

Hi everyone,

Once again, thanks to Dianne for help with the meeting notes:

Ambassador Meeting Notes
April 24, 2026

- The new playground equipment has been installed and has been well received. There was an issue with the type of mulch that was used, so the mulch was replaced with more suitable rubber mulch.
- The Queen of Hearts was popular beyond all expectations with the members this season and will be on the agenda for next season as well. The Club and staff have learned a great deal about running this type of event, which often exceeded 800 attendees (and expectations!), and some improvements will be made next season. Due to the hard work our wait staff put in this season, the owners are giving staff members generous bonuses.
- You have probably heard about a new condominium complex for the Strand. On Monday, April 27th at 4pm there will be a Town Hall Meeting regarding the owners' proposal for a new condominium complex over the pond near Sabal 9 which will provide for 87 new residences. The original architect and engineer for the Strand Community designed this condominium and will be present to answer questions. Residents can zoom this meeting by contacting Johanna. The meeting will be taped and recorded and a link will be provided for all members who could not attend.
- All questions asked and answered will be recorded in Elvis' daily newsletter. Due to this meeting being scheduled at the same time as the Annual Bag Room Open golf event (the only time next week the architect and engineer were available), Elvis will set up another Town Hall meeting for those who could not attend and the date and time will be published in his newsletter.
- Elvis stated that the Town Hall Meeting is an informational meeting and will allow for a conversation regarding this proposal. The owners have spent about \$28,000.00 for this rendering and want feedback from the community.
- No permits have been applied for at this point, and this project is at the "conversation" stage.
- The owners do want to hear residents' views, so plan to attend the meeting. Let Johanna know if you plan to attend in person, so the ballroom can be set up with the proper number of chairs. Thanks.
- As to golf, the men's and women's closing day events were well attended with a record number of participants at each event: 96 women and 136 men participated. Nick commented that the SLGA made the event fun for the ladies with a "Strand Strong" theme. All ladies' events this year had record participation.
- Now, about the golf course closures: Savannah will close on May 4th and renovation of the tees and greens will begin at that time. Savannah will re-open in mid-October. Preserve will close on June 1st and Sabal will close in mid-May. Preserve and Sabal are targeted to re-open in mid-November.

- As to reciprocal golf during our course closures, Nick has lined up eight courses (that's a lot) where Strand members will be allowed to play for the price of cart fees only. Generally, members of other courses who play our courses in such situations pay guest fees, so to get Strand members on these courses for the cost of cart fees only is quite an accomplishment.
- These courses will be listed in the newsletter and have provided us with this courtesy out of good will and friendship.
- Our summer reciprocal list will be available at the end of April and will include 50-60 courses. Audubon and Wyndemere are new to our list this year. The golf staff are still waiting to hear from three additional courses which may be added to this list.
- Forest Glen CC has opened its course to us already. Tee times for all reciprocals must be made through the pro shop and are for 18 holes of golf. There are no 9-hole reciprocals available.
- F.Y.I., Pelican Sound CC which is on our reciprocal list also has waterfront dining and is accessible by boat.
- As to our pro shop staff, Alex is heading to New Hampshire to work at a very well-respected golf course for the summer and Brady is heading to Orlando to work. Both will be returning in the fall.
- Construction for the open concept kitchen in Tavern 59 will begin sometime during the first two weeks of June.
- Efforts will be made to keep portions of the Tavern open for dining and on certain days the grille room will also be made available for dining. Summer menus will be published in the newsletter soon.
- Events are in the works for next season including singles events every month, which will include dining, pickleball, croquet, and a variety of classes and other activities.
- Upcoming social events include a Kentucky Derby party on May 2nd, Cinco de Mayo on May 5th, and Mother's Day on May 10th. On Mother's Day entertainment will be provided by Anthony & Heather.
- The final Trivia Night of the season is May 17th and for the summer months, karaoke will be held once a month on either Friday or Sunday (check the newsletter for further details).
- There will be a hurricane preparedness program offered on a date TBD, please check the Daily.
- The July 4th, 250-year celebration plans are in the works with fireworks provided by a company who works for Disney so it promises to be a spectacular event and fireworks display.
- As to health and fitness: classes will continue throughout the summer provided that attendance is at least 4-5 participants per class.
- On Monday and Wednesday Tai Chi classes are offered for free with donations being accepted for the 105 Mile Club charity.
- The 105 Mile Club charity is The Collier County Autism Charter School. The 105 Mile Club is trying to raise money for a new van for the school. This Club began at the Strand with a group of swimmers. Each swimmer found seven sponsors to pay \$105.00 each if the swimmer completed 105 miles of swimming between January

and December 2026. This event has now expanded to walkers, runners, and bike riders. The goal is to raise \$105,000 for this project which would cover the cost of a new van as well as staff and upkeep for the van.

- With all of this information presented, the meeting concluded, and the final Ambassador's meeting of the season will be on May 15th.
- Let me know if you have any questions.
- Travel safely if you're headed North.

Karyl