



First SP Golf Tournament & Dinner a Huge Success



Once announced, the first ever Sonoma Pines Golf Classic held July 21 quickly sold out. As reported in June, **Bob & Marlene Waterfield**, owners of Budget Blinds Kelowna and long time SP residents announced their company would be the lead sponsor for the golf tournament and dinner. Their generous donation provided seed financing for the event, but it was up to the community to 'make it happen'. One stipulation, all net proceeds were to go toward the purchase of equipment for the new Clubhouse fitness room. With that in mind, the Waterfields approached **Tom McEwen**, SP Council Chair, to see if he'd organize the event. Tom, despite having a full agenda of other community related projects, accepted the challenge and convinced his wife Gail to be the co-lead on making the event a success. An interview with Tom McEwen is printed below.

was Team 3, pictured below, with a low net score of 28. After the game, drinks flowed and a delicious BBQ steak dinner was served at the Clubhouse to a happy crowd of 120 residents. As usual, the staff of Nineteen Bar & Grill (at Two Eagles Golf) did an outstanding job of preparing and serving the food. Thanks to the generosity of donors, an abundance of prizes were won by many of the attendees (see sponsor donor list in box, below). Once all the numbers were in, **a profit of \$5,500 was made for the community Clubhouse.**



L to R: Organizers Tom & Gail McEwen, with team mates Darrell & Sandi Bellamy

Keep your eyes open for next year's event.



Low Score Winners: Team 3, smiling from L to R, Pat & Caroline Arnieri, Kevin & Dave McCarron

TM: It was an opportunity to bring everyone together at the Clubhouse – for everyone to meet, socialize, team-build, so people could come together. Also, it was an opportunity to showcase the Clubhouse and its capabilities, particularly for the many new residents that haven't seen it up till then.

ED. What was this golf tournament supposed to accomplish?

TM. Well firstly, Budget Blinds wanted to give back to the community in a meaningful way. SP helped make them a success, and it was time to return the favour. Secondly, the Waterfield's clearly stated that all profits were to be used to help buy equipment for the new fitness room at the clubhouse, which would encourage our residents to remain active and healthy. And lastly, it was to have more residents involved on a 'team basis' to make a community-wide event fun and successful.

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Interview with Tom McEwen:

Recently **Ed Dorosz**, Sonoma Sun editor, sat down with **Tom McEwen** to get his perspective on the Golf Tournament and Dinner.

ED. Tom, you and Gail are busy people and involved in many other aspects of SP. What inspired you to take the lead in organizing a Golf Tournament?



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ED. So in the end, what were the results?

TM. Obviously we were supposed to generate a profit, which we did. A total of \$5500 was raised, better than expected.

The tournament & dinner was completely sold out, all to SP residents, which was great. At first we thought we might need to open the golf to non-residents, but that wasn't necessary. The whole thing went off without a hitch. Everyone that registered came to play and all volunteers showed up and did as promised. That was gratifying.

The post-game dinner was especially fun, despite the heat. Nothing cold drinks couldn't solve. The food was fantastic, and the generosity of local businesses and individuals that provided numerous prizes made a lot of us walk away even happier.

ED. What were the main challenges in making this event a reality?

TM. Without a doubt, it had to be finding the right balance of time to share amongst the many many other things going on. As you can imagine, there's a hundred things to orchestrate to get a major event like this through to completion. In the end, it was all worth it.

ED. How receptive was the business community in helping sponsor the event and donate prizes?

TM. Very receptive. It really wasn't an issue. Everyone we asked stepped forward. In fact, even some individuals voluntarily donated prizes. No one turned us down, especially when they learned of the community nature of the event and what we were trying to accomplish.

ED. I know the community and certainly the participants appreciated the generous time & efforts of everyone involved in helping pull-off this event. It was great fun, the food was wonderful

and the weatherman co-operated. In light of that, do you think SP should have this as an annual event, and if so, what changes do you think could make it even better?

TM. Yes, it will be an annual event as long as it's supported by our community, particularly by the volunteers, which sometimes don't get the full credit they deserve.

In terms of changes or improvements, we'll probably change the timing to late August or early September when the weather should be cooler. Perhaps we'll do a 'shotgun start' and possibly play 18 holes. We'll see what the community prefers. On the food and drinks side, we'll make adjustments to the menu, perhaps offer a choice of 2 entrees, and come up with some better efficiencies.

ED. Do you have any closing thoughts to add?

TM. Now that we have some experience and a template to work from, it should be easier to improve on next year's or

similar events. And importantly we welcome any and all suggestions from the community. Please let us know.

Golf Hole Sponsors

Thank you for the generosity of the following sponsors:

- Budget Blinds, Manchester Signs, Rykon Construction, Flaman Fitness, Hardy Podewils, Valley First Credit Union, Andres Electronics, Grey Monk Winery, Scotia Bank.

