



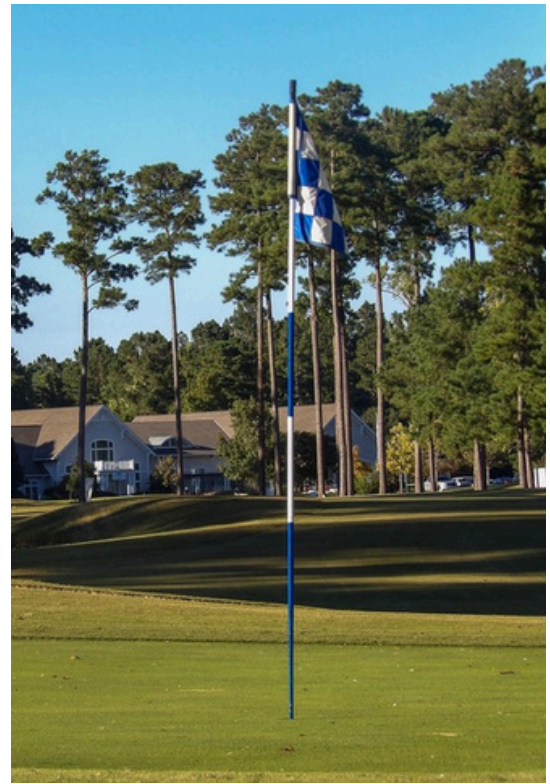
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October
Hours of Operation
Pro Shop
Mon 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Tues–Sun 6:30 am– 6:00 pm





Update from the Owner, Ken Kirkman

10/2/2026

A week ago today you were told that the condition of the greens would be given to you weekly. Yesterday,

I again took a look at all the greens. While there was some improvement over the past week, the improvement was more in the grass-populated areas than in the less grassed ones. Our crew reseeded poorly covered areas this past Monday (3rd time) and that seed has begun to germinate, but in reality, I now don't expect good coverage in these areas until next spring's growing season. I do expect improvement each week for as long as temperatures remain mild.

After discussion with all involved, **we have determined to set next Friday (10/9), as our tentative full course opening, with one temporary green (hole #6).** Johnny will work with Shelby's crew regularly on location of the holes, to be sure that short and medium range putts have acceptable turf to putt through.

The size of the temporary green on hole #6 will be increased. Scores can be and should be posted.

This decision is made based on my understanding that allowing play starting next Friday will not hinder the progress of the growth of grass on the greens. The areas seeded this week should have germinated by then, to the extent they are going to. While playing, it is critical to repair ball marks and to avoid walking on areas with lower coverage if at all possible. A temporary local rule will allow you to relocate any putt, not closer to the hole, to avoid any bad surface between you and the hole. The greens will not be mowed tight, as they are normally in the fall, to protect the grass, so expect them to be a bit slower than normal October speeds.

A good deal of rain is anticipated Saturday through Monday, not that the forecast is usually correct. We need the rain for the fairways as recent nearby rain has passed us by. If we do get a substantial amount of rain, the crew will need several days to get the bunkers dry, which has entered into the decision about timing. We want you to find the course, other than the greens, in great condition.

You have been patient and, for the most part, quite supportive. You deserve a course you can play and putt on, even if not ideal. You can expect continued improvement. Efforts will continue unabated to return the course to the excellent condition you have come to expect.

Ken Kirkman

From the Director of Golf

Johnny Belskis, PGA



October 2026

October is here and we are looking forward to getting back to normal! I can say that the whole staff and I are very excited for traffic in the golf shop and on the golf course to return to the level that we are used to. This has been a challenging time for everyone at Carolina Colours. However, what it has shown is that we have a resilient membership, staff, and community. While the greens will likely need the spring growing season to fully recover, there has been exponential improvement in their appearance and playability. Once again, thank you all for your patience and support during this time. It is something that I will never forget!

As of right now, the plan is to reopen all of the greens on 10/9, apart from hole #6 which will remain a temporary green until it reaches the level of playability that we have on the rest of the course.

Upcoming Dates at the Course

While there are still some moving parts in terms of the schedule, I wanted to provide a few important dates that we have locked in for some of our key member tournaments. The Member-Guest tournament is slated for October 23rd, 24th, & 25th. The tournament has filled up quite well but if you missed the signup and are interested in playing, please reach out to me asap as we may be able to add a few more teams!

We have also rescheduled the Club Championship (11/14-11/15) & Ryder Cup (11/29). Please refer to the flyers included in the newsletter for more information!

