

Life & Times

Estero Country Club at The Vines

October 2015

Mission

Estero Country Club provides a welcoming environment for its members, families and guests through exceptional golf, dining, tennis, fitness, lifestyle and social experiences.

October Events

- 5** *Hula Hoop Class, Monday, 9:30*
- 7** *Trivia Night, Wednesday, 7:00*
- 10** *Oktoberfest Tennis Party, Saturday, 11:00*
- 11** *Couples Golf, Sunday, pm Tee Times*
- 12-15** *Fall Tennis Boot Camp, 1:00-3:00*
- 15** *Flu Shots, Thursday, 10:00-2:00*
- 19** *Glide Fitness Class, Monday, 9:30*
- 21** *Vines Veteran's Association, Wednesday, 4:30*
- 22** *Fit To Play Tennis Workshop, Thursday, 2:00*
- 22** *Pickleball Practice Begins, Thursday, 1:00*
- 22** *Glass Painting Class, Thursday, 1:00-4:00*
- 22** *Fit Fore Golf, Thursday, 3:00*
- 23** *Triple Play Fitness Class, Friday, 9:30*
- 23** *New Member 9 Hole Golf Mixer, Friday, 3:30*
- 24** *Morning Groove Fitness Class, Saturday, 8:00*
- 24** *Free Fitness Equipment Orientation, Saturday, 9:00*
- 24** *Pub Crawl on the KuKu Trolley, Saturday, 5:00*
- 25** *Charity Golf Tournament, Sunday, 1:00 Shotgun*
- 31** ***Halloween Havoc Golf Tournament, Saturday, 8:30 Shotgun***
- 31** ***Halloween Dinner Dance w/ DJ Bob Cox***

BOARD OF Governors

Skip Loper - President
Doug Dalrymple - Vice President
Carol Berger - Secretary
Tom Spaeth - Treasurer
Don DiBrita
Barry Freedman
Mike Kennedy
Bob MacDougall
Tom Rush

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Greens - Mike Kennedy
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Don DiBrita
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Tennis - Tom Rush

President's Report

Skip Loper
skiploper@comcast.net

It's hard to believe that, when you are reading this note, most of you either will be enjoying ECC or will be about to return. As I've mentioned before, two of the key activities for your Board this year is to develop – with the aid of outside expertise – a Master Plan for both our course and our clubhouse. The course is fairly straightforward from a physical perspective (bunkers, fairways, greens, trees, etc.), while the clubhouse is arguably more complex since it involves both the physical footprint as well as lifestyle issues (outside/casual dining, expansion of lifestyle/fitness space and activities, etc.). Also, we can't overlook the tennis environment which now includes not only tennis, but pickleball and lawn bowling as well.

It is a true statement that virtually anything is possible – all you need is time and sufficient resources. In order to implement Master Plans, however, there is one more essential ingredient – your vote! There will be no capital monies spent unless a majority of our members say yes. From a timing perspective, you will be provided an overview at our opening meeting on Monday, November 16th. After a series of focus groups and other opportunities for member input, we plan to bring a comprehensive proposal forward for your consideration in March – ideally at our Annual Meeting on Monday, March 7th. I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2015-2016 season. An added bonus is the fact we will be having our 30th Anniversary as a Club! If you have any blockbuster ideas for how best to celebrate, don't hesitate to share them either with any member of the House and Entertainment Committee or senior staff.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon at ECC!

ECC Season Opener Saturday, November 7, 2015

HAVANA NIGHTS

with Paul & Renata
Dinner Music 7:30-8:00
Dance Music 8:00-10:30
6:00 Cocktails
6:30 Dinner Stations

\$42++

Salad and Starters

Garlic Cheddar Biscuits
Farm to Table Salad Station with locally sourced, seasonal produce
Shrimp Cocktail
Poached and Smoked Salmon Display
Roasted Root Vegetable Bisque

Action Station

Havana Shrimp Sauté
White Rice, Latin Style Black Beans
Cuban Braised Ossobuco with Mojo Veloute

