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GOLF CLUB

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From the Director of Golf

Johnny Belskis, PGA



September 2026

August was an interesting month at Carolina Colours to say the least. As you know, we faced some serious adversity on the course that left us no choice but to close the golf course. While it is never ideal, it is not uncommon for a golf course with high standards to close down in order to maintain those standards. There has been significant progress made, but in order to get our greens back to exceptional condition there is still a ways to go, especially on the front 9.

The entire front 9 as well as hole #15 are being completely over seeded with 007 bent grass, the most heat tolerant bent grass on the market. We are optimistic that the results will be very positive, but it is critical that we allow the seed time to safely germinate without any foot traffic. While we can estimate how long this will take, there is still a lot of unknowns regarding the timeline. What I can say is that we will not rush this process. Getting the golf course back to acceptable condition for our members is the top priority.

One positive from this time was without a doubt the support that we received from the members. When the goose grass outbreak first began, I sent out a message asking for anyone willing to help to meet us here in the morning for a 3 day stretch. I was overwhelmed with the response to say the least! We had 30+ members on the course all 3 days working hard to assist our maintenance team. We have an incredible membership!



From the Director of Golf (cont.)

Schedule of Events

Because the timeline for the greens to recover is not completely clear, there are certainly going to be some changes to the original calendar. Until both 9's are back open, there will not be MGA or LGA rounds. Our goal while having the back 9 open is to allow as many members the opportunity to play, and if we blocked out times in the morning for MGA/LGA it would significantly impact that. I have not included the typical calendar to this newsletter as things are subject to change. I will keep everyone up to date with any new information as soon as I have it!

The Member-Guest tournament has officially been moved to October 24th & 25th. Information and signups will go out on September 10th at 12pm via email.

Other key tournaments such as the Club Championship and Ryder Cup will be rescheduled for later in the year. We are targeting to hold both of these events in November, and I will notify the membership once dates are set.

Membership

Please join us in welcoming those who joined in August!

Jean-Alexander Davis “JD”

Nelson Davis

Valerie Franzese

Thank you all for your patience and support during this time.

We will get through this!

Johnny Belskis, PGA

Director of Golf

From the Superintendent

Shelby Choate



Looking Ahead: Helping Our Bentgrass Recover

This summer has certainly tested our bentgrass greens and your Superintendents Stress Tolerance Levels. Between the heat, humidity, and periods of heavy rainfall, we have dealt with a lot of wet wilt stress. Wet wilt occurs when the plant has plenty of water around the roots but the combination of heat and humidity makes it difficult for the turf to cool itself and continue growing normally. The result can be thinning, discoloration, and weakened turf—even when the greens appear to have plenty of moisture.

As we move toward fall, our focus is shifting from simply getting the greens through the summer to encouraging strong, healthy growth and recovery.

One of the biggest pieces of this process is getting the bentgrass to fill back in where goose grass was removed. We are carefully managing fertility to provide the nutrients the plant needs without pushing excessive growth. We are also paying close attention to potassium, calcium, and other nutrients that support plant strength and root development.

We will continue to use our fertility program to encourage the bentgrass to recover while adjusting applications based on weather, plant response, and what we see when scouting the greens. Our goal isn't to force the turf to grow as quickly as possible—it is to create the right conditions for the bentgrass to steadily rebuild density.

We are also working to take advantage of the cooler temperatures ahead. Bentgrass is much happier as we move into the fall, and cooler nights will allow the plant to recover from the stresses it experienced throughout the summer. This is an important window for the turf to produce new shoots, strengthen its root system, and fill in thin areas.

You may also notice some differences in mowing and maintenance practices over the next several weeks. We are going to be careful not to put unnecessary stress on the greens while they are recovering. At the same time, we will continue to maintain the playing conditions our members and guests expect. It is a balancing act, but one that becomes much easier as temperatures begin to cooperate.

The goal for the fall is simple: build density, strengthen the plants, and set ourselves up for a healthy winter.

From the Superintendent (cont.)

Welcoming Taylor Beamon to the Team

I am also very excited to announce that we are adding another member to our agronomy team.

Taylor will be joining us as our new Assistant Superintendent on August 31st.

