

River Bend Country Club



July 2011

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“Thank You” Thank you to everyone who attended the Callaway Demo Day. Thank you to those who hosted the June Couple’s League. Thank you to everyone who supported the Swim Team Car Wash. Thank you to our LGA for defeating the Minnesott LGA in the Battle of the Neuse. Thank you to everyone who attended the home swim meets. Thank you to the kids who participated in Golf Camp or Tennis Camp. Thank you to everyone for paying attention to the drought changes. Thank you to Eve Rupinski, Marge Abenante and Carol Bento for marking distances on the course. Thank you to Bob Robinson for tool help.



General Manager’s Notes:

June was an extremely busy month at the Club. In spite of record high temperatures, the activities continued. One of the highlights of the summer season have been the Wednesday night Couples’ League. Attendance has been high and is being very well run by the Antenuccis, Kohns and monthly Hosts. Great job!

Mid-month we introduced our new menu and it seems to be well received. Your input was a big part of its success. Some of the Early Bird menu items have changed, so hopefully you have checked that out - and keep the input coming.

We have a unique event planned for July 30th - our first ever car show. Even if you don’t have a car in the show, come out and see all of the great looking classic and

modern street-rods. Information can be found on page 6. The water aerobics program is in full swing with more participants than ever. Thank you to Sarah Burke for continuing to run that program.

Swim Team is off to a great season. We hope you came to a meet or 2 in June to cheer the kids on. They have one more home meet on July 14th and we hope to see you there at 6:00PM.

Thank you for continuing to support your Club. We appreciate your paying attention to course rules as we get through the drought. Our Grounds Crew have been working hard to keep the course looking its best.

Please see me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Club. We want to keep it the best in New Bern for you!

See you at the Club.
Frank

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

- Paul Mason
- Alan and Jessica Hovanec
- Joe, Angela and Asheton Welch
- Bob and Nancy Sundstrom
- Lois Waldron
- Rajat, Michele, Caroline and Natalie Varma

Reader’s Choice Awards:

The annual Sun Journal Reader’s Choice Awards will be held this month. Ballots will be in the Sun Journal July 3rd, 10th and 17th. You can only vote once. Let’s vote RBCC the #1 golf course in New Bern for the 6th year in a row. Let’s vote RBCC for the best chicken wings for the 2nd year in a row. Pass the word along to your friends and family!!!

Superintendent's View:



Thank you to everyone who attempted rain dances for us - we appreciate the effort!

As you can guess, we are in an extreme drought condition and as a result, have to restrict cart and foot traffic. Please see the sign on the cart or check for the notice in the Pro Shop. All pond banks will be considered restricted areas and all areas not under irrigation will be considered restricted as well. This means enter at the enter signs and exit the cart paths at the exit signs. This includes the par 3's. We will be strictly enforcing this change until further notice, strictly to ensure that your course stays as nice as it is.

This being said, all of our efforts and resources continue to be on improving your course and your pool facility. Not to mention restaurant additions to the menu, new tee box on #9, new irrigation on #10 rough, new irrigation to the pool garden, irrigation repairs on #6, re-sod on #5 mound, re-sod of the pool area and additional soft care for your greens to not disrupt your playing pleasure.

We aerated the greens last month, even though you probably can't really notice anymore. To make sure you were all taken care of, the Crew came in early and stayed late (at their own request!), to complete the task in 2 days without having to close any part of the course. We did 1 green on a Sunday and then 3 greens in the evening over the course of 2 days, in order to keep the course rolling perfectly. We think the extra effort was worth it and kept you playing as needed. The greens have been cut at 155/1,000 and will remain. We have top-dressed them with sand 3 times, top-dressed them with perm o pore, fertilized them, rolled them twice, aerated and verticut them - all in the last 2 weeks of June. We have also sprayed a fungicide, a wetting agent to retain what little moisture we have, and begun the spraying of the goose grass breakthrough.

Please help us by paying attention to the signage, the posting in the Pro Shop, filling your divots and most importantly, by supporting your course, Pro Shop and Grille Rom while our irrigation pumps run all night to keep up with the drought.

Jim



15th Annual Six Person Superball: Sign up now

for our popular Six Person Superball Tournament. The date is Saturday, August 27th. The time is 9:00AM.

