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Ken Gerhardt's Comments

Spring is in the air! March was a little iffy when it came to our weather. The forecast would call for rain all weekend, then it would clear up and either not rain or rain late in the afternoons. This would make golfers hesitant to schedule golf and caused us to miss budgeted revenues for the month of March. It's nice to see the fairways and tees start to green up. We will be mowing before we know it.

Bunkers

Josh and his team continue to work on bunkers. The challenge we're currently facing is getting sand for the bunkers being worked on. With all the road construction happening around us, sand is hard to get and is also selling at a premium. Last year a truckload of sand took one phone call and around \$800. This year it takes numerous phone calls and costs \$1,400 per truck.

The team has also started on the drain projects. They will get as many completed as possible prior to the start of mowing the entire course.

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Future Pro Shop

By the time you are reading this article, we hope to have started the construction project of the Pro Shop over at the cart barn. This is scheduled to start the last week of March or early April. This project should take until the fourth quarter of 2024. Our plan is to move into this area late 2024 or early 2025.

Pride

Our Pride volunteers are back and making the course look even better. We hosted the annual Pride breakfast on Monday, March 18th, with 50 plus Pride members joining us. Our fearless Pride leader Peter Mnatzakanian did his normal well-rehearsed speech to thank everyone. A HUGH THANK YOU! to all the volunteers.

THANK YOU

To the members of the building and grounds committee that worked long hours to replenish the course signage throughout the golf course. In particular, Mike Wilson, Keith Wilson, Don Frazier, Mike Paquee, and Charlie Schmidt were primarily responsible for the professional looking, attractive upgrades. All golf members owe them a big thank you—be sure to tell them when you see them. Buying them a drink (soft or hard) when you see one of them in the café or at a dinner would be much in order—I plan to do so.

Ken Kirkman, on behalf of all golf members



News from the Pro by Jim Ferree, PGA

We're ramping up our Pro Shop inventory for the 2024 season with some items I think you'll like. Beautiful shirts and pullovers for men and women from Foot Joy and Antigua have come in along with a variety of caps with new versions of our Carolina Colours logo. We even have "generic" Carolina Colours caps for our non-golfing residents. As always, all Golf Members get 20% off all apparel.

We also have some great looking golf bags from Callaway, Datrek, Titleist, and Srixon. For the month of April, we are offering a 15% discount on the bag of your choice to members so stop by and pick your new bag out while the options are many.

Tournament Committee 2024 Schedule of Events *

| DATE | TOURNAMENT | START TIMES |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| April 14 | Play with a Masters Pro | Tee Times |
| April 21 | Couples Event | 2 pm Shotgun |
| April 28 | New Bern Cup at Taberna | Shotgun start |
| May 19 (or 20) | Heaven and Hell | 9 am Shotgun (food) |
| June 1 & 2 | Member-Member | 8:30 Shotgun (food) |
| June 16 | Couples Event | 2 pm Shotgun (18 holes) |
| June 25 | Aerifying Greens | Course Closed |
| July 4 | Flag Tournament | 8 am Tee Times |
| July 14 | Couples Event | 4 pm Shotgun (9 holes) |
| August 11 | Couples Event | 3 pm Shotgun (9 holes) |
| August 25 | Carolina Colours Cup | 8:30 am Shotgun |
| August 30 | Nine & Dine | 2 pm Shotgun |
| September 3 & 4 | Aerifying Greens | Course Closed |
| September 22 | Ryder Cup | 8:30 am Shotgun |
| October 5 & 6 | Member-Guest | 8:30 Shotgun (food) |
| October 13 | Couples Event | 1 pm Shotgun (18 holes) |
| October 19 & 20 | Club Championship | 8 am Tee Times (food) |
| November 4 | Equity Golf Tournament | 9 am Shotgun |
| November 11 | Pride Appreciation | 9 am Shotgun |
| November 17 | Couples Event | 2 pm Shotgun (9 holes) |

^{*}Does not include outside tournaments



Play with a Masters Pro



Sunday. April 14th

\$5 Entry fee

How it Works:

- 1. Make your own tee time
- 2. Check into Pro Shop & draw a Pro's name
- 3. Play your normal round no gimmes!
 4. Turn in your scorecard Pro shop will add your net 18 hole score with the Pro's 18 hole score for a final 36 hole score.



Couples Event Sunday, April 21st | 3 pm Shotgun

\$7 Entry
Fee per
person



9 Holes

Blind Draw Partners

Sign up as 'couples' so that we will have an even number of men & women - PLAY WITH YOUR OWN SPOUSE/PARTNER - Pro Shop will pair up teams while you are playing. Format will be Best Ball between you and your 'Blind Partner'



The Carolina Colours GC New Bern Cup Team has been announced and is set to compete in the 2024 event.







