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Ken Gerhardt's Comments

Prior to writing my articles, I always look at last year's article. I do this so I don't repeat myself but also to ensure we achieved what I might have stated. All I can say is WOW! That was my article where I shared with the community about my health and thanking everyone for their support. I wrote that newsletter about 15 days after my heart attack. What a difference a year makes. With the continued support of my beautiful wife Meagan, my family, my team, and all the members here at Carolina Colours, I can share that I feel better than I have in years.

Unfortunately, many people dread going to work each day. I can honestly say that when I wake up in the morning, the first thing I do is thank God for allowing me another day. I always look forward to coming to work. Yes, there are great days and sometimes there are challenging days at work. When I head home, I think about my day and I always thank God for allowing me to continue my job at Colours.

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Ken Gerhardt's Comments (continued from page 1)

Ok, now back to work. Josh and his team continue to work on bunkers. The reason we haven't completed the one on hole 1 is we need to repair the drainage ditch left of the bunker that goes all the way past hole 2 green. This will take a piece of equipment that needs to be rented. This is on our calendar for March as we need to find a dry week to take the equipment across the fairway to the ditch. Once this ditch has water flowing, we will be able to complete the bunker quickly. In the meantime, they are working on other bunkers. They will start a few drain projects in March as well.

I am pleased to announce that all the pre-emergent has been placed on the course. This was a two-week project that both Josh and Shelby worked on daily.

Your building and grounds committee stayed busy with several projects. They repaired and replaced all trim work, all new caps, painted, and replaced all our hole signs. They also painted the men's restroom and installed the board between the Pro Shop and kitchen. There was also some damage to the ballroom walls that needed attention. A group we had in there used a tape that was supposed to come off easily. When it was pulled the paint came with it. All these projects are completed and look fantastic. This committee put in over 150 manhours on these projects.

We will be punching the greens on March 18th and 19th. The course will be closed on both days. Pride does kickoff on March 18th. They will focus on tees and fairways the first day. After Pride, they will join us in the pavilion for breakfast. The group does so much for the course. Over a year, this group puts in over 1200 hours of volunteer work.

A huge shoutout goes out to all the volunteers we have helping us! Thank you for your continued hard work and support.

Tournament Committee

2024 Schedule of Events *

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIMES
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

**CCGC
Member
Event**



**CAROLINA COLOURS
GOLF CLUB**

Dice Game

**Saturday, March 9th
9 am Shotgun**

**\$20
PER PLAYER**



**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**

**CCGC
Member
Event**



CAROLINA COLOURS
GOLF CLUB

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 gimmies!
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.

**CCGC
Member
Event**



**CAROLINA COLOURS
GOLF CLUB**

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'

New Bern Cup

April 28, 2024

There is a sign-up sheet in the Pro Shop for those who would like to be considered to play on the Carolina Colours GC team. The team will be comprised of 8 men, 4 women, and 1 pro. Deadline to sign up is March 1 and the entry fee is \$75, to be paid if you make the team. Any questions, contact Jim or Johnny.



*Hole
in One
Prize*

Genesis
GV 70

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?



News from the Pro by Jim Ferree, PGA

As both our MGA and LGA launch their 2024 season, I thought it would be a good time to review the recent changes made in the World Handicap System we all use. Luckily, most of the improvements are built into the sophisticated system that automatically computes all handicap indexes, so no adjustments to golfers' behaviors are required. I use the term "improvements" because the governing bodies are constantly striving to ensure the handicapping system is inclusive and fair for all golfers. The overriding mission of the WHS is to provide golfers at all skill levels from courses all over the world the ability to compete equitably against each other.

By lowering length requirements, the World Handicap System is now adding shorter courses and Par 3 courses to the rating process, thereby bringing more golfers into the handicap system. With more facilities rated, more golfers can establish handicaps.