Adding an Assistant Superintendent is a big step for our maintenance operation. Taylor will be working closely with me and the rest of the team on daily course setup, irrigation, fertility, chemical applications, scouting, and the many other things that go into keeping the golf course in good condition.

Having another experienced person on the management side of the operation will allow us to be more proactive and spend more time focusing on the details that make a difference throughout the golf course.

Please join me in welcoming Taylor to Carolina Colours. We are excited to have Taylor on board and look forward to everything he will bring to the team.

As we turn the corner from summer into fall, there is a lot to look forward to. The greens have been through a difficult stretch, but we are already working toward recovery. Cooler weather, improved growing conditions, and a focused fall program should give the bentgrass exactly what it needs to regain strength and density.

Thank you for your patience and support throughout a challenging summer. We appreciate everyone who recognizes the work that goes into keeping the course in the best condition possible.

Shelby Choate
Golf Course Superintendent

Terri's Tips!

Terri Migliaccio, PGA
Director of Player Development



NAVIGATING SLOWER GREENS THAN NORMAL

With our course expecting to be open soon I thought I'd give all a few pointers that may help you navigate our greens. With the goose grass and the recent punching/resurfacing of the greens they may be a little slow, but you can still score!

- Don't play as much curve as you see. Slower greens usually don't curve as much, take this into consideration.
- Hit putts with confidence. On slow greens, don't baby the ball toward the hole. Get the ball rolling at a speed that gives it a realistic chance to reach the cup.
- Allow for uphill putts. Uphill putts on slow greens can be particularly demanding. Give them extra pace and expect less break.
- Downhill putts still need respect. Even a slow green can produce a surprisingly quick downhill putt. Focus on distance control rather than simply trying to hit it hard.
- Use a larger target area. Instead of trying to die every putt into the hole, aim to finish within a reasonable 2–3-foot circle around the cup. This reduces three-putts.
- Chip differently. Around the green, a low-running chip can be very effective because you can land it on the green and allow it to roll. On slow greens, you may need to carry the ball slightly farther or hit the chip with more pace.
- Don't automatically use a high shot. A lob or high pitch that lands softly can leave you well short if the green is slow. When you have plenty of green to work with, the bump-and-run is often the higher-percentage play.
- Adjust after your first few holes. Your first few putts are valuable information. If everything is finishing short, make a conscious adjustment rather than repeatedly making the same stroke.

A simple rule

Think "firm and positive" rather than "hard."

You want enough speed to get the ball to the hole, but you don't want to compensate for slow greens by making a huge putting stroke. Keep the stroke controlled and adjust the length and pace of the stroke.

We are all excited to get our golf course back, have fun, be patient and enjoy the beauty and your friends while golfing into September!

Terri Migliaccio, Director of Player Development
Carolina Colours School of Golf



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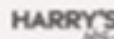
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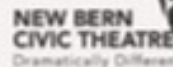
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Ladies Golf Association

🌻 LGA: Swinging into Fall 🌻



August on the golf course had a little bit of everything—steamy sunshine, sudden rain showers, and plenty of opportunities to make the most of summer golf! (Let's not mention the goose grass!) Even when the heat was on and the skies opened up, our games continued to bring us together for fun, friendship, and a few memorable rounds. While September does not promise cooler temperatures in eastern Carolina, the LGA ladies will still be out there swinging and loving our time together. So grab your clubs, stay hydrated and let's enjoy every beautiful (and humid) moment of September golf.



We played a “reverse” nine hole scramble on July 28 with an LGA business meeting immediately following the scramble. Congratulations to the winning team: Linda Andrews, Annmarie Penvose, Leigh Toth and Lisa Westerfield.

Ladies Golf Association

Julie Frazier and Tamara Paquee volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee for the selection of next year's LGA board members. If you are interested in serving on the board for 2027, please let Julie or Tamara know.

On August 3, we met at the Pavilion for a Golf Question and Answer Session. We reviewed many common rules, golf etiquette, and tips to improve pace of play. Thank you to Joanne Baranski for preparing the Q&A document.

Please mark your calendars for September 15 and plan to join us for our next Nine & Wine. We will play a nine-hole scramble in the morning and get back together in the late afternoon for a wine social at the home of Claire Shadow. If the golf course is closed, we will still plan to meet for our wine social in the afternoon. Hope to see you there!

