



Happy Holidays Everyone! What an exciting time of year around CCC. Inside the clubhouse, many parties are going on throughout the month of December. Outside on the course, the tees, greens, and fairways are ready for the season. We want to ask all golfers to please fix all ball marks on the greens and please fill divots with the sand that is provided.

We hope to see you at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Father & Son Tournament on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December. John Daly and his son will be defending their title.

**All CCC employees and my family wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Greg McClimans, P.G.A.**

### Welcome New and Returning Members:

Laurie & Fern Belliveau, Chris Coon, Gerry Chamberlain & Ghislaine Theroux,  
Paul Fisher, Patrick & Carole Gillespie, Tom Hall & Karen McCourty,  
Lydia & Charlott Koepe-Dossin, Maureen Lennox & Sue Treckiak, Frank Petro-Roy,  
Clermont Tremblay & Ruth Theriault and Barry Weir

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Father & Son Team Championship

Enjoy a special day on **Thursday, December 27!** This very unique event starts with a Continental Breakfast (7:30 AM), then 18 Holes of golf (8:30 AM Shotgun Start) followed by a fabulous lunch and prize presentation. Sign up in the Golf Shop for the memorable day of family fun. There will be a very strong field this year. Come out and enjoy the competition!

*Note: teams may consist of father & son, step-father & step-son, father-in-law & son-in-law, grandfather & grandson. Sign up in the Golf Shop now!*

### Upcoming Events

- Monday, December 10 – Pinellas County Men's Golf Association Event #4 @ Pasadena Y. & C.C. Noon Shotgun Start
- Wednesday, December 19 – Outside Event: 11:00 AM Shotgun Start
- Friday, December 21 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Robert Dodd Tin Cup Memorial Tournament: 1:00 PM Shotgun Start
- Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day
- Thursday, December 27 - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Father & Son Team Championship: Continental Breakfast before golf; 8:30 AM Shotgun Start; Delicious Luncheon after golf; sign up in the Golf Shop



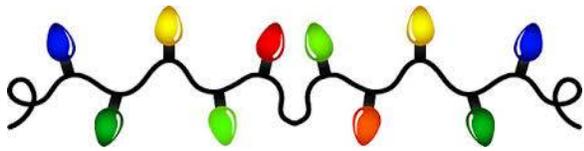
### Agronomic News

Golf course managers are challenged by fungicide-resistant turf grass disease. Dollar spot, the most common troublesome and damaging turf grass disease plaguing golf courses, is becoming increasingly resistant to fungicide applied to manage it.

If we can document fungicide resistance, and we know where it is, we can work with managers to fine tune their programs to use the right fungicides, and less overall fungicides.

If we correctly process the scope of resistance, we can calibrate our management to get the desired level of disease control with fewer inputs.

**Kevin Vereb, Directory of Agronomy, Clearwater C.C.**



## Congratulations

The November **Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association** event was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> at Belleair C.C. and, at the time of this writing, the results are not yet available. Watch the online version of the newsletter to see what happened soon.

The monthly **Nine & Dines** (9-hole mixed scramble with a delicious meal after golf) resumed in November on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Two teams tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with net 31's: 1) **Debbie Cheuvront, Marilyn Gillette, Judy Martin, Bryan Martinez and Lee & Janet Boatman** and 2) **Bill & Bonnie Chamberlain, Ken & Kathy Brickel and Michael & Rene' Steffas**. Closest to the Pin winners on #11 were **Debbie Cheuvront and Sam Price**. Straightest Drivers on #15 were **Shirley Zuzack and Ken Brickel**.

The 40-man / 10 team field **Turkey Shoot** was held on Saturday, November 24. In the field where **John Daly** and his son, **John Jr.**. The team of **Gregory McClimans, Beecher Jacobsen, Walt Stanley & Claude Morgan** took 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 58.

## Many Thanks!

On Saturday, November 25 the "Trim-A-Tree" Party volunteers arrived and, after Maria staged all the ornaments, lights, garland, etc., **Sharon Bartkus, Janet Boatman, Lorraine Deimel and Shirley Zuzack** went to work and created the beautiful Christmas decorations that you see throughout the clubhouse and on the FIVE trees! They enjoyed a little wine and cheese after they finished. Many thanks girls, for wonderful job!

## Rules Quiz – True or False

1. When a player's ball is in a Penalty Area, there is no relief if it is in an abnormal ground condition or embedded or unplayable.
2. There is now free relief from Boundary Objects (walls, fences, curbs, stakes, railings) that define or show Out of Bounds.

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## You're Invited:

### Fabulous Friday Night Happy Hour!

4 - 6 PM

**Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres & Drink Specials!**



Palm trees wave, are you listenin'?  
In the pool, water's glistenin',  
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight  
Livin' in a FLORIDA Wonderland.

Gone away is the blizzard,  
Here to stay is the lizard,  
A warm sunny day, we like it that way,  
Livin' in a FLORIDA Wonderland.

On the beach we will have a picnic,  
Turtles, sand and seagulls and sun.  
Christmas dinner is an old tradition,  
It's Grouper and Stone Crabs by the ton.

Later on, we'll perspire,  
As temperatures rise, even higher,  
A warm sunny day, we like it that way,  
Livin' in a FLORIDA Wonderland!

