



Tree Talk



Pride and Professionalism

By Mike Kelly



Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.

- **Robert A. Heinlein**

I am recycling an old article in hopes that no one minds. The weather has put me behind and I need to catch up quickly. Next month I promise new stuff

Valentine's Day: Who invented this thing and what does it really mean. If you talk to most women, it is the time when their man should be showering her with gifts and love. If you talk to most men, their not sure what day it even falls on and hopefully the wife or sweetheart will drop enough suggestions to make them remember.

According to my research I find that St. Valentine was a priest near Rome about 270 A.D. It is said that the roman emperor was imprisoning Christians for not worshipping the roman gods. St. Valentine was either

performing Christian marriages or was helping people escape from prison, and was arrested himself.

Now remember, in Rome before Christianity was established, the 14th of February was the feast of Juno. Juno was the goddess of women & marriage. There was also the feast of Lupercalia, the god that watched over the shepherds. During this time, the single female's names were placed in a jar and bachelors drew a name. This would be their partner throughout the festivities.

Now, getting back to St. Valentine. It is reported that he refused to worship the Roman gods and it is also said that he prayed to have one of his guard's daughters healed of blindness. As it would be, after her healing, the guard and his family became Christians. When the emperor heard of this he had Valentine beheaded.

The bible says "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13)

Now that we have the story, it may be time for us to not only remember our special other, but to also remember everyone we know.

Happy Valentine's Day

Pro Shop News

By Joe Bailey



(Yea, yea, yea)

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Hope everyone enjoyed the snow we received on January 20th my kind of snow, looked beautiful as it fell but did not stay around for a long period of time. The worse part of it was that the course had to close and I did not get to see any of our members. Hopefully the weather will improve shortly and all of our golfers will return from hibernation.

We just implemented a great new Tee sheet system. We need you stop by and fill out an information sheet so we can update you in the system. If you give us your Email address, we will send you a confirmation of your Tee time each time you request one. It is going to take a little time for our staff to become more familiar with the system, so it may take a little longer to check it until we become more proficient with the system, I apologize now for any inconvenience.

See you on the Tee Box.

Please review our calendar for upcoming outings/events.

Brag Box:

We have 1 Brags for this month. January 20 **Cam Newcomb** had birdie on hole 10 while playing with his grandfather Danny Newcomb. Great playing Cam. He must take after his father, our assistant superintendent Clint Newcomb. Stop by Pro shop and get your sleeve of ball's **Cam**.

Professional's News

By Rick Green, PGA Pro



I know that everyone that played in the Polar Bear on Saturday, January 18th thought that it was a real Polar Bear because it was so cold and windy. Turns out that it was one of the better golf days during January.

And the winners were:

Championship Gross: John Zambelli and Darrin Stephens with a 67 and

Champion-ship Net: Kevin Johnson and Michael Sauls with a 66.2

First Flight Gross: Grant Webber and Dick Kirk with a fine 65. First Flight Net winners were Joe Strouse and Ron Page with 68.0.

Second Flight Gross winners were Donnie Ginn and Michael Sutton with a 78. Net prizes went to Uly Russo and Michael Russo with a 75.2

Thanks to everyone that braved the weather and played.

PGA News

To earn some of the PGA educational credits that I need to maintain my Class A status I attended PGA Demo Day at Orange County National and the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando last week.

I enjoyed watching Dave Pelz and Peter Jacobson present a great short game clinic at Demo Day.

I spent Wednesday and Thursday looking at new products and placing spring orders for the golf shop. Some of the new apparel and clubs will be arriving in March.