

# River Bend Country Club



April 2011

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**“Thank You”** Thank you to everyone who attended the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner. Thank you to everyone who played in the St. Patrick’s Day Tournament. Thank you to Don Snider for the framed golf cards. Thank you to our 2011 Legacy Board: Marge Abenante, Bob Kohn, Sarah Burke, Jean Burke and Bob Antenucci. Thank you to everyone who supported the Play Day. Thank you to Bill Price for his camaraderie at the car show. Thank you to Ron Hodge for his concern for the security on the course. Thank you to Joe Waskey, Jacqueline Douglas, Lenny Lazzara and Kathy Lazzara for donating bushes to the Club.



## General Manager’s Notes:

With the weather turning in our favor, we are very busy with various maintenance and upgrade programs.

The pool bath house renovation is just about done, with a new roof, new interior fixtures and ceilings and a fresh coat of paint. We enlarged the pavilion area to accommodate larger birthday parties and other functions. We also upgraded the pool pump house and added gutters to both the bath house and maintenance barn. In the next few weeks we will be working on getting the pool open in May.

If you still need your golf cart serviced, April will be the last month to do so since we then turn our maintenance attention to our mowers and other equipment.

There are several popu-

lar events this April. We have the last 3 area Play Days, the Tidewater Seniors and Couples’ Leagues get started, the Venus vs. Mars tournament, the Easter Friends and Family discount, the Fish Fry and the Easter Egg Hunt. Whew! It will be a busy month!

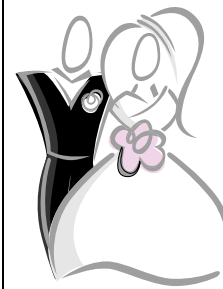
It has been fun looking for license plates for our newest contest. We have spotted quite a few of you, many more than once, as you drive around New Bern. We appreciate you proudly supporting your Club!

I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Frank

## Welcome to Our Newest Members:

- Ben, Christie, Carter and Colton Starkweather
- Ed and Nancy Rose
- Carl and Beth Campbell
- Joe, Donna and Cassandra Baes
- Keith and Diane Hull



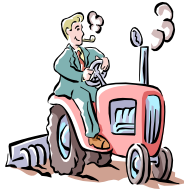
**Here Comes the Bride:**  
Cathy Fragale,  
daughter

of owners Frank & Camille Fragale, is getting married! Please join our family on Saturday, April 30th as we host a member hors d’oeuvres reception from 3:00PM to 4:00PM.

Everyone is welcome to wish Cathy and her husband Matt Pivko, son of Richard and Barbara Pivko of New Jersey, the best of luck for their future together.

No gifts please.

### Superintendent's View:



The pre-emergent fertilizers are now down and the greens

have been aerated!! Now we can get down to some real grass growing, as the weather permits. We had a cold last week of March, but temps should be warming up soon.

The greens have responded nicely to the 5/8" aeration and the holes are starting to cover quickly. They have been topdressed 3 times, fertilized and had both a fungicide application and wetting agents applied.

Our goal for the next 45 days is to grow the Bent Grass on the greens rapidly in order to cover the TifEagle Bermuda that is showing on #13 and #17 and to close the holes on all greens to even out the putting surface.

The sod should be ready this month, so you should see us out taking care of the new tee on #9. You will also see us out aerating the collars with solid tines and the tees with hollow tines to promote green-up. The fairways are just starting to pop, so you will see the fairway mowers making

their first cut this week.

We are excited to start mowing grass on the tees and fairways. It is always nice to smell that spring mowing for the first time each year and get the mowers dirty again. Gene has been working hard to prepare all reels and blades on each machine.

New bunker rakes are in, so we will be out insuring that all bunker rakes do not have shattered handles. They are a bit longer than usual so you might have to use 2 hands to rake. Please leave the rake inside the bunker when you are finished so that the mowers don't hit them.

The big lesson for the month is to discuss the **90 Degree Cart Rule**. What this means is that you are being asked to travel down the **CART PATH** as far as possible to your ball. Please do not drive straight down the fairway to get to your ball. That is putting pressure on the starting areas of each hole. When you have driven as far as your ball, then enter the fairway with your cart to approach your ball. Once you are in the fairway, drive down the fairway until you approach the green cart sign and return to the path to your

next hole. If we all do this, the course will be in better shape for all players.

Pray for warm weather, so that we can get your golf course fairways and roughs back to green again and you can enjoy it more than you currently are.

As always, say Hi to your friendly neighborhood Grounds Person, support the Rounds 4 Research Program, advise us of your wishes and concerns and bring your family and friends out to support the course. Enjoy your day!

