

# River Bend Country Club



September 2011

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**“Thank You”** Thank you to Bob and Sue Antenucci & Bill Price and Janie Kelly for hosting the August Couples’ League. Thank you to everyone who played in the Adult/Child Tournament. Thank you to Sarah Burke for running Water Aerobics. Thank you to everyone who came out for Chicken Wing Night. Thank you to everyone who played in the Club Championship. Thank you our Junior Golf Team for another great season. Thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Splash Pool Party. Thank you to everyone who attended the Taste of River Bend. Thank you to James Hughes, Ray Madray and Gloria Rad for helping with the course clean-up. Thank you to Frank Wood and Patrick Powers for helping with the pool clean-up. Thank you to Tom Sorcic and his crew for buying lunch for the Grounds Crew during the hurricane clean-up. Thank you to Bob Sylvester for the palm tree. Thank you to Bob Burke for the Leland Spruce. Thank you to Jim Carr for his idea about the stone on #3 tee box and the missing OB stake on #1. Thank you to Dave Bennett for his idea to remark the ground under repair on #18. Thank you to Camille Richards and Sharon Lyon for the cold water for the chain saw men.



## General Manager’s Notes:

August may go down as the craziest weather month in the 12 years and 8 months I have been here. It started with high temperatures over 100 and ‘lows’ in the high 80’s with high humidity and ended with a category 1 hurricane that left your course under a layer of branches, pinecones and sticks. Not to mention downed or broken trees! The pool had a 5” layer of pines needles and part of someone’s tool shed in it. I even found a whole water-melon on hole #11.

Events have changed some major Club operations. The Six Person Tournament will now be held on Oct. 1st and our new fleet of 2012 Yamaha golf carts will now arrive on Sept. 7th.

One of the highlights coming this month is the extremely popular Rhems

Volunteer Fire and Rescue Tournament on Sept. 24th. On the heels of Hurricane Irene and all that they did for our community, let’s thank them with a high turn-out for this event.

And, I have saved the best for last. Your Club won “Best Golf Course” for the 6th year in a row and “Best Chicken Wings” for the 3rd year in a row!!! Thank you for your loyalty, your votes and your membership.

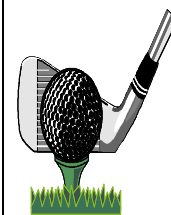
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## Welcome to Our Newest Members:

- Joel Eggleston
- Steve and Kay Dentico; Lillian Medeiros
- John and Diane Aske

## Labor Day:

Remember that Monday, Sept. 5th is Labor Day and carts will be required until noon.



## 15th Annual Six Person Superball:

Sign up now for our popular Six

Person Superball Tournament. The date is Saturday, Oct. 1st. The time is 9:00AM. This is a new date due to weather so if you could not play before, maybe you can now.

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; \$65 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 Sept. 25th.

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

### Superintendent's View:



Oh boy! Where to start? I was going to tell you about the great progress we have made on the course this summer but all of the good news was manipulated by the new 5 letter cuss word - IRENE.

The good news is that the greens appear to have made it through the extremely hot summer. While there is TifEagle Bermuda showing, we should be able to interseed some additional bent grass back into them this month and have 100% bent without much disruption.

We plan to aerate them about the 3rd week of this month and have them back in play for you the next day. They are being cut at 150/1,000 and will be taken back down to 145/1,000 after the seeding and aeration.

The roughs have grown in so nice that I have heard some say they are too good. ? Everyone used to worry about the roughs not being thick enough and now they are worried about them being too thick. How times change over the years. Remember, we have a great Pro who gives lessons for those looking to save a stroke here or

there when in the rough. Hit it straight!

We have widened a few of the fairways to make them a bit easier. These include #4, #5, #17 and #18. We hope you notice. Keep letting us know your good ideas and we will try and implement them for you.

