

OUTDOORS

# Paddling for Great Cause – Clean Water in Our Rivers



From staff reports

A total of 14 players that played in the Saturday Blitz on February 15. Scott Kishton came in first with a +7. Eddy Brown came in second with a +4. Steve Pellicer came in third with a +2. Skin winners were: Steve Pellicer #1, Scott Kishton #2, #9 and #15, Steve Smithy #3, Cory DePratter #4 and #12 and Eddy Brown #13.

The Saturday Blitz costs \$15 plus cart fee and is open to anyone but you must tee off by 9:00 am. Just call the pro shop to make a tee time.

Eight players competed in the Sunday Blitz on February 16. Richard Francis came in first with a +2. Allen Rose came in second with a +1. Closest to the Pin winners were: Steve Smithy #7, Chris Lewis #15 and Richard Francis #17. Skin winners were: Chris Lewis #4 and #15, Richard Francis #6 and #17, Mark Hull #13 and Allen Rose #14 and #16. The Sunday Blitz cost \$20 plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you can tee off at anytime.

Cathy Steen came in the Ladies Day Low Best Nine on February 18 th with a 36. Velma Morton and Caroline Stevens tied for second with a 37.5. Chip-ins were: none.

The LGA plays every Tuesday starting at 9:00 am. We had 11 players that played in the Wednesday Blitz on February 19. Cory DePratter came in first with a +9. Chris Lewis and Steve Patterson tied for second with a +5. Skin winners were: Richard Francis #1 and #12, Dennis Crawford #2, Cory DePratter #4 and #9, Tom Wade #11 and Steve Patterson #15. The Pot hole was #5, there were no birdies; therefore the Pot with \$452 carries over to Wednesday. The Wednesday Blitz costs \$13 (plus optional pot) plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you can tee off at anytime. Just call the pro shop to make a tee time.

The Good Old Boys Match 1 – Noidrie Moses, Bob Hiers, Alan McGriff, Dennis Hendershott and Randy Register – 6, Ed Snow, Steve Peters, Jim McGriff, Rhea Hart and Dan Stephens – 5. Good Scores were: Rhea Hart 76 (36-40), Alan McGriff 78 (40-38), Dan Stephens 78 (38-40) and Ed Snow 79 (39-40).

For more information on any events and tournaments or specials at The Country Club, please call the pro shop at 752-2266 or check out our website at [www.thecountryclubatlakecity.com](http://www.thecountryclubatlakecity.com).

UPCOMING

- March 14, Players Blitz presented by Auto Insurance World
- April 11, The Masters Blitz presented by Sandy Kishton



COURTESY

Kayaks making their way down the river during 2019's race.

By MONTY STEPHENS  
Special to the Reporter

The "Eighth Annual BIG Little River Paddle Race" is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020. Everyone that drinks or uses water needs to support this worthwhile "Cause." The "Cause" is clean water in our rivers. This is a 6 mile canoe, kayak or paddle board race. It can be a leisurely float down the Withlacoochee River to the Florida state line or an "All out fierce race," your choice. The WWALs Watershed Coalition is a non-profit organization that supports the Suwannee River Keeper.

The Suwannee River Keeper works to protect the Suwannee River and its tributaries, the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, and the Little River. These rivers join together and become the Suwannee River as they flow through North Florida and out into the Gulf. Here is the problem, civilization in general, tends to create pollution.

The traditional method of dealing with pollution is to dump it somewhere, let the wind will blow it away, or dump it

in a river. In other words, "Just get rid of it." None of these methods deal with the real problem. Dumping pollution in the river just creates issues for people downstream. Since we're in Florida, we're "Downstream." This is why we need a Riverkeeper.

Our Riverkeeper is Valdosta's John Quarterman, who tests the waters of the Suwannee River Basin throughout south Georgia and into north Florida. He noted the major pollutant his organization detects in the waters is E. Coli bacteria. If sewage runoff from cities, homes, and farms are not disposed of properly, they all create pollution. The result can be water that is unsafe to swim in, contamination of wells/aquifer, and a loss of ecotourism revenue.