If there are any women who are thinking of joining our group, please let us know. Contact Linda Groff, LGA President, at lindagroff21@yahoo.com. You can join at any time.

STAYING COOL ON AND OFF THE COURSE



Ladies Golf Association

🌻 September 9:00 Start Time 🌻

8th - Team Game - Best Gross/Best Net for Each Hole

15th - Nine & Wine— Scramble and afternoon wine social

22nd - Golf Bingo

29th - Odd Holes only

Our September game schedule may be altered due to course closures during the month. Please be sure to check your email for further information.

What does it mean to be a “good golfer”? 😊

Here are a few things we can all do to make a difference—

- Be ready to play. Have your ball, club, and glove ready before it's your turn.
- Keep moving. Walk briskly between shots and avoid unnecessary stops.
- Watch the balls. Keep on eye on where everyone's shots land to avoid searching.
- Pick up when needed. If you're struggling on a hole, remember that picking up is always an option.
- Remember, the BEST golf is played when you are relaxed and having fun!



GOLF GIRL (noun) 1. like a normal girl, but cooler

Men's Golf Association



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Our MGA membership continues to grow, and it's not only because we are close to home. We have several MGA members, "old and new" who drive in from Morehead City, Beaufort, and Emerald Isle on Wednesdays and Fridays to join in the fun. When you ask them, "how many golf courses do you drive by on your way here?" The answer is "several". It's the people... members and staff, the course layout, and the conditions. All the good things that make CCGC a wonderful experience for us all.

We recently had the opportunity to have a visitor join us and complete a Sunday foursome. He and his wife live in Virginia, but are building a new home in Oriental. After our round, we stopped in to Kirkman's Café. He said that when he was choosing where to play, he watched the 18 hole flyover videos on our website. When we asked him if it was everything he was hoping for, when he called for a tee time? He responded, "yes and more".

A big MGA "welcome back" to Joe Causey, who returns after a recent surgery!

Around The Course

Lou Cargnino scored an Eagle on hole #10 on Friday July 10. Lou holed a 7 hybrid from 115 yards!
On the same day, Jim Serour carded a 39/41 for an 80 net 66. Eight pars and 1 birdie!
Well done gentlemen!

Some other low nets since July 1st:

Mark Farley 66 - Tom Trimmer 67 - Ken Zirkle 67 - Steve Shadow 68 -
Jack Harding 68 - Bob Dofner 69 - Mike Paquee 69 - Steve Vine 69
Henry Rousseau 69

Team results:

Red Day, July 1- John Belskis, Bill Jarvis, Ed Harrison, and Tom Leonard post a -15.
Shamble, July 8- The team of John Belskis, Lou Cargnino, Paul Platek, and John Filipow, tie the team of Bob Penvose, Walt Teasdale, Ed Harrison and Craig Corbin with a total score of -30!

Men's Golf Association (cont.)



Wednesday Team results:

Modified Stableford - July 29 - Larry Smith, Steve Vine, Ray Whitby, and Bill Jarvis
84 points.

"Two Nines" - August 5th - Larry Smith, Peter Eckle, Ken Zirkle, and Paul Tiller,
posted a -16.

ABCD In Flight - August 12th - Bob Walter, Chet Anderson, Bill Jarvis, and Craig
Corbin. -12 204

Poleys: Since July 29

Hole # 2 - 5 poleys

Hole #6 - 1 poley

Hole # 12 - 2 poleys

Hole # 16 - 17 poleys

Our monthly "Away Game" was held on August 11th, in Greenville, at the Ironwood Golf Course. 27 members braved the heat and humidity, but had a good time. These away games are such fun. If you haven't played in one give it a try. Such an enjoyable day at one of our neighboring courses. Thank you, Mark Barre, for making these arrangements.

Our next "away game" is scheduled for Tuesday September 15th at the Walnut Creek Country Club.

Lee Trevino when interviewed during a miserable stretch of golf, said, "I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced"

Kirkman's Café

Hours

Monday & Tuesday
11am-3pm

Tuesday Night Dinner
5pm-8pm

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Call in your order from the course
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