

COFFEE NEWS MARCH 5, 2024

*THANK YOU MELINDA FOR HANDLING COFFEE HOUR THIS
MORNING-NO ONE WANTS THE COLD I HAVE!*

MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

Welcome to March with weather patterns for farmers that note either harshness or gentler, milder weather patterns that bring in and go out this Month. I'm hoping this March idiom comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. Why? We have family coming and going from March 16-March 31st. Nice weather will be greatly appreciated with the many activities we have planned.

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT

Melinda changed the one I had-she did this one

An avid golfer

Loves her grandchildren

Has the patience of a saint having taught middle school for 32 years

Makes every one met feel like they are special and important

Extremely organized

Knows where and when everything is going on in Betmar

Spends numerous hours every week making sure all of the clubs in Betmar have a time and place for activities

This person brings TONS of energy to Coffee Hour

Who is this lady?

Well it's Taylor Swift (aka Michelle McKinnon) Of Course!

MELINDA WANTS TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO LILLIAN CAMPBELL FOR THE APRON OF HEARTS THIS MORNING!

On Tuesday March 12th, the Betmar kitchen band will be playing right here on this very stage! If you have never heard them then you should be here to see and hear for yourself! We are always looking to grow our membership so if you like to make people smile then you should join us. We play kazoo's and visit local nursing homes to entertain the residents! This is a no cost club so what do you have to lose!

Easter Sign making party 🎨🎈🎉❤️🥰 Thursday March 14th; 3-5pm.

Space is limited please RSVP to Lynn MacDonald so we can make sure of enough supplies and snacks!

👤🎨 207-314-5838

Blood Drive: Betmar Acres TODAY

March Gifts-\$20 egift card/St Patrick's Day Tee-
Shirt Drive Date: March 5th

***This link you can give to donors so they can schedule their
donation time↓***

[https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/
1431129](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1431129)

The New England Picnic will be held Saturday, March 9 at 11 AM in Clubhouse 2. Advance Tickets will be sold today and next Tuesday, March 5 at coffee hour.

You may also purchase tickets by contacting Judy Gidney at 207-485-6516. Linda Parkhurst app 207-861-1042 and Sharon Todd at 813-838-0414. We are still looking For items to fill our baskets and other donations contact Margaret Dukette at 603-387-4233 or drop off to her at 37315 Eileen Ave. if you have something to donate

80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY-

Such a huge success, thank you to all of those of you that attended.

Don't forget to **vote for Betmar Board of Director Candidates on** Thursday, March 7, 2024 from 9 am to 1pm in the annex of Clubhouse 2. Absentee ballots are available in the office through next Wednesday, March 6, 2024. All absentee ballots must be returned to the office by 4pm on Wednesday, March 6.

Meetings for next week:

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - agenda meeting for the Betmar Owners Annual Meeting - immediately following Coffee

Thursday, March 7, 2024 - Annual Betmar Owners, Inc Clubhouse 2 - 7:00pm

The next visit for **the on spot dermatology** clinic is Tuesday , March 19. 7:30 to 3pm
Call 941 444 0011 for an appointment or visit onspotdermatology.com/betmaracres

Prevention Plus

According to the national Stroke Association, stroke is the third leading cause of death in America and the leading cause of adult disability. Stroke has no symptoms. While it is possible to reduce risk of stroke by modifying the lifestyle, the best way to prevent stroke is to get screened. Please call today to schedule an appointment for your screening as they will be here Wednesday March 20th- clubhouse two in the annex from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
1-888-667-7587 also look for the neon signs in every clubhouse

Deb Moran and the ([Tim Bishop & Jackson Gay The Maine Duo Plus One Ronnie Miller](#)) Maine Trio will be at the Pavilion at Betmar Acres Club on Tuesday at 1 o'clock weather permitting
We will also be at the [BETMAR BANDSTAND](#) on Wednesday March 6 at 6 o'clock !!

