



Cracker Crumbs



The Florida SKP Co-Op, 2219 SKP Way, Wauchula, FL 33873-4870

January 2022



NEW FLAG POLE!

Thank you Fun 'n Sun for the beautiful new flag pole, complete with solar light at the top and new American flag and POW flag. Thanks o the efforts of Skip LaPlante, our visitors and great park attendants this project was completed within 10 days of passing at the December 6 Fun 'n Sun meeting. FANTASTIC!

President..... Ed Landry, A-35
Vice-President Skip LaPlante, S-06
Secretary.....June Post, H-21
TreasurerDave Mayo, A-18
Ass't TreasurerJane Lewis, A-13
At LargeSteve Little, G-27
At LargeSkip Pratt, G-07

BY-LAWS WORKSHOP

The By-laws Committee will host an open meeting on **Wednesday, Jan 19 at 9:30** in the clubhouse. The committee will present their proposed changes to our By-laws, which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The changes are in response to an opinion from a lawyer that we are not a co-op under Florida laws so some language may need to be changed. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Bring your packet so you can see the proposals in writing.



IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs., Feb. 17, 9:00 AM
Town Hall Meeting in the Clubhouse. Discussion of proposals for the Annual Meeting.

Mon. Feb. 21, 9:00 AM in the Clubhouse
ANNUAL MEETING

Florida SKP Resort
Phone:863-735-1499
Fl-skp-resort.org



Volunteers deep in the water project

Updating Water System

The project to upgrade our water system will continue to be done in the next few months. You will be notified via Constant Contact of the next date and time work is to be done. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation and support. Any questions, please call Skip LaPlante or Bud Hodgkins.





The Beach

One of the questions people always ask is how to get to the beach. It is easy! Take a right out of the park on Florida 64. Then just stay on 64 until it turns into a parking lot and you can see the water. Don't turn off 64 until you're in the parking lot. Address: Manatee Public Beach 4000 State Rd 64 & Gulf Drive Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

Manatee Public beach is beautiful and free! There is parking, changing rooms, and outdoor showers. Miles of sandy beach, and plenty of trees to sit under if you want shade. There is even a tiki bar and café. Anna Maria Island Beach Cafe <https://www.amibeachcafe.com/>

The cafe food is average but it has location, location, location! The cafe also has live music every afternoon. Here is the schedule for January:

<https://www.amibeachcafe.com/entertainment>.

There are lots of good restaurants in the area. Some we like are: Sweet Berries in Bradenton. <https://sweetberries.com/>

[bradenton/](#) Really good food and great custard. Address: Bradenton SweetBerries 4500 Manatee Ave W Bradenton, FL 34209 941-750-6771

Also good is Vinny's Italian Kitchen. <https://italianami.com/#summary> Vinny's has real traditional Italian food. It is a good place to pick something up and take it to the beach. They specialize in to go items: pizza, pasta, pastries, cookies and grinders. (Subs)

The ride takes about an

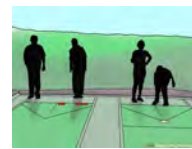


hour, but there is little traffic until you get into Bradenton. Make a day of it and enjoy a Florida Gulf Beach!

Cracker Capers!

Cracker Capers is back!! January 26 through January 30th we will have our annual days of fun and games!

Kick off is Wednesday Jan 26, 5 pm, with our famous Spaghetti Dinner. Then from 6:30 to 9 pm we will have our first dance, featuring a repeat performance by Rick Arnold. Watch for info & tickets.



Thursday Jan 27 will feature a Shuffleboard tournament, starting at 9 AM. All are welcome to participate!

Then at 3:00 pm on Thurs the 27th we are having our first Variety Show. BYOB and snacks.

Friday Jan 28 will be our annual Auction, featuring baked goods, canned goods, services, and good quality items. Be sure to attend this always fun event!



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Sat. Jan 29 we have the new Team Trivia game. This was a blast when we had it earlier. New questions and new teams!

