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THE PLAYERS Championship completed its first round on Thursday, March 12, but called off the rest of the tournament that night amid concerns of the coronavirus pandemic.

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Photo by Craig O'Neal

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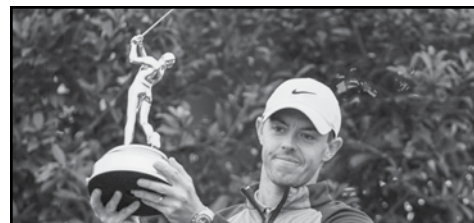


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All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

Eleven readers correctly identified last week's photo as THE PLAYERS Championship trophy. The winner of the random draw was **Danelle Kensbock**. Congratulations, Danelle — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET



CAT OF THE WEEK

Gemini was brought to the Pet Center as a stray. She is a 3-year-old female domestic short-hair. She is very sweet and lovable and has a pink heart-shaped nose. Come see Gemini at the Pet Center today. #53791



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: TO PONTE VEDRA RECORDER READERS

Dear readers,

We find ourselves in strange times. As I write this on Monday afternoon, the sun is shining, birds are chirping, and flowers are blooming.

As far as nature is concerned, it's a glorious day.

But, as we all know, we are not in glorious times, due to a novel coronavirus that is causing consternation everywhere and causing us to change the way we live for now and in the unforeseeable future.

The entire world is impacted, of course, but as editor of the Ponte Vedra Recorder and a resident of Ponte Vedra Beach, I am concerned for our community.

I am concerned about the people, and

also our businesses, because our fates are intertwined.

Please do heed the warnings about keeping social distances, but if you do need to shop, do it locally. If you don't want to venture out of your house, pick up the phone and call to see if they deliver.

Do the same for restaurants, see if they have drive through services and/or delivery.

Keep in touch with your neighbors, especially those who are older, and offer to help them navigate how to keep up with their needs, be it food or medicine.

On the Ponte Vedra Recorder's website, www.pontevedrarecorder.com, we will continually post stories and information as they come in. This will include items that impact Ponte Vedra area residents as well

as restrictions, cancellations and postponements from the wider Jacksonville and St. Augustine areas.

We are working closely with state and county and city officials, along with hospitals and healthcare providers, to bring you the most updated information available.

If you have information to share, or have been affected by the pandemic, please reach out to us at pvrecorder@opcfla.com.

Please continue to follow guidelines created by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

And get outdoors when you can, even if only to sit on your patio or in your backyard. Go for a bike ride, or a walk, waving to friends and acquaintances from a distance, but greeting them all the same.

The experts say getting outdoors and exercising are great ways to keep your immune system strong.

Read books. Garden. Call people on the phone to talk, just like people used to do before texts and emails.

And please, please, remember to support local businesses.

Together, we will get through this.

Maggie FitzRoy, editor

If you have information or have been affected by the pandemic, please reach out to us. In the meantime, please continue to follow guidelines that have been created by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Those guidelines also can be found at pontevedrarecorder.com



Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

Trump, Biden win big in St. Johns County

Despite residents becoming wary of coronavirus, more than 44,000 St. Johns County residents helped give Joe Biden and President Donald Trump resounding victories in Tuesday's Florida Primary.

Biden won his primary by garnering 12,019 of 18,919 votes from county Democrats. Trump earned 24,155 of 25,445 votes from Republicans. Trump's Florida victory clinched the Republican nomination for November's general election. Statewide, Biden beat Democrat challenger Bernie Sanders by 39.1 points, while Trump easily outdistanced his challengers with 93.8% of the votes.



Photo by Don Coble

CLOSURES, CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Due to the health and safety of the community, the following closures and cancellations have been made in St. Johns County and surrounding areas.

- In the interest of public safety and in an effort to minimize the impact of COVID-19, the following St. Johns County facilities and programs are closed to the public, or have been cancelled, from March 16 through March 29:
 - All St. Johns County libraries and the library bookmobile.
 - All recreational facilities, recreational programming, recreational events, and all permitted events, including organized youth and adult sports on St. Johns County property.
 - The St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier Gift Shop and all permitted events on associated county property, including the parking lot, volleyball courts and the pier pavilion.
 - All events scheduled to occur at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds.
 - All events scheduled to occur at the St. Johns County Agriculture Center.
 - All events scheduled to occur at the St. Johns Golf Club.
 - The St. Johns County Pet Center
 - All St. Johns County recycling and community collection events.
 - All St. Johns County Fire Rescue community programming.
- The St. Johns Golf Club, St. Johns County's beaches, parks, open green spaces and trails remain open.
- In addition, veterans' services, the Permit Center, health and human services, utilities services and all other county business services remain open to the public and are operational.
 - The Beaches Museum is closed until March 31.
 - The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is closed until March 30.
 - The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is closed until April 3.
 - The Jacksonville Symphony has canceled concerts through April 1, with possible livestream performances to be aired for the public.
- Palms Presbyterian Church has canceled Sunday worship for March 22, but will host a livestream service at 11 a.m.
- The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall events that were to take place from March 19 through April 1 have been postponed.
- The Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club has canceled its upcoming events for the next eight weeks. In addition to regular weekly meetings, this will also include the Local Heroes event scheduled for April 2 and the Mineral City Celebration on May 9. The club still intends to honor this year's Local Heroes award recipients and will present their plaques privately.
- Publix has changed its store and pharmacy hours with all stores now closing at 8 p.m.
- The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum is closed until March 30.
- The Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts is closed to the public. Events from March 19-April 1 have been postponed.
- The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve has canceled all events between now and April 30. As of now, the Guana dam, beaches and trails remain open and operate under normal business hours until further notice.
- Christ Episcopal Church is holding its services online only. YouTube live links can be found at christepiscopalchurch.org for traditional service at 9 a.m.; contemporary worship at 11:15 a.m. and Spanish language service at 12:45 p.m.

CALENDAR OF CANCELED/POSTPONED EVENTS

March 20

- The Woman's Exchange Spring Luncheon series is canceled

March 22

- Theater Jacksonville's Big Hat & Jazz Birthday Brunch and 100th anniversary celebration is canceled.

'An incredible blessing to the community when something terrible is going on'

By Maggie FitzRoy

Azhar Mohammed, executive chef of TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse, along with 60 other chefs under his supervision worked for up to 18 hours a day for nine straight days to prepare for this year's PLAYERS Championship.

Then, when the tournament was cancelled after the first day of play, the question arose as to what to do with all the food. The situation, triggered by a coronavirus sweeping the country and precautions being made to keep the public safe, was unprecedented.

Almost immediately, the PGA TOUR had the answer. Representatives reached out to Feeding Northeast Florida, a community food bank that rescues high-quality food that would normally be wasted and transforms it into meals for those in need.

