120 pages, sending the webmaster a statement and saying, “Please post this”, would be very similar to sending a \$100 dollar bill to your bank with a sticky note that simply says, “Put this on the account”.

The Banker (like the Webmaster) is going to have a lot of questions: “Who are you?”, “Which account”, “What is your authority to access that account?”, and “What do you mean by “Put on?” “Are we making a payment, a deposit, an investment portfolio increase?” “Are we talking your account?” “.... a friends account?” “....a trust account?”HELP!!!!

The Webmaster commonly gets this type of request, so I believe it's time to explain the lay of the land along with, some terms, and communication ground rule requirements.

- First off...” Post”, NEVER means send an email. “Send an email”, means send an email.
- “Put this on the website” to me simply means go through the 128 Betmar Website and make your best guess.....No. Even going as far as “Put this on our page” can mean very little, if I don't know who you are. If I do happen to know you, I would certainly have no idea “where” one your page you want it placed.

So, here's the new ground rules effective immediately:

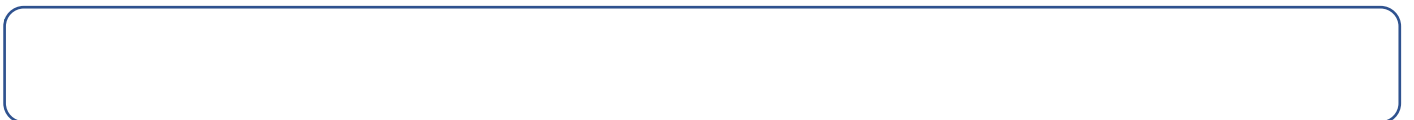
- Anything that needs to be emailed will specifically say, “Please email this out to all of Betmar” or “Please email this out to Owners Only” (The “please” is particularly important.... I'm a volunteer ya know.)
- All correspondence to me regarding emails or site updates/corrections/additions WILL HAVE YOURSIGNATURE BLOCK, identifying YOU as an official within that Club or Organization with the authority to make this announcement or site change.
- Anything that is requested to be added to the Website (Betmar's or your clubs) will have specifics asto where to place it.

- You will take responsibility to monitor this transaction, and request that it be removed when appropriate. “Sally’s Brownies will be featured at the shuffle lunch”, is anything but appetizing 6 months after the Shuffle Lunch.
- I’m not your Secretary. Please don’t ask me to “Put out an email explaining bla bla NO.....YOU explain bla bla bla, I will simply cut and paste what you send to me. It needs to be RTS (Ready to Send).

I just want to be clear. I want to be clear that we are clear, in helping you to be clear, so the message is undoubtedly clear.....are we clear?

Thank for your time, if you have any questions, “simply communicate them via the thing.”

Your Webmaster ~ Barry





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FEBRUARY 2023 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Owners/Acres General Meeting Workshop	10:00 a.m.	1/31/2023	Annex
Owners/Acres General Assembly Meeting	7:00 p.m.	2/2/2023	CH 2
Owners Board Meeting Workshop	10:00 a.m.	2/14/2023	Annex
Owners Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.	2/16/2023	Annex

Articles Deadline for March Bulletin February 20, 2023

President's Letter

Here it is February, where has the year gone. I sure do realize the older you get, the faster time flies by.

I was completely overwhelmed by the number of volunteers that showed up to help with the What Not Sale. Everything in the barns was brought out and placed in the proper department – then the fun began – the sorting of items and pricing which they did all in one day. The sale was Thursday, Friday and Saturday with all proceeds going to golf. It was nice to see everyone working together and having fun!

February is nominations for Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 8 Board Members, Properties, Assistant to Properties, Communication, Assistant to Communication, Finance, Assistant to Finance, Activities, Assistant to Activities

These are the offices that you the membership will vote for in March 2023.

I would like to thank members that volunteer to help at bingo every Monday night. We can always use more help. One night of bingo takes about 30 volunteers. A BIG thank you to every volunteer in any event.

That's what built this park to what it is today – Volunteers!

Thank you,
George Ferrari ~ President

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Things you Need to Know

Table and Chair Procedures

Table & Chair Setups

The responsibility for Table & Chair setups is assigned by Block from October to April. The assignments are shown below. The schedule for the setups is posted every week in Coffee News. Please refer to the centerfold of the phone book for a map showing the block locations.

Table/Chair Assignments by Month		
Month	1 st Half	2 nd Half
October	O & P	S
November	W	M & N
December	G & H	E & F
January	T	U
February	K & L	I & J
March	V	Q & R
April	A & B	C & D

CLUB NEWS

Aquatic Center

Although the colder weather has caused the pools to be closed, a great deal has been going on. Red Rhino has been able to make major repairs to the leak in the small pool. The pool was emptied, repaired and refilled in record time. Fortunately, they were able to patch the affected area rather than relining the whole pool.

Brad, Scott and Richard are patiently awaiting parts to replace a sand filter. Patience being the operative word. Repairs will be completed as soon as the parts are available.

Permits have been filed with Pasco County to install the storage shed. It will be placed on a new cement pad where the current pad is located (under the tree near Miniature Golf). We are hoping for a speedy process so the shed can begin its work of allowing some of the equipment to be moved from the now full Utility Room at the large pool.

February's "Picnic at the Pool" will take place on Monday, February 13th from 11:30 – 12:30PM. Tickets are available, for a \$5.00 donation, at Coffee Hour and in the Betmar Office. The Swim Club is able to donate \$2500.00 to Betmar Owners this year – the 2022 profits of the "Picnic". Thanks to all who have attended.