Tenderloin Carving Station

Beef Tenderloin, Horseradish Sour Cream, Veal Demi
Grilled Mahi with Lemon Basil Butter
Whipped White Tillamook White Cheddar Potatoes
Creamed Spinach

Dessert

Petite Fours, Chocolate Nut Torta, Petite Fruit Tarts,
Red Velvet Cake, S'mores Station

*Members Only, Tables of 8 (limited tables of 10),
Reservations Starting Thursday, October 8th at 9:00am,
Casual Attire (No Denim), 72 Hour Cancellation Policy*

General Manager's Report

Craig Rollinson, CCM, CCE
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Hope everyone has had a great summer whether here or up north. This has been the busiest summer at ECC that I recall which revenue reflects. With only two months of financial statements left in this fiscal year, we are forecasting a break even as budgeted.

Here is a smattering of updates:

- We had a successful closure in August allowing staff the time to do an intense cleaning, many handyman related repairs, some painting in member areas and refurbishment of wood edged casual table tops.
- The 2015/2016 Calendar and Directory should be ready for distribution mid-October. We will notify everyone by email when ready.
- Chef Justin & Megan Nash have been working diligently on hiring, training and menu development. You will start seeing some new staff faces and we will do everything to train them to assure a great dining experience.
- With the departure of Megan Lisay, we have just hired a new Assistant Food & Beverage Manager. Alidor Bennett, who has worked here locally at West Bay & Fiddlesticks. Alidor has great expertise in training, floor operations and member care. He will be on board starting the first week of October. When you meet him, please welcome him to the ECC family.
- Chef Justin will be introducing a Farm to Plate concept with our new menus this fall. He will be sourcing as much local ingredients as possible to utilize in our menu. Chef will be utilizing local produce, dairy and meat products whenever possible to meet or exceed our high standards. This will benefit the members to have the freshest ingredients possible along with keeping our purchasing dollars in our local economy. Everyone should benefit from this initiative.
- In mid-October, we will need to shutdown hole #5 for approximately 4 days or less to refurbish the bridge. All of you that golf realize the need to replace the surface boards and the repairs will be similar to the other golf course bridges. We will notify everyone by email when we have firm dates from our vendors and give instructions on how to post your scores during this hole shutdown.

October is upon us and we have already noticed members returning. With our many lifestyle, sporting and dining opportunities, I hope each of you take advantage of all ECC has to offer.

Hope to see you soon at the Club!



Superintendent's Report

Nathan Gingrich
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Hand Watering

As winter draws near, the hoses start to come out again and we will begin to enter into our drier time of year. One activity that will increase as we go into this period of time is hand watering. Summer is about aerification, removal of organic matter and hopefully the creation of channels to move water, air, and eventually roots down in our soil. When the soil begins to dry out in the fall, the plant will begin to expend energy to try and find water deeper in the soil profile by growing roots. Roots are of great benefit to the turf because they improve the plants ability to take in nutrients, water, and oxygen making the turf, in the end, healthier. One way we try to encourage the plant to grow roots is by hand watering. On greens, you will see us out with a probe checking the greens for moisture. This probe is an invaluable tool and gives us hard numbers which we can use to make decisions on whether to water or not. This then allows us to walk a finer line between excessively dry turf and healthy turf making the turf search for water by growing deeper roots. This also indicates which areas on our greens may be drier than others. We will then hand water areas based on the readings we receive from the probe along with environmental conditions. Now, if you have made it through the boring "turf talk" that the greens committee endures monthly, I will tell you why you should care as a golfer. First, hand watering, in the end, leads to healthier turf and healthy turf leads to consistent green speeds. For anyone who watched the US Open at Chambers Bay, their turf was far from consistent and it negatively affected speeds from green to green. Second, hand watering leads to consistent firmness across greens. Low areas may require less water and taking our measurements allows us to distribute the water across the greens as evenly as possible. Lastly, excessively wet greens can lead to disease and by more closely managing our water we remove one of the key environmental factors for disease development. Given the age of our greens and their inability to drain from a subsurface standpoint it makes it much more critical for us to manage the water we put on them. I hope this article has shed some light on a daily activity you see us performing.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Hosted by
Spotlight
Entertainment

Wednesday
October 7, 2015
7:00pm - 1st Round

Trivia Night in Mulligans Casual Atmosphere FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

***Teams of up to 6 people**

***Compete against other teams
for points each round**

***6 rounds of general knowledge trivia to
determine winning team**

***Come ready with a Team name & to have fun!**

**Dinner Served from 5:30-8:30pm
or drop-in just to compete in Trivia.**

Casual Attire - Guests Welcome



Club Central - ForeTees App

Have you downloaded the new Estero Country Club App? Once you get it going it is amazing!