Unfortunately there was some not-so-good news last month. Hurricane Irene found us hiding right here in Eastern NC with a direct hit. We hope that everyone made it through the difficult time OK and hope that power has been restored to your homes. We had significant damage to many areas on the course. The worst was downed trees, limbs and debris. We have set out on our own at this point to clean up the huge mess. You will see just how much debris there was if you come over for dinner and check out the front lawn of the Clubhouse. With the help of the Grounds Crew and a few members, we were able to open the front 9 in near perfect shape within 2 days of Irene. The back 9 should be open in the next few days. Watch your step on the course for a few days as we have lost some cleanout and irrigation covers. We hope to have them all located before

we open the back 9 for your safety.

Enough of the bad news! There must be a reason the Man upstairs laid the hurricane upon us. Maybe it was to get us to work harder! Maybe it was to just bring us together as a neighbors and help each other through the process. Either way, RBCC will go on and remain with the best conditions possible as well as being voted the Best Golf Course for the past 6 years. Please thank the entire Grounds Crew for me when you see them. They have all been working overtime and 2 of them (Meli and Conz) were flooded out of their homes at the same time. Thank you for all of your positive comments about how we keep your course. The Crew is very proud to serve you as members and takes pride in being the best we can be. So you know who they are, my staff now includes Gene, Conz, Emiliano, Jim (Smokie) Trey, Dick, Gayle and Cody. Please say Hi to them and let them know your feedback as well.

As always, please bring your family and friends out to the Club, encourage people to join as members, support the Grille Room and say Hi to your friendly neighborhood Grounds Person.

See you on the course.

Jim



## Pro's Corner:

### Lesson Special

I offer individual lessons as well as lesson series.

#### 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

### Club Re-gripping

It is always a good time to re-grip your clubs. Check them for wear and tear as that can really affect your game. The Club offers a variety of grips ranging from \$4 to \$12 installed. If you don't see the grip you want, let me know and I can order it.

See you in the Shop!

Keith

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### Buy an x- large range pail for the price of a large

Members Only.  
Coupon must be  
presented.  
Expires 09/30/11



### Adult/Child Tournament Results:

Thank you to everyone who competed in the annual Adult/

Child Tournament on 8/13.

Everyone had a good time and final results were:

1st Place: Rich Crawford and Alex King

2nd Place: Clay and Alex Sowards

3rd Place: Frank and Ciarra Fragale

4th Place: Ellis and Mark Miller

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### Pro Shop Arrivals:

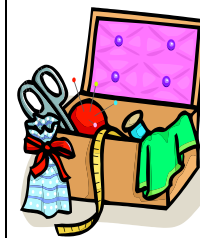
- No Sweat hand drying grip helper
- Women's gloves with ring hole
- Women's half finger gloves
- Monterey Club shirts for women
- Pink tees
- Drizzlesticks
- Dorfman Pacific bucket hats for men and women
- Callaway gloves
- Slazenger shirts for men
- Bag Boy and Sun Mountain bags
- Ping shirts for men
- Straight Down shirts for men
- Titleist hats
- Straw hats for men

### Pro Shop Specials: Sizzling Summer Shirt Sale!

All regular priced, in-stock shirt for men and women are:

Buy 2 shirts, get 20% off both

Buy 3 shirts, get 30% off all 3



### Craft Fair:

RBCC will be hosting a holiday craft fair on Saturday, November

19th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM in the banquet room.

Space is open to members and the public. The cost of table space is \$25. Call Camille at ext. 28 for more info and pass the word along to your friends.



### License Plate Contest:

Congratula-

tions to Steve McHale, who we saw many times out and about town sporting his RBCC license plate. Steve wins a meal in the Grille Room. Thanks for supporting RBCC!



### Pool News:

There will be limited life-guards on weekend duty

only this month. Check with the Pro Shop or check the sign at the gate before sending your children to the pool.

Children 13 and under may not be at the pool without an adult when the life-guard is not present. Children 10 and under may never be at the pool without an adult, regardless of lifeguard status.

Please remember that **only orange guest pool passes marked 2011 are valid**. Throw your others away. If no one is at the gate to greet you and you have a pool pass or Pro Shop receipt, please leave it inside the zippered bag. Be sure and sign in yourself and your guests.