There is a plan to have an evening Cook-Out late in March. Watch the website and Facebook page for details. Members are encouraged to join the Betmar Swim Club Facebook page. It is private so you will need to answer some questions to indicate you are a member of the Swim Club.

Anyone interested in serving on the Swim Board should attend the February Board and Membership meetings. Participation is encouraged.

Members are encouraged, again, to fob in and out using your own fob. Shower before entering the pools and spas. Also, street shoes are not permitted in the pools or spas. If you wear shoes outside of the pool area, they cannot be worn in the water. "Water shoes" are foot coverings that you carried from home and put on after you arrived at the pool.

Many thanks to the membership for your support. Cookbooks are selling well. They are available from Sue Flynn or at the Betmar Office. Kudos to Connie Simoneau and her crew for the very successful Cookie Sale in December. They made record profits this year. Jackie manned the BVC desk and got us some new members. We gave out 18 vouchers to new owners to attend the "Picnic at the Pool". Maybe we will have 18 new members soon. The pool now has more than eleven hundred and seventy members.

Welcome back, Brad Gooding.

Richard Heon
President, Betmar Swim Club





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WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2023
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Saturday, February 11, 2023
Clubhouse 3

11:00 a.m. Social Time
12:00 p.m. Lunch Time

Delaware
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Pennsylvania
New Jersey
South Carolina
Tennessee



Picnic

Kentucky
Ohio
D.C.
North Carolina
Virginia
West Virginia

Meat & Beverages Provided

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\$3.00 Donation at the Door

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Gerry Stormer 330-321-1248

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Ronnie

Betmar ~ A 55 & Older Community

40th Annual

Michigan Picnic

Friday, February 17, 2023

Clubhouse 2

Donation \$3.00



- Wear Your Betmar Name Tag
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Social Hour 4:00 p.m. ~ Pot Luck 5:00 p.m.

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Ticket Information Contact:

Jan Kiessel ~ 231-590-9802

Judy Petroskey ~ 231-883-1390

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Beginners Art

Beginners' art is going to continue in the absence of our founder Barb Jacobbe. We will meet and teach Wednesdays from 1 to about 2:30. Set up starts at 12:45. Please come to paint, learn and enjoy. Acrylic painting is our norm. We can get you started if you want to try it out. Cost is \$1 each time you come.

Chorus

The Betmar Chorus was honored to sing at the annual Betmar Memorial Service. We sang two numbers under the direction of Dave Hafey. The service was emotional as the names of our Betmar family were read, intermixed with readings and songs. If you have never been to the Annual Memorial Service, you should mark your calendars for next year.

As you are marking your calendar, be sure to mark it for the Annual Betmar Chorus Spring Concert. This will be held on Wednesday, March 22 (matinee), Thursday, March 23 (evening), and Friday, March 24 (evening). The matinee will be at 2:00 p.m. and the evening performances will be held at 7:00 p.m. We will be under the direction of Linda LaFayette and our accompanist, Wilma Klak. The concert selections have music from many genres and will delight everyone who attends.

You should also think about this! Don't just attend the concert, join the chorus and be a part of it. It is never too late to join. We rehearse on Mondays from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Annex.

For extra help, we have sectionals on Wednesday mornings. Basses and Tenors from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and Sopranos and Altos from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00. Here we work out the bugs and learn difficult intervals to assure a perfect concert performance. Everyone is welcome and there are no try-outs. The seasoned members of the chorus will help you settle in, you will find yourself smiling with the joy of music.





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Computer Club Schedule

February 7

1:00 Business Meeting and iPad notes and reminders.

2:00 Best anti-virus for your computer

February 14

1:00 Windows 11 Review

2:00 Problem solving for devices.

February 21

1:00 Ipad

2:00 Problem Solving

February 28

1:00 Using email features more effectively.

2:00 Problem Solving for devices.

Creative Writers

You don't need to be a writer to join in the fun and fellowship of our group. You just need the desire to leave stories for your children and grandchildren; maybe write your own memoirs and special stories. Perhaps you would like to submit one for publication. We welcome you to join us on Monday mornings at 9 A.M. in the Apache Room of the Apache Club House.

We are a "Group" not a "Club" so there are no officers, (President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.) Anyone from our group may serve as a facilitator to lead the meeting and discussion. We welcome you to come and enjoy reminiscing and sharing with us.

2023 meetings will be until April 24th and resume in November.

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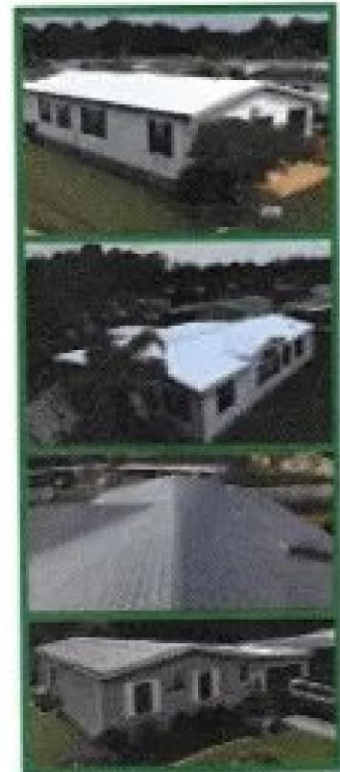
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Dance

ANNUAL PICNIC/PIZZA PARTY:

Save the date! Plans are underway for the annual Dance Club picnic/pizza party on Wednesday, March 8 in CH2. Debbie Mims, a talented local singer, will provide the music for dancing after the lunch of pizza, assorted salads and desserts. Tickets will be available in the CH2 annex on Tuesdays from 8-9 a.m. and at Clubhouse 3 line dance classes. The picnic is open to both residents and non-residents.