Sun. Jan 30 is BIG BINGO! Big pots! Thank you Fun'n Sun committee!





Happy 75th Anniversary!

Jim and Barbara Bollhouse celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on December 18, 2021. Their son and daughter-in-law were visiting to help them celebrate, and members of the park presented them with a huge anniversary card made by Marsha Hodgkins and signed by nearly everyone in the park. Congratulations on your long marriage, Jim and Barbara!



Christmas in Wauchula

After a dinner at The Main Street Grille, June Post, Janet Gibson, Anne Warren, and Anne's daughter Sandy Sands attended the excellent show "Walk the Dusty Streets of Bethlehem" on December 9th at the Cattleman's Arena in Wauchula. They all loved it!

January Events

LEO'S (Let's Eat Out)
Wed. Jan 5 1:00 pm
Hibachi Buffet
2870 US 27, Sebring
\$10.25 + tax & tip, drink extra
Sign-up sheet in clubhouse

ROMIOS (men's group)
Wed Jan 19 Noon
Cowpoke's Watering Hole
6813 US 27, Sebring

Skippettes (women's group)
Wed. Jan 19 1:00 pm
Dmitri's Restaurant
2710 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring

COFFEE HOUR
Tues. Jan. 18 3—4 PM
Ron & Susan
Wszalek S-02
Bring a chair & come visit!



Jim Hendrickson presentations

Friday Jan 7. 3 PM
"Experiencing Papua New Guinea"

Friday Jan 21 3:00 PM
"The Chernobyl Disaster"

Don't miss these travel talks by our guest Jim Hendrickson!

Guest speaker Mon Jan. 10
After announcements "Change of Pace" Alzheimer's adult day care & support group

Arrivals, Farewells & Moves

New to Park

Bruce & Audra Stewart.....H-39
Ronnie & Kathy Perry.....A-07
Don & Gloria CoteH-1309

Farewell

Michael ResnickA-39
Tom & Debbie McIlwainS-01
Craig & Linda SandelF-06

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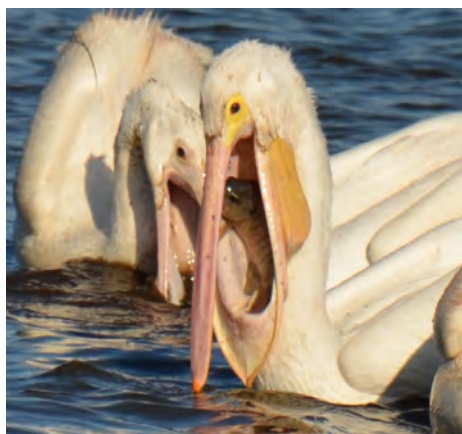
Chuck & Mari RothG-14 to A-16
Bob & Jean Hunt.....A-07 to S-01
Jill ParnellH-13 to F-06

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ICE CREAM SOCIALS!
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Sun Jan 9 3 pm
🍦 Strawberry Shortcake
🍦 \$3.50 Following the
🍦 Poker Run
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Sun. Jan 23 2 pm Peanut
🍦 buster parfaits \$3.50
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Giant Snowflakes!

Ladies in the Friday morning craft class display their giant snowflakes. You can see the lighted snowflakes around the park, displayed on rigs, sheds and doors. Fortunately, these are the only kind of snowflakes we are likely to see in Wauchula! Thank you Marsha Hopkins for such a creative and fun craft!

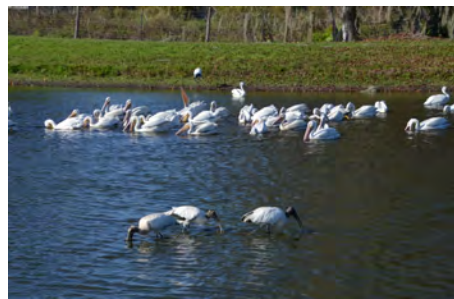


Bird photos courtesy of Ellen Bates

Nature lovers, bird lovers, and bird watchers recognize National Bird Day on January 5th. SKP Resort Members and Guests were able to do a little bird watching when a flock of White Pelicans and Wood Storks visited the pond earlier this week.