Each team must have a combined handicap of at least 80. Cost of the tournament includes 18 holes w/ cart, warm up range balls, lunch and prizes.

The cost is: \$40 for members with a trail fee; \$50 for members without a trail fee; \$60 all others

There is an optional \$90 team money pool.

Due to the extremely popular nature of this tournament, early registration is advised. The cut-off date for registration is Aug. 25th.

Pick up an entry form in the Pro Shop. Contact the Pro Shop with any questions.

MEMBER COUPON

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

Coupon Must be Presented.

Members Only.

Expires 07/31/11.



**Pro's Corner:
The Eastern Carolina Junior League**

continues. This league is open to boys and girls from the ages of 10 to 17. The format this year will be 9 holes for the division matches. This is a chance for our junior golfers to win college scholarship money. The remaining matches for this year are:

July 13th: RBCC

@ 9:00AM

July 23rd: Star Hill

@8:30AM

July 26th: Brandywine Bay

@ 9:00AM

August 1st: Sound of Freedom @ 9:00AM

There will be 1 more match, plus the league finals will be at Birchwood CC. There is no cost for juniors to participate, but a ride will be needed to and from the courses. Be sure and sign up in the Pro Shop if your child is interested in participating.

Club Re-gripping

Now is a great time to get your clubs re-gripped, as you are probably playing more. We have a variety of grips and prices, which include installation.

Kids Golf Camp II

July 25th - 27th

Time: 8:00AM to Noon each day

Ages: 6 to 16 years old

Cost: \$80 per child, payable by check or cash to Keith Kelly. Cost includes etiquette, rules, short game, iron game, woods, on-course work, lunch and prizes.

Sign up in the Pro Shop. Kids should have their own clubs. If not, please see me at least a week before the clinic.

Lessons

Individual Lessons:

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$40

Children 17 and under: \$15

Series of 3 Lessons:

Members: \$75

Non-members: \$105

Series of 5 Lessons:

Members: \$120

Non-members: \$160

Children 17 and under: \$60

Keith



License Plate Contest:

Becky Doumeng was spotted multiple times in town displaying her RBCC license plate. She wins a meal in the Grille Room.

If you don't have a plate and need one, just let someone in the Pro Shop know.

Pro Shop Arrivals:

- Bridgestone golf balls
- Callaway golf gloves
- Titleist golf hats
- Antiqua logo shirts for men and women
- Straightdown logo shirts for men
- Sequin caps and visors for ladies

Pro Shop Specials:

- 60% off last year model drivers, fairway woods, hybrids, putters and wedges - in stock only



Holiday Early Closing:

On July 4th, the Club (pool, Grille Room and Pro Shop) will be closing at 4:00PM so that our employees can spend the evening with their families. The last cart for 18 holes will go out at 12:00PM and the last cart for 9 holes will go out at 2:00PM.





Pool News:

Pool passes for your out-of-town guests are still being distributed. Please come to the Pro Shop to pick up for your passes. **Passes will not be mailed to you.** Remember that previous passes have expired, so throw them away. **Only orange passes marked 2011 are valid for this season.** Please be sure and read the pool rules that will be in the envelope with your pool passes.

July Pool Hours:

Sunday

12:00AM - 6:00PM

Monday through Saturday

11:00AM - 8:00PM

All hours are weather permitting.

ID CARDS:

Membership ID

cards are required to use the pool. Be prepared to show yours at the gate. If you have lost yours, please call Camille at ext. 28 for replacements.

“If you watch a game, it’s fun. If you play at it, it’s recreation. If you work at it, it’s golf.”

Bob Hope



Coach Hop’s Swim Team:

Swim Team has started and we are off to a great start. Our Blue & Gold intra-squad meet showed we have improved from last year and are ready for the competition.

Parents - thanks for all of your help. We are looking forward to the meets and the great swimming. If you have any questions, contact myself or Marcy.