See you on the course.

Jim

### Rounds 4 Research:

Our Carolina Golf Course Superintendent's Assoc. is holding an on-line action to raise money for turf grass research. There are over 550 participating golf clubs that have donated golf or golf packages for this auction.

Go to:  
[www.rounds4research.com](http://www.rounds4research.com).  
 Click on "Auction Overview". The auction runs April 10th through April 17th.



### Pro's Corner:

Now that the weather is getting nicer, I look forward to seeing everyone on the course more often.

### Lesson Specials:

#### Individual Lessons:

Adult Members \$30

Non-Members \$40

Children (17 and under) \$15

#### Series of 3 Lessons:

Adult Members \$75

Non-Members \$105

#### Series of 5 Lessons:

Adult Members \$120

Non-Members \$160

Children (17 and under) \$60

### Club Regripping:

As you play more, you may notice that your grips need some attention. We have a variety of grips ranging from \$4 to \$12, including installation. Installation can be done in 1 day, with clubs ready to use within 30 minutes.

If we don't have the grip you want, it can be ordered and usually arrives within 3 days.

Who knows - it might help you shoot a better score!

See you at the course.

Keith

### Kids Summer Golf Clinics:

Clinic #1: June 20th-22nd

Clinic #2: July 25th-27th

Details will be in the next newsletter.

### Area Men's Play Days:

April 4th - Cherry Point

April 7th - Morehead City

April 20th - RBCC

All days are a 10:00AM shotgun start. The cost is \$30 per person, with optional \$5 low gross and \$5 skins pools. The format is Blind Draw A,B,C,D blitz points, with the best 3 blitz points counting towards your score. The lowest blitz point player is used as a tie breaker.

Sign up in the Pro Shop. Play Days are a great way to play other courses at a discounted rate, not to mention spending some time with your friends and meeting new golfers.

\*Please bring exact change for the fees.\*

### Pro Shop Specials:

- 15% off in-stock shoes, wedges, putters and pull carts
- We can custom order GPS systems and range finders

### St. Patrick's Day Tournament Results:

The 2011 St. Patrick's Day tournament was filled with good golf, good food and lots of fun. Results are:

#### Men's Flight:

1st Place: F. Palombo and J. Morton

2nd Place: T. Perry and R. Orr

3rd Place: J. Kelly and L. Narolis

#### Ladies'/Couples' Flight:

1st Place: N. Smith-Boone and B. Jones

2nd Place: C. Hodge and K. Hodge

#### Closest to the Pins:

#6 - M. Pharr

#9 - R. Sobocienski

#13 - M. Pivko

#15 - N. Smith-Boone

Congratulations to all of the winners and to everyone who played and had a great time.

### Pro Shop Arrivals:

- FootJoy golf shoes for men and women
- Callaway Diablo Drivers and fairway woods
- Callaway RAZR hybrid utility woods
- Callaway cart bags
- Titleist golf ball line up for 2011
- Miracle Lace Visors



**Grille Room:**

The Grille Room hours for the month of April are:

**Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday:**  
7:00AM to 7:00PM  
**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:**  
7:00AM to 8:00PM

Although no dinner is served on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday, we have a great sandwich menu.

For you golfers, remember that you can call in a to-go order while you are on #8 and it will be ready for you on the turn.



**Breakfast:**

Breakfast is served all day on Sundays, if you wish.

Come on in and see us during the week for breakfast too. Our cooks are always ready to cook up some eggs “your way”.

If you need something fast, you will find fresh muffins or can order up a breakfast sandwich - egg, cheese, bacon or sausage on a Kaiser roll.



**Early Bird:**

Don't forget! Wednesday through Saturday we offer our special

Early Bird menu from 4:00PM to 5:00PM. Come in for some of your favorite menu items at a reduced price. We also have some delicious daily specials.



**Dinner Specials:**

Our nightly dinner specials have

been popular. We know that some of you have your favorites as we see you enjoying them on a regular basis.

- Wednesday:** Pot Roast
- Thursday:** Wing Night - dine-in only for special price
- Friday:** Fish
- Saturday:** Shepherd's Pie

**Martini of the Month:**

Chocolate Berry

**Beer of the Month:**

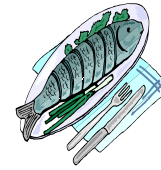
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**Weekly Dinner Specials:**

We post the weekly specials on e-mail. If you have not signed up, e-mail Camille at

[camille@golfriverbendcc.com](mailto:camille@golfriverbendcc.com).

If there is something you would like to see as a special, just let us know.