From the Director of Golf (cont.)

MGA/ LGA

Assuming the Golf Course does reopen for play on 10/9 as planned, MGA and LGA will return back to regular play immediately beginning with MGA on 10/9.

(9am shotguns for both MGA & LGA in October)

Posting Scores to GHIN

When the golf course reopens on 10/9, players should begin posting scores to GHIN again. Per the USGA, scores are postable as long as there is 1 or less temporary green on each 9-hole side. Since hole #6 will be the only temporary green when we reopen, you are permitted to post. Please note- In order to post players must be playing under the official rules of golf. Therefore, the ball must be holed on #6 even though it is a temporary green.

Membership

Please join us in welcoming those who joined in September!

The Johnson Family
(Rob, Maggie, Jay, & Baylor)

Don & Michaela Horton

Friday Red Winners

8/7 - Rich Yadach
8/14- Chet Anderson
8/21- CLOSED
8/28- CLOSED
9/4- Paul Platek
9/11- Mark Farley
9/18- Steve Shadow
9/25- Mark Farley
10/2- Steve Shadow

As always, if there is anything that we can do to improve your experience, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Play well this October!

Johnny Belskis, PGA
Director of Golf

From the Superintendent

Shelby Choate



October Superintendent's Newsletter

Greens Recovery & Looking Ahead to Fall

As we move into October, I'm excited to say that the greens have made a huge turnaround from the stress they experienced this summer. The heat, humidity, high goose grass presence and wet-wilt conditions put a lot of pressure on the bentgrass, but with cooler weather, careful management, and some additional seeding, we are seeing the greens continue to fill in and improve.

Over the past several weeks, we have been focused on helping the bentgrass recover while also establishing new plants in areas that needed a little extra help. We have been using 007 XL and 007 bentgrass seed to supplement the existing turf, and our focus going forward will be maintaining those new seedlings and giving them the best possible environment to mature.

Fall Weather Is Our Friend

One of the biggest things working in our favor now is simply the weather. Bentgrass loves the conditions that fall brings to Eastern North Carolina. As temperatures cool and the humidity becomes more manageable, the plant can put more of its energy into growing roots, producing new leaves, and filling in thin areas.

This is a very important time for our greens. The goal isn't just to make them look better today — we're working to build a stronger, healthier stand of bentgrass heading into the winter and ultimately into next spring.

As the weather continues to cooperate, we should see the greens continue to thicken and recover. With good fall growing conditions, I expect them to become better than ever as we move through the fall.

Keeping the New Seed Growing

Now that we've gotten the seed established, our maintenance practices will shift toward protecting and encouraging that new growth. That means paying close attention to mowing, irrigation, fertility, and traffic while allowing the young bentgrass plants time to mature.

We will continue to monitor the greens closely and adjust based on the weather and what the turf is telling us. Fall is an important growing period for bentgrass, and the work we put in now will pay dividends well into next season.

From the Superintendent (cont.)

Looking Ahead to Member-Guest

We are also very excited to host our Member-Guest Tournament, October 23rd–25th. The timing couldn't be better, and our entire maintenance team is looking forward to having the course in great shape for the tournament.

Seeing the greens make the turnaround they have over the past several weeks-month has been especially rewarding. We know how much our members and Staff enjoy having fast, healthy, consistent greens, and we are excited to showcase the progress we've made. There is still plenty of work to do between now and the tournament, but we are on the right track. Our goal is to continue building on the progress we've made and have the course looking its best when everyone tees it up for Member-Guest.

Thank you all for your patience and support throughout the summer into fall. Turfgrass and Mother Nature don't always cooperate with our plans, especially during an Eastern North Carolina summer, but the work continues every day. We are very encouraged by what we're seeing on the greens, and I'm excited about where they are headed.

The greens are looking better every day, and my team is to thank. I believe I have the best crew in Eastern North Carolina and I am so thankful for their hard work and dedication every day.

If you see me in my snow pants before October 1st just know I'm happy the greens are getting the weather they need, but as an NC native, I sure will miss the warm summer weather.

Here's to some cooler temperatures, good growing weather, and even better greens this fall!

Shelby Choate
Golf Course Superintendent

Terri's Tips!

Terri Migliaccio, PGA
Director of Player Development



IMPROVE DURING THE OFF SEASON

The off season is approaching. Our course is coming back to life and there is still more golf to play. But this is the perfect time to spend more time on developing and/or improving those shots that will help you the most with becoming a better player and lowering your scores.

