

River Bend Country Club



May 2010

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“Thank You” Thank you to everyone who attended the Good Friday Fish Fry. Thank you to everyone who attended the Bridgestone Ball Fitting Day. Thank you to all the kids who came out for the Easter Egg Hunt and to the Easter Bunny for stopping by to say Hi. Thank you to B. & S. Antenucci and B. & N. Kohn for hosting the April Couples’ League. Thank you to everyone who played in the Tom Collins Memorial Tournament. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the ENCJGL. Thank you to Kathy Hodge for her idea about the low branch on the right side as you approach #16 green. Thank you to Joe Waskey, Jim Filomena and Jim Carr for giving the superintendent a 1/2 day off to go fishing. Thank you to Sue Antenucci for helping to lay the sod on the driving range. Thank you to the LGA for hosting a great 9 Hole Invitational.



General Managers’ Notes:

April will be remembered as a dry, but “golfable” month. As we enter May, the Club has a lot of activities to keep you busy. Details for these events are in this newsletter.

This month we will complete upgrades to the pool, power wash the Clubhouse and finish exterior painting. The pool will open sometime in mid-May and you can check with the Pro Shop as to the exact opening date.

We will be resurfacing the tennis courts later this month. This will be completed in time for our upcoming kids’ tennis camps. Look for details to come.

We will be changing the Grille Room menu as we get closer to Summer. If you have anything you would like to see on the menu, let me know. We value your input and want to

make your Club the best.

Now that all of the leagues are in full swing, all golfers are reminded to check in at the Pro Shop before golfing. Shotgun leagues will clear their shotgun time with the cashier prior to their start.

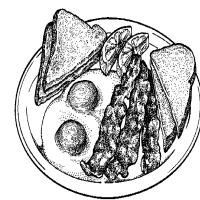
Frank

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

- Charles and Patty Herring
- Shirley Robinson
- Bob and Kate Anderson
- Joy Thompson
- Stella Wendoloski
- Toni King
- Kevin, Melissa and Carsen Sams
- Paul and Nancy Dernier

Holiday:

Please remember that Monday, May 31st is the Memorial Day holiday and carts will be required until noon.



Mother’s Day Breakfast Buffet:

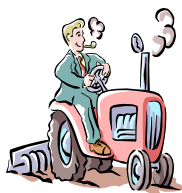
Join us for our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast Buffet. The date is Sunday, May 9th and the time is 9:00AM to 10:30AM.

Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, blintzes, coffee and orange juice will be on the menu.

Ticket purchase is REQUIRED in the Grille Room prior to the event. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

Ticket prices include gratuity and are:
\$8.95 +tax for member adults (\$7 to food min.)
\$9.95 + tax for non-member adults (\$8 to food min.)
\$4.95 + tax for all children 12 and under. (\$3 to food min.)

Superintendent's View:



Last month we trimmed the hanging limbs on the large Oak tree on the right side of #16 as you approach the green. I watched Kathy Hodge hit that tree with an otherwise good shot and promised her that I would remove it. Good luck.

The crew re-anchored the pool fence posts in new concrete in order to keep the privacy fence in place for your swimming pleasure.

Other projects to improve your course included the sod over the new mounds on #6, which is now in play and patching a few smaller places on the driving range, the center of #9 fairway, the irrigation issue on #8 and #18 fairway. As soon as the sod takes, they will be in play.

Additionally, with regard to sod, we have removed the goose and common Bermuda from the right side rough on #1. Since we arrived in 1999, there has really never been any grass to speak of there. We are going to change that by putting 419 Tifway Bermuda. Our irrigation makes it just to the edge, so water to the furthest

spots is limited and we will hope for the best. This area will be watered heavily during the grow-in throughout the day, so play it as ground under repair and don't stand next to an irrigation head marked with red flags. We sincerely hope you like it.

We added 58 sterile triploid grass carp to the ponds on #11, #12, #13, #14, and #16. We hope that these fish thrive like the ones we put into #18 as they help keep the algae to a minimum. The more they eat, the less we have to spray, so keep the blue herons away if you see them.

The greens are currently being cut at 140/1,000. Gene Hawkins did a great job with the "mechanics mole program" and removed 23 moles from the course since March 1st.

You are the best members in the county and we really enjoy making the course nicer and nicer for you. Please continue to support the Club as much as possible to help finance continued improvements to YOUR course. We appreciate you taking care of the property with filled divots, repaired ball marks and keeping your carts on the path when possible.

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

Jim

Divot Day:

Our next divot day will be Wednesday, May 19th. We will meet at the maintenance barn at 10:00AM. Bring your ball mark repair tools if you can, to help on the greens.