Another change implemented is how indexes for partial rounds are calculated. The system used to hold a 9-hole score until a second 9-hole score was posted. It would automatically add them together. Now, when a 9-hole score is entered, the system will calculate what the player would have likely shot on the other 9 and compute the differential. For an 18-hole round where a player has holes that weren't completed, the same process is used to compute an 18-hole differential. The player must have completed at least 10 holes and used hole by hole posting with a valid reason for having holes not played. Valid reasons include darkness, adverse weather, player illness or injury, or a match finished before the final hole. For any holes started but not completed, the player should post the score on that hole which is either the score they most likely would have scored or Net Double Bogey, whichever is lower. The guidelines to be used are as follows:

1. If the ball lies on the putting green and is no more than 5 feet from the hole, add 1 stroke to the score.
2. If the ball lies between 5 feet and 20 yards from the hole, add 2 or 3 strokes considering the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and ability of the player.
3. If more than 20 yards, add 3 or 4 strokes, again considering the relevant factors.

The World Handicap System is the cornerstone for the vast majority of amateur golf competitions. For it to work as intended, all golfers should follow the same guidelines the USGA gives us. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to stop by the Pro Shop and we will be glad to find the answers.

Tournament Talk
Johnny Belskis, Assistant General Manager

We had a great first month of tournaments. Both the Chili Bowl and 3 Club Event sold out and had small waitlist that we were able to clear. There were 32 more players this month than we projected! Thanks for your interest in these events and we look forward to a great 2024!



Winners

Chili bowl

1st place- Larry smith, Dante Genua, Nancy Filipow, and John Filipow

3 club

Men's Flight 1- John Belskis

Men's Flight 2- Kevin Jones

Women's Flight 1- Cheryl Yadach

Women's Flight 2- Helen Jabs

February 2024 Pride Report

Peter Mnatzakanian, Team Leader

As we enter 2024, a special thank you to all who have taken part in our PRIDE program. Our course remains a great place to play because of so many volunteers who give what it takes. THANK YOU!

Pride will officially kick off on Monday, March 18, 2024, starting at 7:30-8:30 a.m. or so. We will follow this with our kickoff breakfast supplied by our own Chef Michael.

Buckets and Golf Carts will be available at the cart barn. When you are finished with your assignment, you can enter the Pavilion where we will have our breakfast meeting.

A special note of thanks to those who retired: Chris Kasyan, Tom Mylett, Ed Robson, and Randy McConaughy. Their tireless work and years served were much appreciated by everyone.

Stay Tuned for the PRIDE breakfast and sign-up information.

We are finalizing our roster and alternates, if you have any questions for 2024 just let me know.

Star Performer of the Month!

A shout out to our star performer for this month. Robin Johnson had an amazing golf day at Litchfield Country Club in South Carolina. And this was after she got her clubs regripped, which were desperately needed! During that round, Robin had two birdies and a hole-in-one! She also had a chip in on another hole. Good going Robin! see what new grips will do for you!?!

Terri's Tips!

It's Easy To Get Started With Golf!!

Do you find yourself wanting to take up the game of golf but don't know how to go about it? Are you talking with some of your friends in or outside of our community who also want to play golf? Maybe your husband or your wife plays golf and they want you to get started as well? You may want to take it up for fun or to play with friends who are also starting.

We can help you with all the above here at Carolina Colours School of Golf. What do you need to get started? Pretty much all you need is yourself. Here at Carolina Colours School of Golf we have the equipment for you. All you need to do is show up and take the plunge.

People ask all the time what to wear. Anything but jeans and t-shirts. Sneakers are fine to get started. We have demo clubs to get you started as well.

The golf course itself can be intimidating. But did you know our golf course is set up for beginners as well! We have a set of tee markers that are located closer to the green. This shorter course is set especially for beginners and for those golfers who enjoy getting out for the fun but really don't want to play holes that are set up too long. This also allows you to finish your game of golf within 2 hours!

Please email me at the link below if you'd like to get started. Many students get started with two or three friends and take group lessons together. This is a wonderful way to spend time with your friends, learn a new activity, get a little exercise, and spend time outside. Learning golf is easier than you think—just let us show you! You will be out on the golf course sooner than you think!

Please email me at: carolinaschoolofgolf@gmail.com

Par for the Course—Peter Eckle

This month we're going to cover 2 situations that happen more than you think and, as always, doing the correct thing can save you strokes.

