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## Ken Gerhardt's Comments

Wow! Where has this year gone? The weather held out for most of the month. Got a little brisk first thing in the morning, it warmed up nicely most afternoons. I saw lots of members enjoying themselves.

### **Hours you may walk or bike the cart paths for exercise. These hours are for December, January, & February**

Monday morning until 10 am front nine. Back nine need to be off the course by 11:30 am.

Tuesday through Friday, any time prior to 8 am as we put groups off the back and front on these days. You need to be off the course everywhere by 8 am.

Saturday and Sunday, anytime on the front nine prior to 8 am. You may be on the back nine until 9:30 am. As always please keep an eye out for our staff and equipment as you will be able to see them before they see you.

As the course has been busy most afternoons, we ask that you only walk the front nine after 5 pm. You must start on hole 1 if you plan on walking in the evening.

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## **Ken Gerhardt's Comments (continued from page 1)**

### **Pride Volunteers**

As we are at the end of Pride Season, I want to take a minute to say THANK YOU! Those that help with Pride are greatly appreciated. The course continues to not only improve, but stay in great shape due to all your efforts. We realize that countless volunteer hours go into our course on a weekly basis. From all of us that work at Carolina Colours—THANK YOU!

If you happen to find a warm Sunday or Monday, please feel free to do Pride if you wish during the winter. On Mondays you may start as late as 9 am as the course won't open until 10 am. Just a reminder to always check the website under Today's Latest to see the cart and greens policy.

### **Garden Group**

The gardens all around the golf course look beautiful. If anyone wishes to take on a new garden, please reach out to Don Frazier. There are a few locations that would be perfect for this.

### **Employee Christmas Funds**

As usual, our membership has been extremely generous with their donations. From all the staff, we wish to say THANK YOU! You have made our staff's Christmas extra exciting this season.

If you haven't donated yet, please don't worry. There's still time. Feel free to drop off a check or cash in the lock box in the Pro Shop. Please put a note of "Christmas Fund" on the envelope.

### **Winter Projects**

Most of the winter will be spent working on drains, bunkers, and large roots around cart paths and rough areas.

### **Hours of operations for Colours Café**

The Café will be open Tuesday through Sunday 11 am to 3 pm. On Tuesday evenings, we offer a full menu as well as a few dinner specials. Hours for dinner on Tuesday's are 5 to 7 pm. On the golf website if you click on "Today's Latest," all the daily lunch as well as Tuesday dinner specials are listed. We update this list Sunday evenings.

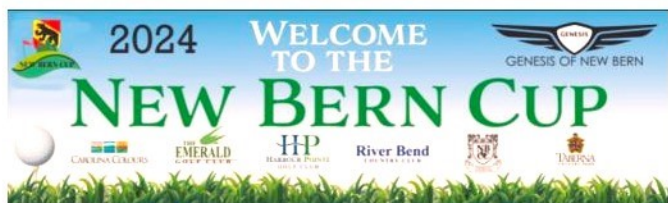
I want to thank all our members for their continued support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, Feliz Navidad, and a fantastic New Year!

## Tournament Committee

### 2024 Schedule of Events \*

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIMES
February 4	Chili Bowl Scramble	12 pm Shotgun (food)
February 24	Three Club Event	12 pm Shotgun (food)
March 9	Dice Game	9 am Shotgun (food)
March 17	Couples Event	3 pm Shotgun (9 holes)
March 18 & 19	Aerifying Greens	Course Closed
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



**TABERNA CC  
SUNDAY  
APRIL 28, 2024**

## **The 2024 New Bern Cup Is set for Sunday April 28, 2024**

Mark your calendar if you would like to participate on the Carolina Colours Golf Club team that will compete in the 2024 Cup. There will be more information distributed in January 2024 outlining the requirements for team participation.

The team that will compete includes 8 men, 4 women, 1 Pro and 2 alternates. More than likely there will need to be a qualifying event in order to make

the team. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact Jim Ferree.