**Good Friday Fish Fry:**

Join us on Friday, April 22nd, for our annual

fish fry dinner. We will have all-you-can-eat fresh fried fish, french fries, cole slaw, dessert, soft drinks, coffee and tea.

The time is 5:00PM to 6:30PM. The cost is \$12 plus tax for member adults, \$15 plus tax for non-member adults and \$6 plus tax for all children 4-12.

Tickets are available in the Grille Room, with a maximum number of 100 being sold. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The food portion only (\$10) will count towards your food minimum. Gratuity is included in the ticket price.

**Happy Hour:**

On Sundays and Mondays we will be offering a ‘happy hour’ from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. We will have a \$7.99 appetizer platter that includes a small draft or a soft drink. We will also offer a large draft for the price of a small.

We hope to see you there. All other regular appetizers and lunch items will still be available.



**Couples' League:**

The 2011 Summer Couples' League is sched-

uled to start on Wed. April 6th. It has once again been an unusually cold and wet winter, which made it tough to get out. But when we were able to play we had a great time. Thank you to Rick and Judy Hineman for the fun games and camaraderie they provided.

Couples planning to play must sign up by noon on Tues. On Wed., check in is 3:30PM to be ready for a 4:00PM shotgun start. The cost is \$3 per couple and carts are required for the 9 hole play. We will also be running the weekly 50-50 raffle this year.

We will be posting a Host sign-up sheet and invite those of you interested in doing so to pick a month to host.

We are also looking for members without a partner. We have some really great members that like to play on a regular basis and are looking for a partner. Please sign up or give us a call to let us know that you are interested.

Look for the weekly sign-up sheet, the Host sign-

up sheet and the Players in Need of a Partner sign-up sheets to be posted soon on the Couples' Board in the hallway.

Our goal is to continue with the same great fun that we have enjoyed in the past and welcome any new ideas or suggestions you might wish to contribute.

Just a reminder that the Club has extended an extra bonus for us. Anyone **who has played** and decides to stay for dinner is eligible for Early Bird prices, even if not seated by 5:00PM.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call either Bob & Sue Antenucci at 637-7809 or Bob & Norma Kohn at 638-8830.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th!

**BUY A LARGE RANGE PAIL FOR THE PRICE OF A SMALL**

Members Only.  
Coupon Must Be Presented.

Expires 04/30/11

**Family and Friends Rate:**

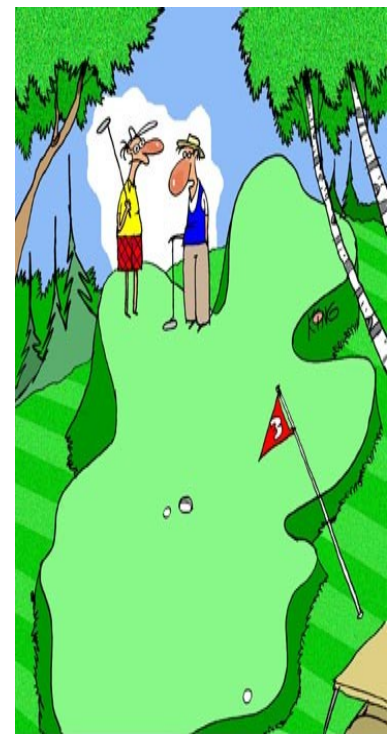
The Easter Family & Friends discount will be in effect April 19th to April 29th.

Golf members may BRING their family and friends to golf at a special rate of \$30 for 18 holes and a cart.

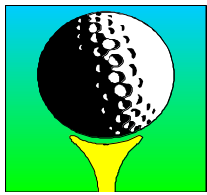
There is no 9 hole special rate.

**Golf Quote of the Month:**

"The most important shot in golf is the next one."  
-Ben Hogan



*"I realize this is a tough green, but to have 68 putts is beyond belief."*



**Legacy Golf Tournament:**

On May 13th we will be

having our 3rd Annual Legacy Tournament, honoring our 3rd "legacy" member, Roger Orr. This will be a 4 person, two low net format. Flights will be Men and Women. We will combine flights if necessary. Tee off is 9:00AM.

The tournament will be followed by a cocktail party with beer, wine and light hors d'oeuvres.

Costs, which include the cocktail party, are:

Members with a trail fee: \$26

Members with no trail fee: \$36

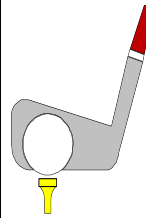
Social Members and non-members: \$60

Tickets will be sold for \$10 for those wishing to just attend the 1:00PM cocktail party. This does not count towards your food minimum.



**Earth Day:**

Earth Day is April 22nd, a day to remember to take care of our planet.