Unintentional Movement of the Ball



You take a practice swing and the ball moves. Depending on where this occurs will determine if there is a penalty. In the teeing area, no penalty, just re-tee. On the putting green, no penalty, just replace the ball. In the general area, bunker or penalty area it's a one stroke penalty and you must replace the ball. If you forget to replace the ball and hit it from the spot where it landed, it's a two stroke penalty for hitting from the wrong place. Ouch.

Incorrect Drop



Most everyone knows of the rule change in 2023 where you now have to drop from knee height, rather than shoulder height. There were some other parts to this rule change that even a few professional golfers didn't get right. For example, when you drop "back on line with the flag," the ball can roll no more than 1 club length from the line, no closer to the hole. Recently, Rory McIlroy made a drop under the old rules by measuring one club length from the line, then he dropped landing no closer to the hole, but further than one club length from the line. That gets you a two stroke penalty for hitting from a wrong place. Ouch.

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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March 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)

The 2024 season for the Carolina Colours LGA is around the corner. We will hold our Kick Off Breakfast, Business Meeting, and Nine Hole Scramble on Thursday, February 29th. The official opening day of the 2024 season is Tuesday, March 5th. Reminder, dues are \$40 for the season. All dues for the season must be paid before the February 29th breakfast.

Anyone interested in joining the CCLGA, membership applications are available on the bulletin board in the Pro Shop. Complete the form and submit to the Pro Shop with dues of \$40 Cash or Check payable to CCLGA. If paying with cash, please put cash in envelope labeled with your name and CCLGA dues. The LGA plays twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesdays are game days and Thursdays are social golf. The LGA encourages anyone who has an interest in the game, either experienced or new to golf, to join us. All levels of golf are welcome. We provide a variety of options for all levels.

Tuesday games are optional as we offer leisure golf with no game and a nine-hole option for those who do not wish to play 18. Individuals are not limited to one option as needs change weekly due to schedules and a variety of things. If you wish to speak to someone before submitting an application, feel free to reach out to any of our board members via email.

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We are happy to provide any additional information you may need.

The following are the upcoming games for the month of March:

March - 9:30 Start Time
4 - Home & Home - Beaufort Club
5 - Opening Day Game - Best 9 Holes Front or Back 1/2 HC
12 - Wear Your Green to Celebrate St. Patty's Day Game 9 Hole Scramble
19 - Aerifying Greens - Course Closed
26 - Game - Best 2 Scores on Each Hole - 4 person Team
All Players play their ball as regular golf - after all are holed out, circle best 2 scores on each hole. FH

We look forward to a fun season of golf, friendship and improving scores. But should the latter not happen, we will have fun anyway!!!

Carolina Colours Men's Golf Association (MGA)

As you read this, the MGA has officially started its 2024 season! 54 members have signed up for the Kick-Off breakfast, with Larry Smith and Mike Zotto as new members, and Bob Walter rejoining for the 2024 season. Welcome gentlemen!

Many of you have already purchased your 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.

Start times for the next twelve months are 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

As a reminder, please make sure you are teeing off from the mats on all 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.

The upcoming road games are: March 19th at Star Hill Golf Club (in Cape Carteret, about 40 minutes from Carolina Colours), and April 16th at Cypress Landing (in Chocowinity, about 50 minutes from CC). Bob Penvose has reserved 8 tee times at each course starting at 9:00 am, and he will be sending everyone an email invitation for Star Hill shortly. If you are interested, please let Bob know, along with your playing partners and preferred tee times, as soon as possible as these are very popular courses. Consistent with prior years, tee times will be determined on a “first come, first serve basis.”

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

March's Wednesday's games are:

03/06/24 **Gold Day**—All players play from Gold tees

03/13/24 **Four-man, Two Low Net/ABCD**—Two low net scores per hole

03/20/24 **Four man, High/Low net**—One high net and one low net per hole

03/27/24 **Lone Ranger (Four-man/BCDA)**—Lone Ranger net + One additional low net; B player gets Holes 1, 5, 9, 13, 17; C player gets 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, D player gets 3, 7, 11, 15; A player gets 4, 8, 12, 16

Colours Café

Monday closed

Opened

Tuesday 11 am--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

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