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Ken Gerhardt's Comments

First and foremost, we are extremely proud of the support the membership shows each Friday by wearing red. To keep the tradition going, we will be announcing the weekly winners each month in the newsletter. At the end of the year, all 52 weekly winners will be put into a raffle for a \$250 prize in Pro Shop credits. This month's winners were Tony Gaita (1-5), Larry Pelletier (1-12), Scott Carruthers (1-19), and Greg Reinecke (1-26). After drawing from all the weekly winners in 2023, I am happy to announce that Rich Yadach has won the \$250 grand prize!

As we get closer to Pride season, I would like to inform you all that the Pride Kickoff Breakfast will be on Monday, March 18th after Pride for that day. We are so grateful for all your efforts each and every year. It is not something that many courses do, and I am very happy to have it here!

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Ken Gerhardt's Comments (continued from page 1)

Out on the course, you may have noticed that we have new flagsticks. They are better quality than our previous ones. The colors of the sticks will remain the same for pin positions. Red for front pins, yellow for middle pins, and blue for back pins. The new flagsticks are also equipped with "prism sticks" which is an attachment to the top of the flag that makes it easier for range finders to find the flag when shooting the distance.

There are also a few spots of the course that are newly marked that I would like to highlight. On the right side of hole 4 once you pass the bridge, it is now marked with white stakes (Out of Bounds). The "ditch" on 4 goes under that bridge and extends out to the right side of the hole as well, which will soon be marked with yellow stakes for "environmentally sensitive area". This spot is just off the tee box and well to the right, so I really hope that the area doesn't come in to play often.

As for maintenance, Josh and his team are working hard on repairing the drains in the bunkers. They finished the left fairway bunker on 18 and are almost finished with the right fairway bunker on 10. After that, they plan to do the left fairway bunker on 1, right fairway bunker on 4, left greenside bunker on 5, right fairway bunker on 7, and the first left fairway bunker on 8.

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



Chili Bowl Scramble

Sunday, February 4, 2024 12 PM Shotgun - 18 Holes

\$12 per person



Chili. Beverage & Prizes

Sign up as a Single, with a Partner, or as a Foursome!

Mixed foursomes are also welcome!

Invitations will be sent out via Golf Genius 2 weeks prior to event. Registration will close 3 days prior.



Three Club Tournament

Saturday, February 24th | 12 Noon Shotgun



INCLUDES SNACK, BEER OR WINE & PRIZES

Sign up as a single, twosome, or foursome for this 18-hole event Individually flighted w/ 100% handicap

Men play from the Gold Tees, women from the Red Choose your favorite three clubs, PLUS your putter

Deadline to sign up: February 19th

CCGC Member



Dice Game

Saturday, March 9th 9 am Shotgun





Roll the dice to see whose shot you use! Includes lunch & Prizes, Cash bar

Sign up individually - Pro Shop will pair ABCD teams Invite will come from Golf Genius 2 wks prior





TABERNA GG SUNDAY APRIL 23, 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

January has been a transition month for our Pro Shop personnel. Emma Phipps has left us to resume her education and Adam York, being the good son and all-around great guy, has moved to his hometown in New Hampshire to be closer to his parents. Both Emma and Adam were excellent employees and will be missed by us all.

On the bright side, Kathy Diane Graham (or "KD" as she prefers) has come aboard and has already proven to be a quick learner with a customer driven attitude. KD will surely provide the quality service our members deserve. KD is currently a sophomore at New Bern Christian Academy and plays on their golf team. She and her family are residents here at Carolina Colours. If you haven't met her yet stop in and say hello.

Pro Shop Highlights

- Our 30% off apparel sale is still going on to make room for the new 2024 lines.
- For those wanting a silicon cap clip ball marker that won't stain fabrics if they get wet, we now have them in stock in assorted colors.
- Anyone contemplating an equipment change or just a little curious, we have some new Titleist and Callaway demo clubs in that you are welcome to try out.
 - Remember, Johnnie has Flight Scope you can rent if you want specific numbers to crunch. It's a great way to quantitatively compare how different clubs perform for you.

Johnny Belskis, Assistant General Manager





Tournament Talk

Once again, I don't have any tournaments to recap but we are getting close!! The Chili Bowl is just days away and we have 48 in the field along with 4 players on the waiting list! We decided to move the cap up to 48 due to the demand to play. Unfortunately, any more than that would affect pace of play. Golf Genius will notify you if you are taken off the waiting list and added to the roster.

The Chili Bowl will be an 18 hole scramble. Handicap allowance is 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%. All players will play from the Silver Tees. The Tournament Committee has added a new prize for 3rd place this year that might come in handy after the tournament...I look forward to seeing you guys there!

Upcoming

Chili Bowl 2-4

Three Club Event 2-24

Dice Game

Couples Event 3-17

Play with a Masters Pro 4-14

> Couples Event 4-21

Heaven & Hell 5-19 (or 20)

Member- Member 6-1 & 6-2

Couples Event 6-16

Flag Tournament 7-4

Couples Event 7-14

Couples Event 8-11

Terri's Tips!

Two Clubs for Lower Scores in 2024!

For lower scores and for better short, approach/chip shots to the pin, use only 2 clubs around the green.

When playing, you will eventually find yourself in front of the putting green. Many are confused what to use for their pitch shots to the green. To keep it simple, start with the below club selection.

Keep the ball low whenever possible. As a putt would look.

If you can putt the ball, then putt—this is your highest percentage shot that will yield good results. When you can't putt, you chip—as below information will help only when you HAVE to do your pitch. That's a shot that has more air time than roll time. This shot usually doesn't end up well!

