

# Ripples

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HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!

SKYE LOCH HOME OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
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**ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING/ELECTION: Thursday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Community Building and Zoom**

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## **DIRECTORS CORNER:**

Happy New Year ! Wishing everyone a healthy and peaceful 2026!

Skye Loch Annual Meeting takes place on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the community building.

## **Parking Rules and Misconceptions:**

Currently Skye Loch Villas has an off street parking problem. Both the South and East green parking areas are Full almost 100% of the time. There are five villas for sale at Skye Loch. When they are sold the possibility of 10-15 new vehicles could be looking for parking spaces.

Residents with a second non-golf cart vehicle must park their second vehicle in one of the three off-street green spaces.

There appears to be a misunderstanding about residents with either handicap placards or plates. Residents with a handicap designation must park their first vehicle in their driveway. If they have a golf cart that vehicle must also be parked on their property. Using a visitors space for your vehicle while your golf cart is in your driveway is against the Parking Rules.

## **Fishing at Skye Loch:**

If a resident sees anyone fishing in the pond (ditch), they are trespassing! Please call the non-emergency number of the Pinellas County Sheriffs Dept. @727-582-6177 and report there are trespassers on the property.

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## **SKYE LOCH SOCIAL CLUB:**

Our next meeting is January 6 at 10:00 in the CB kitchen. Come help us plan Skye Loch events.

## **THANK YOU:**

To Denise Lubinski for chairing the Ladies Only Ornament Exchange. What an enjoyable evening. Well done Denise!

## **SKYE LOCH FLEA MARKET:**

The Skye Loch Social Club will be hosting its annual Flea Market on February 21, 2026. Please start saving your unwanted items to donate to the Skyloch table, or rent a table of your own for \$10. Let Janice Burke know if you would like to rent a table. If you'd like to donate baked goods, let Janet Lowry know, and if you'd like to volunteer (which you would) let Barb Werley know.



## **LADIES ONLY GOLF CART HAPPY HOUR:**

Join us for happy hour on January 15 at 3:45. There is a sign up sheet in the CB kitchen if you are planning to go or tell Denise Lubinski or Barb Werely so we have a count for reservations. We will meet in front of the CB at 3:45. Bring your golf cart to provide rides. If you don't have a golf cart, you can ride with someone who does.

## **SHUFFLEBOARD:**

We will be meeting every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. beginning January 14, weather permitting. All are welcome including beginners! Questions? Call Dan Lajoie at 617-283-2174.

## **OUR CONDOLONCES:**

To Patty Wells for the passing of her mother, to Patti Ratajczak for the passing of her sister, Sandy and to Kaye Nagy for the passing of her father, Wade.

## **SKYE LOCH BREAKFAST:**

The dates this month will be January 13 and 27. We meet in the CB kitchen at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a dish to share if you can, \$1 and a mug. Coffee and tea are provided. We need some new residents to host a breakfast. If you would like to host, there is a sign up sheet in the CB kitchen and see the info on the next page.....

## HOW TO HOST A BREAKFAST:

2 hosts are recommended. The most important thing that needs to be done is plugging in the coffee makers no later than 8:00 a.m. the morning of the breakfast. It takes about 20 minutes to heat up. Once the coffee maker heats up the coffee can be made. There are instructions on how to make the coffee on the side of the refrigerator. The coffee is in the freezer. Set up for guests while waiting for water to heat up. Place mats, paper plates, napkins, plasticware, salt, pepper, cream sugar, etc. need to be put out. Always check for supplies a few days before you host to make sure there is coffee, cream, etc. If something is needed, purchase and give your receipts to the Social Club for reimbursement. You are responsible for cleaning up and unplugging the coffee makers. You should have plenty of help cleaning up. The social club will answer any questions you might have.

## RECYCLE YOUR OLD/BROKEN TV:

Or any electronics equipment can be brought to: OCM Recycling, 201 Tower Dr. Oldsmar. 813-855-2233. Hours: 8:30-3:30 M-F.

## THE GOLDEN BREAK!!

Congratulations to Bob Hallihan, who recently sunk the 8 ball on the initial break shot while playing billiards with friends in our billiard room. This is called a “Golden Break”.



A Golden Break in pool, is when the breaking player legally pockets the 8 or 9-ball directly off the break shot, instantly winning the rack. It's a rare, exciting event often seen as a perfect break. According to a report from World Pool Masters on March 10, 2024, the frequency of golden breaks in professional events remains low—occurring in less than 2% of all break shots. Outstanding Bob!!!

## DUNEDIN SHRED FEST:

This will be held on January 24, 2026 from 8:00-12:00 at Achieva Credit Union Headquarters, 1659 Achieva Way in Dunedin. For more information, you can contact the City of Dunedin Solid Waste department at 727-298-3215 ext 1234 or [www.achievacu.com](http://www.achievacu.com)

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## SKYE LOCH CRAZY COOKS 2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF



Date: January 24, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Skye Loch Community building

Calling All Chili Cooks! Think your chili is the best? Put it to the test!

**CHILI COOKS:** Entry Fee: \$10 — Chili Requirement: Make at least 1 gallon of your favorite recipe—any type is welcome

**PRIZES:** Winner crowned as the “Skye loch Master Chili Marshal” and awarded the prestigious “Holder of the Red Hot Pepper”  
Additional prizes for runners-up

**TASTERS AND JUDGES:** Fee to Try and Judge All Chili: \$5

Enjoy sampling a variety of mouthwatering chili recipes and cast your vote for the best!

Sign-Up Information: Sign-Up Sheet for Crazy Chili Cooks: Located in the CB kitchen

Whether you're cooking or tasting, bring your appetite and competitive spirit to this fiery event.

Let the chili showdown begin—bring it on!

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