We will fill divots and repair ball marks for about an hour, then meet back at the maintenance building for a cook-out with the Grounds Crew. At 12:30PM we will break up into teams of 5 (4 members and 1 Grounds Crew) and play a 9 hole superball game.

There will be prizes on event holes for the members. The Crew Member on the winning team wins a paid day off.

Sign up in the Pro Shop for this day of fun.

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

**OF A SMALL
Members Only.**

Coupon Must Be Presented.
Expires 05/31/10



Pro's Corner:

Now is a great time to get your clubs regripped, as you get ready to play more golf. We have a variety of grips at a variety of prices. If you don't see the grips you want, they can be ordered. Installation can be done in one day and will be ready to use within 30 minutes. So check your grips and see if new ones are needed. Who knows - maybe it will help your score!

Ladies' Golf Clinics

Saturday, May 24th
\$15 per clinic

Long Game on the Range -
9:00AM to 10:00AM
Short Game -
10:00Am to 11:00AM

Clinics are limited to the first 15 to sign up. You can sign up in the Pro Shop, or at kellyman@suddenlink.net

Kids' Golf Camp 1

June 16th - 18th
8:00AM to 12:00PM
\$80 per child
Ages 6-16

Price includes golf etiquette and rules, short game, iron game, woods and on-course work. Kids should have their own clubs. If not, please see me a week before the clinic.

Lesson Specials

Individual Lessons:

Members: \$30
Non-Members: \$40
Children 17 & under: \$15

Series of 3 Lessons:

Members: \$75
Non-Members: \$105

Series of 5 Lessons:

Members: \$120
Non-Members: \$160
Children 17 & under: \$60

Free Lesson Day

Monday, May 17th
Sign up for a free 10 minute lesson on Monday, May 17th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Pro Shop. Lessons will be given between 10:00AM and 2:00PM.

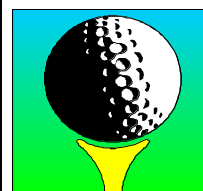
This is sponsored by Play Golf America. Once you take your lesson, you can register for sweepstakes at www.playgolfamerica.com/flm.

Keith

Pro Shop Arrivals:

- Ladies' Sport Haley clothing
- Ladies' Monterey Club clothing
- Ladies' sparkle caps - these were so popular that we had to place a 2nd order - stop by and check them out!
- Men's Ping logo shirts
- Sun Mountain golf bags

- Bridgestone golf balls
- Bag Boy cart bags
- Callaway Diablo drivers and fairway woods
- Callaway Diablo Edge irons
- Callaway X Series Jaws wedge
- Odyssey putters



Legacy Golf Tournament:

On May 1st, 2010, we will

be having our 2nd Annual Legacy Tournament, honoring our own Sarah Burke. 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: \$25
Members with no trail fee: \$35
Social Members and non-members: \$60

Tickets will be sold for \$10 for those wishing to just attend the 1:15PM cocktail party. This does not count towards your food minimum.



Grille Room:
The Grille Room hours for the month of May are:

Sunday and Monday:
7:00AM to 5:00PM
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.

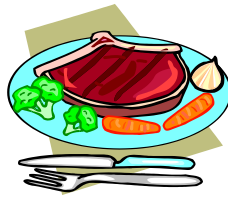


Breakfast:
Breakfast is served all day on Sundays, if you wish. Have

you tried our RBCC Slam? You had better be hungry for that!

Do you need breakfast on the go? Try our cinnamon sweet roll or try one of our yummy home-made muffins.

Martini of the Month:
Chocolate
Beer of the Month:
Killians



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: Chicken Wing Special - dine-in only
Friday: Patrick's Beef Shepherd's Pie



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.



Cinco de Mayo:
Wednesday, May 5th is Cinco de Mayo. Our special that day will be a grilled, stuffed chicken or beef burrito.

Concealed Pistol Class:

On June 5th, we will be hosting a State Certified Concealed Carry Pistol class in the banquet room. This is a required class to obtain your concealed pistol permit. The time is 8:00AM to 5:30PM and includes instruction, written exam and qualification on a local range.

You can use your own pistol and ammo for the range qualification. If you need a pistol and ammo, they can be rented from the instructor for \$30.

The cost for the class is \$70 and includes your booklet and lunch. See the Club Board for the registration flyer, which needs to be returned ASAP.



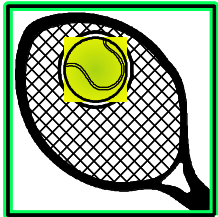


Jack and Jill Tournament:

Our annual Jack and Jill Tournament is set for June 26th with a 9:30AM shotgun. The cost is \$5.50 for a trail fee member and \$20.50 for non-trail fee members. There is no lunch this year.

