



**A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR CHRONICLE:  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
IMPROVEMENTS  
ACTIVITIES**

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**TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY**  
**1996 – 2021**

This history has been compiled to recognize the hard work of numerous volunteers who gave freely of themselves so that PPEROA could become a reality. It chronicles some of the major changes and accomplishments that have taken place during the past 25 years. As we celebrate this anniversary, we thank the many people who had the foresight to carry their dreams to a successful conclusion.

Much of the information in this booklet has been retained from the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet published in 2016.

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## **PRE 1996**

Polo Park East was originally organized as a limited partnership with 55 partners to start an orange grove in 1955.

Major freezes in the 1980's had caused many growers to move further south. Then Mickey Mouse and his friends moved in. Along the dirt road leading to Kissimmee, trailer parks started to grow to meet the needs of the new residents and visitors.

A founder of the original Polo Estates, Jerome Bornstein had a vision of a community of doublewide manufacture homes where the owners would have title to their individual lots.

The name Polo Park gets its name by the convergence of 4 counties, Polk, Orange Lake and Osceola, the first letter of each county.

Polo Park on the west side was started by converting a portion of the groves to real estate development. After a few years, Polo Park East was started as a rental park where residents owned their own doublewide homes and rented the lot. Polo Park East was planned as a community of over 750 homes. The 15,000 square foot clubhouse and large swimming pool were to be used by the residents.

New Residents were welcomed as they entered Polo Park East Boulevard by a median strip filled with oleander bushes and the area where the bank now stands had 50 rows of orange and grapefruit trees, one for each state. Signs stated which one was for the individual state. The oleander bushes grew large and were replaced by the existing palms.

Changes to the development came fast:

In 1989 the boat docks, a ramp and picnic area were added.

The clubhouse and shuffleboard courts were built.

The development was modified by building the brick wall on the south side of the boulevard, thus creating two separate communities.

Community groups and activities for residents were started:

Euchre

The James Newton V.F.W. post from 1990-2003

Potluck suppers

The golf course opened in 1993 with the first 6 holes

The Home Owners Association was formed

Bingo games started.

### **1996 – purchasing PPE**

A special meeting for all residents was called by the owner David Bornstein at our clubhouse on January 16, 1996. He announced that an offer had been made to him to purchase Polo Park East. We had 45 days to match this offer.

We had an active Homeowners Association. Richard Emery, Our President, spearheaded the selling of shares so that we could reach our goal. After numerous meetings we were able to purchase the park for 2,750,000. The price per share was \$13,500. The acquisition was legally finalized at our attorney's office in Orlando on March 28, 1996. With closing costs, we paid almost 3 million dollars. The bank required us to hire a management company to guide us through the early years and the lean years started: new homes were not sold as we envisioned, equipment broke down and costs escalated.

### **1996 Highlights**

- \*Volunteers locked up the Clubhouse 365 nights a year
- \* two paid part-time employees and 10 volunteers covered the Pro Shop seven days a week.
- \*During the busy months of January, February and March, volunteers worked as starters and rangers.
- \*The palm trees around memory Lake were donated by residents in honor of or memory of a loved one. Additional donated trees were planted around the park and golf course.
- \*The first issue of “News and Views” was published in May. A contest was held among our residents to determine the name.
- \*Approximately 20 men became the “Clueless Cooks”

when they prepared an extensive pot luck dinner in October.

### **1997 Highlights**

- \*The shoreline at the lake front was beautified by clearing unwanted vegetation including small trees and vines.
- \*The docks were reconditioned.
- \*Horseshoe pits were constructed.
- \*The first Laser Golf Tournament at night was held and followed by a lasagna dinner.
- \*A Golf Committee was formed with nine members.

### **1998 Highlights**

- \*Storage cabinets were built on the south wall of the Clubhouse.
- \*A six-foot high chain link fence was erected on PPE Blvd.
- \*Profits from Clueless Cooks events purchased a dishwasher and a 52-inch TV & VCR.
- \*The Clueless Cook's Wives began the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole in May, cooking hot dogs and sausages every Saturday. Profits provided concrete for cart paths on the golf course and the patio at the Pro Shop. They purchased a canopy cover for the patio, tables, chairs and gas grills.
- \*Line dancing began in 1998
- \*The Nature Group was formed to beautify the Park grounds and the golf course. Proceeds from monthly hamburger luncheons funded flowers, shrubs and upgraded the sprinkler system on PPE Blvd.