On Friday, when the championship would have normally been in full swing, Mohammed and many of his chefs and other members of the TPC Sawgrass staff waited with carts and boxes and trays of food as a Feeding Northeast Florida tractor trailer backed up to the clubhouse loading bay.

They were joined by five-time PGA TOUR winner Billy Horschel, his wife Brittany and their two daughters, Skylar, 5, and Colbie, 2, who came to help load the food.

"This is an incredible blessing to the community when something terrible is going on," Susan King, Feeding Northeast Florida executive director said.

"It's an unfortunate situation that THE PLAYERS is cancelled," said Horschel, who would have been one of the golfers out on the course. "But all this food will go a long way. It will help a lot of people in this community."

"We're helping people, that's what matters," Andy Carroll, tournament chairman of this year's PLAYERS said, as he helped load food wearing his signature Red Coat jacket. "It's obviously a difficult situation, but out of a difficult situation good will come."

Billy and Brittany Horschel are Ponte Vedra Beach residents and have been involved with Feeding Northeast Florida since 2014. As an ambassador to the charity, Billy Horschel's Feeding Northeast Florida donation amounts total more than \$250,000 to date.

Two tons of food, worth \$60,000, was donated to

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TP SEEN



ABOVE: PGA TOUR winner Billy Horschel (center), his wife Brittany and their two daughters, Skylar, 5, and Colbie, 2, came to help load the food.

LEFT: Those who helped load the food pose for a group shot afterward.

Photos by Maggie FitzRoy



Photo provided by The PGA TOUR

Food from THE PLAYERS delivered to Sulzbacher Center in Jacksonville

On Saturday, March 14, THE PLAYERS executives, staff and past volunteer chairman, known as the Red Coats, along with PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan and TPC Sawgrass chefs, led by Executive Chef Azhar Mohammad, distributed boxed lunches of donated food to serve Sulzbacher Center clients and residents.

The donated food was part of the nearly 22 tons of food, valued at nearly \$700,000, that came from the TPC Sawgrass Club-

house, THE PLAYERS caterers — Par Caterers and Proof of the Pudding — and THE PLAYERS vendors, which was given to Feeding Northeast Florida to distribute to its network of over 160 social service agencies and programs.

The Sulzbacher Center empowers homeless and at-risk women, children and men through health, housing and income services, with the goal of restoring hope and self-sufficiency.

*Brad Talbert is president and CEO of Memorial Hospital.
A fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, he resides in Nocatee.*

Brad Talbert

As told to Maggie FitzRoy

Tell us about your background.

I received a B.A. in finance from Wofford College, a liberal arts college in Spartanburg, South Carolina. And I have a masters from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

What led you to pursue your career?

When I was in college, I worked part time as a pharmacy technician at a local hospital. Through that experience I gained a deep appreciation for the hospital environment and the healthcare industry. I knew I did not want to be a physician. I took more of a liking to the business and policy-making side of healthcare.

Where did you begin your career?

I began in assistant administrator roles and worked my way up through the industry in multiple roles. This is the fourth hospital where I've been CEO. When I took my first CEO job, at a specialty hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, I was 26 years old.

What are career opportunities for hospital administrators?

There are so many avenues of healthcare. I chose to pursue the hospital environment. There are also opportunities in the post-acute healthcare arena—skilled nursing facilities, rehab facilities, home healthcare or working for insurance companies. I chose hospitals because I like to connect with people and realized that would be a good way to do that.

What is a typical day for you?

The beauty of this role is there is no typical day. Every day presents unique and new opportunities and no two days are the same.

Who do you interact with?

Most definitely patients. We serve on average 465 people per day in some capacity. That is the best part of my job. I interact with physicians and community leaders, clinicians. But interacting with patients is one of the best parts of my job, hands down.

When did you begin at Memorial?

August 2017. I came here from Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Have you made changes since you came to Memorial?

There has been a plethora of changes, significant improvements in our quality and our overall patient experience. We have grown, investing \$150 million-plus in capital investments. We've added new services, we've added new rooms. A new bed-tower with 36 beds opened early last year, as well as expansion of our emergency room. We are currently expanding operating rooms. We've acquired land for future growth near Nocatee and more news about that will come out later in the year. We also became a Level-2 trauma center under my watch in August 2018.

When did you and your family move to Nocatee?

When we moved to town in 2017.



Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

Tell us about your family.

My wife, Jennifer, works at Palm Valley Academy as an occupational therapist. She works with kids with special needs. My two boys also go to Palm Valley Academy. Anderson is in sixth grade and McClure is in fourth grade.

Any hobbies?

I love the outdoors and college sports, especially college football. I'm an avid Clemson Tiger fan. I love golf too, playing and watching.

Tell us about your involvement with the community.

First and foremost, my philosophy is to give back. I serve on a number of boards and committees throughout

the community, including the Jacksonville Chamber Board Executive Committee, the United Way Northeast Florida Resource Development Council, the UNF College of Health Deans Council and the Jacksonville Civil Council. I am also chairman this year of JAXUSA Partnership, the six-county economic development organization for Northeast Florida.

Where did you grow up?

In South Carolina. But we love Northeast Florida and being part of this community. What I like best about this area is the people. Jacksonville is a large city, but we all know each other. It's a very welcoming community. It's a very diverse and collaborative community. And I love being part of that.

THE PLAYERS fans were grateful for the day

TP SEEN



Fans stream past the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse on Thursday, March 12 during the opening round of THE PLAYERS Championship.

By Maggie FitzRoy

They came from all around the First Coast as well as the country to watch THE PLAYERS Championship.

And although the tournament was cancelled after the first day of competition on March 12, due to the coronavirus, many fans expressed gratitude that they at least were able to attend that day.

They eagerly followed their favorite golfers, sat and took in the scene at No. 17 Island Green and eagerly bought souvenirs from the Fan Shop, which was filled with customers.

Fans knew that day THE PLAYERS would be closed to spectators for its final three days and would only learn that evening that it would be completely cancelled.

“I came from Minnesota for this,” said Mary Geraets, who was there Thursday with her sisters. “At least we had today.”

The balmy, sunny weather helped her cheerful attitude.

“It’s wonderful,” she said. “Like a summer day for us. When we left home, it was 40 degrees and we still had two feet of snow left on the ground.”

Cory Ciambella came from Buffalo, New York.

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Cory Ciambella (left) and his sister Shar Donovan watch the action at the 17th hole.



Fans watch the action at the No. 17 hole during the first — and only — day of play.

Photos by Maggie FitzRoy

The Greatest Generation meets next generation of service members at THE PLAYERS' military celebration

A rare and special opportunity arose during THE PLAYERS Patriot's Outpost military celebration on March 10 for America's Greatest Generation of World War II veterans to meet America's next generation of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines.

THE PLAYERS honored Sollie Mitchell, Jacksonville's oldest surviving WWII veteran at 101 years, during a formal military ceremony at the Patriot's Outpost on hole 16. Also honored during the ceremony were several Nease NJROTC cadets who have signed contracts to join the Armed Forces upon graduation from high school in May.

