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## From the General Manager's Desk...



### *Season's Greetings, Members!*

December is here and it is going to be a busy month — lots of music, food and fun!

On Wednesday, December 6th, we have Bunco, featuring a Mexican Buffet starting at 5:00pm

On Sunday, December 17th, Santa will be here! Leslie will have a family friendly buffet with lots of options so please join us and Santa beginning at 11AM – 2PM.

Thursday, December 21st will be our Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Alisa Mike will be performing from 6 – 8:00PM. We will have drink specials and dinner specials!

Sunday, December 31st we will have a special New Year's Eve menu and music from Doc 'n' Roll, from 6 -8PM.

Mark your calendars for these dates! More information for each of these events will be sent out in an email.

I am excited to let you know that we are planning a lot of social events and activities in the months ahead and if you have some ideas for events that you would like to see, please let me know!

As you all know, we sent out a survey to the membership and I want to really thank all of you for your feedback. Taberna management has been meeting and making plans for improvement, and I will update you all our plans by the 15th.

On a personal note, I will not be at the club from December 21st through December 26th. My husband and I will be going home to Vermont for Christmas this year to meet our first grandson who is expected to make his arrival around the 15th!

I want to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season and thank you for being a member!

Shannon Nunn

## Please Welcome Our New Members

LINDA ANDREWS  
PAUL AND PHYLLIS SAMMONS  
MA KYEYUN AND BYUN KYE

## Season's Greetings, Taberna Members!

The TMGA has asked that I remind membership that there is an Employee Christmas Fund box located in the Pro Shop.

The last day to donate to this fund is Thursday, December 14th.

You may donate cash or make a check payable to the TMGA.

# NEWS FROM THE PRO...



Good Afternoon Members,  
In October 2021, I was lucky enough to become a Head Golf Professional for the first time in my career. There was no doubt that I was young and eager, looking for a new challenge, and wanting to make a positive impact. I'm thankful that Taberna gave me that chance. Throughout the last two years, I believe we have developed and strengthened the golf operations at Taberna. I consider this change to be a great success not only personally, but overall, for the club and the members. There have been highs and lows throughout this ride, but I'm very proud of the current condition of the golf operation.

Though there have been many positive strides and great accomplishments achieved for Taberna Country Club, I have decided that I will be resigning as Head Golf Professional at the end of this year. This decision has not been taken lightly, and there have been many factors contributing to this decision. I will fulfill my duties through December 31st, 2023, and during this time will help in any way to aide in a smooth transition for the golf operations.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a difference at this club. I wish you all, and Taberna Country Club, continued success in the future.

Sincerely,  
Mark Williams, PGA



*So sad to see you go, Mark, but wishing you the very best...*







"On the 12th Day of Christmas, my true love gave to me," or as the song goes, the last TMGA news of 2023. Our TMGA group had their end of summer season meal on Nov 16th, and all who attended walked away with full bellies either with food and/or drink. We also walked away with a door prize thanks to Brian Binn's annual give-away. All who attended had a good time of reflecting back on the 2023 TMGA season.

Anyway, we now have new officers for the TMGA 2024 season: Joe Vasko jumped into the fire and took over as President, Tom Love is our Vice-President, yours truly, will stay on as Secretary, and Brian Binn has graciously accepted once again to be our Treasure. On Joe's behalf, we will all help him as he learns the "Golf Genius" software and what it takes to be TMGA President.

It has been a year that I will be glad to see in my rearview mirror. I had problems with my knee surgery that kept me out for longer than expected from playing golf, so 2024 cannot get here fast enough. However, the golf course and in particular, the putting greens, are looking and playing great, thanks to our faithful ground crew. In appreciation, we now have a club annual "HOLIDAY GIFT BOX" available in the pro shop for any club member who wants to contribute to giving back to the TCC employees for their support this past year. This has been a tradition the club employees very much appreciate. Please donate your love offering no later than December 16th.

This is all for now, but I do want to wish all TCC members a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2024 Year!