**2nd Annual LGA/MGA Venus vs Mars Challenge:**

Thanks to all of the MGA and LGA members who signed up to play. We filled the field well before the event! So this tournament is now closed.

Thanks also to everyone who volunteered to be a hole-in-one spotter. The date is April 9th, with a 10:00AM shotgun start.

This will be an average net score 18 hole tournament (total LGA scores divided by # of players vs total MGA scores divided by # of players). Max handicaps are MGA - 36 and LGA - 40. Ladies with handicap of 36 or higher may use the Silver tees.

4-somes will consist of 2 men and 2 ladies, started with lowest handicaps. Ladies wear pink and men wear blue. You will enjoy being a part of RBCC LGA/MGA competitive history!

The MGA took top honors last year, so they had better watch out as the LGA is planning a come-back!



**Hole-in-One Club:**

Congratulations to Jonathan Pharr, who got a hole-in-one on #6 on 03/04/11. Congratulations to Jean Lederer, who got a hole-in-one on 03/08/11 on #6.



**Walking For Fitness:**

Please join us for the exercise program in the banquet room. Follow along with the Leslie Sansone DVD for low impact, walking-in-place aerobics with interval strength training. Sneakers, an exercise band and comfortable clothing required.

We will "walk" Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Time is 9:30AM to 10:15AM.

There is no sign-up. Come when you can. This is for **members only** - both ladies and men.

There will be NO CLASS on April 22nd and 29th. There will be NO CLASS on May 2nd, 6th, 13th and 20th. The last class will be June 3rd. Class will resume in Sept.

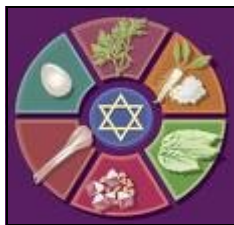


**Member Easter Egg Hunt:**

Calling all member children, grandchildren, nieces, nephew, etc. - come to our 7th annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will be on the front lawn in between the Clubhouse and Shoreline Drive at 2:00PM on Saturday, April 23rd. We will have lots of eggs hidden in the trees and on the ground. Bring your Easter basket or a bag to collect them.

We will have some crafts and cookie decorating for lots of fun. Be on the look-out for a large bunny that day!

Please RSVP to Camille at ext. 28 by April 20th.



**Passover:**

Passover starts on April 19th at sundown and continues through April 25th.



**Water Aerobics:**

The summer water aerobics program will run from the 1st Monday in June to Labor Day, with RBCC's own "super instructor" Sarah Burke.

Classes will run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week. They will be from 9:30AM to 10:30AM, but will change to an earlier time as the weeks progress.

Classes are free and for adult members only.

There is no sign up. Just show up when you can and have fun.



**Pool Season:**

The pool will be opening for the season in May. Remember that your account must remain current (not past due) in order to enjoy the pool as well as to participate in swim lessons or swim team.

**Throw away all outdated pool passes now as they are no longer valid!**



**Swim Team:**

Coach Hop (Steve Hopkinson) will be returning this summer as our swim coach. There will be a MANDATORY swim team meeting on Sunday, May 1st at 4:00PM in the banquet room. Come and hear about this year's fun!

Swim Team is for member children only.



**Where In The World Are Our RBCC**

**Members?:**

Don't forget - we still want to see all of those great vacations you are taking. Just post your pictures up in the hallway.

We will be restarting this popular contest this month!

Post of picture of yourself, in RBCC logo clothing or holding your RBCC license plate, somewhere more than 100 miles from New Bern. The members who go the farthest win a meal for 2 in the Grille Room.

### Where Do Our Families Visit From? Contest:

Tom and Winnie Miller are this month's winners. Their daughter visited from Maui.

Just post of picture of your visiting family on the bulletin board in the hallway, showing them with you at RBCC and telling us where they live.

Receive a free meal for 2 in the Grille Room if your family visits from the farthest distance.

### License Plate Contest:

Our newest contest involves your RBCC license plate. If Management spots your car in town, with your Club's license plate on the front bumper, your name will be entered into a drawing for a free meal for 2 in the Grille Room.

You can be spotted more than once and entered more than once - the more we see you driving around, the more chances to win!

If you don't have a license plate, contact Frank to get one for your car.

March's winner is Bill Price, who was spotted in his green Chevy. We had a lot of names in the drawing and thank you all for your support of your Club.



### LGA News:

We kicked off a wonderful season with a challenging game of "Gold at the end of the Rainbow".