### **1999 Highlights**

- \*A Super Bowl party was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- \*The Pro Shop patio was enlarged. A concrete pad to the electrical room and cart parking area was poured.
- \*Three sun umbrellas were purchased to use at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole.
- \*Cart paths on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes were concreted.

## **2000 Highlights**

- \*An attorney in Bartow obtained our 55 and over certification.
- \*A new 6-foot high fence was erected around the pool and an emergency 911 telephone was installed.
- \*A chain link fence was installed into the water at the lakefront.
- \*All of the lake front communities cooperated in the funding to control aquatic weeds.
- \*Our Clubhouse was rented for church services.
- \*A waterfall fountain was erected at the entrance to the clubhouse.
- \*Golf course improvements included pouring concrete for the cart paths on the first and fourth holes enlarging the fifth hole green and relocating the practice green.
- \*The canopy over the patio was erected.
- \*A bush whacker was purchased to be used on the golf course and on empty lots.
- \*Mom & Pop scrambles were started.
- \*An "Adopt-a-Hole" program was commenced improving the beauty on the golf course.
- \*A 4-foot high vinyl fence was erected to enclose the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole patio area.
- \*The annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade was initiated.
- \*Free Sunday night movies were started.
- \*A 50/50 group sold tickets at various functions to help fund improvements.
- \*Father Time and the New Year's Baby helped usher in the new millennium at a New Year's Eve party

## **2001 Highlights**

- \*Smoke and fires swept through Central Florida. Things got tense when a fire in the Green Swamp burned up to the edge of the golf course and lawns in Polo Park West.
- \*The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was started.
- \*The Clubhouse interior was painted and seasonal plantings were added outside.

- \*A hurricane damaged many homes in Polk County. Fortunately, there was only minimal damage to homes in Polo Park East.
- \*The Community of Faith Church which was started here in 1998 departed for larger quarters. The rental fees they paid were much needed and benefited us greatly.
- \*Defensive driving classes were held.
- \*Regional meetings were held to look at long range plans for the growth and development of Four Corners.
- \*The mini-mall to the north of the bank was built.
- \*A court order resulted in changes in monthly fees for 20 residents
- \*Ceramic tile was installed in front of the kitchen area in the Clubhouse.
- \*A window was installed in the office facing the lobby.
- \*Both ends of the shuffleboard courts were enclosed.
- \*Additional cabinets and shelving were built on the south wall of the Clubhouse.

### **2002 Highlights**

- \* Major repairs were made to the swimming pool and hot tub.
- \* The pool deck was covered with brick pavers.
- \* The original Adelpia Cable contract was expanded and renewed to include full coverage of the non-premium channels. This was done with no increase in monthly fees to the residents.
- \* Five new residents moved their homes from another community to our Park. This action triggered many more new home sales.
- \* Share prices increased to \$16,500.
- \* Our first All States Day was held.
- \* A fence was added near the mail boxes.
- \* Diners Delight started with a St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance with our own in-house DJ.
- \* Replacement golf clubs and hand carts were purchased.
- \* A used Ranson 300 Fairway mower was purchased.

### **2003 Highlights**

- \* The Clubhouse exterior was painted.
- \* A 24-foot building was constructed to protect the golf course equipment.
- \* A Cushman Work Horse with a sprayer attachment was

- purchased as was a fertilizer spreader.
- \* The Steiner mower was repaired and two new mowers were purchased for the golf course.
  - \* An 8 by 10 foot shed for Park maintenance tools was purchased and erected.
  - \* Ongoing projects included docks being painted and repaired and more cabinets being built on the south wall of the Clubhouse.
  - \* The easement along the north chain link fence on Dreama Drive was cleared and 85 trees were planted.
  - \* The entry median was updated with new letters and golf sign.
  - \* A 6-foot-high fence around the irrigation pump station was installed.
  - \* The 19th Hole celebrated five years of very successful activities resulting in many donations to the park.
  - \* The roads were seal coated, holes filled, damaged areas repaired and wheel stops painted. Directional arrows, hash lines and 14 parking dividers were repainted

### **2004 Highlights**

- \* A large stainless-steel grill was purchased by the 19<sup>th</sup> hole.
- \* Gas heaters were purchased for the pool to supplement the solar heat.
- \* A garage was built to house the Sheriff's patrol golf cart.
- \* A concrete golf path 10' wide by 100' long was formed and poured from the Pro Shop to East Blvd.
- \* A 6' high PVC fence was installed around the new gas heaters and the pool equipment.
- \* A new dishwasher, kitchen sink, freezer, ceiling fans and speakers were purchased for the Clubhouse.
- \* A rotary fairway mower for the golf course was purchased.
- \* A turflo aerator was purchased and installed on Memory Lake.
- \* An 8'x10' shed was purchased for maintenance

equipment and tools.