The event presented an ideal opportunity to symbolically pass the torch of military service to this nation from the servicemen from America's Greatest Generation to our next generation of servicemen and women.

“I was humbled beyond belief after meeting Mr. Mitchell,” said Elkhan Bagirov, a U.S. Air Force Academy appointee. “It hits home of our responsibility to carry on the absolute finest military traditions of honor, courage and commitment to duty.”



Nease NJROTC's next generation of the Armed Forces Zachery Smith (U.S. Marines) (from left), Kevin Valinho (U.S. Marines), India Pelech (Florida Air National Guard), Jacob Ward (U.S. Army), Elkhan Bagirov (U.S. Air Force), Caleb Prater (U.S. Navy), Lindy Gostage (U.S. Navy) and Teagen Pettit (U.S. Navy) meet with Sollie Mitchell, Jacksonville's oldest surviving WWII veteran, during THE PLAYERS' Military Appreciation Ceremony on March 10.

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Feeding Northeast Florida following THE PLAYERS cancellation.

Feeding Northeast Florida works with a network of 160 social service agencies and programs in an eight-county area, including City Rescue Mission, The Sulzbacher Center and The Salvation Army.

“We had a 46,000-square foot warehouse donated to us last year,” King

said, “so receiving this food is divine intervention. We can handle this. We are in a unique position because we have the trucks, drivers, routes and storage capacity and we can do it safely.”

After every single food item was loaded, King turned and faced Mohamed and his crew.

“I’m not going to cry, but what you’ve done is so emotional,” King said. “I know you guys have been working insane hours, and I feel blessed we can share this. This food—it’s life-changing for people.”

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RIGHT: Mike Terranova (from left), his wife, Heather Terranova, Kathleen Furness and her husband, John Furness sit on the grassy hill at the 17th hole.



FAR RIGHT: Fans buy souvenirs in the Fan Shop.

Photos by Maggie FitzRoy



Fans

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“This was a big event for me, first time here. Although she comes every year,” he said of his sister, Shar Donovan of Jacksonville.

“We’re really grateful we came yesterday for the practice rounds and today’s first round,” Donovan said.

Heather Terranova, who came from O’Fallon, Missouri, near St. Louis, sat on the hill at the 17th hole with her husband, Mike, and her aunt and uncle, Kathleen and John Furness, who live in Ponte Vedra Beach.

“We’re a little bummed. This is our favorite thing to do every year, sit at hole 17. We were going to be here the whole weekend,” Heather Terranova said. “We’re really glad to be here today, though.”

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Community kicks off tournament week at THE PLAYERS Celebration

Several members of the community started off tournament week on Monday, March 9, by attending THE PLAYERS Celebration at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse. The party featured heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dessert and live entertainment.

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A food display set up at the event.



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Guests were treated to live entertainment at the event.

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Cancellations

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March 24

- Fresh from Florida Sunshine Showdown baseball game between Florida and Florida State at 121 Financial Park is canceled
- The Music of Cream at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is postponed with new date TBD
- The Jacksonville Watercolor Society's March meeting is canceled

March 27

- The Woman's Exchange Spring Luncheon series is canceled


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Nease JROTC wins top honors at Area-12 Championship

For six consecutive years, Nease High School's NJROTC traveled to Georgia to compete in the Area-12 State Academic, Athletic and Drill Championship. And for the sixth year in a row, the 40-cadet varsity team returned home to Ponte Vedra Beach as the Area-12 champions, beating teams from 60 schools from Atlanta to Jacksonville.

Nease competed against the top 16 Naval high school JROTC drill teams in Area 12, which includes all of northeastern Florida and the entire state of Georgia. Sixty NJROTC programs competed at local drill meets during the fall and winter with the top 16 advancing to the state championships. Nease earned its berth by winning first place at each of its qualifying competitions at Mandarin, Terry Parker High School and Sprayberry High School in Georgia earlier in the school year.

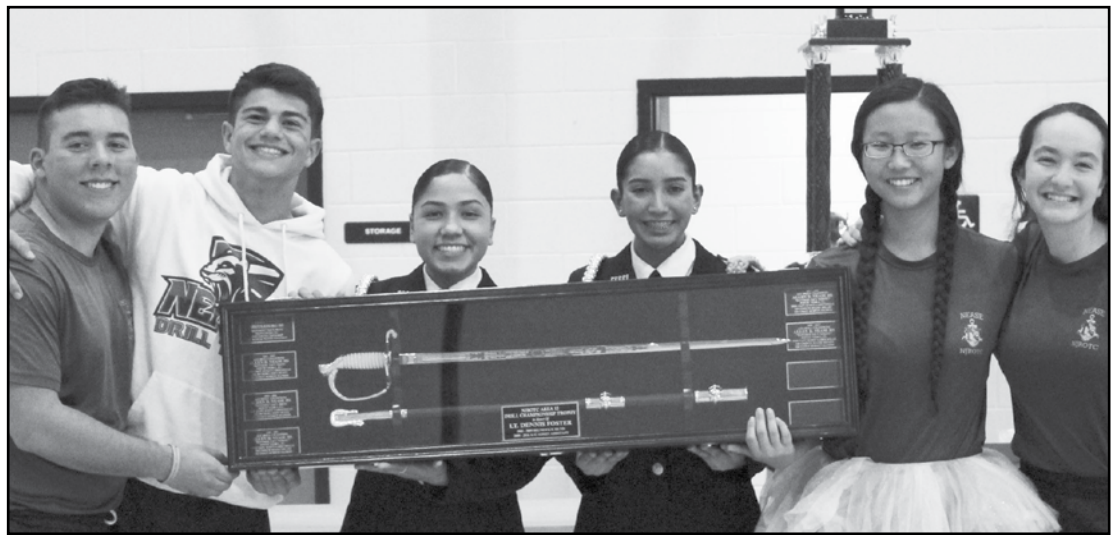
"This group is the hardest working team we've ever put together," said Capt. Scott LaRoche, senior naval science instructor. "The senior leadership is extraordinary."

In addition to winning the overall championship, Nease claimed first place in Personnel Inspection; Overall Drill (sweeping all five drill events); Armed Exhibition, commanded by Ethan Wissel; Unarmed Exhibition, commanded by Genevieve Jacobi; Armed Basic, commanded by Forrest Vosburg; Unarmed Basic, commanded by Elkhan Bagirov and Color Guard commanded by Lindy Gostage; Overall Athletics, Team Situps, and the 16x100 Relay.

Cadet Emellee Neff earned an individual medal for the top female in sit-ups, with 317. Cadets Isabella Rivera, Kaitlyn Boggs, Reef Hamilton and Brogan Donnelly also earned medals for top five in female or male sit-ups. Cadets Yuan Tian, Abigail and Amber Vidler earned medals for top five in pushups. Cadet Ben Prohofsky placed top 10 in academics.