## News from the Pro by Jim Ferree, PGA

Our 2023 golf season is coming to a close and as we move into December, we can reflect on a year of good times with excellent weather spent with our club-wielding comrades. Now, as the daylight window to golf has shortened due to cooler mornings and earlier sunsets, we find ourselves cutting back on our golfing frequency. Those ideal temperatures that spoiled us are no longer a daily occurrence and it's easy to throttle back on our golfing regimen. If you are a typical golfer, you can expect to have your scores creep up during the winter and thus your handicap as well. There are other factors contributing to the tendency to lose our "A" game. With cooler weather, golfers will be dressing warmer with added layers which tend to restrict one's swing. Cold hands reduce the touch on those short shots which are so important to scoring. The ball does not travel as far due to cooler air and generally softer fairways, so having to hit longer clubs into the greens is a regular occurrence. To minimize these adverse effects on your winter performance, here are some helpful suggestions you might consider:

1. Store your golf balls in a heated area. A warm ball goes further than a cold one, so bring your equipment inside instead of leaving it outside in the golf cart or car trunk.
2. Warm up by doing some stretching exercises prior to play. Joints and muscles are tighter in colder weather and stretching will maximize your range of motion and ease of movement.
3. Consider using hand warmers during play. Not only will you be more comfortable and have better feel, you can legally keep your golf balls warmer by alternating balls on holes and keeping the one you are not using next to your hand warmer. (On an interesting note: a device specifically designed to keep golf balls warmer is illegal during play, however a handwarmer is not.)
4. Resist the urge to swing harder. Trying to swing faster to counter the elements can destroy timing and your ability to make solid contact. If you feel like you need to hit it further, take a longer club instead. If you can't get there with anything in your bag, play a shot that will leave you with the best angle and distance for your next shot.

Hopefully some of these suggestions will help you get the most enjoyment out of your upcoming winter golf.

by Johnny Belskis, Assistant General Manager

# JOKER'S WILD COUPLES GOLF

**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

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The final couples golf event of 2023 took place this month and ended the season on a high note. We had 36 in the field, making nine teams of 4. The tournament committee had a great format in store, making for a great event. A special shout-out to Robin Johnson for her efforts in this particular event!

Each player in the foursome was given a suit (from a deck of cards, not Men's Warehouse) and the cards on the following tee box decided who's score would be used. The scores were extremely close!

The winning team was... The Paquee's and the Reinecke's!



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by Johnny Belskis, Assistant General Manager  
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# RYDER CUP

OCTOBER 29, 2023

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The Ryder Cup is one of the best events of the year at Carolina Colours, and this year didn't disappoint. After a rain out earlier in the month, we rescheduled and had 64 players participate!

Play consisted of three 9-hole matches. The formats were Best Ball, Alternate shot, and Singles. Over the course of 27 holes, bragging rights are decided between the red and blue teams.

After going into round 3 all square, the Red Team led by Jim Ferree took control in their singles matches and won the 2023 Ryder Cup! Congratulations and great playing. 27 holes is a lot of golf in one day, and it took a lot of great play to earn their victory. Well done!

To the Blue team... keep your heads up high. If there were trophies for the best-looking team, smartest team, funniest team, friendliest team, or most impactful team to the community, I would have liked our odds!



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## Star Performers of the Month!

*On November 21st, during the LGA day, Cheryl Yadach had a great swing on the 2nd hole. It was so good that the ball went right into the hole, yes a HOLE IN ONE for 'Yada.!!*

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### **Pride Report Peter Mnatzakanian Team Leader**

#### **November 2023 Pride Tournament/Luncheon Wrap Up**

Thank you to everyone who participated during our outing and luncheon. Another great season with quite a few challenges. Shout out to Josh Purvis and his maintenance team for all their assistance this year.

Thank you to Chef Michael and his team for the great luncheon and a big welcome to our Carolina Colours community.

Pride took on many new things this year. Our gardens on the course, as well as the gardens on our properties, added something special this year. Some of you were at the luncheon representing our garden teams.

Pride also helped when there was a delay in getting our new carts. Paul Dale, Daryl Chapman, Bob Mohn, and Rich and Linda Groff came multiple times a week to help Rick and our cart people.

Many of you took on additional responsibilities when called upon, vacation coverage and medical time.