\$3.00 donation per person.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Dance Club is for everyone and it's the volunteers that keep the club activities going. More volunteers are always needed, resident and non-resident. If you enjoy the Dance Club activities, consider attending one of our general meetings and taking on a more active role.

DANCE CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS are held the second Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting is February 14th in the Apache clubhouse Blue room. This is an open meeting; your suggestions and constructive comments are welcome.

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS: Classes have been well attended but there is plenty of room for more dancers. Classes are on Fridays from 1-2:30 p.m., in Clubhouse 3. This is the February schedule:

- February 3 and 10 – Waltz
- 17-24 – Fun Dances

Classes are \$2.00 per person for Betmar residents and \$3.00 per person for non-residents, payable at class. You do not need to commit to all 8 classes, you do not need to bring a partner. If you have questions or want to sign up for a class, contact Jim Kollodge at 813-779-7131 or Maxine Bailey at 813-715-4323.

DANCE CLASSES – All classes are held in CH3.

To participate in dance classes, residents need to pay a yearly \$15.00 membership fee. Non-residents may participate if a member sponsors them, additional \$3.00 fee is paid per session. Give line dancing and or clogging a try! Your first class is free! We're here to have fun, exercise and meet new people.

Line Dance Classes

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 Ultra-beginner, followed by Beginner 11:15-12:00.

Tuesdays, Improver 10:30-12 noon.

Thursday, 10:30-12:00 is a mix of beginner through improver line dances.

For additional information, contact Line Dance Director, Pat Armendinger at 813- 780-1205. To see the type of dances we do, join the Facebook Group, Zhills line dancers.

Clogging Classes

Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 – 10:15 a.m.

Beginners are welcome! Contact Karolyn Dowell, 317-512-2610 for more information.

DANCE CLUB WEBSITE:

<https://betmar.org/club-dance/>

The Dance Club website has the latest dance schedules. Select the comment button to ask a question or leave a comment. Steve Ward, the vice president, will review the questions/comments and pass them along to the appropriate people. For the latest Dance Club news, follow us on Facebook – Betmar Dance Club

See you on the dance floor!

Joyce Smith, Dance Club ~ Secretary ~ 207-944-7335

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES

Clubhouse 2, 37137 Lakewood Drive

February Musicians

4 – Pure Classic Gold

11 – Geri Blount

Valentines Theme Dance

18 – Karl Sapp

25 – Geo the Music Man

Mardi Gras Theme Dance



TABLE RESERVATIONS FOR ALL DANCES ARE AVAILABLE BY A DONATION OF \$5.00 ON TUESDAYS FROM 8-9 a.m. IN THE CLUBHOUSE 2 ANNEX AND AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE DANCE. DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 p.m.

Bring your own refreshments!

For additional information, contact Pam Ward 989-859-6905



Betmar – A 55 & Older Community

Friendship Club

Hello again.....Time to keep the date for Friendship Potluck...Please come and join us for a nice meal and some friendly conversation. The date is Thursday February 9th at 5 o'clock in Clubhouse 3. Come a little earlier as we start right at 5.

You need:


- A place setting
- A wrapped gift for the drawing
- \$1 donation
- Above all an appetite for some “good stuff” to eat.

We have coffee and punch and feel free to bring your own.

See you there. Happy Valentine’s Day.

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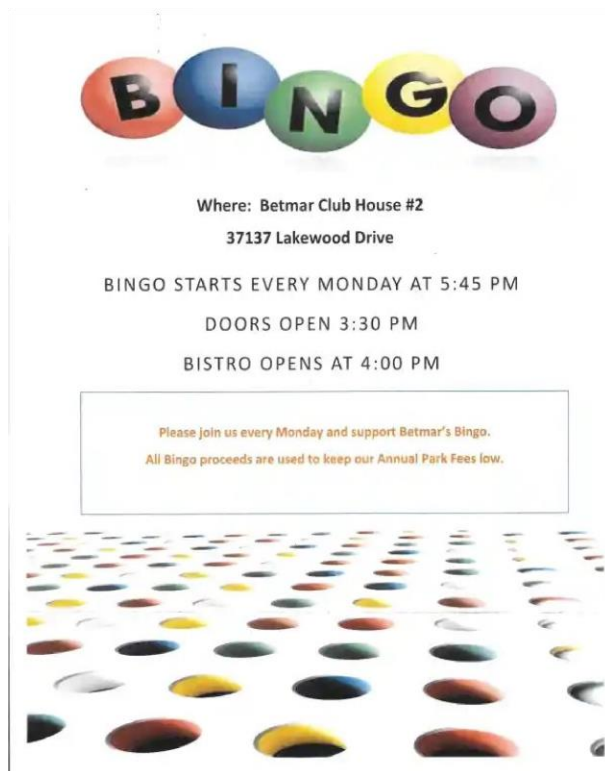
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Game

Game Club activities are in full swing, we offer a long list of inside and outside action. Bocce and

Horseshoes are two of the competitive activities and ways to be outside. Pony, darts, Men's and Women's Cards, Bunco, Pool Shoot Outs and 8-ball, Mahjong, Bridge, and Military Whist are examples of inside activities to enjoy. Thank you to those members who give their time and talent to run these of inside activities to enjoy. Thank you to those members who give their time and talent to run these activities.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Apache Blue Room. At last count we had over 300 members. However, only an average of 10 to 12 members attends the meetings. It is very important that a representative from each activity be present to provide input on how things are going, suggest areas that may need improvement and bring new ideas for fund raising. Please make the monthly commitment to attend.