"Winning Area-12 was a milestone for us," said Cadet Ethan Wissel. "Our goal is the Navy National Academic, Athletic and Drill Championships. "We don't simply want to go this year; we intend to do damage."

Nease will travel to the Navy National Academic, Athletic and Drill Championships in Pensacola on April 3.



ABOVE: Nease NJROTC's top four cadets, Eduardo Castellon (from left), Elkhan Bagirov, Yuan Tian and Anna Hampton, receive the Area-12 Drill Championship trophy after winning the competition for the sixth year in a row March 7 in Douglas, Georgia.



LEFT: Nease NJROTC celebrates winning its sixth consecutive Area-12 Drill Championship as the best unit.

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OBITUARIES

Eric Inness Turner

Eric Inness Turner, 54, passed away on March 14, 2020 at his home in Yulee, FL after a short illness. Eric was born in Bennington, VT. He graduated from Mount Anthony Union High School and then earned a bachelor's degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Eric worked in the aviation industry his entire life. He was Director of Aircraft Maintenance with Fidelity National Financial in Jacksonville, Florida.

Eric is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Michele Turner, of almost 17 years; their daughter, Sarah Turner; his



Eric Inness Turner

mother, Joyce Turner of Bennington, VT; his two brothers, Cailean (Christi) Turner of Cary, NC and Neal (Megan) Turner of Hoosick Falls, NY; mother-in-law, Patti Scarpa of Fairfield, CA; father-in-law, Ronald (Oksana) Scarpa of Las Vegas, NE; brother-in-law, Joe (Becky) Scarpa of Lake Havasu, AZ, nephews and niece, Ian, Gavin, Neal Thomas, Myles, Seph, Enzo and Carly; an aunt, cousins and many friends. Eric was predeceased by his father, Duncan Turner.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 1 p.m. The family will receive friends beginning at 12 p.m. at Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home, 3600 Third Street South, Jacksonville Beach, FL. There will be a graveside service at the convenience of the family in Bennington, VT. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Eric's honor to the American Cancer Society (cancer.org) or the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation (mda.org). Please visit the online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.

Nicholas Dudynskay

Nicholas Dudynskay, 61, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, died March 7, 2020. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedra-valley.com

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Mary Ellen Huhta, 76, of Atlantic Beach, Florida, died March 10, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. (904) 249-1100.

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Underwood's hosts PGA Tour Wives Association luncheon

By Jennifer Logue

While THE PLAYERS Championship ended after only one round of play last week, many of the social traditions surrounding the tournament occurred as planned — including the annual luncheon and charity jewelry show for the PGA Tour Wives Association.

Approximately two dozen players' wives attended the March 11 gathering at Underwood's Jewelers that featured a buffet luncheon and the chance to view the store's jewelry collections. A special focus of the event was the opportunity to view and purchase jewelry from the Dao Fournier jewelry collection, which has a PGA Tour connection of its own: Lucy Price — who designs the line with her twin sister, Kimberly Gibson — is married to golfer Aron Price and a member of the PGA Tour Wives Association.

A portion of the proceeds from the event benefited the association's charitable activities, which complement the charitable focus of THE PLAYERS Championship.

"THE PLAYERS Championship does so much for our community," Underwood's General Manager John Rutkowski said. "At Underwood's, we embrace it and we feel so fortunate to host this luncheon and to help raise money for the PGA Tour Wives Association."



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LEFT: Members of the PGA Tour Wives Association gather at Underwood's Jewelers for the group's annual luncheon and jewelry show. A portion of the proceeds of Dao Fournier jewelry — designed by Kimberly Gibson and PGA Tour Wives Association member Lucy Price — benefited the association's charitable activities.

Photos by Jennifer Logue



ABOVE: Dao Fournier jewelry

LEFT: Audrey Cappelen, Lona Dahmen and Meghan Hubbard

FAR LEFT: Dao Fournier jewelry designer Kimberly Gibson assists a guest at the PGA Tour Players' Wives luncheon.

Underwood's, Dao Fournier designers donate necklace to Rotary Club's Mineral City Celebration honoring Tabitha Furyk



ABOVE: Underwood's General Manager John Rutkowski displays the \$575 Dao Fournier necklace with designers Lucy Price (left) and Kimberly Gibson. The necklace will be offered as a silent auction item at the Mineral City Celebration at which Tabitha Furyk will receive the Rock of the Community Award.

RIGHT: Price congratulates fellow PGA TOUR wife Tabitha Furyk on being this year's recipient of the Rock of the Community Award from the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach.

Photos by Jennifer Logue



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By Jennifer Logue

When Tabitha Furyk arrived at Underwood's Jewelers for the annual PGA TOUR Wives Association luncheon last week, she had no idea that one of the pieces of jewelry on display had a special connection to her.

Furyk — who is the recipient of this year's Rock of the Community Award from the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach — learned that Underwood's and jewelry designers Lucy Price and Kimberly Gibson were donating a necklace from the duo's Dao Fournier jewelry collection in her honor as a silent auction item at the Rotary Club's Mineral City Celebration. Furyk will receive her award at the May 9 charity gala to be held at the Sawgrass Marriott.

"I'm absolutely honored that they would even think of doing that," said a surprised Furyk, noting that she came to the event not only to support the PGA TOUR Wives Association but also Underwood's Jewelers. "I love everything we do with Underwood's — they have been such a big supporter" of the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation.

Lucy Price — the wife of PGA Tour golfer Aron Price — said she and her sister


were only too happy to donate the \$575 necklace when she learned that Furyk was this year's honoree for her many charitable endeavors through the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation.

"I can't think of anyone more passionate about helping others or more deserving of being honored by the community than Tabitha," Lucy Price said.


Underwood's General Manager John Rutkowski agreed. "I would support any award that honors Tabitha," he said. "We have been partners with her foundation for many years."

The Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club's Mineral City Celebration raises funds for more than two dozen local charities. For tickets or more information, visit www.mineralcitycelebration.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: As this week's paper went to press, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach announced that it has canceled its Mineral City Celebration in accordance with CDC recommendations regarding the Coronavirus outbreak. The club will present Tabitha Furyk with her award at a future date; the event's charity silent auction and trip raffles will continue online as scheduled. Visit www.mineralcitycelebration.com for more information.



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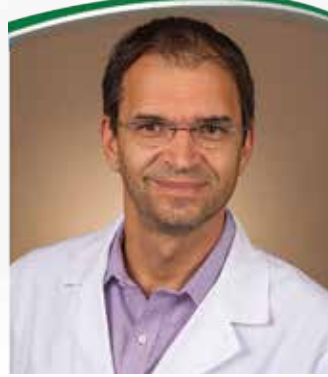
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Kids' special needs golf clinic returns at full swing

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Photos by Daniela Toperek

The Tesori Family Foundation hosted the return of its All-Star Golf Clinic on March 11, offering one-on-one golf instruction for kids with special needs.