To the north of us, the City of Valdosta's sewage treatment plant has had a lot of issues with polluting the rivers. In December 2019, an estimated volume of 7.5 million gallons of raw sewage was inadvertently released directly into the Willacoochee River (this was a well-publicized event.) Progress is being made though. Mr. Quarterman noted the City of Valdosta has a new Mayor, Scott James

who is very ecological minded and is working to ensure "Spills" don't happen again. Mayor Scott has even organized his own Paddle Race. In the interview, John adamantly stated it would be unfair to not mention the City of Valdosta's City Council, previous Mayor and other City Officials have all worked diligently for years to correct ailing infrastructure issues associated with the sewage plant and storm drain runoff. Serious progress is being made.

Our rivers in North Florida are regarded as pristine and unspoiled. It's important we work to keep them that way. So pre-register for the "Eighth Annual BIG Little River Paddle Race" by visiting <http://wwals.net/events-2/> to register. As previously noted, this race is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020. The starting point is Sparks Georgia, Red Roberts Landing off of I-75 to be specific.

As an inside tip, the winner of the race has won two years in a row. I'm told he is from Florida somewhere around Flagler Beach. In order to beat this guy, an enticement of an "Extra" \$200 will be awarded to the 1st place finisher that also beats his wining time.



COURTESY

This sign was posted on the Willacooche River after the 2019 sewage spill.

SEND US YOUR SPORTS PHOTOS

If your local sports team has photos of a recent tournament or event or you have photos of a recent hunting or fishing trip, please let us know. Send details and/or photos via email to [jkroeger@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:jkroeger@lakecityreporter.com) or [zabolverdi@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:zabolverdi@lakecityreporter.com) to see you kids in our sports section. For more information, call 754-0421 or 754-0420.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TAUSE

CITKH

RLIPAL

LOAPHO

Answer here:

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RARER PETTY OUTAGE TRUDGE  
Answer: He tore off the top page of the page-a-day calendar to keep it — UP-TO-DATE

ACROSS

- 1 Hole in a needle
- 4 Sty habitants
- 8 Pit
- 12 Boy
- 13 Worshipped image
- 14 Ogden locale
- 15 Bikini top
- 16 Valley of grapes
- 17 Darth's son
- 18 Own up to
- 20 Aureate
- 22 — choy
- 24 Listen
- 25 Spouse
- 28 Lowest ebb
- 31 Pinnacle
- 32 Ersatz butter
- 33 — -de-sac
- 36 California's Fort —
- 37 Land chart
- 38 Queen of Scots
- 39 Pretty, in Paris
- 40 Sea eagle
- 41 A Beatle
- 43 Oversee
- 45 Elves
- 47 "Married ... With Children" surname
- 51 Spectacular
- 52 Quartet minus one
- 55 Jackie's tycoon
- 56 Magritte or Russo
- 57 Auel heroine
- 58 Travel guide
- 59 Units of energy
- 60 Red vegetable
- 61 Woolly one

DOWN

- 1 Place of exile
- 2 Length measure
- 3 Party cheese
- 4 Spotted horse

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	L	O	G		E	S	A		N	F	L
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- 5 Wyo. neighbor
- 6 Dems.' foes
- 7 Steel mill refuse
- 8 Less shiny
- 9 Chopin opus
- 10 In the altogether
- 11 Not now
- 19 Wild goat
- 21 John Glenn's state
- 23 Mound
- 25 — Tse-tung
- 26 Loan abbr.
- 27 Danson or Turner
- 29 Asian mountains
- 30 Prevent
- 33 Commuter vehicle
- 34 Coffee dispenser
- 35 Drain cleaner
- 37 Flag holder
- 38 Bill of fare
- 39 Fruit drinks
- 41 Kilted musician
- 42 Firing
- 44 Depth charge target (hyph.)
- 45 Marquette's title
- 46 Iffy attempt
- 48 Appointment
- 49 Dead heat
- 50 Omigosh!
- 53 Type of whiskey
- 54 Land in "la mer"