We hope that every member will give it a try. Some of the most common questions so far include:

Q: Do I just use my user and password that I use to log into the web page? A: That won't work. You need to go to ForeTees, Settings, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Generate a Password". Then your all set, enter the one time log in information, and you will never have to log in again!!

Q: Sometimes after I have already downloaded the app, signed in, it asks me next time to log in again. Should I? A: No, what has happened is that your ForeTees app stayed open. Just hit your home button on your phone, and then click the app again and you will go directly into the app without having to repeat anything.

Q: I tried all that, and I am still having trouble. A: We are here to help, give us a call and we will get you squared away.

Hand Watering



Reading from Moisture Meter



Moisture Meter



Fitness News

Stretch & Flex - Tuesday & Thursday 7:30am

Morning Groove - Saturdays 8:00am (Starting October 24th)

Triple Play - Fridays 9:30am (Starting October 23rd)

Yoga - Monday & Friday 8:30am (Starting back in November)

Specialty Fitness Classes

Tennis Workshop Series - Thursdays once a month 2:00pm

Fit Fore Golf Series - Thursdays once a month 3:00pm

Hoop It Up Class - Mondays once a month 9:30am

Glide Fitness - Mondays once a month 9:30am

Complimentary Equipment Orientation - Saturdays once a month 9:00am

Ask a Fit Pro - Wednesdays once a month 9:00am



HALLOWEEN PARTY
Entertainment
by DJ Bob Cox
Saturday, October 31, 2015
Dinner Music 7:00 - 7:30 * Dance Music 7:30 - 10:00
Reservations available from 5:30 to 8:30

Menu

Roasted Butternut Squash Bisque or Autumn Salad

Choice of:

Roasted Beef Tenderloin - 6oz cut, House Made Veal Demi,
Whipped Potatoes and Garlic Buttered Green Beans \$33

Seared Yellow Tail Snapper - Pink Grapefruit-Green Peppercorn Butter,
Pumpkin Rice and Garlic Buttered Green Beans \$33

Bronzed Shrimp Showers - Coconut-Chili Butter, "Sun Harvest" Citrus
Syrup, Pumpkin Rice and Garlic Buttered Green Beans \$31

French Cut Chicken Breast - Pecan Crust, Maple-Vanilla Bean
Buerre Blanc, Garlic Buttered Green Beans and Whipped Potato \$29

Dessert Choices:

Pumpkin Pie with Candied Pumpkin Seeds and Cinnamon Whipped Cream
Ice Cream Sundae with Hot Fudge

*Reservations starting Thursday, October 1st, 9:00am
72 Hour Cancellation Policy - Guests Welcome
Casual or Theme Attire - Costumes Encouraged*

Flu Shots



Thursday, October 15, 2015

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Presidents' Room

Most insurance and

Medicare accepted.

\$25 (cash option)



A Letter from the Treasurer

In accordance with the quarterly reporting requirements discussed in Article IX, Paragraph 1, Section C of the Club's Bylaws, I am pleased to provide summary data on the current financial condition of the Club. Accordingly:

Operating Results:

For the ten months ended August 31, 2015, net operating income was \$83,846 favorable to budget and \$47,694 unfavorable to the same period last year. A significant portion of said favorable variance to budget can be attributed to reduced year-to-date expenditures in the Golf Course Maintenance area. Current projections indicate a nominal operating surplus for the fiscal ending October 31, 2015.

