

River Bend Country Club



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“Thank You” Thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for coming to see the RBCC children. Thank you to the children and parents who came to see them. Thank you to our staff for a great year. Thank you for the LGA and the MGA for allowing us to host their holiday parties. Thank you to C. Hodge, B. Antenucci, C. Richards and the entire MGA and LGA for their support of the Grounds Crew. Thank you to the LGA and D. Bennett, B. Cole, F. Donnelly, M. Mascia, T. Sorcic, G. Coxen, L. Lazzara & C. Sharpe, who dropped off yummy cookies for the entire staff. Thank you to Rick Hineman for fixing one of the statues in the lobby. Thank you to Kathy and Lenny Lazzara for the donation of bushes.



General Manager's Notes:

It is hard to believe that Jan. 21st will be our 12th anniversary as owners of RBCC. A lot has changed since then. The facility is different and members have come and gone, but one thing remains the same - RBCC is a great place with wonderful members who make it that way!

By now every private cart owner who needs to register his/her/their cart with the town should have done so. If not, please make arrangements for the police department for your safety inspection. If you need work done on your cart to pass inspection, call me.

During February and March we will be offering our annual cart service. If you want any accessories installed on your cart during your service, see me soon so that we have what you need on hand.

January will be a

busy month - the Men's Area Play Days start, we have the popular Italian Night dinner, the rescheduled Jack Frost tournament and a member 2 person best-net tournament.

In mid-February we will be changing the Grille Room menu. If you have suggestions, please let either myself or any of the wait-staff know.

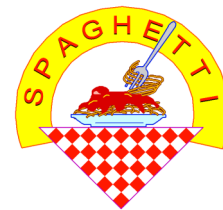
We will be attending the PGA Merchandise Show in February. If you have any items you would like us to stock in the Pro Shop, let Keith, Camille or myself know. We will do our best to find what you want at a reasonable price.

I hope everyone enjoyed the 2010 golf, tennis and pool seasons. I am looking forward to a terrific 2011.

Frank

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

- Brad and Sandy Perry



Italian Dinner Night:

Join us this month for a 'member favorite'

- Italian Night. Jan. 26th is the date and the time is 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Enjoy spaghetti, red sauce, Alfredo sauce, meatballs, Italian sausage, salad, garlic bread, iced tea, soft drinks, coffee and dessert.

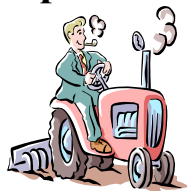
Tickets for the buffet are:
\$10 plus tax for adult members age 12 and up
\$13 plus tax for adult non-members
\$6 plus tax for all children ages 4-11

Children 3 and under are free. Wine will be \$2 a glass and a small draft will be \$1.50.

Ticket price counts towards your food minimum (food part only) and includes gratuity (but not tax). 100 tickets are now on sale.

Please purchase your tickets by Jan. 24th in the Grille Room. **No tickets will be sold the day of the dinner!**

Superintendent's View:



As you might have guessed by now, it's all about the weather. So much for global warming. While you may have thought global warming was causing the extreme heat this past challenging summer, what are your thoughts on the extreme cold temps now? Wow - the conditions were really difficult to manage in 2010 and don't look any different for the start of 2011. We have seen some of the coldest sustained temps in a while. Last year we didn't have to cover the greens at all. In December we had to cover them before Christmas and then Mother Nature sent us a snow blanket to cover them again. The good news is that snow helps insulate the bent grass too.

The project on the 9th hole has been postponed a bit until we can move the frozen dirt. We intend to have this new tee box ready for you by June 1st. So many times, when we have member or outing tournaments, the hole-in-one insurance requires a shot from that hole to be about 155 yards. As you might be aware, this is nearly impossible with the current tee boxes. Also, there

is a high amount of traffic at the gold marker, causing stress on the turf. Therefore, we have started moving fill dirt to connect the red/gold tee box to the front of the white tee box. This will enable us to range the red tees from about 100 yards up to 181 yards and the gold & white tees from 125 yards to about 181 yards. We hope you like these alternative tee options.

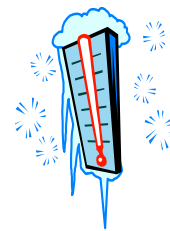
After last year's Jack Frost/Superintendent's Revenge rain-out, we were looking forward to a warm day. We got the warm day, but the ground was still covered by snow. It has been re-scheduled for Jan. 7th. We hope to see even more people on the course now that the holidays are past us. Our crew is eagerly looking forward to preparing the course for you with tricks on each hole. We still have the great ideas from last year and guarantee this will be the most fun you ever have on the golf course.

Have fun and remember to fix ball marks, fill divots and say Hi to your friendly neighborhood Grounds Person. Tell your friends to come and play golf or eat at River Bend Country Club.

See you on the course.

Jim

Jack Frost Tournament Reschedule:



The Jack Frost/Superintendent's Revenge

Superball Tournament has been moved to Jan. 7th, due to the snow. It is a 9:00AM shotgun start. The cost is \$19.50 for members with a trail fee, \$30 for members without a trail fee and \$60 for Social members. There will be prizes, 2011 credit book winnings and closest to the pin prizes. For those new to the tournament, there is a "twist" on every hole.