Developing and improving your short game during the off-season is one of the best ways to become a more complete golfer. While most of us often focus on improving the full swing, a large part of scoring comes from shots played close to and around the green. In fact the short game, 70 yards or so in, comprises 60-65 percent of your score. Chipping, pitching, bunker shots, and putting are all essential skills that can save strokes during a round. The off-season provides an opportunity to spend extra time working on these areas without the pressure of competition.

One major benefit of off-season short-game practice is developing consistency and confidence. Repeating the same shots will allow you to improve your technique and learn how the ball reacts from different lies and distances. Practicing different clubs around the green can also help you become more comfortable choosing the right shot for each situation. The more familiar you become with these shots, the more confident you will feel when faced with difficult situations on the course. If any have taken my chipping sessions you know that the technique is simple and it stays the same. What changes is the club selection to make the ball either roll more or less. You need to know what club to choose for the shot that you are facing.

Improving the short game can also have a major impact on scoring. You do not need to hit every approach shot close to the hole to play well if you can consistently get up and down from around the green. Better chipping and pitching can lead to shorter putts, while improved putting can help eliminate three-putts. Spending time on these skills during the off-season can help you return to the course better prepared to save strokes.

Most importantly, the off-season is an opportunity to build good habits before another season begins. Instead of waiting until the first tournament or round of the year to work on weaknesses, you can use the fall months to identify areas that need improvement and practice them consistently. A focused short-game routine can lead to greater confidence, better scoring, and a more well-rounded game. By making the short game a priority in the off-season, you can start the new season with stronger skills and confidence to shoot lower scores!

**CCGC
MEMBER
EVENT**



**CAROLINA COLOURS
GOLF CLUB**

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP(S)

WHITE TEES



BLUE TEES



Open to All Players

GOLD TEES



November 14-15 | 8 am Tee Times

PURPLE TEES



Entry Fee \$50
Gross & Net Winners
in each division
Includes Drink & Dinner*

RED TEES



Deadline: Nov 11@ noon

***Dinner & Awards at 5 pm Sunday**

CCGC
Member
event



RYDER CUP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

8:30 Shotgun

**Three 9-Hole
Matches**

**Entry Fee: \$35
(Includes Tee Gift,
Lunch & Beverage)**

**Limited to 108
players**



**Play from
default tees**

**Sign-Up:
November 18-25
@ Noon**

**Teams announced
Friday, November 27th**

RED TEAM

VS

BLUE TEAM



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DATE **10/30/2026**
TIME **10:00 AM to 02:30 PM**



**BOOK YOUR
APPOINTMENT NOW!**

LOCATION **CAROLINA COLOURS GOLF CLUB**



- Harbour Pointe GC captures 4th Annual Genesis of New Bern Cup
- Carolina Colours GC team places 5th
- More than \$6,000 raised for Task Force Neuro

The 2026 Genesis of New Bern Cup was hosted by Harbour Pointe Golf Club on September 13, 2026 with 8 teams and 104 players competing in the event. In first place by a wide margin was the team from Harbour Pointe. This is the second time Harbour Pointe has captured the Cup.

Pos.	Team	Total To Par	ALS	PGS	Total
1	Harbour Pointe Harbour Pointe Golf Club	+1	-2	+3	+1
2	The Emerald Club The Emerald Golf Club	+12	+9	+3	+12
3	Beaufort Club Team Beaufort Club	+19	+6	+13	+19
4	New Bern CC New Bern Golf & Country Club	+21	+14	+7	+21
5	Carolina Colours Carolina Colours Golf Club	+38	+25	+13	+38
6	River Bend River Bend Golf & Country Club	+41	+26	+15	+41
7	Taberna CC Taberna Country Club	+42	+28	+14	+42
8	Ironwood Country Club Ironwood Golf & Country Club	+44	+32	+12	+44



Carolina Colours GC Team



Back Row- Peter Eckle, Geoff Loftin, Jim Hallenbeck, John Belskis, Johnny Belskis, Bob Penvose, Bob Walter, Daniel Looney

Front Row- Kim Reinecke, Carol Ackerson, Amy Trainor, Karen Lankton, Peter Mnatzakanian



TASK FORCE NEURO
— MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE —

Task Force Neuro, a local nonprofit organization that provides assistance to individual with devastating neurological conditions, was the beneficiary of the fundraising raffle and other fundraising activities from this event which amounted to over \$6,000. Winners of the raffle items are listed below:

50/50 - Kathy Murphy

Coastal Experience - John LaMonica

Foursomes at 4 golf courses - Peter Mnatzakanian

Photography Session - Lori Flowers

American Airline Certificate/Parking - Lou Tuttle

NC Symphony/New Bern Theatre Tickets - Nelda Coats

New Bern Restaurant Certificates - Craig Corbin

Ladies Golf Association

🍁🍷 LGA: Fall Back into the Fun 🍷🍁

After a little time away, it is wonderful to see the course open again. We have certainly missed playing together, sharing laughs, and enjoying time with one another on the course. With crisp fall mornings, beautiful autumn colors, and cooler temperatures, it is the perfect time to get back to doing what we love. Hopefully, we will be able to schedule LGA games and tee times soon. In the meantime, call a few friends and enjoy a round together!



Improving our putting skills
with Golf Pro Terri Migliaccio



Since we did not have scheduled LGA games during September, several members visited neighboring golf courses.



LGA members at Crystal
Coast Country Club

Ladies Golf Association



September Home & Home Game in Morehead City



LGA (No Nine) & Just Wine



We had a great time catching up with each other at our September wine social and business meeting at the home of Claire Shadow.

Ladies Golf Association



🍁 October 🍁

LGA Games - check your email for updates
20th - Home & Home Tournament at CC (pending)
23-25th - Member-Guest Tournament



Men's Golf Association



Tee Times for October 2026

Welcome to everyone reading the Tee Times, especially to those folks who have recently become members at Carolina Colours. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Men's Golf Association (MGA), please stop by the Pro Shop and fill out an application. We would love to have you. With the addition of our newest MGA member, Russ Pollock, our membership now stands at 84. Welcome Russ, we look forward to seeing you on the course.

It has been a while since our MGA members have been able to get together as a group on Wednesday's and Friday's. While we anxiously await the return to our normal high standards and course conditions, we will continue to sharpen our short game skills. Those eighteen "mini greens" have been tough targets to stick a shot into. With that said, it has been a common theme, that everyone supports the hard work and effort Johnny and Shelby are doing. We are more than willing to wait the extra time it may take to fix the greens, and ensure they are in the best possible shape when regular play opens back up.

MGA Member Ray Whitby recently returned from the FedEx-St. Jude Championship in Memphis TN. Ray has volunteered at several PGA events over the years beginning with the USGA at Pinehurst in 2014. He had been volunteering mostly in North Carolina. Working at the Wyndham Championship at Sedgefield CC in Greensboro, and the Truist Championship at Quail Hollow in Charlotte. Then he went "out of state" volunteering his time in Scottsdale AZ, at the WM Phoenix Open at the Stadium Course at TPC Scottsdale. At his most recent trip to The FedEx-St. Jude at TPC Southwind, Ray worked "inside the ropes" as a Shot Link mobile spotter. He was in the landing area on the 525 yard, par 4, 5th hole. Part of his responsibilities included giving hand signals to the tv broadcasting crew, to help them announce such things as what kind of lie a player had if their ball landed in the rough, or if the ball found the woods, among other duties. Ray says it is a lot of fun, especially on practice days where he gets a chance to visit with the players. Ray has had a great time doing this and looks forward to the 2027 season.

Men's Golf Association (cont.)



Around The Course

Low Nets

Happy Birthday to Ken Zirkle who turned 86 on July 28th. Ken, who inspires us all, went out and “shot his age”.... Well, actually better, twice. Posting an 83 net 69 on July 31, and an 82 net 68 on August 12.

Kevin Hayes carded a 46/33 for a 79 net 64, July 29th. 6 pars and 3 birdies on the back nine.

Jack Pyburn posted a 43/46, 89 net 66 on August 14th.

Our monthly “Away Game” was held on September 15th, in Goldsboro, at the Walnut Creek Country Club. We had 29 players turn out. Such a beautiful course, but the heat and lightning fast greens made for quite a challenging round.

The next venue on our “Away Game” circuit will be the Washington Yacht and Country Club, 7155 River Road, Washington NC. The date will be Tuesday October 13th. Thank you once again to Vice President Mark Barre for putting this together.

Upcoming Events

November 4th

Make sure to put the End Of Year Luncheon on your calendar.

Bruce Crampton says – “Golf is a compromise between what your ego wants you to do, what experience tells you to do, and what your nerves let you do”

Kirkman's Café

Hours

Monday & Tuesday
11am-3pm

Tuesday Night Dinner
5pm-7pm

Wednesday-Sunday
11am-4pm

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

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