Nancy Downs, Secretary, 813-602-3786

Garden Club

The Betmar Gardens continue to thrive, in spite, of the frost and freeze conditions we have experienced the last several weeks. Many of the gardens have been covered for several days to protect the plants. The gardens do contain many Florida native plants that will survive these cold conditions.

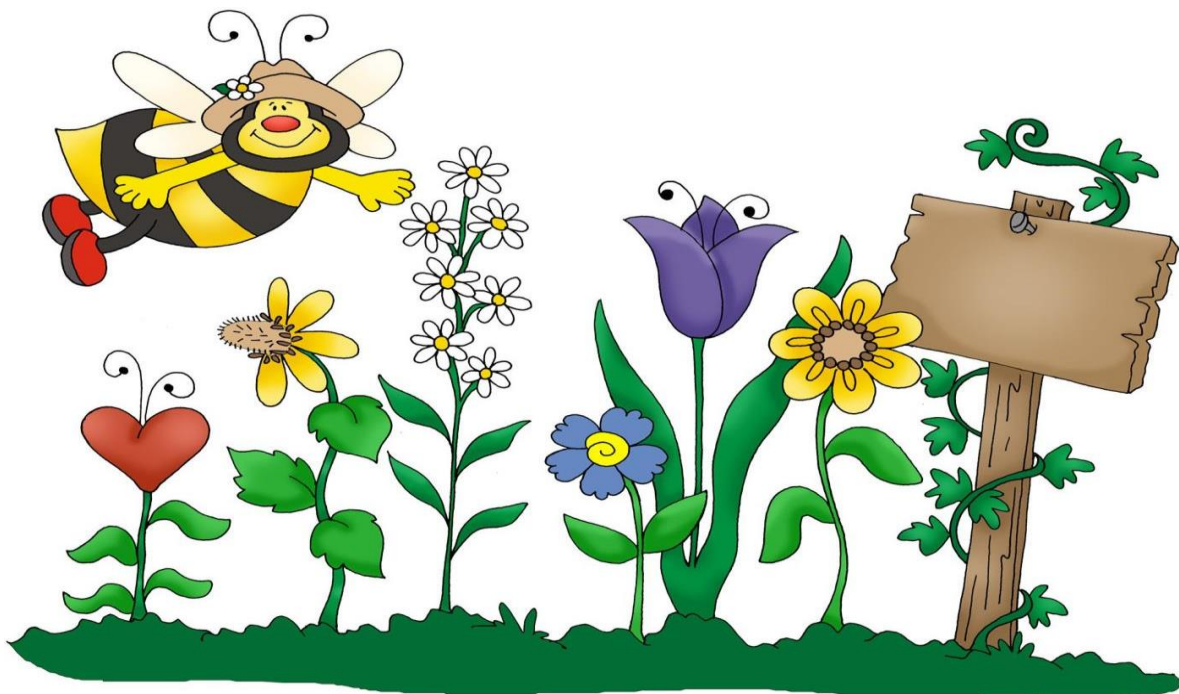
The club was represented at the Betmar Volunteer Connection on January 21st. Many new residents expressed an interest in gardening in the Betmar Gardens. Free plant giveaways and a plant raffle was held during the event.

The club is accepting nominations for new officers for the ensuing season.

The Garden Club meets once a week, every Wednesday at 8:30 am, weather permitting, at Apache Junction. This area is between Jo and Amanda Streets under the trees. Contact President, Marilyn Loding, 810-837-0520, for additional information.

The next business meeting is Monday, February 6, 2023, at 9 am in the Apache Blue Room. Everyone is welcome.

Brenda Moody, Secretary-352-397-7663





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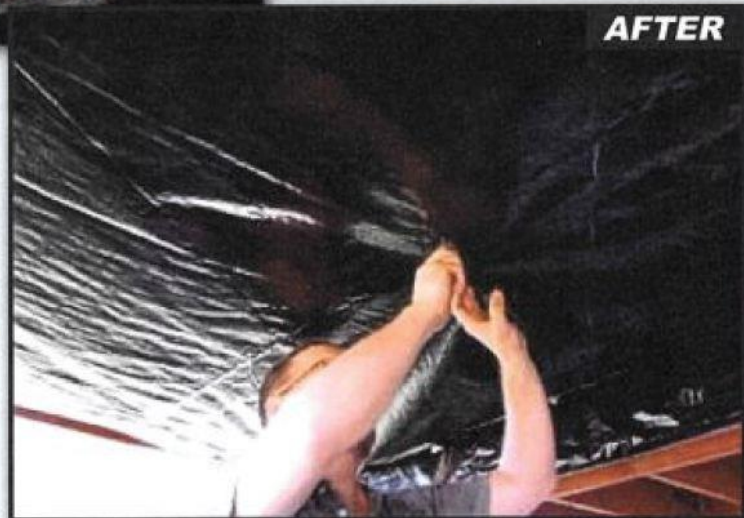
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Golf Club

From the President

Anyone who thinks volunteering is dying in Betmar needs only to walk around the Betmar whatnot sale. There you would see dedicated Betmar residents who give of their time to not only support the Golf Club, but also the Betmar community. Sometimes words do not express one's appreciation, so THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!