A complimentary hot dog and small draft beer or soda will be provided at the turn. There will be 1 hour of free beer at the conclusion of the tournament, start time to be determined by management. The format is a modified scramble, so make your own foursome with players of any handicap. Each team will be handicapped based on the total of the four player actual handicaps. Everyone has a chance to win.

Sign up on the Club Events board.





Pro's Corner:

Happy New Year!!! I am looking forward to a great 2011 golf year.

Rules of Golf:

You enter a Stroke Play Tournament in which handicaps are utilized. You notice your handicap on the scorecard is incorrect. You go ahead and play regardless; what will be the ruling:

USGA Rule 6-2b:

In any round of a handicap competition, the competitor must ensure that his handicap is recorded on his scorecard before it is returned to the committee. If no handicap is recorded on his scorecard before it is returned or if the recorded handicap is higher than that to which he is entitled and this affects the number of strokes received, he is disqualified from the handicap competition. If the handicap is lower, the score stands.

Bottom Line: It is the player's responsibility to ensure that his recorded handicap is correct.

Club Re-gripping:

Many of you have already had your clubs re-gripped and can agree that this is a great time of year to do it. Fresh grips can really

make a positive difference to your game. Installation can be done in one day, and ready to use 30 minutes after completion. See me for details.

I offer a variety of lessons packages so if you need some refreshing before your golf season gets into full swing, make an appointment for a lesson or 2.

Keith

River Bend Wood Sale:

Drivers: \$199.99

Cobra Speed Driver
Cleveland HI XL

Fairway Woods: \$119.99

Titleist 980 3-wood
Cobra Fairway woods
Nike SAS steel 3-wood

Hybrids: \$99.99

Titleist 585-H
Nike Hybrid
Taylor Made Rescue

Tidewater Couples:

The Tidewater Couples Golf Association is accepting membership applications for 2011 membership. The Couples play ten couples' tournaments a year at area courses. Various forms of superball are played, with a luncheon following.

If you are interested in meeting and playing with golfing couples from other Clubs, contact the Pro Shop for the name and number of your representative.

Men's Area Play Days:

It is that time of year again, and the area PlayDays have started up. The Winter PlayDays are an opportunity for members to play many different courses in the area for a reduced price, with the option of winning prizes in a fun format.

The format is a 4 person (A,B,C,D) blind draw team blitz point system. You play with members of RBCC and the teams are drawn while you are out playing. The best 3 total blitz points scores are prizes. There is also an optional \$5 skins game and a \$5 low gross game. All events start at 10:00AM.

The January schedule is:
Jan. 3rd - Carolina Pines
Jan. 6th - North River
Jan. 10th - Country Club of the Crystal Coast
Jan. 17th - Carolina Colors
Jan. 20th - Falling Creek
Jan. 25th - the Emerald

Pro Shop Specials:

- 15% off in-stock only shoes, wedges, putters and pull carts
- Teen girls' shirts have been added to the 40% off rack

Pro Shop Arrivals:

- Bag Boy Revolver bags
- Weather Company Men's jacket/vest combo
- Winter golf gloves



Grille Room:

The Grille Room hours for the month of January are:

Sunday and Monday:
7:00AM –5:00PM

Tuesday and Saturday:
7:00AM-7:00PM

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 7:00AM-8:00PM

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



Breakfast:

Breakfast is served all day on Sundays.



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.

Eat in and take a chance on a free dessert.

Martini of the Month:

Raspberry

Beer of the Month:

Winter Abbey



Dinner Specials:

Come in and enjoy:

Monday and Tuesday:

Mini Burgers (Sliders)

Wednesday: Prime Rib Sandwich

Thursday: Chicken Wings (dine in for a special price)

Friday: Fish

Saturday: Try one of our great dinner entrees

There are a lot of exciting items that you won't want to miss!

Grille Room Notice:

On Jan. 3rd there will be no hot meals served in the Grille Room until 12:00 PM as we are having the range hood serviced that morning.

Range Lights:

The range lights will be on in the evenings while the Grille Room is open on Wednesdays through Saturdays. Range balls can be purchased in the Grille Room if the Pro Shop is closed.

Buy an extra-large range pail for the price of a large.

Members Only.
Coupon must be presented.
Expires 01/31/11

Check-In To Golf:

All members are reminded that "check in" in the Pro Shop is required for all golfers. This includes league play, LGA, MGA, Couples and tee time play. The Pro Shop will determine the starting holes (s) for all golf play.

Hosts and hostesses will check with the Pro Shop staff prior to release of players to receive rules for the day.

Member 2 Person Best Ball Tourney:

On Jan. 29th we will have a members only 2 person 'one best ball' tournament. Sign up as a team. Flights are Men, Women and Couples, with a 9:00AM shotgun start.

The costs are:
\$16 for members with a trail fee
\$32 for members without a trail fee
\$60 for Social members

A hot dog lunch is included at the conclusion of the tournament. This does not count towards your food minimum.

Sign up in the Pro Shop.





