

SUMMERHILL SOCIAL CLUB

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Poker Mania in Summerhill!!

128 avid golf cart poker enthusiasts turned out on May 9 for the 2007 edition of the club's Poker Run. Under threatening skies, and in the midst of intermittent smoke from the many wildfires in Florida and Georgia, our hearty group methodically figured out the set of clues designed to lead them to the checkpoints. As the day progressed, the skies cleared and it turned out to be a beautiful event (the smoke, of course, returned later in the evening). Congratulations to the "best hand" winner—Patty Ekaitis—who paced the field with a full house, and the runner-up—Jack Mills—with a straight. Ten other winners were recognized for their winning hands, making it a highly competitive experience for everyone. Thanks to all of the volunteers who pitched in to help the day go smoothly: Barbara Abatiello and Jo Hagg at the Glenview stop, Diane and Larry Krutz at the Margaritaville Republic stop, Jon and Michelle Antes at the Tierra del Sol stop, Ruth and Phil Mazurski at the Lighthouse stop, and Annette and John Mahoney at the Saddlebrook stop. Of course, major thanks go to Larry and Flo Keschl for ensuring the delivery of the main dish for the dinner, as well as all participating members for the incredible array of pot luck dishes. Special thanks to John Mahoney for handling the analysis of all 128 hands and determining the winners. Here are some of the action shots from the event...



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JUNE NEWSLETTER



Next Meeting – June 13 – It's Hurricane Season

Well, here we go again! Hurricane season is bearing down on us, and the experts say it's going to be an active one. Of course, they said that last year, and it didn't happen. But in case the experts are right, and we get a repeat of something like the 2004 season, it's good to get prepared. That's why we've made arrangements with your electric provider—Sumter Electric Co-Operative (SECO)—to join us and talk about their plans for the 2007 season. They'll give us a perspective on what steps they take when storms approach, including a look into their emergency response team, the methods they use to track storms, and the manner in which they set their recovery priorities.

Neighbor–Helping–Neighbor Program

As mentioned at the May 9 dinner/meeting, we have begun to compile a list of volunteer drivers for the implementation of our neighbor-helping-neighbor program. We hope to have all the administrative issues resolved in the next few weeks, and we anticipate launching the program in July, 2007. We need to have a minimum roster of 20 volunteer drivers before we can begin, so those of you willing to volunteer should contact **Jack or Nancy Mills at 751-5199** and let them know your availability. We ask that you specify which days of the week you would be available, and we ask that you commit to full half day blocks of time (e.g., 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, noon to 4:00 pm, or both).

Special Thanks to Door Prize Donors

We'd like to once again thank the businesses that have contributed door prizes, and encourage all of you to visit those businesses and thank them in person for their generosity. So far this year, we've received prizes from:

- **Shang Hai Chinese Buffet, Southern Trace Shopping Plaza (January)**
- **Edible Arrangements, Palm Ridge Plaza (February, March, April)**
- **Reasonable Elegance, Palm Ridge Plaza (March)**
- **Quiznos Subs, Southern Trace Shopping Plaza (April)**

Looking Ahead to July's Meeting

It's summertime, and something cool is in the plan for our **July 11** meeting. We're planning to have an ice cream social, along with some musical entertainment as we welcome the "dog days of summer." For those of you who may not be aware, the term "dog days of summer" is the official term for the period from early July through most of August, when the "dog star" (Sirius) rises and sets with the sun. In the middle of this period, Sirius is "in conjunction" with the sun, and ancient astronomers believed that the heat of the "dog star" combined with the heat of the sun to produce an excessive stretch of sultry weather. ***It is during this period that ice cream tastes particularly refreshing, hence our ice cream social!***

Now, I ask you, fans of that great TV drama, Cheers!, did that or did that not sound like something Cliff Clavin would say?