Golf Club

The Golf Board meetings for February will be Monday, the 27th, beginning at 9:00 am in the Annex. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Golf Club Board

Beginning February 1st, the Betmar Golf Club will be offering an alternative type of membership which will be titled 'Limited-Social Membership'. As a kick off, there will be a reduced initiation fee for this new type of membership from February 1st until April 30th. If you are new to golfing or just want to try it out, or if you just don't golf very much, this could be just the thing for you. Talk to a board member or watch for details posted in the Club house or on the Golf Club page on the Betmar web site.

Lady's Golf.

Ladies golf meeting is February 24. 8:30. Golf clubhouse before the regular scramble. White tournament is February 9th. Sign-up sheets are on bulletin board in clubhouse. Ladies side. Important for all ladies to check bulletin board regularly for all notices. Emails go out but for those that don't see them you need to check. Sheet for nominations for officers is also posted on the bulletin. All positions are open. Election is held in March.

Ladies Golf Banquet

The Ladies Golf Banquet is March 23rd in the Annex. Tickets are eight dollars (~~\$8.00~~) each and can be purchased from Marilyn Williams.

Ladies Golfapalooza Fun Day is March 9th.

Sign up your team in the Golf Clubhouse on the Ladies Golf Board. The last day to sign up is Thursday, March 5th. Tickets are six dollars (~~\$6.00~~) each and can be purchased from Michelle McKinnon.

Check in starts at 9:45 a.m.

Men's Golf League

The men are looking for more golfers for our Friday morning scramble. Arrive about 7:30 a.m., card draw at 7:45 a.m., tee off at 8:00 a.m.. Only a dollar!!

Activities

Golf Club Activities and Fundraising

Jan 31st – Snowbird Tournament (Moved to March 12th)

Feb. 2nd – Ground Hog Tournament

Feb 4th – Night Golf

Feb 5th – UNO Fun Run and Cookout

2:00PM Feb 9th – Ladies White Witches

Tournament Feb 14th- Couples Outing.

Feb 16th-Biscuit Risk It

Feb 19th – Scotch Doubles

Feb 22nd – Member /Betmar Guest Outing. 8 irons with putters will be the event

MARCH

Mar 2nd – Ladies Blue Bell

Mar 3rd – Men's Member Championship

March 12th – Snowbird Challenge

Thank You

Mac McKinnon

Volunteers Needed

There is always a need for volunteers to benefit the Betmar Golf Club. Some of the areas are Starters, Rangers, Pro Shop, and the What-not barn. Maybe this is a way you can get involved and contribute.

Golf Properties News

We are doing a lot of tree trimming on the courses. Please stay behind the white lines around the greens.

Head of Golf course properties ~ Jeff Warner

Head of Golf course properties ~ Jeff Warner

Pro Shop

The Betmar Pro Shop sponsored a style show in January at Coffee Hour. There were 11 models wearing lovely golf clothing & carrying accessories that the shop sells. The Shop was represented at the Betmar Volunteer Connection on January 21 and greeted new residents. A raffle was held for a Betmar Golf Pro Shop T-shirt, and on display were the two beautiful golf bags that will be raffled off later this season. The golf bags will feature each winner's initials on the bags. The raffle tickets for the two bags can be purchased in the Pro Shop or at the golf club starter desk. Stop by the shop; the hours are posted on the door.

As always, you can keep up with current golf activities and news on the betmar.org web site. Just go to 'Clubs' and look for 'Golf Club'.

3rd Annual Poker Run

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Hospitality

The members have completed assembling over 1,600 valentine's which will be hand delivered to every household in the park by Valentine's Day. The annual Valentine's Card Party on Wednesday, February

15th, 2023, will be held in Clubhouse #2. Tickets will be on sale at coffee hour. Doors will open at 12:30 pm. We will be serving refreshments and handing out prizes during this event. Our next sponsored event will be an entertainment show featuring Debbie Morin and Company. Keep your calendar free for Sunday, March 12th. Tickets will go on sale 3 weeks prior to this event.

We welcome new members to the hospitality Club. We are a fun group that meet once a month from November to April on the first Thursday of every month in Clubhouse #3 at 1:00 pm. There are no dues to join.

We want to wish our Betmar family a Happy Valentine's Day.
Jane Martin ~ Secretary

Library

Your Betmar Library is open Monday thru Friday from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. We have thousands of books that can be checked out, in addition, we have plenty of books, audio books and DVDs for sale. The money we receive helps us to buy new books.

We also support the What-Not sale every year with hundreds of gently used books. Our sincerest thanks to Linda Bentz and her crew for this monumental undertaking.

We do offer services to our shut ins. Call us and tell us what books you are interested in and someone from the library will deliver them. We will also return the books for you. We believe everyone should have access to the library.

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Toni Nelson ~ Betmar Library

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We have a Program every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Clubhouse 3 with a donation of one dollar. All are Welcome!

We have a great Music Program. Each week we have people sign up to M.C. the event. This all works, because we have volunteers to take turns getting together the Music Program.

