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Message From the President

The Resort is starting to fill up with members and guests coming in.

The Committees have been busy getting their budgets to the Finance Committee so they can get the budget for 2025 voted on and approved by the Board of Directors.

The PL East sites are finished and will soon be occupied by guests. That assessment was voted in at the 2023 annual meeting. Thanks to the volunteers who worked on it this summer, it came in under budget.

This year (2024), we remodeled both bathrooms, purchased a John Deere mower, and replaced the AC in both the front and back offices and the card room with a split air conditioner.

As noted in the last newsletter, a lot of work was completed this past year.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with getting these projects completed.

I also want to acknowledge all the members who helped mow this summer for all of the members who were not here. We definitely don't realize how fast the grass grows!

Our plans to dig out the pond will hopefully begin the first part of December.

We have two great park attendant couples: Mike and Mary on G-16 and Chris and Gabby on G-20. When you get a chance, welcome them to our park.

The Holidays will soon be here and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy, prosperous New Year!

Respectively,
Jane Lewis, President



BOARD of DIRECTORS

- Jane Lewis - A-13.....President
- Steve Little - G-27.....Vice President
- Laurie Milliard - F-01.....Secretary
- Dave Mayo - A-18.....Treasurer
- Lisa Geary - H-28.....Asst. Treasurer
- Don Wold - H-05.....At Large
- Denny Luppens - A-34.....At Large



SKP RESORT OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday
9:00 Am - 4:00 PM
(closed for lunch 12 PM-1PM)

Sunday
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM





Meet our new Park Attendants Chris Wyatt & Gabby Gloschen!

Chris and Gabby are our newest park attendants, joining our park on November 9, 2024. We welcome them to our Florida SKP Resort. They are currently parked on Site G-20.

Chris, who hails most recently from the Springfield, Illinois, area, grew up in Springfield, while Gabby grew up in Aurora, Colorado. They met on an online dating app and became engaged on the Dallas Cowboys Football field. Chris is the father of two children, while Gabby is the mother of four. Between them, they have three grandchildren.

While previously working as a truck driver, Chris spent the last twelve years as the owner of a lawn care service. Gabby spent seven years in the Army, has also sold Mary Kay products, and worked in the office of Pierre Marquette Lodge. Gabby, thank you for your military service.

They recently acquired their travel trailer this past summer and joined the world of RVers! Their first trip was to Holiday World in Indiana. Since coming to join us in Florida, they have already been to visit some of our beautiful Florida beaches, including Turtle Beach and Clearwater Beach. During their visit, Clearwater Beach was still recovering from our recent hurricanes, so we hope they can return to see it in all its splendor. There is nothing like the beauty of our white sugar sand Gulf Coast beaches!

Chris enjoys following NFL football, and is a fan of both the Cowboys and the Cardinals.

Be sure to say hello to Chris and Gabby when you see them in our park!

Birthdays: Chris – April 27
Gabby – December 12



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the 20th of each month

*** PSA ***

While we love to see people out walking, we ask that you also be mindful, and respectful, of vehicles and let them pass.





Welcome to our New Members Alex & Carol Patterson!

Say hello to Alex and Carol Patterson who became park members in the winter of 2024. They are on lot A-36 on Alligator Alley and just arrived in the park on November 14th. They have been full-time RVing for the past thirteen years, and they have considered Livingston, Texas as their home base. Both Alex and Carol grew up in Connecticut. Alex lived in Greenwich, while Carol hailed from Warehouse Point. They met while students at the University of Connecticut. Alex spent forty years working as a software writer for IBM.



Although he tried out retirement at the age of sixty-one, he felt that he wasn't quite ready for the retirement scene. He decided to go back to IBM as a part-time contractor, and worked another five years for them. After raising their two children, Carol held a variety of self-employed positions. She worked teaching meditation, provided counseling, and was also a massage therapist. She has been retired since 2007. Alex and Carol also have two grandchildren with whom they enjoy spending time.

Alex and Carol have enjoyed traveling throughout our beautiful National Park system. They have visited many of these parks, but their goal is to visit all of them. They have attended a yoga retreat with the Escapees, and have also visited Boundary Waters with their kids. This is a beautiful and remote wilderness area in Minnesota where they went canoeing. They also enjoy "jeeping", including traveling the Jeep "Badge of Honor" trails. In April of 2021, their travels took them to the SKP park in Hondo, Texas. Arriving about two hours before a super-cell went through the area, they survived the storm in the park clubhouse. Many of the clubhouse windows blew out during this severe storm.

Alex enjoys genealogy, tinkering with his antique music box, and the "jeeping" mentioned earlier. Carol's hobbies include crafting, particularly with fused glass, quilting, knitting, and anything art related.

Birthdays: Alex – February 23
Carol – March 5

Anniversary: February 21

Please look for the "New Member" flag on their lot, and be sure to say hello to them and welcome them to our park.



Remember: if you see this flag in a yard, they are new members so stop and introduce yourself and welcome them to the park.



WE NEED YOU!

There will be four Board Member positions up for election at our Annual Meeting on Monday, February 17, 2005.

Our park is run by volunteers, and our seven Board members are some of the most important volunteers we have. Just like every year, we need new ideas, energy, and dedication from the four new Board Members. Every member of our Resort has much to offer, and we need you!

Why run for the Board? Among other reasons, you will learn much about how our Resort runs. You can use your skills and interests to help make our Resort better than ever. You can build on our past which has created our beautiful, smoothly functioning community of caring and sharing.

If you have questions about the Board and its function, please search out any current members of the Board as well as previous Board members. This is a great opportunity, and we hope you will consider running for the Board.

Applications are due by January 8, 2025 and can be obtained from the Board Secretary.