Thank you to Jeff Ackerson for his updates and work on the Red Stakes. It was always timely and efficient.

Thank you to our new folks who made it through the year.

Finally, we need additional substitutes for the year 2024. If you know of anyone who might like to be on our list, kindly let me know.

Thank you to all of you.



## **Terri's Tips!**

### How To Get Started with Golf

I get asked all the time how to get started in the game of Golf. It's very easy to get started, the tough part is to keep it going!

Many people start, but then may get frustrated, may not have the time to put into it, may think they don't have the right clothing, shoes, and equipment. All of this can be addressed and made easier for you!

First and foremost, get your expectations in check. Golf is probably the most challenging sport I have ever played, but the most rewarding. I can teach anyone to play the game of golf. You do not have to have prior athletic experience. If you can walk and keep your balance you will be able to hit a golf ball. All it takes is a little time, A LOT of PATIENCE, and to be kind to yourself.

You don't need 'golf clothes' or 'golf shoes' to start. All it takes is shorts, polo shirts, sneakers, slacks (no jeans).

It does not take a lot of time to learn. I have a group of ladies who started a few months ago. They came out and formed a little group for their lessons. Now they are out playing the golf course a few times a week, and having a GREAT time doing so! We have set up our golf course for all levels of play. It only takes two hours, maybe a little less to play nine holes.

December is a great time to start. It's still warm enough and you don't have to deal with our crazy summer temperatures. Also, it's a perfect time to purchase gift certificates for Christmas. If you know of someone who wants to get started, it could be the nudge they need with lessons for one of their presents.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at  
[Carolinaschoolofgolf@gmail.com](mailto:Carolinaschoolofgolf@gmail.com)

## Par for the Course—Peter Eckle



Options when your ball crosses a hazard marked with red stakes

### **Red Stake Options**

Knowledge of the rules/options when it comes to red stakes and a hazard can provide an important advantage for you during a round. In the example above, your tee ball finds its way into the pond. The blue line shows the ball flight and where it crossed the hazard. There are many golfers that assume their only option is to drop a ball laterally no more than 2 club lengths from where it crossed (no closer to the hole), which would be where the X on the left is shown.

Knowing you have other options, you should first assess what kind of a lie that drop may give you. In that location, the ball may be above your feet, not giving you a good lie. If so, you can choose another option, which is to go as far back on the line, keeping the point it crossed the hazard and the pin in line (see the green line) and dropping where the X on the right is, for example. The result could be a flatter lie and a distance to the green that is more to your liking.

A third option, which you would most likely not do, is to go back to the tee or the place of your previous shot.

## Military Day!



Active military & all first responders may play Monday through Thursday for \$40

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday for \$45

Retired military may play on Monday and Thursday for \$40

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

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## **December Hours of Operation**

### **Pro Shop**

Mon 9:30 am–5:00 pm  
Tues–Sun 7:30 am– 5:00 pm

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

Mon 9:30 am–5:00 pm  
Tues–Sun 7:30 am– 5:00 pm

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## **Carolina Colours Ladies Golf Association (LGA )**

The LGA celebrated its last “surprise scramble” on Tuesday, November 7th. The theme was “Election Day” and members were encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. The “surprise” was the ladies tee’d off from the Red, White, and Blue tees, alternating each hole. What a challenge those white and blue tees are!! Everyone was given a flag for their cart and temporary tattoos to show their patriotism.

We will finish out the year with our annual Lunch Celebration on Tuesday, December 5th at noon, when we look forward to acknowledging our accomplishments from this past year. Weather permitting, we will play a 9 hole scramble prior to lunch. Lunch will be heavy hors d’oeuvres and salad. Each lady will bring a wrapped gift for a fun gift exchange.

Finally, a huge congratulations goes out to our president, Cheryl Yadach, for her hole in one on #2 on Tuesday, November 21st. This was Cheryl’s second hole in one on #2 this year! Cheryl will win the Hole In One monies that have been collected these past two years. Way to go Cheryl!!