We will be having **a Memorial for Bill Robertson** Sunday, March 10, 2024 in CH3 from 1-3pm.
I would like to ask the Betmar ladies who are able, to donate cakes, cookies or bars.
Please bring them to the club house by noon on the 10th.
Thank you and if you have any questions please feel free to call... Judi Gearsbeck at 813-780-9811

Let's get those pictures out you've been wanting to put together for a fun **memory collage! Bring** your photos, magazine clippings, etc. Also any acrylic paints and/or brushes, bring them too! We'll supply snacks! Come and enjoy a great creative afternoon! Thursday afternoon, March 28th from 3-5pm
Contact Lynn Mac Donald to RSVP
207-314-5838

BETMAR SECURITY

Just a reminder to all security personnel of the up coming meeting this Wednesday March 6th at 11:00 in CH 2 annex.

If you're leaving for the summer, Pasco County sheriff has a program called "Dark House", when registered for Dark House, a designated sheriff appointee will come by and check on your house periodically. They will get out and actually walk your property and look in windows to make sure nothing suspicious is happening. Dark house forms are now available in the office. Please be reminded that these forms are due back into the Office by April 1st.

VIDEO CLUB

Fantastic performance by the Markham's magic show!!

CREATIVE WRITERS

The best time for planning a book is while you're doing the dishes." — Agatha Christie

Writing opportunities come at the strangest times, rarely when you're at your computer. Even if you have only a few sentences, share them with the members of Creative Writers Mondays at 9am in the White Room of the Apache Clubhouse. See you there!

GAME CLUB

Game Club Meeting is Friday March 8, at 11:00 A.M. Apache Club House Blue Room. All activities are required to have a representative attend. All game club members should also attend.

We will be hosting a **Mahjongg Marathon** on Friday, March 15th in the Maple Leaf room at Apache clubhouse. Play will begin at 9:00 am and end at approximately 1:00 pm. There is a \$5.00 buy in and prizes will be awarded for high scores. Sign up sheet will be available at our regular Mahjongg time Monday and Friday 12:30-2:30 (note the time change!) and will be posted on the bulletin board in Apache clubhouse. Residents must be a game club member to participate.

Monday at CH 3 **Bridge** 6:00

Tuesday at Apache 6:00 Duplicate Bridge Wednesday 3 at 6:00 Bridge-Lesson available to anyone who wants to learn the game. Everyone welcome, please come check us out.

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

On Friday night Danny Jackson is hosting the show at 7:00 p m in CH# 3. Tickets are now on sale for our big spring show in the Annex and from Carol Kelly. Show is March 22 at 7:00 p m and March 23 at 2:00 p m in CH#2

SHUFFLE

Monday, March 4, and Tuesday, March 5, will be the last shuffle lunches of the season. Grilled cheese sandwiches and cream of tomato soup will be featured. Assorted sandwiches, hot dogs, tossed salad, Jello and chips will be available. Dessert will be a selection from our own Betmar Bakers. Lunch will be served from 11:00 to 12:30. Come join us!

TOPS

"I just want someone to look at me the way I look at food."

This week TOPS advertises our "Some Bunny Needs A Buzz." Sales will be at Coffee Hour March 12, 19 & 26.

\$20 scratch off lottery tickets

Founder's All Day Haze IPA

Smirnoff Vodka

Barefoot Cabernet Sauvignon

Phantom Chardonnay

Starling Castle Riesling

Fireball Whiskey

Seagram's Escape (Jamaican Me Happy)

Coastal Cocktail Mixes

BETMAR TRAVEL GROUP

Friday March 8th The bus leaves promptly at 10:00 am to have lunch with the Lippizanes. Meet outside clubhouse 2. Information is now available for our December trip to see the lights of St Augustine, December 12 to 14. See sandy Bedingfield.

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 March is Block V (west end of Kimela, Kiowa & Tara. All of Navaho & Arapaho)

Schedule for this period follows:

Wed 3/6	8 am	Bandstand (major)
Thu 3/7	8 am	Elections (Annex)
FRI 3/8	8 am	Fish Fry/General Assy mtg (major)
Sat 3/9	4 pm	Dance (major)
Sun 3/10	1 pm	Elvis Concert (major)
Mon 3/11	8 am	Bingo w/Chorus (major)

For questions, contact Tom Brown.