2024-2025
Board of Directors Meetings
9AM

November 13	December 11
January 8	February 12
March 12	April 9

2024 - 2025
Planning Meetings
9AM

November 6	December 4	January 1
February 5	March 5	April 9



**Message from the
Fun'n Sun Committee**

Let's expand the **Spirit Day** to also include **Basket Donation Day!**

Everytime you put your yellow SKP shirt on for the **Fun'n Sun** meeting days, bring a donation for the Hardee County basket. Any non-perishable item or hygiene product is acceptable. Let's form a charitable habit and help out our community members in need.



Safety Committee Tips

Pool Safety - The Emergency and Safety Committee recommends that you bring your cell phone to the pool as there is no Emergency Phone available.

NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.
SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK!

December safety tip: Secure bikes, golf carts, and other personal items.

HAPPY Birthday

- 1 - June Parr
- 4 - Mari Roth
- 5 - Bob Lewis
- 5 - Bob Beckwith
- 7 - Dick Naughton
- 12 - Gabby Gloschen
- 12 - Lewis Hinson
- 13 - Brian Geary
- 13 - Mike Millard
- 21 - Tammy Millard
- 22 - Lillian White
- 30 - Diane Adler

Happy Anniversary

- 7 - Bud & Marsha Hodgkins
- 8 - Bill & Kitty Ewald
- 24 - Bob & Jean Hunt
- 26 - Rob & Diane Beatty

Holiday Activities

Christmas Caroling
Saturday, December 21 - 6:30 PM
Campfire, cookies & hot chocolate

Christmas Eve Program
7 PM - Cookies & Punch

Christmas Dinner
2 PM - Bring a dish to share with
8-10 people

New Year's Eve party and dance
6 - 9 PM
BYOB and snacks to share

DECEMBER 13
9 AM - 5 PM

Winn-Dixie.

Salvation Army Bell
Ringers needed

Sign-up sheet in the
clubhouse



DONATE BLOOD

Florida SKP Resort
Monday, December 2
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All donors will receive*:
- \$20 eGift Card
- OneBlood Six Reusable Cups
- Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.

Donors Receive
\$20 eGift CARD Amazon
 - PLUS -
 WALKER ELF LAY
 - PLUS -
 oneblood

ID REQUIRED
 Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 19590

What's Happening This Month?

Signup sheets and more info about activities can be found in the Clubhouse



Celebrate SKP Spirit Day!
First Monday Each Month
Wear your **yellow** SKP Resort t-shirts

December Crafts

Dec. 6 - 30" Angel decoration
(you will need 10 children's hangers)

Dec. 13 - Star decoration

Dec. 20 - Snow globe

Supplies provided
\$3

Sign-up sheet in the clubhouse



Check the
sign-up sheet
for time and
place



SKPettes

December 18
12:00 PM
Island View
Lakefront Restaurant
5223 Sun and Lake
Blvd., Sebring

ROMEOS

TBA
Check the sign-up
sheet



Ice Cream Social
December 8 & 22
2 PM


SkyMed
TAKES YOU HOME

FREE Breakfast

sponsored by SkyMed

December 9th

7:45 AM - 8:45 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM - Program



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December 2

Fun 'n Sun

Meeting 9 AM


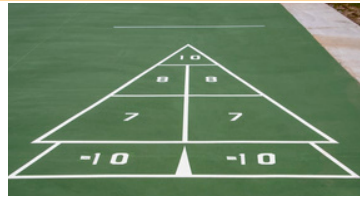


Card Bingo
December 7 - 7PM

DAILY ACTIVITIES

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Coffee & Table of Knowledge
7:00 AM

Shuffleboard 9:00 a.m.



Water Aerobics 2:00 PM
Self-directed



Cards & Games
7:00 PM

Whine B4 Dine
Thursdays at 4:00 PM
Pool Patio

HAPPY HOUR
Every Monday & Wednesday
4:00 PM

MOVIE NIGHT
Tuesdays at 7 PM
See flyer in clubhouse for movie titles

Monday Morning Breakfast
7:45 - 8:50 AM

Bowling
Thursdays
10 AM

Wood Carving
Fridays
9 AM

Mexican Train
Tuesdays
1:00 PM

Bingo
Wednesdays
7 PM

Cornhole
Tuesdays
9 AM

Billiards
Thursdays
5 PM



Pickleball
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 AM

Tai Chi
Tuesdays & Thursdays
7:30 AM

Gentle Exercises
Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:00 AM

Fiber & Threads & Stitching Cards
Thursdays
2:00 PM

Yappy Hour
Every Tuesday @ 4p.m
at the dog park.
Everyone welcome.

Music Jam Session
Fridays
2:30 - 4 PM

Gary Wyatt's pencil art class.
Every Thursday
9 to 11 a.m.

SAVE

*** SKP Safety ***

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From the app store on your phone, download the Hardee County Sheriff's office app – this will notify you of road closures, emergencies, missing person, fugitive, cell phone outages, 911 connection issues, law enforcement activity, hazardous road and driving conditions, urgent weather messages and many other issues. It will also let you know of fun activities sponsored by the Sheriff's office.



Taking charge of your own safety

1. Trust yourself – many times, your eyes, ears, nose, skin, and tongue will give you clues indicating that something threatening is ahead.
2. Be aware of your surroundings.
3. Pay attention to the people around you.
4. Act confident and focused.
5. Understand that alcohol and drugs can cloud judgement.

Online safety basics:

1. Keep a clean machine – keep software up to date.
2. Create long unique Passwords.
3. Use a password manager.
4. Enable multi-factor identification.
5. Think before you click.

Websites for more safety information

<https://www.hardeecountyfl.gov>

<https://www.cityofwauchula.gov/communications-department/pages/alerthardee>

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/>

<https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/sops/home.jsf>

<https://www.nsopw.gov/>