

Big Registration



The registration of nearly 1,000 snowbirds last Thursday went without a hitch. Over the years, Chairperson Linda Zukonik has developed practices and procedures that have greatly enhanced this traditionally strenuous day. Kudos to Linda and her team!

Many of the club's chairpersons were on hand to sign people up for the various activities and events; some were performing double duties. For instance, board member Dean Harper was simultaneously signing folks up for the Valentine Dinner Dance, which will be held Saturday, February 16, at the Royal Palm Grille in the Surfside Resort, and inviting members to play poker every Monday night, starting this Monday, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Seascape Conference Center.



Don Collins, another board member, was taking reservations for both the New Orleans Mardi Gras Trip and the Harbor Party Cruises. Only one bus trip to New Orleans, on Sunday, February 24, is planned for this year. There will be three Harbor Party Cruises, all on Mondays; January 28, February 4 and February 11. If openings are still available for either, he will be taking names and selling tickets at the meetings on Tuesday.

Ken Lemire was often behind the curtains on Thursday, managing the data entry staffers. At the same time, however, he had to make sure snowbirds were informed of the computer classes offered every other Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 at Faith Assembly Church on Geronimo Street. Classes will be January 8, and 22, and February 12, and 26. A March class is being considered. "The classes will cover Windows 10 and iPads." Ken says. "So if you own an iPad, bring it to class."

Golf chairman Joe Pierce invited many of the Destin area golf clubs to come and share information on their snowbird playdates, discounts and season specials. On Monday, January 7, Emerald Bay Golf Club will host this season's first "Nine & Wine & Whine" starting at 1 p.m. (Nine & Wine & Whine is a nine-hole golf outing that includes socializing). Michele Auter, the club's membership and tournament director suggests that snowbirds arrive a little early to enjoy the club's lunch specials. After golf, discounted refreshments will be available. She asks participants to remember that proper golf attire is required (no jeans, tee-shirts, cut-offs or sweats).

Shalimar Pointe Golf Club will host Destin snowbirds' first 18-hole golf outing on January 11. If you missed getting a tee-time and would like to play, contact Joe at snowbirdgolf@gmail.com or sign up at Tuesday morning's meeting.

Both the "Nine & Whiners" and 18-Hole players will have opportunities to "tee-it-up" on some of Destin's finest courses. Information will be available at the weekly meetings, in future articles and, as always, on our website. In fact, our website, www.destinsnowbird.org, offers detailed information on all this season's activities and events. Please be sure to check it out.

You will also find information on Destin area activities such as the 14th Annual Snowbird Festival on January 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Emerald Coast Convention Center on Okaloosa Island and free movies that are offered at the Destin Library 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday through February 27.

The first general snowbird meeting of the New Year will be on Tuesday, January 8, at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. Registration will be available one hour to 15 minutes before each meeting.



Jabbo and Krissa will entertain. Jabbo has been entertaining the Destin snowbirds for nearly 18 years. He began with his "Banjorama" band which he now calls "The Boys." (Jabbo and the Boys are scheduled to perform at the February 26, meeting.) Krissa, who adds a soft and melodious touch to complement Jabbo's macho, has been with him for about 7 years. If this will be your first "Jabbo and Krissa" experience, please note that they can be enjoyed every Thursday through Saturday night from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Cabana Café in Seascape.