Pool hours for September are below. As the days get shorter, the pool will now close earlier. Any changes will be posted on the gate.

Sunday: 12:00PM to 6:00PM

Monday through Thursday:

10:00AM to 7:00PM

Friday and Saturday:

10:00AM to 8:00PM

All hours are weather permitting and daylight permitting.



### Water Aerobics:

Water aerobics will continue through

September 9th, weather permitting. Class on Sept. 9th will start at 10:30AM and be our end of summer party.

Join us next summer for a fun workout - and "Yes, you CAN sweat in the pool"!



### Walking for Fitness

On Monday, September

12th we will be starting the "Walk Away the Pounds" program in the banquet room. Follow along with the Leslie Sansone DVD for low impact, walking-in-place aerobics. Sneakers, comfortable clothing and an exercise band are required.

We will "walk" Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30AM to 10:15AM. There is no sign-up. Come when you can. This is for **members only** - ladies and men.

This is self-guided. You just follow the DVD. There is no class instructor.

There will be no class on Sept. 21st, 23rd, 26th, 28th and 30th.



### Bocce and Ladder Golf:

The Bocce Ball Court in the back of the Clubhouse and

next to the patio is available for your use. You can sign out sets in the Pro Shop. Ladder Golf is always on the court, available for use.



### MEMBERS ONLY SPECIAL "FLU SHOT"

On Friday, Sept. 23rd, Maxim Health Care will be in the banquet room to provide Flu Shots to our members. The time will be 9:00AM - 1:00PM. We will be putting a sign up sheet in the Pro Shop and it is important that you sign up.

For Medicare Part B, Medicare Humana partners and Signa & Aetna participants, there will be no cost to you. If you are not covered under these plans, the cost is only \$30.00 for the flu shot and \$65 for the pneumonia shot, payable by cash or check, to receive the vaccination. Prices are subject to change.

If you have an immediate family member or close personal friend who would like to take advantage of this service through your membership, please ask in the Pro Shop to get them signed up also.



**Grille Room:**  
The Grille Room hours for the month of September

are:

**Sunday:** 7:00AM –6:00PM

**Monday and Tuesday:**  
7:00AM - 7:00PM

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday:**  
7:00AM - 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.



**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. Eat in and take a chance on winning a free dessert.



**Dinner Specials:**  
Come in and enjoy:

**Monday and Tuesday:**

Mini Burgers

**Wednesday:**

Stuffed Peppers

**Thursday:**

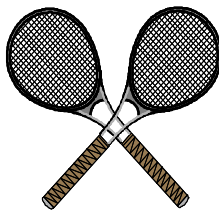
Chicken Wings (Dine-in only for the special price)

**Friday:**

Lightly Fried Tilapia

**Saturday:**

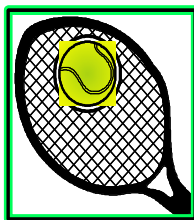
Slow Cooked Pork Ribs



**Tennis Courts:**

The tennis courts are lit for evening use. The

switch is on the pole by the gate.



**Tennis**

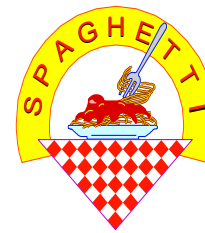
**Lessons:**

Frankie Coleman of Right Stuff Sports contin-

ues to run great tennis lessons and camps for kids.

Check them out at

[www.rightstuffsports.com](http://www.rightstuffsports.com).



**Italian Dinner Night:**

Back by popular demand -

Italian Dinner Night! Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 21st. 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 \$11.50 + tax for adult members (age 12 and up), \$13 + tax for adult non-members and \$6 + tax for all children 3-11. (Children under 3 are free.) This price includes gratuity.

100 tickets are on sale now in the Grille Room. Please purchase tickets by September 19th. No tickets will be sold after September 19th. Ticket purchase (not counting tax and gratuity) will count towards your food minimum.