By Daniela Toperek

An inflatable green gorilla loomed large for all to see at Sawgrass Country Club on March 11 as the Tesori Family Foundation hosted another All-Star Kids Clinic for children with special needs, presented by THE PLAYERS Championship.

The golf clinic, founded by PGA TOUR player Paul Tesori and his wife Michelle, offered one-on-one professional golf instruction for children with special needs ages 8-18 and a day outdoors featuring PGA TOUR professional and 2018 Players Champion Webb Simpson.

VIP golfer All-Stars were also joined by several PGA TOUR players and caddies that coached them through the clinic.

“Good shot! Way to go! You hit some good ones!” said Mark Thomas, volunteer at the clinic who was cheering for the children alongside his wife, Jan.

“The kids are just wonderful to be around,” Jan said. “They’re so positive and they lift your spirits. They’re just wonderful.”

One of the kids, Wesley Zekas, practiced his swing using a Power Tee automatic teeing system alongside instructor Robert Young.

“I love this clinic,” Young said, rushing to make sure he wasn’t missing any time with the kids as they switched practice stations. “Paul is such a great guy for putting this on. These kids are fantastic, God bless them.”



ABOVE: Mark and Jan Thomas volunteered at the All-Star Clinic, mentioning they’ve also volunteered at Special Olympics events.

LEFT: Michelle and Paul Tesori take a couple seconds from the busy clinic to pose for a photo.



Wesley Zekas practices his swing on the Power Tee alongside instructor Robert Young.

‘Golf — it’s a game for life’

By Maggie FitzRoy

When they met for the 36th annual PLAYERS Breakfast with the Pros Wednesday, March 11, at Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa, they had no idea that the 2020 PLAYERS Championship would be cancelled the following evening.

About 500 people, 400 of them high school and college golfers from a 12-county area, gathered early that morning in the resort’s ballroom for the traditional Fellowship of Christian Athletes event for fellowship and prayer.

Wednesday was the final practice day for the pro golfers, and many were in attendance, including 2005 PLAYERS champion Fred Funk.

The buffet meal included many

speeches as well as prayers, including a speech by Tournament Chairman Andy Carroll, who asked the student athletes to share with others how much golf has meant to them in their lives. “Please do one thing for me,” he said, “use today as an opportunity to grow the game of golf.”

Funk also gave an inspirational talk that didn’t just apply to that particular day, or even to any particular year.

“Golf — it’s a game for life,” Funk said. “It humbles you,” puts you at a different level with life’s ups and downs.

“Golf is everything to me,” Funk said, then explained that his faith is, too. “Jesus is number one, let him take the wheel. He’s your co-pilot and really your pilot. Boys and girls, you are lucky that you made the decision to take up the game of golf. Have fun with it.”



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Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

THE PLAYERS 2005 champion Fred Funk (right) speaks at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes 2020 PLAYERS Breakfast with the Pros on Wednesday, March 11 at Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa. Around 500 people, the majority high school and college golfers, attended the event.



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Doga: Namaste with your canine

By Amber Lake

Adho Mukha Shvanasana, or downward facing dog pose, isn't just for people. It's actually for dogs, too. At least, according to certified yoga instructor Suzi Teitelman it is. Not only is it fun for owners and their pups, but it's called "Doga" and it's a great way to enhance your workout.

Teitelman started Doga Dog 20 years ago in New York City, just after 9/11. She was the director of yoga at Crunch Fitness and started taking her dog to class for mutual comfort. Many of her clients enjoyed her dog's presence and she found that her pup was loving it as well. Soon after, she started Ruff Yoga, a yoga class that allowed clients to bring their pets with them. People loved the opportunity to exercise with their animals while growing closer to them. Today, she not only teaches Doga through a partnership with Rover.com, but trains instructors from all over the world in the art of dog-partnered yoga.

Doga, much like yoga, relies on traditional methods of Hindu spiritual and ascetic disciplines—including breath control, simple meditation and the adoption of specific bodily postures aimed at stretching and relaxing the body and mind. In Doga, however, your dog participates too.

"I'm all about the people doing the pose cor-

rectly," Teitelman said. "You just start to add your dog and let them feel you get calm with a meditative breath. You sit on the floor and your dog will come over. As you move from one pose into the next, you add your dog into the pose."

Teitelman says dogs will put their paws on clients' shoulders or lay on their backs next to them, allowing clients to stretch their legs.

"You're just kind of melting together," she said. "The more you do, the more you have a beautiful flow together."

It's not just the exercise and connecting owners with their pets, however. Teitelman said that the yoga experience is also enhanced by the dogs and their free-loving nature.

"People already have a hard time turning their minds off," she said. "If you allow yourself to be with your animal you are just going to massage and touch. Eventually, you'll just forget where you are."

Recently, Teitelman has begun to realize not only the positive effects dogs have on their human yoga partners, but the therapeutic nature the practice provides dogs in need of human companionship and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder recovery.



Photo provided by Suzi Teitelman

Aloe (right) survived brutal animal abuse to become the perfect yoga partner with Suzi Teitelman's Doga Dog practice. Aloe is now best friends with Teitelman's other dog, Curli (left).

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ABC Wine holds wine tasting on THE PLAYERS practice day

Wine lovers were treated to a selection of over 250 premium wines and other beverages at the annual PLAYERS Championship Premium Winetasting Wednesday, March 11 at ABC Fine Wine and Spirits in Sawgrass Village in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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Amanda and Kristen of ABC Fine Wine and Spirits



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Mulligan's Pub serves food at the event.



Pablo Alfaro, Manuel Rey and Wayne Cheeseman



Scott Grant and Robert Goodrich

The Recorder has a new garden columnist, Kathy Esfahani, of Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery. Read her column for valuable, gorgeous garden-growing tips in Northeast Florida.

KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE



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GARDEN DECOR

A fun way to spruce up your landscaping, aside from plants and flowers, is with gardening décor. From store bought to DIY, there are many ideas and themes to create around your garden's landscaping. Many popular ideas for garden decor can be created from materials you have at home and can be a fun weekend project.

Planters: We touched on planters a few weeks ago and how to create them. You can use all types of vessels for a planter, such as an old pallet for an herb or succulent garden, or spare colored tires built up and arranged for display.

You can also use planter boxes under windows to create a beautiful look. Planters can be added within your garden or for framing a front door, driveway and more.

Decor to attract: Many types of decor and feeders can attract animals to your garden. Bird feeders and houses can attract a variety of birds and hummingbirds. They will keep coming back if you consistently supply food. You can also use a bird bath to bring flying friends into your yard. Butterflies will also be attracted to bright



Flower of the Week: Tibouchina

Photo provided by Kathy Esfahani

colors in gardens.