- \*A drainage ditch and two bridges were installed on the golf course.
- \*The golf cart parking area by the patio was widened.
- \*Extensive cleanup was performed at Lake Davenport after a vicious hurricane passed through.
- \*The Citizen Assist Program (C.A.P.) sponsored by the Polk County Sheriff's Office was started.

## **2005 Highlights**

- \*Due to hurricane damage, the Park sported a brand-new sign at the U.S. Highway 27 entrance, along with four new floodlights.
- \*A new lawn maintenance contract included cutting, trimming, and driveway blowing for residents. This service was available for \$20.00 monthly.
- \*Pool inspections required by Polk County were passed with flying colors.
- \*Extensive repairs to both docks were made.
- \*New road signs were purchased and installed at appropriate locations.
- \*Eighteen new parking spaces and wheel curbs were added north of the clubhouse.
- \*An 8'x10' foot shed was erected for golf course chemical storage.
- \*At least 50 pine trees were cut down and others trimmed along cart paths and the chain link fence on the golf course.
- \*A portable gas caddy for the golf course was purchased.
- \*Revolving lights for the clubhouse dance floor were installed.
- \*Five sinks were replaced in the restrooms.
- \*New carpeting was installed in the Pro Shop and Clubhouse.
- \*A sectional sofa and two side arm chairs were donated to the Clubhouse
- \*250 new folding chairs, tables, and ceiling fans were

donated by Bingo.

- \*Three dart machines were purchased.
- \* The Annual Lee Lieb ALS Benefit Golf Tournament was held in February.
- \*The very last lot was sold in July. The goal of a SOLD OUT PARK was reached!!!

### **2006 Highlights**

- \*A Valentine's Day Party was held; a delicious dinner by Diners Delight and music by our own resident D. J. were enjoyed.
- \*The Annual Lee Lieb ALS Golf Tournament was very successful.
- \*The Red Hat ladies participated in two statewide parades.
- \* A front-end loader was purchased for the golf course.
- \* Second Saturday sing-a-longs were started.

### **2007 Highlights**

- \*A "Buy-A-Key" program was used to purchase a digital piano for the clubhouse.
- \*The Tropical Sensations, a steel drum group from New Hampshire, performed in the clubhouse.
- \*A concrete washing pad and water meter were installed at the second tee.
- \*A crew cleaned up the shore of the lake front and Memory Lake.
- \*Eighty new aluminum street and golf course signs were installed.
- \*The PPE Rules and Regulations were revised.
- \*New office furniture was purchased.
- \*A roof was built over the golf cart storage and bathroom areas.

### **2008 Highlights**

- \*The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) was organized.
- \*The Sunsations, PPE's Steel Drum Band, began rehearsals.
- \*A new ice making machine was purchased for the Clubhouse.
- \*The glass in the front door of the Clubhouse was

replaced.

- \*Fees for shareholders were reduced.
- \*Three new charcoal grills were purchased for the lake front.
- \*A storage shed for the Park's work cart was purchased

### **2009 Highlights**

- \*Major repairs and improvements to the spa, pool and pool area were made.
- \*A used treadmill was purchased to replace one that had failed.
- \*A system of speaker phones was established to allow "snowbird" board members to participate in meetings. Extra phone lines were added to support this.
- \*The Park's mortgage was paid off and a mortgage burning celebration was held.
- \*A "Live Entertainment" series of concerts and shows began.

### **2010 Highlights**

- \*The Citizens Assisted Patrol (CAP) program was terminated due to safety and liability concerns
- \*A new weather-proof outdoor bulletin board was installed over the mailboxes
- \*AED units were installed at the pool and by the mailboxes.
- \*A 911 Emergency Call Box was installed by the mailboxes.
- \*PPE had its first Candidates Forum to acquaint residents with the candidates for board members.
- \*The Clubhouse stage was completed
- \*The website, [www.poloparkeast.com](http://www.poloparkeast.com), was updated. A resident section was added which included minutes of meetings, policies, forms and a member list.

### **2011 Highlights**

- \*A strategic planning committee met to set goals for the

Park's improvement.