Hello Everyone,

Greetings and salutations everyone, it's Chef Stephen once again sharing a few of my favorite recipes and cooking secrets, giving you a few culinary tricks you can stash up your sleeve and wow friends and family with delicious delights. Seasons have changed and temperatures have plummeted, so there's nothing that says home for the holidays like a Christmas Ham. Please look at the online newsletter on page 3 for my favorite Christmas Ham recipe and a Spicy Sausage Soup that is sure to warm you up!

- Chef Stephen

## DECEMBER 2018 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

**William Fisher**



You won't see much of Bill, unless there is an on-course problem with a mower or aerator. Most of his work is done behind the scenes over in the maintenance department, keeping the equipment in good condition. Our new golf course mechanic hails from Pittsburgh, PA and has been in Florida for two years. Before CCC, Bill was at the Tides and we are fortunate to have him and his many talents here now. In his spare time he, he loves to fish and will tell you about the big one that got away, if you ask!

## Rules Quiz Answer

1. **TRUE** – See [Rule 16 - Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions \(Including Immovable Obstructions\), Dangerous Animal Condition, Embedded Ball](#)
2. **FALSE** – See the Definition of [“Boundary Object”](#)



## Chef Stephen's Recipe of the Month:

### Christmas Ham & Spicy Sausage Soup

#### Christmas Ham Ingredients

- 1 Ham, pre-cooked, spiral cut - bone-in or boneless, either will work
- 3 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup Raw Natural Honey
- (1) 20 oz can pineapple tidbits or chunks - do not drain

#### Spicy Sausage Soup Ingredients

- 1 onion, chopped
- 5 Hot Italian sausages, casing removed
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 cups beef broth
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 1 tbsp. tomato paste
- 2 tsp. paprika
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

## Great Deal for Members Only

Sign up for Unlimited Range Balls

for just **\$20 / month!**

Locker - \$5 / month

Club Storage - \$5 / month

## Drink Recipe of the Month:

### White Christmas Cosmo

1 ½ ounces of cranberry vodka

½ ounce of cointreau

1 ounce of lime juice

1 ounce of white cranberry juice

3-4 frozen cranberries

Combine ingredients over ice in a shaker tin. Shake and strain into chilled martini glass. Float 3 or 4 frozen cranberries on top for garnish.

**Enjoy!**

### Christmas Ham Directions

- In a large crock pot, over 6-quarts or larger, cover the bottom with only 2 cups of the brown sugar
- Place ham on top of the brown sugar, open the slices slightly with your hands
- Pour the Honey over the ham, evenly
- Add the pineapple around the sides (with the juice) and some on top
- Top with the remaining 1 1/2 cups of brown sugar, making sure it is evenly distributed over the entire top of the ham
- Cover and cook on low for 3 1/2 - 4 hours.
- ENJOY!

### Spicy Sausage Soup Directions

1. Fry the first three ingredients in a large frying pan over medium heat for about 8 to 10 minutes or until sausage is no longer pink. Drain the fat. Transfer to a slow cooker.
2. Add remaining ingredients to the slow cooker. Stir. Cook covered on Low for 7 to 8 hours.

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# Game Improvement

## Mike's Golf Tip of the Month

### Get out of the sand with ease!



Many players worry when they get into a bunker around a green. But if you learn a proper set-up and have the right wedge, the shot becomes much easier.

Here's how you play a basic sand shot. First, place the ball slightly forward in your stance, and align your feet and shoulders slightly left of your target. Rotate the face of the club open before you take your normal grip.

Once you set up, place your weight a little more on your left side and keep it there. On your takeaway let the club swing up as you allow your wrists to naturally hinge. Imagine a hot air balloon is tied to the clubhead, and is pulling it straight up in the air.

On the forward swing, let the club fall downward, and feel as if it's swinging across your body to your left. You want to feel as if you're splashing the sand out from around and under the ball. A good visualization is to imagine there's a dollar bill under your ball, and you want to take out the dollar bill, with the sand.

The key to the basic sand shot is making sure you swing with enough speed to get the grains of sand to push the ball out. **Remember the clubhead should not hit the ball.** You just want the velocity of the sand pushing against the ball, to take the ball softly out and onto the green.

The sand shot requires some practice in the beginning, but once you learn the feel of it, it's a relatively easy shot!

**Note:** Since this is written from a right-handed perspective, I apologize to the lefties out there. You'll have to reverse rights to lefts, and lefts to rights. Thanks for your understanding!

*Dedicated to your best golf ever,*

**Mike Riso**

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## Jeff's Golf Tip of the Month:

### Winter Golf



As we start to play golf in colder windy weather, remember these easy tips to play better:

1. Many Pro Golfers make the comment. When it's Breezy swing Easy!
2. Take more club when the weather is cold and you are dressed warm and can't swing as full as normal.



3. Place the ball position farther back in your stance and try to swing with a 3/4 swing and more club producing a lower ball flight (Punch Shot). Great for Cold Windy weather.
4. Short Game: Try to keep Chip & Pitch shots Lower when it is windy, it is much easier to control lower shots than lob shots in the wind.
5. In really cold weather consider having a heavier jacket and gloves that can be removed to hit your shot and then put back on in between shots (Very Rare in Florida).

**If you need help with your game in any kind of weather, just give me a call!**

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