**Martini of the Month:**

Raspberry

**Beer of the Month:**

Pabst Blue Ribbon



### **Couples' League:**

It is time to mark your calendars and save the date! The Summer Couples' League End of Season Tournament will be held on Sun. Oct. 9th with a 12:00PM shotgun followed by a turkey dinner at 5:00PM. Rain date is Oct. 16th.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of their participation during the summer season and will be eligible for all prizes awarded for that day's play. Only those couples who have played the required 6 times will be eligible to win the Low Gross or Low Net Couples' Championship License Plates. If you don't have a partner and would like to play, please call Bob or Sue at 637-7809. In addition to the tournament cost, \$5 per couple will be collected at sign-in to be used for the prize fund.

The Tournament will cost \$22 per person for members without a trail fee and \$11 per person for members with a trail fee. Dinner only guests are welcome at a cost of \$10 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. \$9 will be

applied to your food minimum.

The sign-up sheets will be posted at the end of Sept. on the Couple's League board. Sign-up is no later than 10/4.

The Summer Couples' League meets every Wed. at 3:30PM for a 4:00PM shotgun start. Couples planning to play must sign up by noon on Tues. The cost is \$3 per couple and carts are required for the 9-hole play except on those Wednesdays when walking is permitted.

For those players who decide to stay for dinner after play, our Club offers drink specials, extended Early Bird prices and a \$1 discount on any other menu item (to exclude appetizers).

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



### **Rhems Volunteer Fire and Rescue Tournament:**

On Sept. 24th, we will be hosting the 4th annual Rhems Volunteer Fire and Rescue outing. The format is a 4 person modified Superball with a 9:00AM shotgun start.

Lunch will be cooked by the Rhems Cooking Squad.

The costs are:

\$30 for golf members with a trail fee  
 \$40 for golf members without a trail fee  
 \$60 for social members and non-members

Come out and support the group that responds to our most serious problems.

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

Frank and Camille Fragale had family visit from Montgomery, NY.



**LGA News:**  
TROUBLE was the name of the game. Trouble consisted of

driving the ball into the water, the sand trap or out of bounds. Staying out of TROUBLE was not an easy situation. Nine hole winners were: E. Craft, F. Curtis, B. Hartung, Janie Kelly and V. Kindler. Having the least amount of trouble for the 18 holers were S. Layton, C. Richards, P. Warren, J. Burke, K. Hodge, J. Kraft, J. Meehan, J. Noonan and J. Taylor.

Every golfer's dream is that elusive hole-in-one. Our lady Brenda Williams took aim and - bang! - right in the cup. Needless to say, Brenda and her gang were ecstatic.

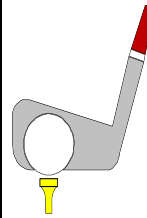
Ruth Swank

### E-mail List:

If you are not on the daily River Bend Country Club e-mail (not to be confused with River Bend Town e-mail) and would like to be, send your e-mail to Camille at [camille@golfriverbendcc.com](mailto:camille@golfriverbendcc.com)

It will only be used for Club information.

Thank you.



## 2011 Club Championship Results:

Thanks to everyone who competed for the Club Championships. Becky West is our ladies' winner for the 2nd year in a row. Tied for 2nd place were Anne Cameron and Camille Richards.

In the Senior Men's division 1st time winner Max Mascia pulled out a 1 stroke win over past champion Reid Dahart.

In the Men's division, it was a battle between last year's winner, John Thatch and his father, JD Thatch. In the end, JD took for the title for his 1st Club Championship.