DANCE CLUB

Saturday Night Dance – join us in Clubhouse 2, 7-10 pm for dancing to the music of Geri Blount. Geri does a great variety of rock, country and more. \$5.00 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m.

There are no longer tickets for the Saturday night dances. This is a trial and will be reevaluated next season. Your \$5.00 donation will be accepted at the door and you can select a seat at any available table.

Dance Club General Meeting – Tuesday, March 12th, 3-4 p.m. in the Apache Blue room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Annual Dance Club Pizza Party – Wednesday, March 13th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join us for pizza, assorted salads, and desserts. Debbie Mims will provide the music for dancing after we enjoy the meal. Dance classes will give short demonstrations.

Tickets are available Tuesday, March 5, 8-9 am in the annex and at line dance classes. \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. For an accurate pizza count, we encourage advance tickets. Please bring your place setting, utensils and a salad or dessert to share.

BETMAR BANDSTAND

Please join us tomorrow night, Wednesday, at Clubhouse 2 at 6:00 and be entertained by Deb Morin and The Maine Trio. They play a great variety of music so come and enjoy an evening of music that make some memories, amazing vocals, dancing, refreshments and take a chance on Share-the-Wealth. Hope to see you there.

GOLF CLUB

NEW SIGN for white wall on Blue 9 is scheduled for Wednesday and is estimated to take 2 hours to install, so if your golfing Blue and hole 9 is closed, take a par for the hole and get a first look at the new sign.

Course Clean up Schedule:

Jeff Warner and Dave Gregg are looking at changing things up a little bit this year for cleanup. In the past we shut down ALL three courses until the work was done. This year we will only be closing the designated course for 3 hours, 8AM-11AM so grab your rakes, big shovels and tarps as leaves will be the primary focus on leaves. But I am sure we will still have some light paint touch ups, and of course the vinyl items and benches.

Gold Course – March 11th Blue Course – March 19th White Course – March 26th. The Clubhouse cleanup date is TBD and will be announced later.

Special Shout Jenny George and her group that cooked for the March Breakfast it was another big success. So thank you to all the Betmarians that supported our breakfast, with a great turnout.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffles held at the Club Championship Tournaments and the flight winners as well. Details of the flight's champions below. Thank You Mac McKinnon Golf Board President

Janet Minor and James Wall were the winners of the Betmar Golf Course Golf Bag Raffle.

Congratulations to both Janet and James. James opted for cash winnings and the golf bag is now for sale in the Betmar Pro Shop.

A" Leap Year" Golf Scramble was held on February 29, 2024.

1st Place Winners were: Margaret and Wayne Dukette and Martha and Dale Dukette.

2nd Place Winners were: Diana and Bob Engler and Gail and Mike Williamson

3rd Place Winners were: Joel and Rick Ide and Jill and Henry Brown.

The Ladies Blue Belle's Golf Tournament was held on February 29, 2024 on the Blue Course

2024 Men's Club Championship Results!

The annual Men's Club Championship was a great success with 103 players participating. The courses were in great condition thanks to the maintenance crew. The Championship staff did a fantastic job running the event and getting the very large group through the whole process from beginning to end.

A huge thank you to: Roger Staley, Ron Irwin, Tim Burns, Sue Lane, Joanne Wille, Fred Jaeger and Kelly Lloyd for all the work with the Tournament. Also, thank you so much to Sheri Huff, Carol Young, Verna Bertrand for putting together lunch, and Susan Muller for handling the cash table. We could not accomplish such a great event without all the work from this Team.

Club Championship Results: For the first time in "remembered" history, the Low Gross in Flight B was better than the Low Gross in Flight A. Eric LaCroix, First Place in Flight A had a 96 for the 27 holes, and Pat Mead in Flight B had a 93 for the 27 holes. Both are Club Champion for their Flights, but Pat Mead is the overall Betmar Golf Club **CLUB CHAMPION** for 2024. Congratulations Pat Mead!!