LGA News:

Our annual holiday party was held on 12/2. The evening included a scrumptious dinner with colorful holiday decorations. A special reading of "The River Bend Night Before Christmas" was delightful and gave an insight as to what the future might hold. We then had a sing-along of familiar holiday music. A special thanks to Sarah and Jean Burke for a wonderful evening.



Where in the World Are Our RBCC Members?:

Norm and Phyllis Hoffman took a trip to Hong Kong. Dave and Kathy Mozgala traveled to sunny Hawaii. Amy Upton went to Germany. What a great way to end this contest!

Thanks to everyone for the years of sharing your wonderful vacations (or work travels) with us. Please continue to put your pictures up on the board in the hallway to share your adventures.

We will have a new contest coming in the next few months.



Wednesday Walk-In Couples' League:

The League continues this month. Just show up by 1:30PM on Wednesday. Programs vary. Golf starts at 2:00PM, with tee times.

Notice of any changes due to bad weather will be posted and left at the Pro Shop.

For questions, contact Rick and Judy Hineman at 634-4190.



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. The 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 aerobics on January 26th.

Upcoming Events:

Italian Night:

Jan. 26th 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Member 2 Person Best Net Tournament:

Jan. 29th @ 9:00AM

Rinky Dinks:

Jan. 4th, 10th, 18th, 25th @ 10:00AM

LGA Days:

Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 10:00AM

MGA Tournament:

Jan. 11th Shamble @ 10:00AM

Couples' League:

Jan. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 2:00PM

Play Days:

- Jan. 3rd - Carolina Pines
- Jan. 6th - North River
- Jan. 10th - Country Club of the Crystal Coast
- Jan. 17th - Carolina Colors
- Jan. 20th - Falling Creek
- Jan. 25th - the Emerald

Holiday:

Jan. 17th Carts required until noon



Hole-in-One/Eagle Club:

Congratulations to Don Craft, who got a hole-in-one on #9 on 12/3/10. Congratulations to Joe Sefcsik, who got a hole-in-one on #13 on 12/4/10.



MGA News:

Due to the weather, the Dec. Skins Tournament scheduled for 12/14 was held on 12/21.

Winners were:

R. Dahart and M. Doheny - 12 skins

Joe Kelly - 11 skins

Bob Kohn - 10 skins

R. Sobocienski, R. Orr and

L. Lazzara - 7 skins

Closest to the Pin:

#6 - G. Carroll

#9 - Jim Kelly

#13 - D. Langenkamp

#15 - B. Robinson

Our next tournament is scheduled for Jan. 11th.

To generate more interest in MGA tournaments in 2010 we established the Fed Ex Cup race, which started in January and ended with our December tournament. Points were awarded, each postable tournament, based on the participant's net score. The top 10 Fed Ex Cup winners were:

1st place with 851 points! -

B. Lebkuecher

2nd place with 697.8 points -

E. Kearney

3rd place with 697.5 points -

Earl Miller

4th place with 641.1 points -

C. Dowdell

5th place with 622.3 points -

L. Narolis

6th place with 622 points -

Joe Kelly

7th place with 563.3 points -

G. Carroll

8th place with 549.4 points -

D. Craft

9th place with 546 points -

M. Doheny

10th place with 502 points -

M. Burke

Congrats to Bob

Lebkuecher on his 1st place standings. He will receive a trophy, along with monetary rewards for the top 30 at the Jan. 11th tournament.

This venture was so successful that we will run it again in 2011 with a twist and break it down into 2 flights.

Thanks for a great year as your MGA President.

Clay

New President

This is my 1st article as MGA President for 2011. As such, I would be remiss if I didn't thank those who came to the Annual Meeting on an otherwise cold and bleary day. I know the free beer and snacks didn't have anything to do with the good turnout!

I would also like to thank the outgoing officers for their work during the past year; Clay Hodge (President), Joe Kelly (Past President) and Ray Zimmons (First VP).

Also, thanks to current Board Members: Bob Antenucci (Treasurer), Don Snider (Secretary), Norm Hoffman (Nomination Chair) and Clay Hodge (Past President who will become part of the 2011 Board). And last, but cer-

tainly not least, thanks and welcome aboard to Jim Kelly (incoming 1st VP) and Joe Urbaniak (incoming 2nd VP), who will round out the board. Together we will try and maintain the program in place as a result of the hard work by the former President and Board.

Jim Kelly will be the new Publicity Chair as well as my back-up for correspondence. Joe Urbaniak will back us both up.

Don Snider has graciously agreed to continue as Secretary until we find a new candidate. The job pays the same as last year. So, please let a Board member know if you would like to join us. We would be glad to have you.

Next year comes with several new challenges, as well as maintaining the high level of activity witnessed in 2010. I welcome the chance to work with all of you and hope to continue the great cooperation we have had with the Club, the Staff, our Pro Keith and the LGA. We welcome suggestions and ask for your cooperation and assistance in problem solving.

We are working on the phone directory, with special thanks to Don Snider and Bernie Kuntz for their continued efforts in editing.

In the meantime, hit 'em straight!

Bob Kohn