Ornamental: Garden ornaments can add a lot of color and uniqueness to your landscape. From stepping stones and lawn gnomes to wind chimes and sundials, let your personality shine through with your ornamental décor.

Structures: Some of the most popular enhancements are paver pathways and firepits, pergolas growing with flower vines, koi fishponds and waterfall features. They add a relaxing vibe to your back patios, creating your own personal oasis.

Email Kathy at kcg.pvr@gmail.com for any questions or gardening tips you would like to see in the future.

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Doga

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Her newest family member, Aloe, was adopted from a humane society shelter after a horrifying experience.

Teitelman met Aloe after she decided to foster a dog from the shelter, asking the volunteers for the "most needy dog" for the weekend. Aloe was very much that.

Aloe was found after being left to die at 3 a.m. outside of a bank in Jacksonville. He had been stabbed in the chest, puncturing a lung. One his front legs had been broken and reset improperly. The other had nerve damage from an injury. On his head, someone wrote the word "R.I.P" with a big black Sharpie.

Teitelman, who found out later the extent of his trauma, knew Aloe wasn't going to just be a foster but a family member. Slowly, she started doing yoga with him, stretching his legs and massaging his injuries.

"He has learned yoga and it has brought us together as a family," Teitelman said. "It's taken him a while to be able to learn the poses and he is starting to roll over on his back and actually move his legs and work on that leg that got stabbed through



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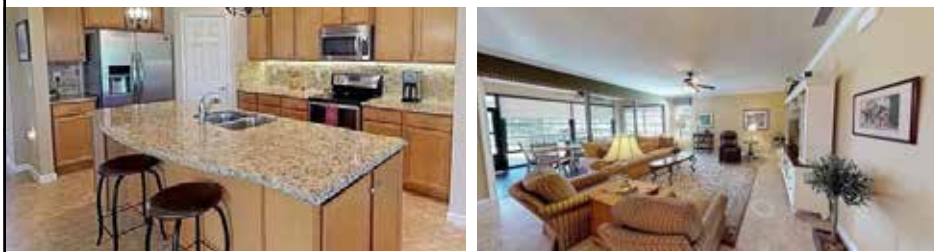
Suzi Teitelman and Aloe do some "doga."

his shoulder. I can't imagine what he has gone through, but he really is the sweetest dog."

Now vibrant and happy, Aloe is filled with life despite how his previous owners labeled him. Together, he helps Teitelman teach her class, showing the power of yoga for therapy, love and even forgiveness.

Dogs "live in this pure, happy world until we ruin it for them," Teitelman said. "We are trying to be like a dog. We are trying to be more like our dogs."

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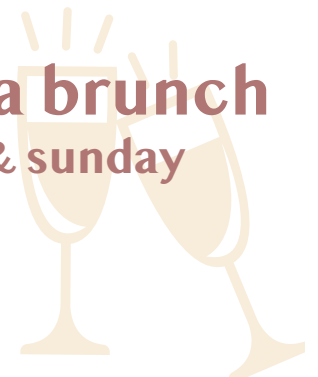
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Networking event at THE PLAYERS connects area's business leaders

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Local businesses feel crunch of economical toll of pandemic

Some small businesses are trying to adapt to new climate of social distancing

By Amber Lake

Many businesses in the Ponte Vedra Beach area have taken a significant hit from coronavirus shutdowns. Social distancing, reduced operation hours and canceled events have come hard and fast.

Most affected are those in the tourism industry, who felt the effects only hours after officials started using the word, "pandemic."

The Hilton Garden Inn in Ponte Vedra Beach saw an immediate influx of cancellations after THE PLAYERS announced an abrupt ending one day after the tournament started.

According to general manager Chuck Schoonmaker, immediately after official word was released, Hilton honored complete refunds for cancellations on bookings 30 days out. Prior to THE PLAYERS, the hotel's 127 rooms were occupied. Currently, the Hilton is operating on approximately 25-30 rooms, or at 20% occupancy.

For the guests they have, the Hilton has ramped up its cleanliness standards, wiping down all hard surfaces



Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

The Hilton Garden Inn in Ponte Vedra Beach was impacted by the coronavirus pandemic due to the cancellation of THE PLAYERS.

immediately after use and/or every hour. Every surface in the hotel, including elevator buttons, room service carts, chairs, tables and counters are all disinfected hourly by staff, whether or not they have been used.

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St. Augustine Beach Police Chief Rob Hardwick and St. Johns County Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker



Chef Escubar Moore and Chef Lester Witcher from Munchies Food for the Soul

Why elder care attorneys make great assets

Few people want to imagine growing old, but a time comes in every person's life when he or she must begin planning for their golden years, including making arrangements regarding their healthcare and housing. Elder planning can be confusing, but having an experienced, knowledgeable person on your side can make all the difference.

Elder care attorneys can offer expertise in areas of managed care and government plans that can help individuals retain more of their personal assets, even when their ability to control those assets is compromised. Any lawyer can create a will and draw up an estate plan. Elder lawyers are well versed in programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and can help clients navigate their way through other potentially complex issues and programs as well.

Elder care attorneys and those who specialize in estate planning may have specific knowledge of any or all of the following areas:

- Social Security and disability claims and appeals
- Preservation of assets
- Tax planning
- Conservatorships and guardianships
- Elder abuse and fraud recovery

Chamber holds After Hours at THE PLAYERS

More than 700 Northeast Florida business leaders attended After Hours at THE PLAYERS on Thursday, March 5 at Stadium Village at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass.

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the JAX Chamber, hosted members and guests for an evening of complimentary refreshments and networking.

The Ponte Vedra Recorder was a proud sponsor of the event.



ABOVE: Jennifer Moore, Malcolm Anthony and Heather Stuckey

LEFT: Carol Saviak and Chelle Thomas

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Richard Felder of Village Jeweler to retire after 33 years at Sawgrass Village

By Maggie FitzRoy

Richard Felder, master goldsmith and gemologist, opened his Village Jeweler store in Sawgrass Village in 1987, only a few years after the shopping center opened.

Other than Publix, “there were other stores here when I came,” Felder said. “But all those stores are gone.”

Soon, Village Jeweler will also be gone.

After a total of 52 years in the jewelry business, Felder plans to retire and will close his store on April 10.

Felder grew up in Charleston, South Carolina and went into the U.S. Air Force after graduating from high school. After he got out, he took a trip to New York City with a few buddies and discovered his love of the jewelry business there.

The mother of one of his friends had a small jewelry store and Felder found himself drawn to watch the jeweler, a goldsmith, as he crafted pieces of jewelry.

“I was very interested,” he said. He graduated from the New York School of Jewelry and attended the Gemological Institute of America.

After 33 years in Ponte Vedra Beach, Felder says a lot of his longtime repeat customers have also become friends.