Meet Schedule:

July 14th - 5:00PM at Home

July 22nd and 23rd - City

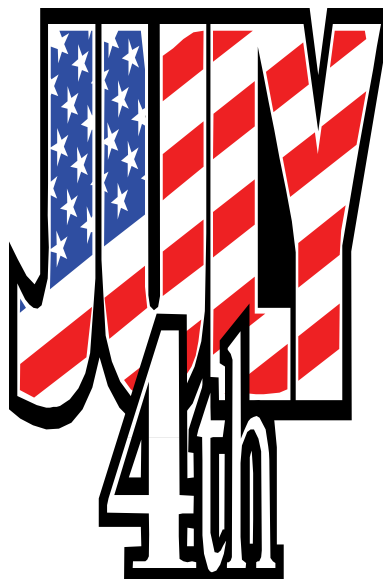
Meet at the YMCA

Spectators @ 6:00PM

Team Party

July 24th - 4:00PM

Hop



WATER AEROBICS

Do you look like this in a swimsuit



Would you rather look like this?

Join us M,W,F - 8:15 til 9:15

Starting Wed, June 1st

Aerobics, Flexibility, Balance, Toning, Strength Training, Body Sculpting, Core Work.

WE DO IT ALL & HAVE FUN
OPEN TO ALL ADULT MEMBERS



Happy News:

- Katie Barnes received her Girl Scout Bronze Award (the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn), earned a Lifesaving Award for performing the Heimlich on her sister and bridged from a Girl Scout Junior to a Girl Scout Cadette
- Elizabeth Barnes bridged from a Girl Scout Daisy to a Girl Scout Brownie
- Nevis Smith-Boone and Alan Kirkpatrick were married



Grille Room:
The Grille Room hours for the month

of July are:

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday:

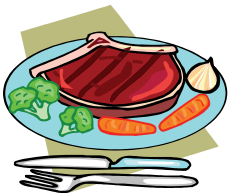
7:00AM to 7:00PM

Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday and Saturday:

7:00AM to 8:00PM

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



Dinner Specials:
Have you tried some of the new

dinner specials? If you haven't, pick your favorite night and come on it.

Wednesday: Stuffed Peppers

Thursday: Chicken Wings dine-in for special price

Friday: Flash Fried Tilapia (which is then baked with our own seasoning) - this has been too popular to change!

Saturday: BBQ Pork Ribs
Check out the complete menu on-line at www.golfriverbendcc.com



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 or new menu items at a reduced price.

We also have some delicious daily specials. Eat in and take a chance on winning a free dessert with a brand new game!



Breakfast:
We have a great breakfast menu, 7 days a week. Choose an omelet, eggs

made your way, French toast, etc. Breakfast is served all day on Sundays, if you wish.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday Specials:

Sunday and Monday:
'Happy Hour' from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. We have a \$7.99 appetizer platter that includes a small draft or a soft drink.

Monday and Tuesday:
Mini Burgers (Sliders):
12:00PM - 7:00PM
3/\$3.99 6/\$6.99 9/\$8.99
12/\$11.99

Martini of the Month:
Raspberry
Beer of the Month:
Yeungling Light



Where In The World Are Our RBCC

Members?:

Bill & Bev Healy went to Texas. Dave & Kathy Mozgala and Tom & Lynne Cunningham went to the Congressional Open. Carol Bento went to Paris in May.

Skateboards and Bicycles:

Please note that skateboards and bicycles are not allowed at RBCC except as a means of transportation between home and the Club.

There is no skateboarding or bicycling allowed in the parking lots, near the Clubhouse, on the sidewalks or on the tennis courts.

Racks are provided near the Clubhouse and at the pool for bike parking.

Salads:

Summer is salad time. Check out the new "Berg and Berries" salad and the new "Quesadilla" Salad.



Car Show:

On July 30th we will be hosting a Car Show with the Immortal

Creations Car Club. Cars will be on the driving range. We will close the range at 2:00PM that day. The fun starts at 4:00PM and lasts until 9:00PM.

The Grille Room will remain open until 9:00PM. We will have our beverage cart out on the property so that you can refresh yourself as you walk around looking at all of the great cars. We also plan to have our outdoor grill going with hamburgers, hotdogs, and more.

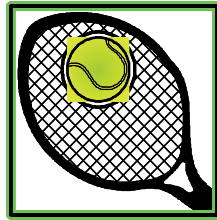
This is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Grab a friend and come on over.



Ladder Golf and Bocce Court:

The Bocce Court in the back of the Clubhouse and next to the patio is available for your use. You can borrow sets in the Pro Shop.