2024 New Bern Cup Team

The 2024 New Bern Cup Sunday April 28 Taberna Country Club

Which club will take home the Cup and who will win the Genesis GV70?

Tees White

Johnny Belski

White/Gold

Geoff Loftin Mark Farley Don Frazier Jim Hallenbeck Tom Mylet Spencer Skelton

Gold

Peter Eckle Charlie Kassay

Red

Carol Ackerson Robin Johnson Karen Lankton Amy Trainor

Tournament Talk Johnny Belskis, Assistant General Manager







TOURNAMENT TALK



Shamrock Shuffle

On March 17th, Carolina Colours hosted its first Couples Tournament of the year. This was the third member tournament of 2024, and the third sellout! Each team was given three shamrock balls to use throughout the 9 hole event, and it was up to them to both score well and not lose the balls. Thanks to all who attended.

Congratulations to the Eckle's and the McGraw's on first place!

February 2024 Pride Report Peter Mnatzakanian, Team Leader

The 2024 Pride season has officially opened. Our first Pride Day started on Monday, March 18th, at 7:30 AM and all holes and teams were represented. Great turnout and many new faces have joined us this year.

Kindly welcome Linda Dawson and Ray Garris (Hole #10), Linda Groff (Hole #7), Mike Cheek and Mark Barre (Hole #15), and Jack Pyburn (Hole#17).

A wonderful opening PRIDE breakfast (bacon & eggs, potatoes, biscuits, and fruit) was had by over 40 volunteers. Thank you to our Chef Michael and his staff for a great meal. Thank you to Ken Gerhardt and his bar staff (Kathy) for the delicious bloody Mary's.

Kindly remember when you are unable to come to let me know so we can get our parttimers to help.

Finally, a special shout out to Walt Teasdale and Bob Dofner, who are stepping up to help with the painting of our cart paths, tee markers, and fairway markers. This is usually done prior to the start of the season and fairways and tees are done in the summer and late fall.

Thank you to all for a great start to our season. If you know of anyone who would like to be part of our team, either full or part time, let me know.

Star Performer of the Month!

Congratulations to Ken Zirkle for his spectacular play with the MGA group on Wednesday, March 20th. Have you heard of golfers shooting their age?? Well, Ken shot 4 strokes LESS than his age. He shot a smooth 79 for his 18 holes of play! Way to play Ken!!!

<u>Terri's Tips!</u> Hit It Close in April with the 'L To L'

For all the golfers who have been playing for a while and have experience on the golf course, let's lower the scores!

I stress often how important the short game is. Most of my students are not comfortable hitting a shot that doesn't require a full swing. It's because they are not aware of how to make this happen.

I have a shot I teach to my students—it's call the L to L shot.

All this requires is an awareness of how your hands and wrist are moving on a 'half swing going back' and a 'half swing going forward.'

Set up with a pitching wedge or a sand wedge as you normally do. On the take away, you will hinge your wrist up right away, trying to keep your left arm as straight as possible. This will form a letter "L.' Once that is formed you stop. On the way down as you go into your follow through you will do the same. Once you are forming the 'L' you will stop. This shot should go anywhere from 30 to 70 yards with your pitching wedge or sand wedge.

A few things to be aware of. If you're taking too much of a divot and too much earth when you're hitting the ball, you're not using your wrist correctly. Make sure the bottom of the club, which we also call the soul or 'the bounce,' just lightly brushes the grass behind the ball. This will give you more loft in the face and help have the ball come down nice and soft on the green.



Any questions or want to know about lessons? Email me at Carolinaschoolofgolf@gmail.com

Par for the Course—Peter Eckle

Last year I covered the situations involving a moveable object and a loose impediment which is shown again below. The question was asked, what happens in the case of replacing your ball after it rolled when you picked up the rake and the ball rolls again. Turns out the answer is a little more complicated than you might think and depends on whether the ball came to rest or not.

If your ball had come to rest after you replaced it, and then it moved by natural forces, you must play the ball from its new location.

If, on the other hand when you try to replace the ball it does not stay on the original spot, you must try a second time. If the ball again does not stay on that spot, the player must replace the ball by placing it on the nearest spot where the ball will stay at rest. The spot must not be nearer the hole, and must be in the same area of the course (bunker). Rule 14.2e.



Moveable object vs loose impediment

Do you know the difference between a loose impediment and a moveable object and how you should proceed with each to correctly apply the rules? It seems like there shouldn't be any difference, but there is.

A movable object is something man-made, while a loose impediment is something natural. So what, you say? How you handle each can make a big difference.

With a moveable object, you want

to mark your ball before you try to move the rake. If the ball moves, you can replace it in its original spot with no penalty. Don't make the mistake of playing the ball from where it came to rest or it's a 2 stroke penalty for playing from the wrong place. Ouch.