We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Clubhouse 3. We also have a list of people who are willing to sing, play instruments and do readings. We have a choice of dates available.

Our next Big Event will be a show called: "Musical Memories."

Tickets will be available at Coffee Hour starting February 7th. Or you can call: Carol Kelly 231-852-0525 or Gloria Wood 813-783-3209.

Dawn Houthoof ~ Vice President

Shuffle

Good news!

Thank you, Steve Lee, Sports Reporter, for the article (Betmar hosts shuffleboard tourneys) in the January 12th, edition of The Zephyrhills News. The Betmar Shuffleboard Club takes great pride in its longtime standing as a premier facility that promotes both amateur and professional play. His lively interactive conversations with Betmar players, along with the many pictures, made for enjoyable reading. He focused on both the social aspects as well as the competitive side of the sport that make shuffleboard such an enjoyable time for so many seniors. His story was published a second time in the following Sunday's edition of the Tampa Bay Times. Come on out and see for yourself. Residents and visitors are always welcome to come in and watch tournaments even if not a member of the Betmar Shuffleboard Club. We'll have the lights on for ya!

General Meeting

The next Shuffle general meeting will be on Wednesday, February, 8th at 10:00am, preceded by a

The next Shuffle general meeting will be on Wednesday, February, 8th at 10:00am, preceded by a board meeting at 9:00 am. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions and decision making. Your input is important.

Tournament Play

The next Betmar tournament will be on Thursday and Friday, February 2 & 3. Shuffle lunches will be served. Thanks to all those that contribute pies and cakes. They are much enjoyed and greatly appreciated.

Winter shuffle

Open shuffle.....anytime the courts not being used in competitive play.

Round Robin.....every Monday and Saturday, 1:00 pm. No fee.

Hoss collar.....every Friday, 6:30 pm. \$1.00 donation.

Tournament play.... check the bulletin board for schedules.

For other Shuffle information check out Clubs under Coffee News, Club news on the betmar.org website and the Betmar Shuffleboard Club Facebook page.

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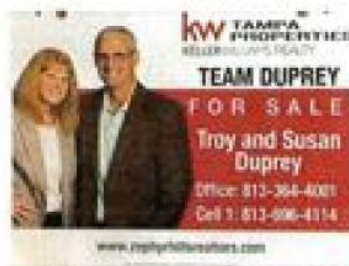


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Tennis & Pickleball

Things are in full swing at the courts – the ping – ping – ping of the pickleball can be heard through the day. Not only are our members back, but our club has several activities planned for the entire Betmar community.

First coming up is our FREE pickleball clinic for anyone interested in learning the basics of the game.

We will have the paddles, just wear tennis shoes, and bring some water to drink. The clinic starts Feb 8 and runs through Feb 17. The courts are behind Apache Clubhouse, starts at 11 AM, and last about an hour. Call or text Darlene Paine @ 207-779-4948 or Laraine Roberts @ 527-230-2231 to ask questions or to sign up. Attend the first week of the clinic and join the tennis/pickleball club, and we will waive your \$25 initiation fee.



Our 3rd Annual Poker Run will be held Tuesday, March 7th with a rain date of March 9th. What is a poker run? It is a fun afternoon riding around Betmar with your friends on a golf cart, bicycle, or car, stopping at 5 host houses for treats and a poker card. It starts at the pavilion at 2pm and ends at the pavilion with grilled hot dogs and a picnic. We will have 50/50 drawings and cash prizes for the best poker hands.

This year we are adding an auction for even more fun. Those attending in the past know what a great time we all had. Ticket donation is \$12 per person and will be available at Coffee Feb 14, 21, and 28 or calling Laraine Roberts @ 517-230-2231, Kathy Spingler @ 315-834-6110 or Denise Rader @ 603325-0884.

Stop by the courts and check us out. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport amongst senior citizens (yikes, that us!!!!) – it's fun, low impact exercise and addictive.

Laraine Roberts, Secretary of the Tennis & Pickleball Club



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TOPS

It's February again and the TOPS group is beginning to think about SRD (State Recognition Days) scheduled for March 23 through March 27. We are fortunate to have 12 persons aboard a cruise to Key West and the Bahamas joining 360 Florida TOPS members for SRD. This will be the first time SRD is held on a cruise ship.

Our January programs were extremely informative. When the stats were in for the time from October 1, we have lost a cumulative weight of 64 pounds! This is definitely evidence that TOPS works! Hope you can join us on Wednesdays at Apache Clubhouse. Weigh in is from 8:00 – 8:45 with a short meeting following.

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So, you ask, what is Vespers? Vespers is a non-denominational service to meet the spiritual needs of residents of Betmar. Our services are Christ centered. We meet weekly from January through April at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons in Clubhouse 3. Our service is followed by a time of food and fellowship. We hope you will join us as we share our beliefs in worship and song.

VIDEO PRODUCTION

Save the Date

Betmar Video Show ~ March 9, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Just a friendly reminder of what a wonderful time we all had at last year's Video Show. Remember the Hypnotist Mr. Glenn Miller everyone enjoyed so much last year? This year's show promises to be even better.

We are bringing in Mr. Marc Rubben, the Ventriloquist. March has performed for over 15 years on cruise ships around the world. While he is not equal to Mr. Jeff Dunham, he is exceptionally good in his own way. Talent such as Mr. Miller (last year) and Mr. Rubben (this year) are well worth the top dollar we pay to bring them to Betmar for your enjoyment.