*May your golf shots be straight, and  
your putts roll true in the coming year,  
Deputy Dog,-- signing off!*

## Musings from Barb...



**FORTY EIGHT (48).** Yep, including this article, that is how many newsletter submissions I have fretted over, uhm, I mean written over the past four years as the President of the TWGA.

As most of you know, my Presidency has reached its term limits and, effective January 1, 2024, the very capable and organized Debbie Polacke will be taking over as President. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading the TWGA for the past four years and will cherish all of the fun times we had both on and off the golf course. But, I have to admit, coming up with material to write about each month was at first daunting. When I tried to stick to writing about TWGA news or golf facts, I would get maybe one or two sentences written before my brain would wander aimlessly and I would start writing about my own shenanigans, klutzyiness, and experiences.

Hey, who else can boast about hitting themselves in the back of the head with a sand wedge or swinging so hard in a sand trap that it caused my body to go airborne and crash? And I'll never forget when, during a golf lesson, the instructor likened my golf swing to casting a fishing pole. Ugh, that had to be a big old fish tale! Plus, apparently I'm obsessed with the weather, as many of my article's themes were weather related. I was either whining about the excessive heat and humidity or complaining about how cold, windy, rainy and wet it was which of course all contributed to my boneheaded golf shots. And I think I did a pretty good job at explaining how Murphy's

Law and golf shots are destined to be joined at the hip. So folks, it goes without saying that I'm sure my golffoony (made up word) won't be taking a permanent sabbatical, so just maybe I'll be inspired to share my foolish tales in future newsletters.

*Cheers, Barb!  
Barbara Herl, President, TWGA*

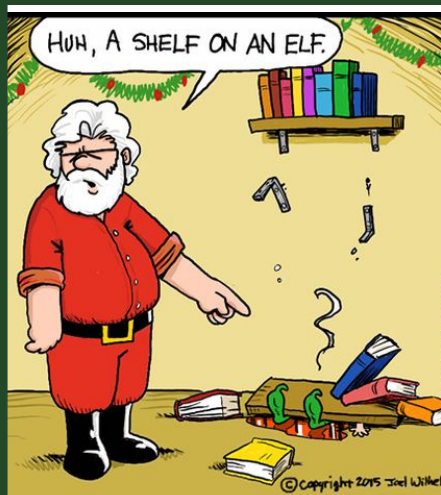
It truly has been my pleasure to lead such a great group of ladies who not only love the game of golf, but more importantly love each other. We have sadly said goodbye to our friends who have moved away or passed on and have warmly welcomed new faces to our wonderful association. I have had so much help along the way and would like to thank the following ladies who served on the TWGA Executive Board starting back in 2020 when I became President.

**Officers:** Julie Jones, Theresa Mueller, Carolyn Perigo, Barbara Clark, Janet Vasko;

**9- and 18-hole Division Leaders:** Debbie Polacke, Carol Thirkell, Genie Meyer, Jean Hanson, Linda Sagan, Valerie Franzese, Susan Narolis, Donna Lee, Peggy MacSaveny, Gail Schultz.



# FUNNIES



## THE TENNIS CORNER

WITH BARBARA FLYNN



It is with great delight that I am able to inform you that the tennis groups at Taberna have gained three players. Recently, we had 12 players show up on Monday evening. I can't remember the last time we have had that many players show up to play recreational tennis. Despite this being November, we have luckily had some unseasonably warm weather. I know it doesn't need repeating but we are always anxious for new players, regardless of level of ability.

In searching for tennis news for this article, I learned that this past March a bill was introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives to award Billie Jean King the Congressional Gold Medal, one of the highest civilian awards in the United States. "The medal recognizes the national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions by individuals or institutions that have a lasting effect in the receipts field." Members in the United States Senate have also introduced a bipartisan companion bill. An individual woman has never received this award. In my efforts to find out if the bill has been passed, I did find a report (dated October 7, 2023) on the website "gov-track" stating that the bill only has a 10% chance of getting enacted. Thus,

we should all contact Congressman Greg Murphy and encourage him to become a co-sponsor of H.R.1831 as well as Senator Thom Tillis and Senator Ted Budd to co-sponsor S.2861. Apparently, H. R. only has 88 co-sponsors which is not enough. The telephone numbers for our representatives are as follows: Congressman Greg Murphy- 202/225-3415 Senator Thom Tillis – 202/224-6342 Senator Ted Budd – 202/224-3154 In conclusion the tennis funny for the month from Hugo Black "When I was 40, my doctor advised me that a man in his 40s shouldn't play tennis. I heeded his advice carefully and could hardly wait until I reached 50 to start again."

