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DID YOU KNOW:

JULY IS NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH?!?!

ENJOY A CONE OR BAR TODAY!!

“The Best Kept Secret Inside the Beltway”

Father's Day Tournament

June 17th brought 24 teams of out to Pinecrest for our annual Father's Day Tournament. We had three different age groups and there were prizes for each group.

Prizes were awarded in each category—father with 8-12 year old, father with 13-17 year old and father with 18 year old and up, as well as a closest to the pin contest. :



Andy Elkins took lots of pictures and has them displayed throughout the clubhouse. Take a look and you'll get an idea of how much fun everyone had.

Congratulations to all the winners and we hope to everyone out here again next year as we continue the annual Father's Day Tournament tradition.

Thanks to all who participated and to all who gave their time and energy to help make the day such a success.

Golfing for the Cure

The Pinecrest Monday Ladies League held a Rally for the Cure event here on the June 18th.

PWGA (Pinecrest Women's Golf Assn) will be making a donation of \$1,120 to the Rally for the Cure.

Congratulations to the ladies for their success in raising not only money but awareness for this very worthy cause.



The league had 50 people sign up to participate in the Rally and will be entered into a special drawing to have a noted LPGA teaching pro come to Pinecrest to give an exhibition.

Take a Look at our Volunteers:

If you have ever said to yourself “the grounds here are gorgeous”, you’ve got to give the credit to our great volunteers Fran & Ernie Watkins, Sheila Brackett, Mary Ellen Cameron and Trevor Briggs.

Between the four gardeners, we have over 15 years of volunteer experience. Fran & Ernie have been volunteers within Fairfax County for over 15 years and are here almost every day—rain, snow, sun—it doesn’t matter. Sheila and Mary Ellen both spend a considerable amount of time here working in the dirt but both ladies also work in addition to the time spent here.



Water lilies grow on our ponds at Pinecrest.

These ladies & gentleman work non-stop to design layouts, dig holes, plant literally hundreds—possibly thousands—of flowers, prune, mulch and in general tend to all things beautiful on our property. Without the tiresome efforts of all these generous people, we’d never have such a beautiful course.

Goodbye Snapper

As you all know, our good friend Ralph “Snapper” Brown finally succumbed to illness on May 27, 2007. Snapper was a great man who always had something kind to say and tried so hard to help players, volunteers and even golf course staff with the day-to-day business we all conducted. We spotlighted Snapper in the last issue

of our newsletter. Snapper was an avid golfer, caddying at Bell Haven Country Club as a kid. He played baseball in the 40s and was scouted to play for the Philadelphia Athletics. WWII called to him also and he served two years with the Army instead of fulfilling his baseball dreams. After the service, Snapper worked as a

Fire Fighter with the Alexandria Fire Department, where he spent the next 25 years.

Snapper left his wife of 50 years, a son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

A memorial benefit day will be held July 25th at Pinecrest at noon.

**Look for new golf apparel coming soon in the pro shop.
Lots of new styles and colors!**

Men’s League Golf Benefit for Prostate Cancer

Arnie’s Army comes to Pinecrest. On August 1, 2007, the Pinecrest Men’s League will sponsor an event that will help raise awareness and dollars for prostate cancer research. We’ll have a closest to the pin contest on the 7th hole. Your entry fee of \$20 will not only enter you into the closest to the pin contest but participants will also receive a one-year subscription to Golf Digest, an Arnie’s Army golf hat, a Lamkin grip. The prizes for the closest to the pin contest include a \$100 gift certificate from Calloway, a set of Lamkin golf grips, and Titlist golf balls. The event’s success depends on our support. Please see either Steve Flynn or Andy Elkins for more details on this more than worthy cause.



How 'bout them Greens!!

In any line of work there's almost nothing better than getting a pat on the back - an 'atta boy'. The feeling of satisfaction of having performed a job well and of getting some recognition for your efforts is something we all love (admit it or not!!)

That's the way we at Pinecrest are feeling these days. There is nothing more rewarding than hearing one of our many customers commenting on how they enjoyed their day on our golf course. They talk about how beautiful the course is and how nice

the greens are. We should all make an effort to thank our maintenance staff for all of their hard work. It has really paid off. The course *is* beautiful and the greens *are* nice.