“I am going to miss making people happy,” he said. “Because that is what it’s all about.”

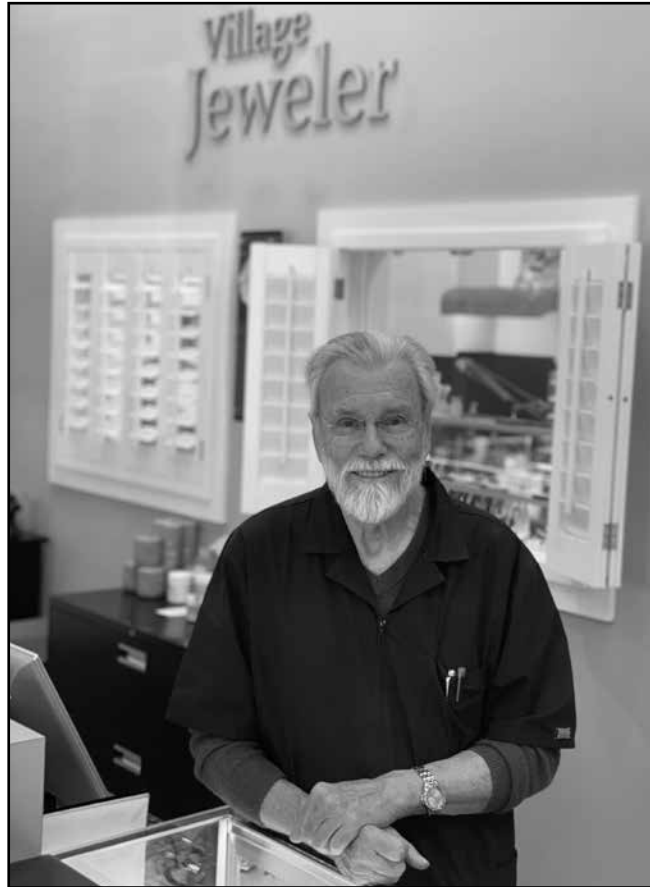


Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

Richard Felder in his Village Jeweler shop in Sawgrass Village in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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In addition, Schoonmaker said the Hilton is currently working to accommodate guests by offering a new personal shopping service. It will include grocery shopping and restaurant pick-up orders for those staying at the hotel.

Kathleen Floryan, a real estate broker in the area, said the housing market has yet to show a significant hit, but she is “going forward with caution.”

“The Board of Realtors hasn’t stopped caravans,” Floryan said. “Currently, I am disinfecting between groups during open houses but I’m still getting requests for showings. Luckily, I do most of my business online.”

Some small businesses are working to adapt to social distancing by offering new methods of shopping and deals on their products.

V Pizza announced through their Facebook page that they are implementing even stricter cleaning guidelines for employees and are now offering to run take-out orders to customers’ cars.

Trasca & Co Eatery offers curbside service as well. Additionally, it is offering free delivery from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a \$25 purchase and free delivery on their “Grab and Go” meals from 2-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. According to co-owner Karina Coryell, the restaurant is also doing pop-ups in local neighborhoods, so residents don’t even have to leave their block. Coryell urged anyone interested in having a Trasca pop-up to contact her with suggestions.

While local businesses are working to adapt to the new economic climate of a pandemic world, they are still seeing a reduction of customers, because many people aren’t leaving their homes. What is most distressing is that nobody knows when the pandemic will end.

Area business in the meantime encourage area residents to shop locally.

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Panelists discuss "The Importance of Giving Back Within Business" during the Partner Connect forum at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse on March 6.

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Business leaders connect at Partner Connect at THE PLAYERS

Influential business leaders from the Jacksonville area met at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse on Friday, March 6 for a networking forum presented by Mayo Clinic.

They recognized community impact makers and inspired future impact makers at the event that included panel discussions, sharing best practices, fostering collaboration and business development opportunities.



Jennifer Ryan and Lori Anderson



Kym Jones and Jennifer Belisario



MORE AFTER HOURS AT THE PLAYERS

ABOVE: Nancy and Gary Hallett pose with Dr. Erika Hamer at the After Hours at THE PLAYERS networking event March 5.

RIGHT: The Ponte Vedra Recorder was a sponsor of the event.

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Elder Care

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- Housing issues and nursing home placement
- Estate administration
- Managed care

According to the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc., finding an elder care or special needs attorney can take a little research. Specialized senior groups like AARP or groups advocating for certain diseases, may be able to offer information regarding local elder care attorneys. You also can consult with an attorney you trust and ask for a recom-

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THE PLAYERS players react to cancellation

By Kathy Bissell

For the first time since 9/11, a PGA TOUR event has been canceled. THE PLAYERS Championship was halted at 9:50 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

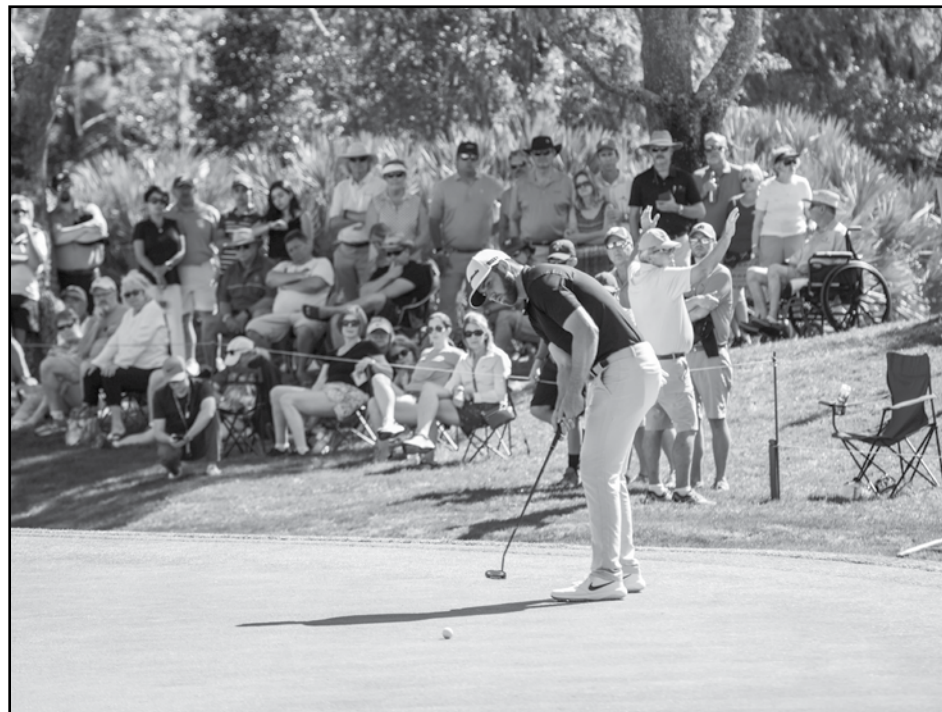
In addition, for the first time since WWII, several additional PGA TOUR events, the Valspar in Tampa and the Dell Match Play tournament in Austin, Texas, were also canceled.