For Short/Chip Approach Shots to the Pin

Use your pitching wedge. If you can visualize landing it on the green, maybe two to three feet on, and then letting the ball roll the rest of the way. Another way to visualize it is to have one third air and two thirds roll. Even if you don't hit it exactly the way you want, your misses will be better as you had the proper club selection for that shot.

For Longer, Chip/Approach Shots to the Pin

Use your 8 iron. Remember, with the longer chip shots you need to let the ball roll more on the green, as a putt would do towards the hole, not toss it up into the air. Use this when the hole is located towards the back of the green and you have a lot of room to roll the ball to the hole. Keep the same visual, land it two to three feet onto the green, or the rule of one third in the air and two thirds roll to the hole!

Keep it simple. Get really good with these two clubs and you will be on your way to lower scores in 2024!

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Par for the Course—Peter Eckle The Laws of Golf

For those of you that might want to take a break from the rules, here are some "Laws" of golf that too often seem to govern our play.



- Law 1: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.
- Law 2: No matter how bad your last shot was, you should have inner peace knowing that a worse shot is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, the summer, and eventually a lifetime.
- Law 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proved in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.
- Law 4: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified they deem themself as an instructor.
- Law 5: A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer, and an IRS agent or some similar combination.
- Law 6: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water.
- Law 7: When you hit a provisional ball, it often turns out to be the best shot you hit all day.
- Law 8: It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you're lying 7.
- Law 9: Every time a golfer makes a birdie, they must subsequently make a double or triple bogey to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
- Law 10: A good drive never goes unpunished.
- Of course, there are a bunch more "laws," but we were limited by space and time.

 If you have some good ones, let me know at petereckle@gmail.com

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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February 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

Carolina Colours Ladies Golf Association (LGA)

On behalf of the CCLGA, Happy New Year. We hope everyone got to enjoy the celebration in whatever way makes you happy. Here is looking forward to 2024 and many good days of golf ahead.

With the unusually cold temperatures that have settled upon us, golf has taken a back seat for many. The good news is temperatures are expected to warm up and we can resume some golf in preparation for the upcoming season. The February Tee Times should have more information concerning the upcoming season.

The new 2024 LGA board is meeting to review the results of our survey and plan some events for the upcoming season. If you have had new folks move in near you and they are interested in golfing or learning to golf, please encourage them to join us. We welcome all new members with open arms.

Time to Leap into the new LGA season with our 2024 KICK OFF kick.

When: Thursday, February 29th

Time: 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast; followed by Business Meeting, and Nine Hole

Scramble at 10:00 AM Place: Pavilion Tap Room

We hope as many as possible will join us to start the new season. Members should provide their own beverage of choice. Breakfast will be a simple continental breakfast of assorted muffins, donuts, and such. Look forward to seeing all of you.

For now, stay warm and get out there when the temperatures allow. It will be spring before we know it.

Carolina Colours Men's Golf Association (MGA)

Plans are in place for the MGA for the 2024 season! The MGA ended the 2023 season with 84 members, and sign-up is now underway for the 2024 season. The 2024 Board consists of Kelly Halbig, President; Bob Penvose, Vice President; Paul Platek, Treasurer; and Mark Barre, Secretary. You can pay your \$25 annual dues to any of the board members, or pay at the Pro Shop.

Hole-In-One insurance for 2023 remains in force until February 27, 2024, and the new season will officially kick off on February 28. So, 2024 Hole-In-One insurance, \$10 for Wednesday, and \$10 for Friday, can also be paid to any of the board members or the Pro Shop. Get out your calendars to note the Kick-Off breakfast will be on February 28 at the Pavilion, starting at 8:00am. Golf will follow at 9:30am.

Playing notes:

- Please continue to use the mats on the par 3 holes so our tee boxes are in good shape come spring.
- Sign-up for Wednesday and Friday rounds closes at 3:00 pm the day before the round. Please avoid cancellations after sign-up has closed. We understand occasions will arise where you cannot play after signing up. So in those cases, please call the Pro Shop to alert them you cannot play.
- Away games will start in March, so stay tuned for that schedule.
- Jeff Seidman sank a hole-in-one on Friday, December 29th on Hole 16. He used a 7 wood to pitch the ball onto the green and roll it into the hole. It was a great shot and I had the fortune to watch it in real time! Jeff and Bill Jarvis are our two Friday winners to date, but remember, your 2023 H-I-O insurance still covers you until Feb. 27th. And no one has claimed the Wednesday H-I-O pot yet!

Wednesday's games in February are:

- February 7—Lone Ranger (4-man A/B/C/D): Lone Ranger net + One additional low net;
 A player gets Holes 1, 5, 9, 13, 17; B player gets 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, C player gets 3, 7, 11, 15; D player gets 4, 8, 12, 16
- February 14—Four-man 3/2/1 ABCD: 3 low net on par 3's, 2 low net on par 4's, 1 low net on par 5's
- February 21—One low gross/One low net ABCD
- February 28—Modified Scramble/ABCD (MGA Breakfast): All players hit tee shot, team selects best ball and this continues until holed out; minimum of 3 drives per player; Breakfast and meeting 8:00am

Colours Café

Monday closed
Opewed
Tuesday 11 am--3 pm
Tuesday Dinner 5 to 7 pm
Wednesday to Sunday
11 am to 4pm

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

Monday closed Opened Tuesday 11 am to 3 pm Dínner 5-7 pm

Wednesday—Sunday 11:00 am-4:00 pm

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