Prize Donors

- 16 donors contributed 26 prizes valued well over \$1,000. A great big 'thank you' goes to: Pat Arnieri, Golf Town, Two Eagles Golf, Grey Monk Winery, Valley First Credit Union, Wedding Café, Total E-Clips Salon & Spa, Andre's Electronics, Dave & Brenda Scruton, Curves For Women, Nature's Fare, Kelly O'Bryan's, Swiss Chalet, White Spot, La Cucina Restaurant, Boston Pizza



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Coffee Klatch Saturdays

Interest has been shown in re-starting our Saturday morning Coffee Klatch during the fall and winter months. This can only be achieved with the help of volunteers. We are looking for one or two people to lead his event every two weeks and be able to recruit volunteers within the community to help. If you are interested, please contact Lorna Wright lorna-wright@shaw.ca, or please call 250-452-9872

BlockWatch

Just to let all of the homeowners know, we have launched a renewal of this program for Sonoma Pines as of the session we hosted with the Crime Prevention Co-ordinator, Duane McTavish this week in our Clubhouse. We are seeking, initially, BlockWatch Captains inside the Phases to assist in the co-ordination of owners in their respective phases.

Please contact Joel Young, Security and Safety Chair @ eagleyoung@shaw.ca with your pledge to assist. Not tedious work but expression of people helping people in our community. We will be placing BlockWatch brochures in your mailboxes to review.

Sonoma Pines Spiritual Reflections Group

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The purpose of this announcement is to introduce all Sonoma Pines owners to the two of us, Roger and Carrie Liegmann, who over the past several months have become residents including my parents who have moved here from Ontario. Roger and I are ordained ministers and desire to develop a "church without walls" that is, an environment where, together we can explore faith in Jesus Christ and God's Word. Our first service as Westmount Church will be Sunday, October 20 at the new Xtreme Theatre near the Kelowna bridge.

With that in mind, we are going to host a 6 week dinner and Spiritual Reflections group, right here at the Sonoma Pines clubhouse, for those in our community who are not involved in a church but want a place to learn and discuss spiritual truth. Your thoughts, involvement and questions are valued and wanted. Perhaps you've entered retirement and suddenly you have more time than ever. Your mind is filled with thoughts of family, friends and rich memories that you've created thus far. You also find yourself thinking more about the meaning of it all and the purpose for your

life, right now. We found there's a lot of you that have grown up with a faith, some Catholic, Anglican, etc... you know the basics but it's been a while, since you connected with anything to God or to church. Perhaps... maybe just perhaps... that is why Roger and I have been placed here in this community...to help you reinvestigate things your parents once encouraged?

Roger and I simply want to offer both, ourselves and a setting to perhaps open or reopen the door to your spiritual questions, to develop real friendships and to explore what "faith" really means and looks like today. It will be relaxed, low key, friendly and those that know Roger.... Full of LAUGHTER! Come listen, learn, discover, and ask ANYTHING. Plus dinner is provided so you don't need to cook.

Sincerely,
Carrie (and Roger) Liegmann

Where: Sonoma Pines Clubhouse
Dates: Tuesdays, October 1st – November 5th (six weeks)
Time: 5pm to 7pm

If you are interested in coming to dinner and Spiritual Reflections please **RSVP by Sept 30**. There is no cost; it's us having you for dinner!

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New Neighbours

This month we have a bonanza of new residents to welcome to Sonoma Pines.

Ken & Sherrill Schooler to Sonoma Pines Drive; from Calgary
Leo & Lillian Mouillerat to Talavera Place, from Lakeview area of West Kelowna,
John & Kathryn Fawcett to Madera Court, from Burnaby in early Sept.
Margaret Degen to Serrento Lane from nearby Lakeview Heights (W. Kelowna)
Christopher & Denise Bryson to Talavera Place, originally from the UK but just recently moved to SP from the Smith Creek area of W. Kelowna
Esther & Jim Connery to Siringo Lane, from DeWinton, Alberta,
Janet & Ian Flack to Madera Court from Penticton
Harvey Mills and Alexandra Chesky, Talavera Place, from Parksville (Vancouver Is.)

Though Vancouver Island and many other former locales are beautiful, looks like the Okanagan (and Sonoma Pines in particular) remains the preferred choice of our new neighbours. Welcome to all and hope you'll make the best of what life has to offer here.

Congratulations

If you know of any SP resident that has achieved a special milestone, award or significant anniversary/birthday, we would like to announce it here, as a regular feature.

Please contact the editor



Call for Artists & Artisans



If you are a painter or practice visual arts in any form, or wish to learn / take lessons, contact **Bill Everden**, billandjune@shaw.ca or call 778.754.0462.