Our unique pairing system will not allow you to play with your spouse or with the same partner as last year!!

This tournament is always a lot of fun. Sign up on the Club Events Board.



Kids' Tennis Camp:

Is your child interested in tennis camp?

Elizabeth Hodge will be our instructor again this year. This will now be open to grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc.

Please call or e-mail Camille and we will put you on the list for information. 252-638-2819 ext. 28 or Camille@golfriverbendcc.com



Couples' League:

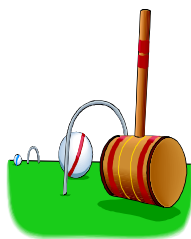
April got off to a great start for the Couples' League, with many couples playing on Wed. afternoons.

Please don't call the Pro Shop if the weather is questionable on the afternoon of Couples' golf. If the game is cancelled, you will be contacted by the hosting couples.

Food Minimum:

Several members asked about their food minimum recently. Please remember that for billing purposes, the food minimum runs from the 29th of one month to the 28th of the next month. So you have until the close of business on the 28th of each month to use up your minimum.

The Pro Shop cashiers and waitstaff can let you know how much you have spent. All you have to do is ask them.



Lawn Golf:

The Bocce Ball/ Lawn Golf in the back of the Clubhouse and next to the patio is available for your use.



Rally For The Cure:

Join us May 15th as we host our biennial "Rally For The Cure" Tournament.

There will be a 9:30AM shotgun start, with a continental breakfast provided before and lunch upon completion. The format is a 4 person Superball with modified handicaps.

It will be a fun day, with prizes, a chance to win a car for a hole-in-one and a putting contest - not to mention benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Costs are:
 \$40 for members with a trail fee
 \$50 for members without a trail fee
 \$60 for non-members

You can find information on the Club Events board and also on our website.

E-Mail:

We have started a River Bend Country Club e-mail system. If you want to be kept notified of Club activities that way, please send your e-mail to Camille at camille@golfriverbendcc.com.



Swim Lessons: Swim lessons will be avail-

able for member children. Corey Reaves will be the instructor. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Swim Team sign-up on May 2nd at 4:00PM. Group and private lessons are available, based on how many children sign up. Corey will contact you once sign-up is complete.



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 until June 15th, when they will be 8:00AM to 9:00AM.

Classes are free and for adult **members** only. There is no sign up. Just show up when you can and have fun.



Coach Hop's Swim Team: Swim team registration is set for May 2nd at

4:00PM in the Banquet Room. The meeting is mandatory. Swim practices are noted on the calendar you received.

Please come ready to swim - rain or shine. I will be at the pool every day. We will swim unless there is thunder and lightening. Practice will be cancelled from the pool, not by phone, based on the weather.

I am looking forward to a great season, so come to practice ready to have fun and swim fast. Tell your RBCC friends about swim team.



Walking For Fitness:

This will be the final month for walking in the banquet room. We will "walk" Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is no sign-up. Come when you can. This is for **members only** - both ladies and men. Time is 9:30AM to 10:15AM.

There will be no class on May 21st.



Pool News: Pool passes for your out-of-town

guests will be distributed AFTER June 6th. Please come to the Pro Shop to sign for your passes. **Passes will not be mailed to you.**

Remember that previous passes have expired, so throw them away. **Only passes marked 2010 are valid for this season.** Please be sure and read the pool rules that will be in the envelope with your pool passes.

Please call the Pro Shop after May 16th to find out when the pool will open for this season.

May Pool Hours (weather permitting):

Sunday
12:00PM - 6:00PM
Monday through Saturday
10:00AM - 7:00PM

June Pool Hours:
Sunday
12:00PM - 8:00PM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
11:00PM - 8:00PM
Friday and Saturday
10:00AM - 8:00PM

Lifeguards will not be on duty until 3:30pm on weekdays until the end of school.



LGA News:

April 1st was our monthly meeting and golf tournament.

Carolina blue skies and warm temps greeted the 45 gals who participated. The game was “Chicks and Bunnies Putt”, a team game where each player was either a chick or a bunny. The chicks’ puts counted on specific holes, with the bunnies’ counting on the remaining holes. All teams were given a colored ball that rotated by hole between players. Teams that kept their colored balls in play for the entire round were eligible for a cash drawing. A few never made it past the 12th and 13th holes.

After the game, lunch was served, followed by the monthly meeting. Loyce Moore, a former co-owner of the Club, was kind enough to give us a talk about the Club in former years.

