

Destin Golfers Victorious

The losing streak is over! Having lost the Snowbird Cup every year since the tournament's inauguration six years ago, the Destin golfers finally scored a victory last Sunday. There were 18 foursomes, each consisting of two snowbirds from the Destin club and two opposing snowbirds from the Walton County club. The format was "best ball" which meant that everyone played their own ball, but the lowest score of a twosome was the score that counted. Whoever won the hole scored a point for their club. Ties were one-half point. The final tally was Destin 9 ½, to Walton County's 7 ½. The coveted prize was a one-of-a-kind hand-made trophy that will now grace the Destin snowbirds storage shed until next season. Sterling "Zeke" Zeran of Ontario also won a prize for being closest to the pin on a par 3. A delicious lunch was served and there was a plethora of door prizes that included numerous rounds of golf so that any "duffers" could get plenty of practice before next season. I thought of the old Pogo quote, "We have met the enemy and he is us," when I saw two of our snowbirds, Donnette and David Tibbs of Michigan playing for Walton County! Donnette sheepishly explained that they were members of both clubs. (They probably figured the Walton County Snowbirds were a shoo-in.) What they



actually demonstrated was that everyone was a good sport whose goal was just to have a good time. Speaking for the Destin group, we had an exceptionally fun time and we are looking forward to defeating Walton County again next year.



The excitement continued. Monday was the last of this season's Harbor Party Boat cruises and chairman Don Collins jokingly said that the boat captain had to ask the party birds to flock to the starboard side before the ship "rocked and rolled" right over! Entertainer David Hall had everyone up on their feet jumping to the snowbird anthem, "Sweet Caroline" among other favorite oldies but goodies. David has provided the entertainment for countless snowbird cruises including the well-remembered Valentine Harbor Cruises of the past. If you haven't had an opportunity to enjoy his musical virtuosity, be sure to attend next Tuesday's meeting where he will perform. Having to follow the amazingly talented and energetic Crystal Gage, he will, no doubt, have an extraordinary show in store for us.

The term "Hell Week" has one meaning for college students and a different meaning for Navy Seals, but for Destin snowbirds it means this upcoming week of seemingly endless activities. It all starts with this weekend's Valentine Dinner Dance at the Surfside Resort where a sell-out crowd will enjoy dining and dancing and sharing all the warmth that the romantic holiday imparts. Sunday is the Soundsations Benefit Concert, also known as the Snowbird Concert, at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center. This annual

presentation has never failed to captivate and inspire its audiences and the best reward received is the knowledge that your support is advancing the education of these amazing, talented young men and women. If you missed the opportunity to buy a ticket at the snowbird meetings you are in luck; they will be available at the door for just \$10. The curtain goes up at 2 p.m.

Monday, a room-capacity gathering of lady snowbirds will enjoy a luncheon at Louisiana Lagniappe while critiquing the stylish fashions presented by a bevy of beautiful models.

Tuesday morning we gather again at the Roost and then head to the Seascape Conference Center for the season's final T.G.I.T. (Thank Goodness It's Tuesday) Party and to enjoy a David Hall encore. If you are a single, you may want to squeeze lunch at Brotula's in between the meeting and the party.

Just a reminder: if you plan to leave certain items in storage over the summer, tickets for locker space will be available between the two meetings on Tuesday. Also, beginning next Saturday, and on every Saturday in March, the storage lockers will be open from 8 to 9:30 a.m. for your stowing needs.

Please be sure to check our website – www.destinsnowbirds.org - for additional and updated information.