### Men's Open Division:

1st Low Gross: JD Thatch

1st Low Net: John Thatch

### Men's 1st Flight:

1st Low Gross: B. Lebkuecher

1st Low Net: John Taylor

### Men's Senior 60-69:

1st Low Gross: Max Mascia

1st Low Net: Charlie Hendricks

2nd Low Net: Jim Carr

### Men's Senior 70-79:

1st Low Gross: Reid Dahart

1st Low Net: Jim Kelly

### Men's Senior 80-up:

1st Low Gross: Jim Chapman

1st Low Net: Dave Jones

### Women's:

1st Low Gross: Becky West

1st Low Net: Marge Abenante

2nd Low Net: Camille Richards

## Upcoming Events:

### Italian Dinner Night:

Sept. 21st 5:00PM-7:00PM

### Rinky Dinks:

Sept. 5th, 13th, 20th, 26th @ 9:00AM

### LGA Days:

Sept. 1st @ 7:30AM followed by lunch and meeting

Sept. 8th, 15th, 22nd @ 8:30AM

Solheim Cup Sept. 29th/30th, followed by lunch on 9/30

### MGA Tournament:

Sept. 6th International Tourney @ 8:30AM

### Couple's League:

Sept. 7th vs The Emerald followed by dinner at 6:00PM

14th, 21st, 28th @ 4:00PM

### Rhems Tournament:

Sept. 24th @ 9:00AM

### Tidewater Seniors:

Sept. 1st Morehead CC

Sept. 15th Washington

Sept. 29th Kinston CC

### Flu Shots:

Sept. 23rd 9:00AM to 1:00PM

### Holiday:

Sept. 5th Carts Required until 12:00PM

### Halloween Hayride:

Oct. 29th @ 6:00PM

### Craft Fair:

Nov. 19th 9:00AM-1:00PM



### MGA News:

Aug. 9th was our annual Senior and Super Senior Tournament. Carding a career best even par 71, Jim Kelly was the low gross winner in the under 69 age group, with Dick Langenkamp winning the low net with a 64. In the Super Senior (70 and over) the low gross was captured by Reid Dahart with a 78 while the low net was won by Mike Burke with a net 68.

There were 5 individual age brackets and winner were:

50-65:

1st Place: D. Langenkamp

2nd Place: J. Carr

66-69:

1st Place: Jim Kelly

2nd Place: B. Kohn

70-74:

1st Place: M. Burke

2nd Place: E. Kearney

75-79:

1st Place: J. Clifford

2nd Place: H. Smith

80 and Over:

1st Place: A. Behrer

2nd Place: J. Chapman

\*Submitted by Jim Kelly

Well, it is back to school for the youngsters and the summer heat has returned to normal.

Through it all, we did

manage to play some golf and completed the Senior Age Tournament on 8/9.

Summer is flying past and yes, there is still a lot of golf to be played. The International Tournament has been rescheduled to Sept. 6th at 8:30AM to allow for maintenance of the greens. The intent is to complete the scheduled maintenance without the MGA Tournament and Grounds Crew interfering with each other for any extended work that may be required.

The Men's Twilight League will begin in early Sept. The Ryder Cup will take place Oct. 10th and 11th.

There is still a need for more volunteers to serve as Bag Boys and Servers for the LGA Invitational on Sept. 3rd.

Added to all of this activity is the Play Date with the Emerald Couples on Sept. 7th, While this is not an MGA event, our members participate in the Wed. Couples' League on a regular basis. You do not have to play Couples to participate in this Play Date.

Our membership has endured a fair share of medical issues to date. We sincerely hope all are on the mend and will soon be back on the course. So, please take care and strive to hit 'em straight!

Bob Kohn



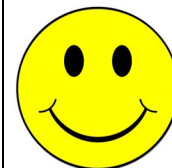
### Upcoming Fun:

Our annual Halloween Hayride for the kids will be Saturday, Oct. 29th at 6:00PM. Mark the date! For our members who live on the course, if you would like to be one of the candy stops, please contact Camille at ext. 28.



### Hole-in-One Club:

Congratulations to Brenda Williams, who got a hole-in-one on #15 on 08/18/11.



### Happy News:

- Natalie and Caroline Varma became Girl Scout Brownies
- Bob and Norma Kohn welcomed a new daughter-in-law to the family as their son Jarrod snuck in a wedding on the Outer Banks before the hurricane hit