With a loose impediment, you must be careful not to move the ball if you try to remove the loose impediment (pine cone). If the ball moves, you must replace it and it's a 1 stroke penalty. Seems unfair, but those are the rules.

Military Day!



Active military & all first responders may play Monday through Thursday for \$45 Friday, Saturday, & Sunday for \$50

Retired military may play on Monday and Thursday for \$45

Join us in showing respect for our nation's heroes by wearing red on Friday!

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April Hours of Operation

Pro Shop

Mon 9:00 am-6:00 pm Tues-Sun 7:00 am-6:00 pm

Driving Range (must check in with Pro Shop prior to 5:00pm)

Mon 9:00 am-6:00 pm Tues-Sun 7:00 am-6:00 pm

Carolina Colours Ladies Golf Association (LGA)

Tuesday, March 5th was the first day for games this year and we had 11 ladies brave the sloppy, wet conditions for the front or back nine toss out game! On Tuesday, March 12th the conditions were much nicer for our 9-hole scramble. The theme was wear your green in honor of St Patrick's day. Check out the pictures from the day posted on the bulletin board in the Pro Shop. The ladies really know how to show their spirit!

During the aeration project at the Colours, we had 16 ladies brave the cold morning to play at the Emerald Golf Club, including 4 ladies who played 9 holes. Our next bimonthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th with a 9-hole scramble followed by lunch and a meeting on the Sunset Terrace.

April Tuesday's Games

Start Times Move To 9:00 am

April 2nd: 3 Club Monte—Choose 3 clubs and your putter

April 9th: Sweet 16—Throw out one hole on each side. Nine Holers start on the Front

April 16th: Low Putts or Home and Home at the Emerald Golf Club

April 23rd: Even holes only, half HC

April 30th: Blind Draw 2 Person Team

Carolina Colours Men's Golf Association (MGA)

As we start our new MGA year, we have 70 members who have paid their dues. If you haven't done so yet, there is still time to pay your dues for the upcoming season. And speaking of money, you can still purchase Hole-In-One insurance for the new season. As a reminder, the insurance is \$10 each for Wednesday and Friday. If you choose to purchase the insurance, please pay at the Pro Shop or give the money to one of the Board members. The Wednesday Hole-In-One pot is now north of \$1700!

The road game for earlier this month was Star Hill. Twenty players made the trip down to Cape Carteret on a chilly Tuesday morning. As temperatures warmed up, a good time was had by most! Next month's away game will be at Cypress Landing on April 16th with tee times starting at 9:00am. Look for an email from Bob Penvose shortly and let Bob know if you are interested in playing. As with Star Hill, Cypress is a popular "away" trip, so please respond to Bob's email promptly to secure a slot.

As a reminder, please make sure you are teeing off from the mats on all the par 3s. This is being done to preserve the tee boxes during the winter. Anything you can do to keep the course in good shape is much appreciated. Also, please note that on Wednesday April 3rd, we will move to a 9:00am start time for the MGA. See the section below for start times for the balance of the MGA season.

Start times for the next twelve months is as follows

March—9:30 am
April and May—9:00 am
June through September—8:30 am
October and November—9:00 am
December through February—9:30 am

By majority vote, the MGA will maintain the 9:30 am tee times during the winter months.

List of events for the upcoming year

Master's Drink Day—April 12th
MGA/LGA Mixer—June 12th with June 13th as rain day
July luncheon—July 17th
Beer and Brats Day—October 9th
End of year luncheon—November 13th

April's Wednesday's games are:

- 04/03/24 Modified Stableford/ABCD: Two low net for scores; 4 pts. for net eagle, 3 pts. for net birdie, 2 pts. for net par, -1 pt. for net bogey, -2 pts. for net double bogey, -3 pts. for net triple bogey and worse)
- o 04/10/24 Four Man 1/2/3 ABCD: 1 low net on par 3's, 2 low net on par 4's, 3 low net on par 5's
- o 04/17/24 Four-man Three Low Net/ABCD: Three low net scores per hole
- o 04/24/24 Lone Ranger (Four-man/CDAB): Lone Ranger net + One additional low net; C player gets Holes 1, 5, 9, 13, 17; D player gets 2, 6, 10, 14, 18; A player gets 3, 7, 11, 15; B player gets 4, 8, 12, 16.

Colours Café

Opened
Monday 11 am to 3 pm
Tuesday 11 am to 3 pm
Tuesday Dinner 5 to 7 pm
Wednesday to Sunday
11 am to 4 pm

Made-to-order sandwiches and a side or salad

Call in your order from the course (look for the sign near the 9th tee box) and pick up your order when you make the turn.

You may charge your order to your Golf Club membership account. Otherwise, cash or credit cards only.

Sports Bar

Opened

Monday 11 am to 3 pm Tuesday 11 am to 3 pm Tuesday Dínner 5-7 pm Wednesday—Sunday 11:00 am-4:00 pm

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