



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 31, 2017

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### ***News You Can Use***

#### **PALMER RANCH CLUB DAY – HOSTED BY THE PALMER RANCH SOCIAL, SPORTING & BUSINESS CLUBS**

Get involved in your community by joining a club, or starting a club! Want to play Bingo or Bridge with your neighbors? Maybe you're interested in joining a wine tasting club or book club. Have you always wanted to take up painting, photography or bird watching? Come to Palmer Ranch Club Day and find out what's happening in the Palmer Ranch community! **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 5pm**, Orchid Room at TPC Prestancia, 4409 TPC Drive, Sarasota. To RSVP or get more information, call (941) 922-2800 ext. 3237 or email: [amarcotte@heritagegolfgroup.com](mailto:amarcotte@heritagegolfgroup.com).

#### **TPC PRESTANCIA HOSTS LUNCHEON APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 11:30am – 1:00pm**, TPC Prestancia will be hosting a Palmer Ranch Luncheon, featuring special guest speaker Christine Johnson. Christine will share about protecting the bays, beaches and barriers of the beautiful Florida Gulf Coast. Cost: \$20.00 (includes tax and gratuity) cash or member charge accepted. RSVP by April 23<sup>rd</sup>, call (941) 922-2800 x1 or email [dhsmith@golfgroup.com](mailto:dhsmith@golfgroup.com).

#### **INTERSECTION SIGNAL RESURFACING**

Work continues on the resurfacing of traffic signals and pedestrian arms at the intersections of McIntosh / Sawyer Loop; McIntosh / Palmer Ranch Parkway West; McIntosh / Palmer Ranch Parkway East; Beneva Road / Palmer Ranch Parkway West; and Beneva Road / Sarasota Square Blvd. In addition to the above locations, the pedestrian arms will be resurfaced at the intersection of Honore Avenue / Palmer Ranch Parkway East. *Please use caution when driving in active work zones.*

### ***Artists of Palmer Ranch, Featured Artist – Shirley Meerkle Grodberg***



A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Shirley received a BS in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati. After marrying and moving to Newton, MA, she raised three sons and continued to live there until her husband's retirement.

In 1992, upon moving to Huntington Pointe, she found time to indulge in her lifelong passion for watercolor. Having had several years of special art in high school, she felt excited to concentrate on a single medium. She took classes with eight different local artists until she felt free to express herself. 'I paint for the sheer joy of the exuberance of color.'

Shirley joined the Artists of Palmer Ranch in 1999. Her work has been shown in juried shows at the Venice Art Center, Towles Court, Spanish Point and several other group venues. She has won several merit awards. Email address for inquiries: [ms.shirleyf@gmail.com](mailto:ms.shirleyf@gmail.com).

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### ***Birding on Palmer Ranch***

This week's photo is of a Black Crowned Night Heron seen visiting the grounds of *Turtle Rock on Palmer Ranch*.

Seen by day, these chunky herons seem dull and lethargic, with groups sitting hunched and motionless in trees near water. They become more active at dusk, flying out to foraging sites, calling "wok" as they pass high overhead in the darkness. Some studies suggest that they feed at night because they are dominated by other herons and egrets by day. A cosmopolitan species, nesting on every continent except Australia and Antarctica.

We would like to encourage you to send in your photos of birds seen on Palmer Ranch to feature in future newsletters. If you've pictures you'd like to share, please email your photos to Carrie at [carrie@palmerranch.net](mailto:carrie@palmerranch.net). Please include your name, species and location of where the photo was taken.



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