Ladder Golf is always out there to play also. It is lots of fun.



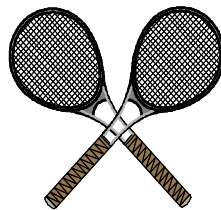
Tennis Camp:

Frankie Coleman, of Right Stuff Sports, will be hosting

a 2nd children's tennis camp. This will be open to member and non-member children, ages 6 and up. Camp will run July 12th through July 16th, from 8:00AM to 11:00AM each day. The cost is \$80 and includes rules, instruction, etiquette, etc.

Children should have their own racquet. If not, please contact Frankie at least a week before camp.

To sign up, please go to www.rightstuffsports.com and you will see the link. Do not go to the Pro Shop to register. All questions should be directed to Frankie Coleman. You will find all contact info on the website.



Tennis Courts:

The tennis courts are lit for evening use. The switch is on the pole by the gate. If you are interested in using the lobbing machine, please contact Frank at ext. 27.



LGA News:

The 1st Thursday in June was "Divine Nine". Winners were:

18 Holes/1st Flight:

1st Place: K. Larsen
2nd Place: M. Abenante

3rd Place: Judy Kelly
18 Holes/2nd Flight:

1st Place: P. Kispert
2nd Place: J. Burke
3rd Place: E. Burns

9 Holes:

1st Place: B. Hartung
2nd Place: B. Munch
3rd Place: M. Crilly and D. Arbuthnott



MGA News:

June 14th was our individual foursome Skins tournament. With

38 members competing, several of the players stood taller than their opponents. One of our newest members, Paul Mason, lit up his 4some by garnering 16 of the 18 skins. Other stellar winners were J. Horne and R. Schott with 12 skins each; R. Simonetta with 10 and Jim Kelly with 9. Closest to the pin winners were:

#6 and #15 - C. Dowdell
#9 - Joe Kelly
#13 - B. Crosby
Jim Kelly



Couples' League:

We would like to thank our Hosts so far

this year: Bob & Norma Kohn, Rick & Judy Hineman, Jim Carr, Jacqueline Douglas, Pat Sorcic and John Glenn. We are also looking for someone to host in August and someone to share Host duties in September with Bob & Mary Jane Robinson. If you are interested, just add your name to the Host sheet posted below the weekly sign-up sheet.

The Summer Couples' League meets every Wed. at 3:30PM for a 4:00PM shotgun start.

If you are new to River Bend and would like to play in the Couples' League, please add your name and telephone number to the sign-up sheet that hangs on the bulletin board to the right of the Ladies' room door. Check the date(s) that you are available to play and meet us on Wed. afternoon.

Couples planning to play must sign up by noon on Tuesday. The cost is \$3 per couple and carts are required for the 9 hole play, except on the last Wed. of

each month, when walking is permitted.

Walking dates are 7/27, 8/31 and 9/28. If those dates are rained out, walking will be allowed on the following Wed. So mark your calendars and join us for fun games and great camaraderie. We look forward to seeing everyone.

In addition to the Club already offering drink specials and honoring the Early Bird prices beyond 5:00PM for anyone who has played that day, a \$1 discount is being allowed on any other menu item (excluding appetizers and drinks).

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

Upcoming Events:

Kids' Golf Clinic II:
July 25th, 26th, 27th

Tennis Camp:
July 25th - 29th

Couple's League:
July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
@ 4:00PM

LGA Days:
July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
@ 9:30AM

MGA Tournaments:

July 12th 3-Low Nets
@ 9:00AM with lunch
July 23rd Beat the Pro
@ 9:00AM with lunch

Eastern Carolina Junior League:

July 12th Taberna
July 23rd Star Hill
July 26th Brandywine Bay
August 1st Sound of Freedom

Swim Team:

July 14th @ Home
July 22nd/23rd City Meet
@ YMCA
July 24th Banquet @ RBCC

Tidewater Seniors:

July 11th Carolina Pines
July 26th Jacksonville CC

Car Show

July 30th 4:00PM-9:00PM

Pool Early Closings:

July 4th 4:00PM for the holiday
July 14th 4:30PM for swim meet

Holiday:

July 4th Carts Required
Until Noon
Club and Pool close at 4PM

Driving Range Closing:

July 30th @ 2:00PM