So please mark your calendar for March 9th and plan on a wonderful evening of entertainment in Clubhouse 2. Seating will be cabaret style, four to a table, so you need to invite your friends and be ready to laugh and have a good time at the show.

Ralph Shaffer ~ President

VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

BETMAR VOLUNTEER CONNECTION THANKS YOU

It isn't every day that we have the opportunity to work with the best group of volunteers to provide club and group information to new and existing residents about Betmar. On Saturday, January 21st we gathered in the Annex of Clubhouse 2 for that very reason and our clubs set up in Clubhouse 2, excitedly waiting for new residents to visit their tables and learn what their club is all about.

As always, we were not disappointed with the volume of volunteers that gathered on a Saturday to introduce themselves to new residents. Equally as always, we will forever be grateful for those behind the scenes that sacrifice their time to make all the functions happen in the park.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following volunteers that made the 15th year of the Betmar Volunteer Connection a success!

Tom Brown and crew for arriving at 8 am for table and chair set up. Members of the Hospitality Club, for making sure all the tables were clean and ready for the event way before 11 am. Jane Hamilton and Jane Peakes for handing out raffle tickets, completing name tags and gathering new resident information. The ladies who served the pizza and cold drinks, all with a smile. Mary Ann Gifford, our resident photographer. To the audio crew for making sure the microphones were working. Finally, to all of the clubs that were represented and set up wonderful displays for the residents to explore!

As stated above, it isn't every day we have the opportunity to work with an amazing group of volunteers, but it is every day we have the opportunity to witness what they do in our park. Look around, every function that occurs has a been touched by the hand of a volunteer!

We can't wait until next January for another opportunity! Thank you.

Co-chairs Linda Smith and Lorna Bradstreet

SPECIAL INTEREST

Bountiful Blessing

Betmar Bountiful Blessings and the Daily Food Cupboard, provide shelf stable food, personal care items, laundry, and dish soap to our residents. None of this would be possible without the generous donations from our residents. The residents who rely on us are so grateful for everything they receive.

The next free food distribution is Thursday, February 23rd, 8:30 am to 11 am at the corner of Strand and Plant (36721 Strand) for Betmar Residents only. Tables will be setup and you pick out what you need.

For those of you needing food, other than on Distribution Day, please come to 36721 Strand and we will open the Food Cupboard – if you need us to deliver, we are happy too. Call Sue at 813 469 4653. As long as the white van is in the driveway, or across the street we are open 8:00AM to 5:00 PM., Just ring the doorbell. Betmar Bountiful Blessings is a judgment free zone. We are here to help.

As a result of the benefit held by the Jam Club and generosity of the residents of Betmar, our inventory is full. The only items we need right now are listed on the Wish List below, Our Wish List changes often, please watch the posts on Facebook page Betmar Bountiful Blessings. A huge thank you to all of you.

Please follow Betmar Bountiful Blessings on Facebook for updates. We do check residency and, at times, have sent a message requesting information. If you have not received an acceptance, please check your messages.

WISH LIST:

Raisins (small)

Canned Fruit – do not need pie filling or individual fruit cups

Natural peanut butter – no soy – small

Corned Beef Hash

Large Juice

1# Canned Hams

Granola Bars

Jelly

Jam

Canned Chicken

Sweetened Applesauce – small jars/cans – no individual cups

Fresh Fruit, Vegetables, Bread on Distribution Day only.

We do not need any vegetables at this time.

Motorcycle Group

The Betmar Motorcyclist Group has been in existence for several years now. Our 2023 rides will begin in early January. We have a planned ride at least once a week... usually on Thursday mornings.

We would like to invite ALL Betmar Motorcyclists to join us. We are just a very friendly group of motorcyclists who like to get together to ride, eat and harass each other. There is nothing formal about the group.

There is an Email Contact List for ride notification purposes. If you would have any interest in joining up and would like to be included on the Contact List, please email: Your Name(s), Betmar Address, Phone Number and Email Address to donmcclintock69@gmail.com. If you have questions at all about the group, please contact: Don McClintock via email or text or by calling 330-209-3353.

Health Fair

A Decade-plus of Making Betmar Healthier!

Following a two-year Covid hiatus, February 23rd, 2023 (9a-12n) marks the 11th year and return of the Healthorama annual wellness fair and continuation of multiple projects within the park related to health and wellness.

The programs and their mentors are as follows:

- Annual Health Fair (Marsha Frain, Judy Gugerty, Sandy Bedingfield)
- First Aid Kits located in club houses (Joan Hines, Judy Gugerty)
- AED checks (Coleen King, Joan Hines)
- CPR and AED Classes (Bailey Johnson)
- Monthly BP checks at coffee, (Joan Hines, Colleen King, and many others)
- Bulletin Board (Nancy Downs)
- Living Will Project (Marsha Frain)
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Via the Health Fair, community resources available to Betmar residents are on display, providing valuable information on services provided as well as answering questions. Every year the various exhibitors conduct free screening such as hearing testing, skin cancer checks, blood cholesterol and fasting blood sugars. One year, a resident learned the symptoms of a heart attack and lo and behold she recognized she had a problem. She credits the health fair with saving her life. Another resident learned she had melanoma via the skin checks and also credits the health fair for saving her life.