Flight A

1st Place, Club Champion - Eric LaCroix

2nd Place, Presidents Cup – Scott Krumbholz

3rd Place – Joe Nemeth

4th Place – Tim Burns

Flight B

1st Place, Club Champion – Pat Mead

2nd Place, President's Cup – Ken Curtis

3rd Place – Mike Gumser

4th Place – Dave Gregg

Flight C

1st Place, Club Champion – Max DeHaven

2nd Place, President's Cub – Jimmy Richie

3rd Place – Mike Poulin

4th Place – Robert Burkhead

Flight D

1st Place, Club Champion – Mac McKinnon

2nd Place, President's Cup – John Archibald

3rd Place – Mike Herman

4th Place – Gary Mead

Flight 80+

1st Place, Club Champion – Ernie Vaillancourt

2nd Place, President's Cup – John Alberts

3rd Place – Phil Fisher

4th Place – Owen Whitkopf

Skins – Flight A - \$5.50 each

Tim McEniff – 4 Gold, 8 Gold

Scott Krumbholz – 5 Gold

Joe Nemeth – 9 Gold

Ron Irwin – 5 White

Tom Frain – 9 White

Eric LaCroix – 2 Blue

Ron Austin – 3 Blue

Tim Burns – 5 Blue

Skins – Flight B - \$8 each

Alan Hussey – 2 Gold

Pat Mead – 7 Gold

Dave Gregg – 8 Gold

Michael Gumser – 9 Gold, 2 Blue

Alan Peterson – 4 White

Ron Williams – 9 White

Ken Curtis – 5 Blue

Skins – Flight C - \$14 each

Dan Welcher – 1 Blue, 4 Blue

Mike Poulin – 8 Blue, 4 Gold

Dennis Bass – 9 Blue, 5 Gold

Joe LaBarr – 8 Gold

Skins – Flight D - \$40 each

Mac McKinnon – 1 Gold, 8 Gold

Paul Marichal – 4 Gold

Frank Magnarini – 3 Blue

Gary Mead – 4 Blue

Skins – Flight 80+ - \$28 each

John Alberts – 1 Gold

Hank Hosking – 9 Gold

Ernie Vaillancourt – 9 Blue

Financial Summary

- A total of \$550 in Betmar Pro Shop Gift Certificates were given to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners of each Flight.
- The Raffle raised a gross amount of \$762 in ticket sales. After deducting the cost of the Club Regripping from the Pro Shop of \$125, the Raffle netted \$637.
 - 4 Rounds at Saddlebrook for 4 people (value \$1,200) – donated by Saddlebrook
 - 1 Round at Heritage Isles for 4 people (value \$200) – donated by Heritage Isles
 - Club Regripping (value \$125) – purchased at the Pro Shop
 - Golf Lessons (value \$Priceless!) – donated by Ron Austin
 - Pro V1 Golf Balls (value \$55) – donated by Allen Faraday
 - Ball Retriever (value \$48) – donated by Allen Faraday
 - Betmar “Soaker” Golf Hat (value \$30) – donated by Allen Faraday
 - Golf Shoes at the Pro Shop – donated by the Pro Shop
- A Share the Wealth drawing raised another \$37 for the Golf Club.
- The lunch sales just about broke even, with Allen Faraday donating the water, soda, juice drinks and chips.

In summary, a total of \$799 in cash is being donated to the Golf Club and a total of \$550 in gift certificates was purchased from the Pro Shop, for a grand total benefiting the Club of \$1,349.