The weather was beautiful, with just a little wind helping or hindering play - depending on your point of view. Those ladies who found themselves at the 'end of the rainbow' and 'in the gold' were:

18 Holers:

1st place: E. Burns, K. Hodge, J. Noonan and J. Phelan

2nd Place: A. Cameron, L. Schott, J. Taylor and C. Bento

3rd Place: M. Miller, J. Burke and J. Sonye

9 Holers:

1st Place: K. Larsen, D. Arbuthnott and F. Curtis

2nd Place: J. DelAcqua, M. Crilly and C. Blados

3rd Place: P. Horne, N. Sciara, B. Munch and J. Behrer

9 RBCC ladies played at Carolina Colours in the Down East Women's Golf Association opening tournament. C. Richards and E. Anderson were among the top winners.

Some of our ladies were also winners at the Tarheel Tournament played at

the Emerald. A. Cameron, J. Kelly, K. Mozgala and C. Blados. K. Mozgala and S. Antenucci showed their abilities to 'cozy-up-to-the-cup' by each winning a closest to the pin.

Our March Sat. tournament on 3/26 had the following winners:

1st Flight:

1st Low Gross: B. West

2nd Low Gross: S. Valadao

1st Low Net: S. Antenucci

2nd Flight:

1st Low Gross: P. Humphrey

2nd Low Gross: J. Kraft

1st Low Net: J. Douglas

Remember to wear PINK if you are playing in the Venus vs. Mars Tournament.

Our next meeting is April 9th at 9:00AM, prior to 10:00AM golf. Sign-up for golf by April 5th.

Congratulations to Jean Lederer, who received her 3rd hole-in-one on March 8th. The 6th green is elevated and not completely visible from the tee, but Jean took aim towards the flag and made her shot. Team mates M. Miller and J. Kraft witnessed the ace.



### MGA News:

We held our 2 man best ball tournament on a beautiful late winter morning that was more like spring. In an extremely competitive match with only 6 strokes separating the 1st place team from the last place team, winners were:

1st Flight/1st Place (tie):

L. Narolis and R. Antenucci  
Joe Kelly and C. Hendricks

1st Place/2nd Place (tie):

M. Burke and A. Kirkpatrick  
C. Dowdell and M. Doheny

2nd Flight/1st Place:

R. Simonetta and H. Leuhring

2nd Flight/2nd Place:

R. Orr and D. Craft

Closest to the Pins:

#6 - M. Doheny

#9 - R. Dahart

#13 - J. Clifford

#15 - C. Hodge

We have a busy start to the Spring and Summer season, with Member-Member, Twilight League, our Easter Ham Tourney and, of course, Venus vs. Mars.

The Member-Member games begin April 1st and play through May 31st. There is still time to enter, so find a partner and get signed up. You can form a team and enter up until April 15th, giving you time to get your April games in. However, we need to create your scorecards, so

the earlier you sign up, the easier it will be to complete this task.

The Twilight League begins on April 7th. You must have your team signed up by April 1st. The sign-up list and rules are on the bulletin board for both the Member-Member and the Twilight League.

The Venus vs. Mars Tournament is April 9th and info can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. Thanks to all the MGA members who signed up to play or assist in monitoring the 9th hole, etc. Remember to wear BLUE for this event. Thanks to the LGA for their part in making this a very special event. Thanks to our Club and staff for their efforts. A special thanks to Dave Mozgala for representing the MGA and co-chairing with Kathy Mozgala.

Our Easter Ham Tournament is April 12th. Sign-up sheet is on the Board. 1st Place winners will receive Food Lion gift certificates.

**You must have a verifiable handicap to play in any of the MGA sponsored tournaments above.**

Remember that we offer 9 hole play during our regular tournaments. Contact Brad Christian if you are interested. We look forward to seeing you on the course and enjoying the camaraderie after the game!

In the meantime, hit 'em straight.

Bob Kohn

### Upcoming Events:

#### Good Friday Fish Fry:

April 22nd  
5:00PM-6:30PM

#### Mars Vs Venus Tourney:

April 9th @ 9:30AM

#### Rinky Dinks:

April 5th, 11th, 19th, 26th  
@ 9:00AM

#### LGA Days:

April 7th (meeting), 14th,  
21st, 28th @ 10:-0AM

#### MGA Tournament:

April 12th @ 9:30AM  
Ham Tournament

#### Couple's League:

April 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th  
@ 4:00PM

#### Tidewater Seniors:

April 14th Brook Valley  
April 18th Star Hill  
April 26th Cutter Creek

#### Playday:

April 4th Cherry Point  
April 7th Morehead City  
April 20th RBCC

#### Easter Egg Hunt:

April 23rd @ 2:00PM

#### Friends and Family Rate:

April 19th - 29th

#### Swim Team Sign-Up:

May 1st @ 4:00PM