Winners were:

18 Holes:

1st Place: J. Kraft,
A. Ostar, P. Kispert and
C. Richards

2nd Place: K. Hodge,
J. DelAcqua and
P. Kinckiner

3rd Place: BL Jones,
J. Douglas K. Larsen and
S. Layton

9 Holes:

J. Kelly, B. Munch,
S. Douglas and M. Crilly
Congratulations to Marge
Abenante for her Eagle on
#10.

Many of our girls played
in other tournaments and the
following were winners:

Tarheel League at Carolina
Pines: ML Langenkamp,
MJ Robinson, P. Humphrey,
J. Burke, K. Hodge, J. Kraft
and J. Noonan.

DEWGA at the Emerald:
C. Richards, E. Anderson,
L. Schott and R. Swank
Crystal Coast at Minnesott:
N. Hall, C. Bento and
P. Kispert

Our Member/Member
tournament kicks off this
month.

Upcoming Events:

Breakfast Buffet:

May 9th
9:00AM to 10:30AM

Divot Day:

May 19th @ 10:00AM

Legacy Tournament:

May 1st 9:00AM
Cocktail party 1:15PM

Free Golf Lesson Day:

May 17th

**Rally For The Cure
Tournament:**

May 15th @ 9:00AM

Rinky Dinks:

May 3rd, 10th, 18th, 25th
@ 9:00AM

LGA Days:

May 6th (lunch and meet-
ing), 13th, 20th, 27th
@ 8:30AM

MGA Tournament:

May 4th vs. the Emerald
@ 9:00AM at the Emerald
May 11th Memorial Tourney
@ 9:00AM

Couple’s League:

May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
@ 4:00PM

Men’s Thursday League:

May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
@ 3:00PM

Tidewater Seniors:

May 3rd & 4th Castle Bay
May 10th North River
May 21st RBCC with lunch

Holiday:

May 31st Carts Required
Until 12:00PM

Swim Team/Lesson

Sign-up:
May 2nd @ 4:00PM



MGA News:

April 13th was the annual Ham Tournament.

Winners were:

1st Place (tie): L. Ferraris, P. Masotta, B. Robinson and R. McConnell

M. Burke, R. Hineman, B. Straley and D. Craft

3rd Place: R. Dahart, M. Doheny, B. Sylvester and B. Borchardt

4th Place: J. Chapman, L. Ervin, D. Mozgala and B. Price

Closest to the Pin:

#3 - B. Burke

#9 - D. Mozgala

#13 - P. Masotta

#15 - J. Chapman

We have 2 tournaments this month. May 4th vs. the Emerald (at the Emerald) and May 11th, which is our annual Memorial tournament. Sign-up sheets and details are on the MGA board.

Our Thursday night Spring League is halfway through the season. The winners of Round 1 are:

A Division:

1st Place: CJ Dowdell and C. Hendricks

2nd Place: P. Masotta, M. Upton and B. Price

3rd Place: C. Hodge, R. Shannon and B. Alkire

B Division:

1st Place: J. Carr and H. Lederer

2nd Place: (tie)

B. Kohn, D. Mozgala and J. Pharr

G. Luneburg, K. Lawn and J. Glenn

E. Kearney and B. Grefe

After repositioning the winners between Divisions A and B, we are currently in Round 2 play and will complete this round on May 20th. Sign-up sheets are on the board for the Summer league, which will begin on June 3rd. Get a partner and come enjoy the fellowship.

Are you a member of the best MGA around? If not, why not? RBCC MGA has so many opportunities to participate in various formats. You get to know more golfers than just playing in regular 4-some games. Earl Miller always has great tournaments for our MGA on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. We also play challenge matches with the Emerald (5/4) and Fairfield Harbor (6/22) MGAs.

Last year we implemented 2 new opportunities with our Member/Member (April and May) and the Tom Collins Double Elimination Match Play (June and July) tournaments.

The Thursday night league has Spring, Summer and Fall matches this year, with the Summer season catering to the

working golfer, due to its later tee times. This year we implemented the FedEx Cup race, that runs from January through December where points are given out at every MGA tournament based on ranking of your net score. Also this year we participated in the LGA/MGA Challenge, which will be come an annual event in March.

We are in the process of putting together a 9 hole league to play along on the 2nd Tuesday tournaments. All of the information regarding these various opportunities are posted on the MGA board or questions can be directed to any MGA officer. Are YOU a member?

See you on the greens.

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Where In The World Are Our RBCC Members?

Dominick Giorgianni went to Huntington Beach, CA, the surfing capital of the USA.

Remember to send us a picture of you more than 100 miles away and in an RBCC piece of logo clothing or hat (or bring your license plate!). The person that goes the farthest away each month wins a meal for 2 in the Grille Room.