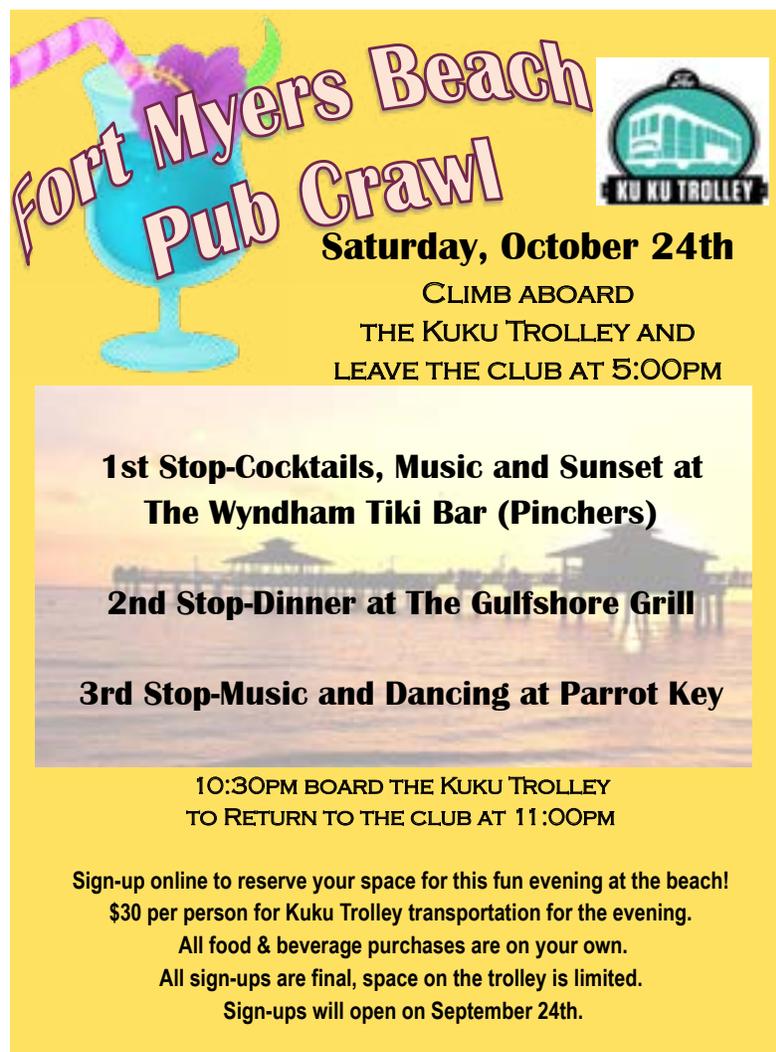
Balance Sheet:

Our balance sheet continues to be extremely strong. Current Assets are \$291,372 higher than a year ago and Current Liabilities are virtually unchanged. The current operating cash surplus should cover us through the remainder of the fiscal year and, other than monthly capital equipment lease commitments, we should remain debt free.

After months of staff analysis and Finance Committee review, the 2015-2016 ECC budget was approved by the Board of Governors on August 18, 2015. While President Loper highlighted some of the changes in the letter that you should have received in early September, anticipate a more detailed review at the All Member Meeting in November.

Should anyone wish to review the summary Balance Sheet and/or Operating Statement, feel free to contact our new Controller, Dana Aerts, in the Accounting Office.

Tom Spaeth



Fort Myers Beach Pub Crawl



Saturday, October 24th

CLIMB ABOARD
THE KUKU TROLLEY AND
LEAVE THE CLUB AT 5:00PM

**1st Stop-Cocktails, Music and Sunset at
The Wyndham Tiki Bar (Pinchers)**

2nd Stop-Dinner at The Gulfshore Grill

3rd Stop-Music and Dancing at Parrot Key

10:30PM BOARD THE KUKU TROLLEY
TO RETURN TO THE CLUB AT 11:00PM

Sign-up online to reserve your space for this fun evening at the beach!
\$30 per person for Kuku Trolley transportation for the evening.
All food & beverage purchases are on your own.
All sign-ups are final, space on the trolley is limited.
Sign-ups will open on September 24th.