## **Carolina Colours Men's Golf Association (MGA)**

On November 7, 2023, 13 MGA members traveled to Walnut Creek Country Club for our monthly golf outing. The course was in fine shape, the greens fast, and a good time was had by all.

Our final road trip will be Taberna Golf Club on December 7, 2023.

November 15th marked the end of the MGA year (games will continue; however, we will not collect the \$1 dues). 40 men participated in a Scramble and then 50 showed up for our end of year luncheon.

At the lunch, Scott Carruthers, President, told everyone that we have 83 members, an increase from 79 at the beginning of the MGA year (March 1st). We had 62 play dates with an average of 29 players per date. Scott recognized the 15 members who joined the MGA this year. He also acknowledged the members who have been with the MGA since it started in 2011.

Kelly Halbig, Vice President, pointed out some of the highlights for the year, including 10 road trips to area courses, AED/CPR Training, Master Drink Day, MGA/LGA Mixer, July Lunch, Beer and Brats Day, and Match Play. Kelly also pointed out that we were proud to support the LGA's Pretty in Pink event with a \$230 donation from our members.

Bob Penvose, Treasurer, pointed out that we have \$1,140 in the hole-in-one pool for Wednesday and \$540 for Friday. Bill Jarvis did get a hole-in-one on a Friday round, but this will continue until March 1st, 2024, so there is still time to take the Wednesday money or share with Bill's Friday pot.

Randy King, our long-time statistician, then presented annual awards. Congratulations to the following winners:

- \* Most Improved A Flight—Bob Penvose, 1st, John Durham 2nd and John Belskis 3rd.
- \* Most Improved B Flight—Ken Zirkle 1st, Tom Saunderson 2nd and Jim Serour 3rd
- \* Most Improved C Flight—Lou Moran 1st, Tom Trimmer 2nd and Bob Dofner 3rd
- \* Bill Maloney Iron Man Award given to the member who played the most rounds—Mark Farley 1st, Ken Zirkle 2nd, and John Belskis 3rd
- \* Jekyll and Hyde Award—Jim Hallenbeck most consistent and John Filipow most inconsistent
- \* Most Money Won—Ken Zirkle 1st, Mark Farley 2nd and Bill Jarvis 3rd.

Randy King will be stepping away from statistician duties and will be replaced next year by Bob Penvose. Randy was presented with a gift to acknowledge his many years handling this function.

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## **Carolina Colours Men's Golf Association (MGA)**

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Bill Jarvis reported that his membership on the tournament committee as a representative of the MGA is expiring this year and he will be replaced by Walt Teasdale. Mark Farley will also be on this committee.

Paul Platek, Secretary, reviewed the rules for max score and penalties associated with red and white stakes. Paul also emphasized the importance of playing from the mats on the par 3s during the winter. He pointed out that failure to do so will result in disqualification from that day's play and the player will not be eligible for a poley or hole-in-one.

Scott presented the slate of officers for 2024 as follows: Kelly Halbig, President, Bob Penvose, Vice President, Paul Platek, Treasurer, Mark Barre, Secretary

Start times for December through March will be 9:30 am.

### **December's Wednesday games are:**

- 12/6/23 For Man 1,2,3/ABCD—3 low net scores on par 3's, 2 on par 4's, 1 on par 5's
- 12/13/23 Lone Ranger (Four Man ABCD)—Low net of 3 players + Lone Ranger low net. A player gets holes 1,5,9,13,17. B gets 2,6,10,14,18. C gets 3,7,11,15. D gets 4,8,12,16.
- 12/20/23 Scramble/ ABCD—All players hit tee shot, team selects best ball, and this continues till holed out. Minimum 3 drives per player
- 12/27/23 Red Tees/ ABCD—all players hit from red tees, 2 low net and 1 low gross score per hole.

## Colours Café

### Hours

*Monday Closed*

*Tuesday 11 am--3 pm*

*Tuesday Dinner 5 to 7 pm*

*Wednesday to Sunday  
11 am to 3 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

### Hours

*Monday Closed*

*Tuesday 11 am to 3 pm*

*Dinner 5-7 pm*

*Wednesday—Sunday  
11:00 am—3:00 pm*

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