- \*The issue of parity was settled after several meetings and a shareholder vote.
- \*The Park changed its cable service to Comcast digital.
- \*Our first photo directory was published.
- \*Construction of concrete slabs was completed for secure storage of sand at the lakefront.
- \*A change in the terms of board directors from two to three years was approved by shareholder vote

### **2012 Highlights**

- \*Residents were reminded of the rules regarding lawn maintenance; improvements were evident.
- \*A large new storage shed to protect golf course machinery was built.
- \*There was a crime prevention seminar for residents.
- \*A new golf course superintendent was hired.

### **2013 Highlights**

- \*Repair and repaving of all the community's streets were done.
- \*Sewer and water main upgrades were completed by Polk County Utilities.
- \*New chairs and cushions were purchased for the pool deck.
- \*An expanded free call-in system was established to allow members to attend board meetings by phone any time of the year.
- \*A Reserve Allocation Committee was formed.

### **2014 Highlights**

- \* A complete repainting of the Clubhouse exterior was done.
- \*New chairs, paint, and a new jumbo TV were donated by the Bingo and Bingo Kitchen committees.
- \*The entire interior of the Clubhouse was repainted by volunteers.
- \* New ceilings were installed in all Clubhouse interiors.
- \* A used Jacobson greens mower was purchased.

- \* A Porta-potty was installed on the golf course.
- \*AED-CPR classes were given for residents and all park employees.
- \*A committee revised the Park's Rules and Regulations.
- \*A crime prevention seminar was held.
- \*The Sunsations Steel Drum Band performed on the Waterside Stage at Downtown Disney

### **2015 Highlights**

- \*A new mower was purchased for the golf course.
- \*Major tree removal and trimming on the golf course was done.
- \*Pro Shop upgrades were completed.
- \*Both docks were replaced using marine grade treated lumber.
- \*A surveillance system (CATV) of the Clubhouse areas and Pro Shop was installed.
- \*A No Smoking policy for the clubhouse area was instituted.
- \*An AARP safe driving course was attended by 30 residents
- \*Ten solar powered security lights were installed along the cart path.
- \*The shuffleboard courts were resurfaced.

Thanks to the following individuals who were involved in compiling this history:

<b><u>2006 Committee</u></b>	<b><u>2016 Committee</u></b>	<b><u>2021 Committee</u></b>
John Bedell	Bonnie Bickford	Judy Hatley
Shirley Blue	Jim Dohren	Helen Lewis
Mary Ellen	Donna Jolly	Evelyn Monahan
Bower	Shirley Kataro	
Bob Noak	Roberta Nadeau	
Betty Taggart		

Gene Temple  
Bill Swartz

### **2016 Highlights**

- \*Background checks for new residents were implemented
- \*A new display case was added in the Pro Shop to match existing cases
- \*A company was hired to spray for grass and weeds once a month at the lakefront

### **2017 Highlights**

- \*Golf course was closed for 3 months during summer for greens overhaul
- \*Kitchen range replaced
- \*Irrigation Pressure Pump replaced
- \*Bingo gave a donation to help on carpet replacement throughout the clubhouse
- \*GOLF sign was replaced at entrance of Hwy 27 and Polo Park Blvd.

Hurricane Irma caused damage throughout the park, especially the golf patio roof  
Pro Shop computer replaced  
Bingo Kitchen added new cabinets  
Roof repaired and solar panels removed

### **2018 Highlights**

- \*Share price increased to \$43,900.00
- \*Bingo and Bingo Kitchen purchased several items for clubhouse and golf course restrooms
- \*A Verticutter was purchased for golf course
- \*Lights were installed on cart/walking path with \*donations from Bingo Kitchen, 19<sup>th</sup> Hole, Men's Golf \*Club and many volunteer hours
- \*Multi-lighted fountain installed in Memory Lake
- \*A new payroll and time clock system was installed along with Quick Books being enhanced
- \*Discovered greens were full of a bug called nematodes. a chemical was found to kill them and 3 pallets of sod were laid by volunteers
- \*Purchased 3 pieces of equipment: Textron SmithCo Spray Star 1000, Statewide Turf Equipment – Graden

GS04, Used Turfco Widespin

### **2019 Highlights**

- \*The front entrance of the clubhouse was renovated by taking out the overgrowth of plants and grasses and installing pavers, pots of plants and flowers. A drip system was installed to water plants and lighting was added. Donations were made by Bingo, Bingo Kitchen and 19<sup>th</sup> Hole, with much of the work being done by volunteers and our maintenance crew.
- \*Golf cart and handicap golf cart parking was expanded. Striping for these spaces was completed and handicap decals were purchased.
- \*Two air conditioning units were replaced in the clubhouse...work being done by our maintenance crew.
- \*New lights were installed throughout the clubhouse from a large donation by Bingo and the volunteer work of many residents.
- \*Two picnic tables and two swings were added to lakefront. Horseshoe pits were restored.