Tennis Report

Tom Funk, USTA
tennispro@@esterocc.com

Welcome back to our returning players, I hope you all had a great summer and played a little tennis too. The tennis courts are ready to go, the leagues are getting ready to start and season is beginning. Some reminders for this season. We are looking to get our ladies teams working on the same strategies in their doubles matches, so all players should plan on a clinic and, of course, a match each week. Please be sure to notify your captains and Tennis Pro when you may be unable to attend matches and clinics. Teams that workout together have a proven record of success. This commitment will make a big difference in the team's success.

Our team clinics this season are all on ForeTees. Members can go on under Lessons, Group Lessons and pick the Tennis Pro giving the lesson. Then, pick your Clinic and sign up. If you need any help please call or email the pro shop and we will assist you. This helps the tennis staff to plan for each clinic to maximize the workouts. Also, keep an eye on the Calendar and emails for our monthly events. Each month there will be different events and workouts available for our members, you can sign up for these using the ForeTees site as well. We will be starting off October with our "Tennis Boot Camp" hosted by our staff and several guest Tennis Professionals from our area.

Just a reminder, morning court times are reserved at 8:00am or 9:30am beginning October 1st. There will be no more 9:00 am court times during season. Once again, it is good to see everyone out and getting ready for tennis this season.



Membership Report

Colleen Sowerby

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What happened to the summer? We have been very busy at the Club and in the Membership Office. We are welcoming, in the month of October, 17 new golf, 1 new sport, 2 new social members, 6 golf upgrades, 3 sport upgrades and the month of September has just started!! The Vines resale activity has been hot, and with that, we have had to say fond farewell to some long standing members who have supported the Club for many years. We hope they will come back and visit us soon and often! We have many "New Member activities" coming up... please watch the calendar and join us at the New Member Golf Mixer scheduled on Friday, October 23rd at 3:30 pm. We will play 9 holes and afterward enjoy social time together. Call the pro shop or go on ForeTees for more information and to sign up. We have 6 Golf Mixers planned this season, 4 New Member Mingles and on the first Monday of the month at 9:30 we hold a new member orientation. Please sign up for one or all of the Mingles and Mixers this season and get connected!! We have also been receiving many inquiries for rental property for this upcoming season – if you are considering renting (even for only a month), please give us a call and we will connect you with those that have inquired.

It isn't too late to refer a new member... we want you to be with us on our Naples Princess Cruise in January. Just give the Club a call and let us know who you would like to refer for membership. Thank you to all of you who have called this summer and "Referred a Friend"!



**INVITE A FRIEND
to come out of the cold!**

Invite your friends to experience Estero Country Club this season! We're waiting for them—and so are the sunsets. As a Thank You for sponsoring a new member this season or upgrading your membership to "golf," we will be hosting a beautiful sunset cruise on the Gulf of Mexico as our Thank You to you and your friends!

A Sunset Cruise on the Gulf waters is our Thank You to you!

Contact the Membership Office, and let's get you—and your friends—on board!

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Expires December 31, 2015

NEW EQUITY MEMBERS

Ms. Sarilye Atlas (Sara)
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NEW TENNIS MEMBERS

Mr. Steve Carr
Ms. Debra Conner
Mrs. Rhonda Diner
Ms. Linda Powell
Ms. Linda Roderick

MEMBER UPGRADES

Silver Golf

Mr. Brad Beatty & Ms. Marcy Neil
Ms. Ellen Dreskin & Mr. Larry Oberman
Mr. Tom Edelen and Ms. Linda Lillie
Mr. Daniel Gonzalez
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayman (Donna)
Dr. & Mrs. Steven Herman (Flory)
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hoene (Cindy)
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawrence (Rachelle)
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Martin (Constance)
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Neagle (Angela)
Mr. & Mrs. Stefan Schletter (Jackie)

Sport

Ms. Linda McFadden
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thullen (Teresa)



LADIES INTERCLUB II

Greetings Ladies of Estero Country Club. It's that time of year to start thinking of participating in the monthly Ladies Interclub II events. The fee is \$55.00 which includes 18 holes of Four Ball Match Play golf, golf cart fee, lunch, prizes and a \$2.00 fee for cart attendant. The minimum index allowed is 20.0. A player shall receive up to a maximum of 36 strokes for the match.