For you gentlemen out there, the men are still playing on Tuesday (and sometimes on Friday) morning at 9:00 a.m. if they can get four players. They are also attempting to start a group to play on Thursday evenings in an effort to attract those who have daytime jobs. If you are interested in either of these groups, call Doug Griebing at 412/719-6414

For info about tennis at Taberna,  
please call Genie Meyer at  
638-2093





# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>DINING ROOM CLOSED</b> 3	<b>POKER NIGHT</b> 4	<b>TWGA CHRISTMAS AWARDS DINNER</b> 5:30PM 5	<b>PRIVATE MEMBER LUNCHEON</b> <i>Bar area open for regular dinner service</i> <b>Eat, Drink be merry and play Bunco!</b> 5PM 6	<b>LUNCH SERVED</b>  <b>THIRSTY THURSDAY DINNER SERVICE</b> 7	<b>1 DINING ROOM OPEN 11AM - 8PM</b> <b>PRIVATE CHRISTMAS PARTY 4 - 9PM</b> 8	<b>2 PRIVATE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 10AM - 2PM</b> <b>DINNER SERVICE</b> <b>LUNCH AND DINNER SERVICE 11AM - 8PM</b> 9
<b>DINING ROOM CLOSED</b>	<b>PRIVATE MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY 4 - 8PM</b>  11	<b>TABERNA HOA CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> 6 - 9PM 12	<b>TMGA</b> <b>PRIVATE MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY 4 - 8PM</b> 13	<b>LUNCH SERVED</b>  <b>THIRSTY THURSDAY DINNER SERVICE</b> 14	<b>PRIVATE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 10AM - 2PM</b> <i>Bar area open for regular dinner service</i> <b>PRIVATE MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY 5 - 10PM</b> 15	<b>PRIVATE CHRISTMAS PARTY 4 - 9PM</b>  16
 <b>SANTA SUNDAY 11AM - 2PM</b> 17	<b>GOLF COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE CLOSED</b> 18	<b>TWGA</b>  <b>LUNCH SERVICE 11AM - 4PM</b> 19	<b>TMGA</b> <b>DINING ROOM OPEN 11AM - 8PM</b> 20	 <b>UGLY SWEATER WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE PARTY</b> <b>ALISA MIKE ENTERTAINING</b> 21	<b>DINING ROOM OPEN 11AM - 8PM</b> 22	<b>DINING ROOM OPEN 11AM - 8PM</b> 23
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE LUNCH BUFFET</b>	<b>GOLF COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE CLOSED</b> 25	<b>TWGA</b>  <b>LUNCH SERVICE 11AM - 4PM</b> 26	<b>TMGA</b> <b>DINING ROOM OPEN 11AM - 8PM</b> 27	<b>LUNCH SERVED</b>  <b>THIRSTY THURSDAY DINNER SERVICE</b> 28	 <b>DINING ROOM OPEN 11AM - 8PM</b> 29	<b>DINING ROOM OPEN 11AM - 8PM</b> 30
 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER</b> <b>DOC &amp; ROLL ENTERTAINING FROM 6 - 8PM</b> 31	<div> <b>TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB</b>            Dinner &amp; Special Events Reservations – Call 634.1600, Ext.3            Pro Shop Hours: 7:30AM - 5:30PM            Range is open 7:30AM - 6:30PM            THE DINING ROOM WILL BE OPEN WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 11AM - 8PM AND ON SUNDAY FROM 11AM - 4PM.            ON TUESDAY, LUNCH IS SERVED FROM 11AM - 4PM.            THE DINING ROOM IS CLOSED ON MONDAY.         </div>					