**ALL OF OUR LIVES WERE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, BUT OUR WONDERFUL PARK RESIDENTS ROSE TO THE OCCASION AND PERSEVERED. HOPEFULLY, THE NEXT YEARS WILL BRING ALL OF US GOOD HEALTH AND CONTINUED SOCIALIZATION WITH OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

### **2020 Highlights**

New storage closets were installed in clubhouse from donations provided by Bingo, Bingo Kitchen, 19<sup>th</sup> Hole and Steel Drum Band.

Used wood chipper was purchased. Cart path was widened and resurfaced. White posts and chains were installed as a barricade to protect sprinklers in front. Landscaping was completed between front door and mailboxes. Rack for wood was built and installed at lakefront.

New copier and computer were purchased.

The swimming pool and spa were rebuilt at a cost of \$64,000.00 but will result in a great reduction in water usage and chemicals. Pool furniture was replaced at a cost of \$9,500.00 with donation from Bingo Kitchen and much volunteer help.

Street lights were replaced which should reduce the electric cost and makes the park much more appealing. Diseased trees were cut down along the cart/walking path. A storage shed was purchased and another was built and erected with the volunteer work of many residents.

Changes were made in golf shop personnel with the resignation of 3 employees and hiring of 2 new ones. The positions of Director of Golf and Pro Shop Manager were established and reorganization and expansion of golf shop was completed.

Course was closed for month of March due to Covid 19. Purchased a used blower, worked on and repaired mowers. Purchased flags and cups for greens.

All lighting was replaced at the docks by our maintenance department. Expanded boat and trailer parking.

### **I am speaking for volunteers – by Mary Ellen Bower**

The Proshop was open 70 hours per week. We started with 2 paid parttime employees. Volunteers covered the rest of the hours and served as rangers and starters. Volunteers helped with building the golf course and maintaining it. A Nature Committee formed who planted flowers on the course and around the park, and maintained them.

While filling lots in the Park, volunteers worked in the sales office and acted as guides, explaining the share set up and showing off Park facilities.

The Clueless Cooks – all guys – did many parties. Their proceeds purchased our first big screen TV, VCR and dishwasher. Diner's Delight served many delicious dinners.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Hole ladies served food every Saturday. They have provided many things including patio & cover, Tables, Chairs and grills.

Annual Community Sales began in 1996, planned and organized by volunteers. Proceeds paid for fencing on the N side of E Blvd. into the lake, Fencing behind Rita Bee to the top of Challenger, Lazy Boy furniture for the clubhouse and banners for the entry. Citizens Assist Patrol program started in 2004 with 60 residents volunteering. Each attended 8-10 hours of instruction and gave many hours of service.

All Bingo workers and kitchen helpers are volunteers and their proceeds continue to provide equipment and nice things for the clubhouse.

Coffee Break every Friday is done by volunteers. This was not intended as a fund raiser but has done well. Coffee pots and many items are purchased for the kitchen. Pool furniture has been provided since 1998.

All activities are planned and carried out by volunteers. Our support encourages those planning events, cards, games, trips and Entertainments. The number and variety of activities keep our Park desirable to those looking at communities.

Polo Park East started and survives because of volunteers who give their time, energy and resources. Many of whom work in the background and are never recognized. You know who you are and we thank you.

I have not mentioned financials. It adds up to thousands of dollars provided by volunteers over the past 25 years.

Our Success continues to depends on volunteers.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

A Thank You to PPE's Original Shareholders and Volunteers  
(Sung to the Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Back in Nineteen Ninety-six a group was formed to start  
A move to purchase all the land that now we call "Our Park"  
They volunteered, worked endlessly, from dawn to dusk each day  
So now, we're here to say

Thanks to those who had the vision  
Now, it's proved a great decision  
Volunteers with great ambition  
We honor you today!

Many helped the Park grow from those very early years  
They weathered hard and lean times too, with blood, sweat, work and tears  
They guided, planned and led us through to where we are today  
So now, once more we say

Thanks to those who had the vision  
Now, it's proved a great decision  
Volunteers with great ambition  
We honor you today!

Forever grateful we will be to those who had the thought  
And raised the cash and then made sure the needed shares were bought  
Their dream of making PPE the Park we own today  
Came true, so now we say

Thanks to those who had the vision  
Now, it's proved a great decision  
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We honor you today!