The PGA TOUR is not alone. The Masters has announced a postponement of this year's tournament, but they have indicated that they will hold it at some time later in the year. The others just will not take place in 2020.

The closing of the theme parks — Disney World and Universal — in Orlando was the tipping point for the PGA TOUR in making their decision.

“When you looked to that moment in time where you have two theme parks that are located between Jacksonville and Tampa cancel, to me that really was the final thing that we had heard that said, you know what, even though we feel like we have a safe environment and we've done all the right things, we can't proceed,” PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan said early Friday morning.

Monahan, who lost a lot of sleep last week, had been on the phone with President Donald Trump, the CDC, Gov. Ron DeSantis, local government officials and others prior to the decision to play Thursday. At that time, it was felt that because the tournament was outside and because it was spread over 400 acres at the TPC Sawgrass facility, it was not a health hazard for the tournament to continue. However, as the days wore on, as other organizations cancelled their events, as more and more



ABOVE: Matthew Wolff putts during the first round of THE PLAYERS Championship on Thursday, March 12 at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass.



LEFT: Hideki Matsuyama hits a shot during a practice round for THE PLAYERS on March 11. Matsuyama shot 63 in the opening round to tie the course record and held a two-stroke lead before the tournament was canceled.

Photos by Craig O'Neal

players had concerns, it became a bigger issue to continue with THE PLAYERS. Then late in the day on Thursday, Disney World and Universal decided to close.

“It's gut-wrenching, when you're affecting so many people's livelihoods, that weighs heavily on you,” Monahan

admitted. “As you look into the rest of the season, tournaments in every market are well on their way towards planning their events, to fundraising. You've got charities, just like we have here, that are counting on those events. And we feel like it was our opportunity to potentially play

this week.”

Monahan also said the PGA TOUR would be working with the tournament Red Coats and Blue Coats to identify some things that could be done for local and regional charities that are affected by the cancellation.

“We take our commitment to this community very, very seriously, and we're going to get to the work at hand to make sure that we continue to help our community as everybody tries to make their way forward here,” he said.

Several of the players had comments late Thursday and early Friday morning regarding the situation.

“You keep hearing that word that it's a fluid situation, that things are changing at a fast pace,” former PLAYERS champ Webb Simpson said. “When I showed up here on Monday, it (cancellation) wasn't even a thought.”

He and the group he was playing with on Thursday found out that no fans were going to be out on Friday when they were on the 4th hole in round one. Then that changed. Now he's headed back to Charlotte, North Carolina to try to stay sharp for whenever golf begins again.

Rory McIlroy didn't receive notice about the cancellation until Friday morning. He was asleep when the announcement was made.

“It's going to get worse before it gets better,” McIlroy said about COVID-19. “It's a hard one because you look at volunteers out here and a lot of volunteers are in their 60s and 70s and retired, and you don't want someone that's got the virus that passes it on to them, and then they're susceptible, and for me, like I,

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World Golf Hall of Fame to induct Tiger Woods

The World Golf Hall of Fame will enshrine 82-time PGA TOUR winner Tiger Woods as part of its Class of 2021. Woods received the news of his impending Induction in the Male Competitor category via phone from PGA TOUR Commissioner and World Golf Foundation Board Chairman Jay Monahan.

"I am both honored and humbled to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame," said Woods. "This past year has been such an incredible journey and the support I've received from my family, friends and fans has been overwhelming. This achievement is the ultimate recognition to never give up and keep chasing."

A winner of 93 worldwide events including a record-tying 82 on the PGA

TOUR, Woods is a 15-time Major Champion and a three-time winner of the career Grand Slam. Woods completed the "Tiger Slam" in 2000-01 when he became the first golfer since Bobby Jones to hold all four major championship titles at the same time.

"Tiger has done more for the game of golf than anyone ever thought possible, and his historic feats on the course are only one aspect of his impact," said Monahan. "His imprint on the game is immeasurable, and his unparalleled legacy is one we look forward to celebrating as he's inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame next year."

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Photo by Craig O'Neal

A fan watched the action during the first round of THE PLAYERS Championship on March 12.

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my mother's got respiratory issues and I certainly don't want to get something and pass it on to her and all of a sudden there's some sort of complication."

"I think the main deal right now is for everybody to be safe," Gary Woodland added. "I think this gets a little worse before it gets better, so hopefully once this starts to get better, we can make decisions and we can get back to golf then."

"I don't think there was really any other way," Bryson DeChambeau said. "We're trying to do our best to show our appreciation and respect to the sponsors of this event and people that work for the event."

"Life is a lot bigger than sports and golf," Rickie Fowler said. "So, to have some tournaments canceled or postponed, it is what it is. There's a lot bigger things than us and golf. It's about everyone being healthy and in a good place."

"I think it was expected," Jon Rahm said Friday morning. "I guess all we can do now is try to be as safe as possible and

hope it goes through quickly, and you know, get to play as soon as possible or just get through the virus as early as possible."

Rahm has family members who have respiratory issues, and even before play started, he expressed a concern for their safety with regard to the virus.

Several of the players suggested they should be tested, but as Monahan pointed out, it might not be possible to do that.

"Right now, there aren't enough tests out there. And so, the responsible thing to do is to make certain that the tests are being used appropriately," he said. "So, we pulled back off of that. And if anybody in our ecosystem, our players, our employees, anybody is feeling like they're in any way compromised, we'd certainly recommend and help them do anything we can to help them get tested, but right now that's certainly not the case."

Perhaps the best statement by anyone regarding the cancellation of the tournament came from McIlroy, who said, "Today's overreaction could look like tomorrow's underreaction. So just got to take it day by day and see where this thing goes."

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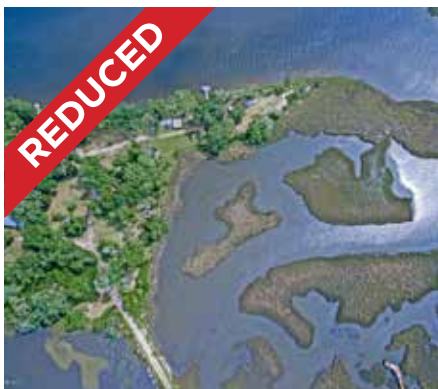
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Tiger Woods lines up his shot during THE PLAYERS Championship last year.

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A two-time champion of THE PLAYERS and the first two-time winner of the FedExCup, Woods has competed on eight Ryder Cup and nine Presidents Cup teams which includes when he served as a playing captain of the victorious U.S. Presidents Cup Team in 2019. He is an 11-time PGA TOUR Player of the Year winner and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2019 following his fifth career victory at the Masters.

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