The Health Fair is an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge and it is FUN. The exhibitors bring gift baskets and Betmar attendees receive a ticket at registration enabling an opportunity to win something. Of course, we could not have the fair without the exhibitors. If you have not been to one of the fairs or are new to the park, it proves to be a wealth of information of services in the community.

I personally cannot thank the group enough for their ongoing dedication to the projects they have adopted as their own over the past 10 + years. The fair is only one of them.

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Michigan Picnic

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- You must bring your ticket with you for admittance.
- Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided. • You will have opportunities to win prizes in a share-the-wealth, a board drawing, and a Chinese Auction. We do need donated items for a drawing for all attendees. These donations can be brought with you the day of the picnic.
- The Social Hour begins at 4 pm with the potluck to follow. Remember Friday, February 17th.

Purchase your ticket, bring a donation and a little extra cash – and that yummy dish to pass.

Tickets or questions contact: Jan Kiessel at 231-590-9802

Melissa Herman at 517-629-2699

Judy Petroskey at 231-883-1390

New England Picnic

The NE Picnic is Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Clubhouse 2. Doors open at 11:00 am for registration and a social hour with light appetizers. Potluck will begin at 12:00pm. There will be raffles, door prizes & lots of fun.

All New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT) residents, renters & guests are invited.

Bring a dish or dessert to pass at your table. (for new people this means each table has their own mini potluck) You can plan your own table or space will be available to join in with others; We want everyone to feel welcome, so invite newcomers to sit at your table and socialize at the Social Hour.

Punch, coffee & tea will be available. Don't forget to wear your name tag and bring your own table setting

To donate items or baskets for the raffles:

- Contact Margaret Dukette @ (603) 387-4233 or drop off items to her at 37315 Eileen Ave
- Gail Mead @ (603) 8485092 located at 5643 Cheyenne St.
- Martha Dukette @ (603) 387-0804 at 5346 Betty St.

Advance tickets will be \$3 and available Feb 21stFeb 28th and March 7th at coffee hour or call:

- Judy Gidney (207) 485-6516
- Sharon Todd (813) 838-0414
- Linda Parkhurst (207) 861-1042.
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Please encourage your friends who have never come to a NE picnic to attend and those who haven't been back for a while (we miss you!) We're looking forward to a great turnout and having lots of fun and meeting new people. We hope to see all New Englanders on Saturday, March 11th.

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What-Not Barn

What-Not Sale

This year's sale was an amazing success in so many ways. We had great support from so many people and lots of shoppers came.

Gross sales for this year were nearly \$29,000, only \$2,000 less than last year when we had two years of merchandise due to COVID. After expenses, the net will be in the area of \$26,000 plus. This reflects on everyone's hard work and how much the public loves our sale.

They say it takes a village to perform great things, and the Betmar "village" certainly, came through. We like seeing the income amount, but we enjoy watching our teams and shoppers interact so much more. As always, all excess merchandise went to non-profits. The What-Not Sale definitely shines a positive light on our park.

We would like to acknowledge each of you who had a hand in the success of the What-Not Sale this year. To the forty-seven Department Heads, co-chairs, and their hundreds of volunteers, this sale would not have been such a success without you.

It is hard to imagine the scope of involvement from other Betmar groups that is required to make this all happen. Betmar Office, Custodial, Golf Club, Shuffle Club, Activities, Communications, Sound, Video, Kitchen, Clubhouse Superintendents and to a large extent, Properties. All are involved and provided all that we asked for in the most cooperative way.

Sincere thanks to all of you who saved your bags and newspapers and to all the Betmar Bakers for the goodies provided. Special kudos to all those in the kitchen for keeping us well-nourished throughout the sale and to our cardboard box and trash crews who work so hard out of sight and out of mind. Special thanks to Lydia Carson who provided a wonderful lunch to our volunteers at her expense.

Thanks a ton, to all who came to participate in the Betmar Ant March and cleanup on Saturday. Welcome to all of the new volunteers; we hope you had fun. Last but not least, thank you to all who came and shopped to make this sale successful.

We would be remiss if we did not thank Linda Bentz and the What-Not Barn crew for the sorting, cleaning and packing that goes on throughout the year and for their involvement in support of the sale.

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NEW RESIDENTS/ADDRESS CHANGES

New Owner	Address	Phone Number	Home State
Frank & Carie Magnarini	36512 Kay Ave		WI
Cannon Doyle & Kelly Dallos	5517 Benton St		
Randall & Suzanna Huntsman	36849 Kiowa Ave		PA
Kathryn Brooks	37123 Lois Ave		OH
Theresa Nelson & Edgar Hamm	36813 Tara		MA
William & Letitia Look	5822 Apache		ME
Kevin & Kristen Townshend	5718 Arrowhead		
Wayne & Sandy Berounsky	37234 Lois		
Mark & Susan Steinhofer	5836 Navaho		WI
Todd & Mary Frank	37126 Sandra		NY
Virginia Holland	5653 Mandan		
Jill Fox	5408 Dean Dairy		
Barry & Lori Gaukel	5811 Navaho		
David & Lori Hopkins	36815 Kay		FL
Dianne Buynink	37130 Lakewood		
Gary Yasko	5245 Mary		OH

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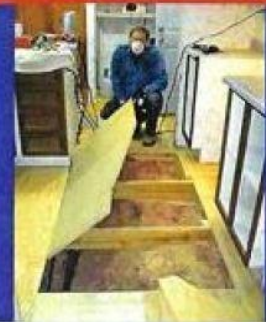
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