White Pelicans are like the Brown Pelicans found year-round in Florida but they are much larger in size with wing spans up to 9-feet wide. White Pelicans do not dive to catch fish but rather swim on the surface of the water dipping their bills into the water to scoop up the fish. White Pelicans will often winter in Central and Coastal Florida. In the summer, they live in colonies in Northwestern US and Canada.

For more information about Florida Birding visit www.floridabirdingtrail.com or www.audubon.org/news/birding-florida



Christmas Parade



1/04	.....	Dick Pearce
1/07	.....	John Cashman
1/07	.....	Lorraine Young
1/09	.....	Bill Oates
1/11	.....	Joan Tarkin
1/12	.....	Art Dubuc
1/12	.....	Betty Miller
1/14	.....	Denny Luppens
1/15	.....	Stanley Bobek
1/17	.....	Becky Lunde
1/19	.....	Diane Beatty
1/19	.....	Phoebe Bollin
1/26	.....	Joan Cashman
1/29	.....	Donna Hixon
1/29	.....	Ken Bollin
1/29	.....	Tom Cirou



1/10	.....	Ken & Phoebe Bollin
1/14	.....	Jim & Elinor Gooding
1/14	.....	Dale & Jackie



Weekly Activities

Every day:

7:00 am Table of Knowledge, clubhouse discussion
1:00 pm Shuffleboard
2:00 pm Water Aerobics
7:00 pm Cards and games

Mondays

7:45 am Breakfast
9:00 am Announcements
5:00 pm Happy Hour/clubhouse

Tuesday:

1pm Mexican Train, clubhouse
Movies 7pm

- Jan 4 "Field of Dreams"
- Jan 11 "U571"
- Jan 18 "A Shot at Glory"
- Jan 25 "Still Mine"

Movie is free, popcorn 50 cents

Wednesdays

9:00 am Pickleball
5:00 pm Happy Hour/clubhouse
7 pm Bingo

Thursdays

10:00 am Bowling (Wauchula bowling alley)
2:00 pm Fiber Friends (embroidery, knitting, sewing)
5:00 pm Wine Before You Dine (back patio)

Friday

9:00 am Woodworkers

Saturdays

9:00 am Pickleball

VISITORS WELCOME!

All are welcome to all activities!



Our second yard sale of the season: **Saturday, Jan. 15, 9:00 am.** Outside in the green space by the yard sale shed. Open to the public at 10:00. Lots of help is needed! Come early to help set up, and stay late to clean up!

Craft Classes

Friday Jan 7 10:00 am
Puzzled Frames.
Supplies = \$1



Friday Jan. 21 10:00 am
Crafting Tiles \$1.00 each



Since 2014 Norm and Ginny Milliard have hosted coffee hours on their site F1. They have welcomed many a new member and visitor to the Park. This December was their last coffee hour, as Sue and Ron are taking over, Thank you for your hospitality over the years.

JANUARY EVENTS!

Jan. 9, 2:00 pm **Poker Run**
Meet in Clubhouse for instructions. Come out for this fun event. And you don't have to run!

Strawberry
Shortcake
Social follows
at 3:00 pm.
Cost is \$3.50



Jan 29, 7:00 pm **Team Trivia**
in the Clubhouse. Back by popular demand!

FAJITA LUNCH \$6

Jan 14th Noon



THE BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 31 at 10 am in the library. The January book is *My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey* by Jill Bolte Taylor. An account of recovery from a catastrophic stroke and her insights into how the brain works.

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20th of each month

Christmas Dinner



Singing Christmas Carols at Happy Hour



Kayaking in the Winter



**All Visitors working in the kitchen.
We have the best visitors, thanks!!**

Skippettes Lunch