Our first match will be held Monday, October 19, 2015 at Shadow Wood. This year we will be hosting the event Monday, December 14th. The complete schedule and sign-up sheet will be posted in the breezeway.

Looking forward to seeing familiar faces and encourage all who enjoy golf to sign up. It's once per month from October thru March – April being "Fun Day". You do not have to sign up each month. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Captain Ann Alessio 239-481-0782
Co-Captain Gail McCracken 239-433-5128




Golf Guest 6 Pack

30% discount off of regular rate!

6 Pack Cost: \$450 + tax

Regular Rate: \$648 + tax

Limit: 4 packs

Must purchase between
11/15/2015 and 12/15/2015.

Must be redeemed by 10/31/2016.

Available to Gold, Silver & Sport members.

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE GOLF SHOP EACH TIME YOU WISH TO USE ONE OF YOUR GUEST PACK ROUNDS

Golf Report
Ben Pittman, PGA
golfpro@esterocc.com

The Summer season is winding down, and those of us that have been here throughout are definitely ready for a little cool down. The golf staff has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season, and we are very excited to start a new chapter at Estero CC. The Tournament Committee has finalized the events schedule, and we have begun the registration period for our first event, the Halloween Havoc. The schedule has been tweaked slightly in an effort to spread the events out a little more evenly throughout the season as well as to free up more space on the calendar for regular, daily play. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 11, we have reworked Sunday Couples. On select Sundays, there will be a block of times reserved as an event just for couples. It will be an informal event designed for couples who would like to meet and play with other couples, and we think it will serve as a great vehicle to build camaraderie at the club.

As many of you are returning, new merchandise is beginning to arrive. Our merchandiser, Jacqueline Foisey, has been hard at work looking at merchandise and writing orders. We are excited about some of the new products and vendors that we are bringing in, and we think you will find a lot to like in the shop. This year's Holiday Sale has been moved up to Thursday, November 13, and as a result you will notice more merchandise in the shop much earlier than usual. It is our hope that the extra shopping time before the holidays will help you start thinking about it sooner and have your shopping lists completed without the anxiety of rushing around at the last minute . . . please check out the shop early and often to make sure that you get what you want before it's gone!

To our year-round members, thank you for being here and supporting the club through the heat, the rain, and the aerifications. To our seasonal members, we look forward to your return and a fantastic season.

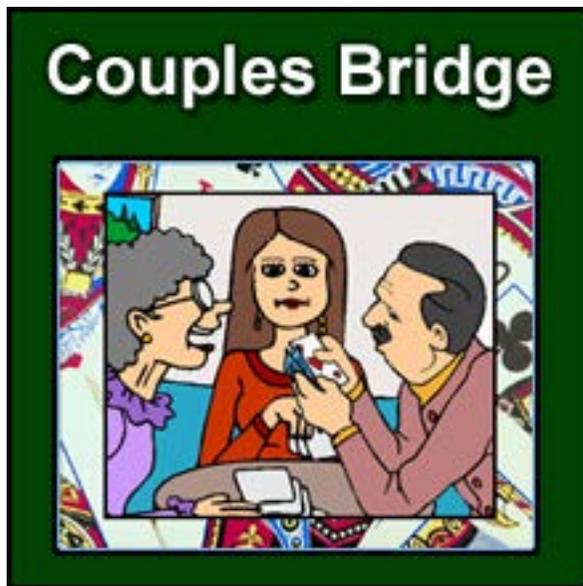




19501 Vintage Trace Circle
Fort Myers, FL 33967

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U.S. POSTAGE PAID
FT. MYERS, FL
PERMIT #962

Temp Return Service Requested



Couples Bridge will start the
1st Wednesday in November
at 7:00pm.

Please contact
Bob or MaryAnn Wagner
with any questions.

Bob - 239-267-3961
MaryAnn - 239-850-2275



Directory Updates

Jim & Jane Wert

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Jim Eves

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Cathy Mashione

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