We plan to start a Sonoma Pines Artists Group at the Clubhouse

Drop - In Music Jam

Join the music jam at the clubhouse every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7pm. Whether you play a little or a lot bring your instruments and get ready to have a great time. No pressure to commit come when you can.

Spotlight

Clubhouse Library



Our library is finally taking shape. First of all we would like to send a huge thank you to **Marshall Wolski** and his assistant **Gerry McNichol** for our custom made library shelving, they look amazing. Marshall has spent many many hours on construction of these shelves and it is greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank the residents who have donated the many hardcover and paperback books that have filled our shelves. At this time we would kindly ask that anyone who has any books to donate, please contact **Sue Dravinskis** cougs72@shaw.ca or **Lorna Wright** lorna-wright@shaw.ca, as our shelves are getting pretty full. If we have a lot of duplicates we will donate them to a suitable charity. If anybody has some DVD'S that they no longer want, we would badly accept them for the library to be loaned out.

As our basement nears completion we will be removing the folding tables and chairs from the library and replacing them with some comfy chairs for you to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee and a good book.

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Rockin' The Night Away



Bob Wiltshire aka Mr. President

It is with a sense of both gratitude and sadness that our Sonoma Pines Council bids a fond farewell to a fine gentleman, Bob Wiltshire who has served on our Board for more than six years now, most recently adding to his presence as Landscaping Chairperson. Always ready to speak out and tease us all, Bob's love for his community stands out considerably for all of us. We will miss his teasing and challenging demeanour. Born and raised in Vancouver, Bob worked in the Ship Building sector for 38 years and is a Past President of the Purchasing Agents of Association of BC. Very involved in volunteering and is a member of the Lions Club in West Kelowna and a Sr. Housing President in Peachland.... Tries to stay home but loves travelling with his dear wife. If you look closely at his photo, you will see hints of Obama as Bob looks into the camera seated behind an Obama desk and flag. Good on you Bob... you can be Vice-President next election for Barack.

Our first "60's Dinner & Dance" was held Sept 14 at the Clubhouse. About 60 Sonoma Pines hippies, bobby soxers, flower children and even Elvis, hit the dance floor after a wonderful dinner. The "Fonz", now slightly chubbier in 2013, made an appearance from his heavy tour schedule. Congratulations to the Twist contest winners, **John and Kathryn Fawcett**. Smiles and good tunes filled the house all night.



Flower Children, Peace to you

Close to \$450 was raised to help further support fun Clubhouse events for our community. Thanks again to the Clubhouse Social Committee for all their hard work to make this happen.

Guys and Gals, dig out the Brylcream and get your costumes ready for next year's event. **Note, polyester bell-bottoms and go-go boots will be allowed.**



The Fonz with free-love hippie girls



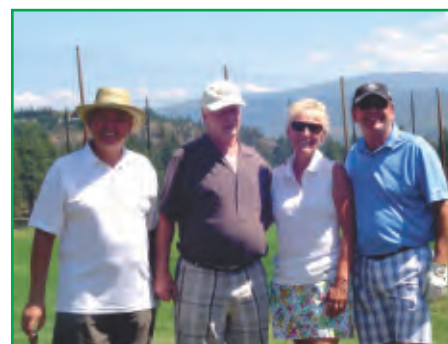
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Random team photos from Golf Tournament



Budget Blinds' Generosity

Recently Sonoma Pines Clubhouse received a cheque of \$5,000 from the proceeds of the Golf Tournament sponsored by Budget Blinds Kelowna. Pictured above at the cheque presentation are (l to r) **Tom McEwen** receiving the cheque and presenters **Bob and Marlene Waterfield**, owners of Budget Blinds Kelowna. Thanks again to Bob & Marlene for such a great contribution to our community.





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6	7 Yoga 9am Special AGM Meeting - RV Parking 6:30pm (Registration 5:45pm)	8 Tai Chi 9-10:15am Spiritual Reflections 5-7pm	9 Yoga 9am Jam Session 7pm	10 Fitness Walk 9am	11 Tai Chi 9-10:15am	12
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27	28 Yoga 9am	29 Tai Chi 9-10:15am Spiritual Reflections 5-7pm	30 Yoga 9am	31 Fitness Walk 9am Last walk of 2013	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Interested in Volunteering?? contact any Committee member </div>	

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November

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 24 - Grey Cup Party
 DTBA - Christmas Bazaar


December

7 - Christmas Dinner & Dance

January

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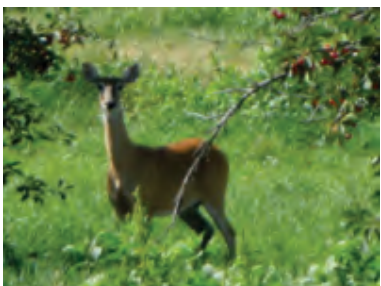



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