Our maintenance staff is made up of a group of very dedicated people. You only have to go outside and look at how the course conditions have improved to know we have a very hard-working and determined group. Our full-time maintenance staff is Brian Dunn, Mike

Chiporous, Dave Murphy, Salvador Garcia, and Cecil Hardee.

The seasonal staff includes Grayson Stup, Elliott Mountjoy, Dain Overstreet and Daniel Marroquin. Some of the many improvements that have been made around the course include conversion of tee boxes to bent grass. The forward boxes on 1, 8, and 9 are completed. The rest will be done in September. They have also started the bent grass conversion on the approaches to the fairways.

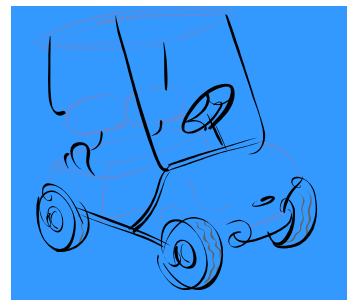
Welcome All New Pinecrest Employees!!

Since the beginning of the year there have been quite a few additions to the Pinecrest staff. We'd like to welcome full-time employees Andy Elkins and Kathy Frandanisa, both Assistant Managers.

Andy has prior Pinecrest experience as a part-time MOD. Between working here then and now, Andy was living and working as a golf equipment salesman in California. Kathy hired in as a part-time MOD in October and became a full-time employee in February. Kathy's background is administrative coupled with many years of sales and customer service experience.

We also have a number of new seasonal employees: Joe Frederick, Roselyn Smith and Anna Reintson.

Hopefully everyone has had the opportunity to meet the new staff at Pinecrest.



And Let's Re-Introduce the Not-so-New Ones:

For the newer patrons at Pinecrest it might be helpful to introduce the not-so-new staff here. Tom Toth is the Manager of the Pinecrest Golf Course. Tom has almost 30 years experience with the Fairfax County Park Authority in a variety of positions throughout the park system.

Additional clubhouse staff include - in the pro-shop: Al Peek, Gordon Hankinson, Frank Northrop, Harold Rissell and Patrick McGrath; and in the snack bar: Dennis Demaree, Daniel Pyne and Brittany Booterbaugh.

We also have Mark Stupalski who gasses up the carts and does tons of work around the clubhouse and grounds and Steve Flynn, who not only coordinates our player assistant volunteer but also manages the Pinecrest Men's Golf League.

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Save the Date . . .

Be sure to mark September 23rd on your calendars for the Annual Pinecrest Club Championship. As in past years, the championship is open to both women and men and is guaranteed to be a good time for all. Spots are limited . . . Sign up early!!!

Last year's champion was William Miller.

See Steve Flynn or Kathy Frandanisa for more details on entry fees, flights, team pairings, etc.

We're on the Web!

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/pinecrest

Looking for a way to kill some time on Thursday nights? How about joining us at Pinecrest's putting green. We have a small group of people who get together every Thursday at six for the putting club. Come on out and give it a try. The snack bar is open until about 6:30 so you can still get a bite to eat & a drink.

See you Thursday!

What Are You Doing This Summer?

Planning a family reunion? Employee golf outing?

How about having your group come out to Pinecrest?! We'll be happy to arrange tee times for you and we have food & beverages at the snack bar for your enjoyment.

Please see any member of the management team for more information or for help in setting up your event.

*How 'bout them Greens!!
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The crew has also made extensive repairs to the irrigation system, which has made a huge improvement. Unfortunately, Mother Nature doesn't seem to want to cooperate by giving us some rain.

The benches have been stained, the cooler stands have been framed in, a fountain was installed in the pond, most of the dead trees and shrubs have been removed and there has been considerable replanting .

We received a nice donation of trees from Diane Gannon, a volunteer at Jefferson Golf Course.

Comments / Suggestions

As at any business, we at Pinecrest are always looking for ways to improve our customer service.

We welcome your suggestions and ideas for ways to make your golfing experience more enjoyable.

If you have any ideas that you think might benefit the patrons of Pinecrest, please put your comments in the box located on the shelves in front of the pro-shop registers.

We check the box daily so you can be sure we're getting your suggestions and will look into implementing any ideas that are feasible.

We will also be introducing a brief article from our maintenance superintendent called "Ask the Superintendent". Brian gets tons of questions from patrons like "why this" or "what happens when" so we've decided to give him the opportunity to answer some of your questions in a written format so everyone will get the same information at one time. This information will also be posted on our website.