Respectfully submitted, Allen W. Faraday Men’s Club Championship Coordinator

HOSPITALITY CLUB

Betmar Hospitality Club is selling tickets in the Annex this morning for our Entertainment Show featuring Kris Pierce on Thursday, March 14 in Clubhouse #2 from 6-9 PM. Tickets are \$7.00. There will be Share The Wealth tickets sold, bring your own snack and drinks and come enjoy an evening of awesome music and dancing. Hope to see u all!! Tickets can also be purchased from Anne Duprey or Lorna Bradstreet

LIBRARY

Librarians are just like research engines; except they smile and talk to me and they don't give me paid-for advertising when they are trying to help. And they have actual hearts.

– *Matt Haig*

All books, puzzles, talking books and DVD's must be returned by March 10th. This will give us time to pack all our books and equipment before construction starts. We are hoping and planning to start on 01 April. Keep watching the coffee news, we will be updating our progress! We still have many books for sale, come in and see our selection.

Our Library meeting is March 14th at 9 a.m. Volunteers please attend, and anyone is welcome to attend.

SWIM CLUB

Chicken and biscuit dinner with the Jam Bandits March 20th 5PM-8PM

Swim club renewals are due April first, please don't wait or you will be locked out-get your application in the office.

TENNIS/PICKLEBALL CLUB

It's just a week away - the 4th Annual Tennis/Pickleball Poker Run - tickets are available at coffee, in the office or call Laraine @517-230-2231. Cash prizes for top 5 hands, picnic lunch, 50/50, gift bag and live auction. Bring your own beverage and join us for a fun afternoon. It begins at noon on March 13th at the pavilion. All for just \$12.

THEATRE

The theater production of Finians Folly will be held March 15, @ 7pm 16, @ 2pm and 17 @7pm. Tickets are \$6.00 and sold before coffee.

Theater meeting March 6 at 1 pm followed by rehearsal.

TRIVIA

This week's winners were 'The Maniacs,' well done! Can any of you 'brainiacs' beat them in next week's quiz? Every Sunday 6.30pm in C/H 3

EVENT SNIP IT FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY	SHUFFLE LUNCH-AGENDA MTG
WEDNESDAY	SECURITY MTHG
THURSDAY	ELECTION DAY-BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY	FISH FRY
SATURDAY	NEW ENGLAND PICNIC-LIBRARY APPRECIATION LUNCH
SUNDAY	BILL ROBERTSON MEMORIAL-ELVIS SHOW
MONDAY	

JOKE OF THE DAY

A cat in Ireland died and went to Heaven.

God met the animal at the pearly gates and said you have been a good cat all these years, anything you want is yours for the asking.

The cat thought for a moment and then said all my life I've lived on a farm and slept on a hard wooden floor, I would like a real fluffy pillow to sleep on.

God said say no more and instantly the cat had a huge fluffy pillow.

A few days later 12 mice were simultaneously killed in an accident, and they all went up to heaven together. God met the mice at the pearly gates of Heaven, with the exact same offer that he had made to the cat.

The mice said Well, we have had to run all of our lives... from cats, dogs, and even from people with brooms. If we could just have some little roller skates, we would never have to run again.

God answered, it is done. All the mice had beautiful little roller skates.

About a week later, God decided to check on the cat and he found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked is everything OK? How have you been doing? Are you happy?

The cat replied oh everything is just wonderful; I've never been so happy in my life! My pillow is always fluffy and those little Meals on Wheels that you have been sending over are delicious.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Kim Douglas. Married 30 years on March 19th.

BIRTHDAYS

Mark Garrett Monday March 4th (64)

Carman Spence March 4

Doris Schuh 3-8 73 years

Beverly Mosher 3-5 84 years

Gerry Cribley

Al Knack is excited to celebrate his 69th birthday on March 5!!!

Kim Douglas has birthday March 5 turns 65

March 1 was Kerry Fritz birthday. He turned 80

Gail Mead March 7th

VISITORS/GUESTS

Ray Dutil has guest Nancy Litten from Maine

Al and Carol Knack have family Darci, Ray, Adeline, and Jacob

Shane Hillman granddaughter of Eleanor Hillman from Michigan

Jan Kiessel has son Ed from Michigan

SICK BAY

Bob Coutz

Barb Vliek

Sandy Reardon

Dave Hafey