



Clearwater Country Club Newsletter

January 2019



Happy New Year Everyone!!! CCC enjoyed a busy 2018 with many changes taking place around the club.

Speaking of changes, in 2019 the Rules of Golf are in for the biggest change that I can ever remember. From how you can drop a ball, to how long you can look for a ball, to putting with the flagstick in, all the new rules are designed to speed up play. Many of these changes are posted in the hall outside the golf shop. One change that I feel is long overdue is the ability to tap down spike marks. Check with the golf shop staff for questions on these new rules.

The clubhouse and golf course continue to receive many positive comments.

Thank You to all of our CCC members, new and old, for all your support throughout the past year. We look forward to having an exciting 2019!

Greg McClimans, P.G.A.

Welcome New and Returning Members:

George Karageorge and David Parsons



Visit the **McClimans Golf Academy** online at:
<http://www.clearwatercountryclub.com/golf/trackman/>



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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, January 6 – Hickory Shaft Tournament (open to all golfers)
- Thursday, January 10 – Florida State Golf Association Match Play event: CCC vs. Countryside @ CCC, noon tee times
- Monday, January 14 – Nine and Dine: 9-hole / 4-person Mixed Scramble at 3:00 PM with Special Events followed by a delicious meal 5:30 PM with entertainment by Charles Alexander at the piano; non-golfers welcome for meal!
- Monday, January 14 – Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association Event #5: 12:30 PM Shotgun Start @ Countryside C.C.
- Wednesday, January 23 – Walker First Golf Outing: 1:00 PM shotgun on the front 9
- Thursday, January 24 – F.S.G.A. Match Play event: CCC vs. Heritage Isles @ CCC, noon tee times
- Thursday, January 31 – F.S.G.A. Match Play event: CCC vs. Countryside @ Countryside

Golf Course Update

The month of December brought a record amount of rain (6+ inches) to the golf course. With this amount of rain, fungus can be a problem, so a fungicide was applied to the greens.

Upcoming projects for January will be to fertilize all fairways and tees and to pencil-tine (venting) the greens.

Edgar and his crew will continue to landscape all shrubbery, and pine straw those areas.

Our golf course mechanic, Bill Fisher, will now be available for your private cart repair. As before, have the Golf Shop staff fill out a "cart repair" ticket to start the process.

We look forward to making your golf experience at CCC most enjoyable.

Kevin Vereb

Clearwater C.C. Golf Course Superintendent

P.S. Please fix ball marks and fill those divots...Thank You!

Congratulations

The venue for the **Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association** event in December was Pasadena Y. & C.C.. The Club Competition was won by East Lake with a 262. Pasadena took 2nd place with a 268. Two 2-Man teams from East Lake tied for 1st with a pair of 63's. Clearwater's **Harrison McClimans** took 2nd place in the Low Pro Competition with a 73. CCC finds itself 9 points out of the "top five" clubs that will make the playoffs with only two more "regular season" events remaining. The next event is scheduled for January 14 at Countryside C.C. (12:30 PM shotgun).

The **10th Annual Father & Son Team Championship of Tampa Bay** took place a couple of days after Christmas on December 27. Champions Tour player and 2-time Major Champion **John Daly** and his son "**Little John**" fired a 64 to defend their title. 2nd place Gross went to another Champions Tour player **John Huston** and his son **Travis** who posted a 65. In third place with a 68 were **Greg** and **Harrison McClimans**. Low Net (61) went to **Dr. Fred McClimans** and his son **Freddie**. Twenty three teams competed and had a wonderful day playing some "family" golf. **Chef Stephen** supplied a delicious BBQ luncheon. Full field results can be found at: [Father-Son 2018 Results](#)

Rules Quiz – True or False

The Committee may adopt a Local Rule allowing:

1. Lateral relief on the opposite side of a red penalty area at an equal distance from the hole.
2. Golfers the option to drop a ball in a specific area (including the nearest fairway area) near where their original ball is lost or out of bounds , under a two-stroke penalty.

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You're Invited:

Fabulous Friday Night Happy Hour!

4 - 7 PM

**Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres,
2 for 1 Drafts &
Drink Specials!**



Nine & Dine

Monday, January 14

Golf – 3:00 PM, Dinner – 5:30 PM

9-Hole, 4-person Mixed Scramble, with Special Events including Closest to the Pin, Straightest Drive and Mystery Hole. A delicious meal follows golf (\$10 ++)

**Non-golfers welcome for meal & entertainment.
(Charles Alexander at the piano)!**

**Sign Up in the Golf Shop Now!
727-461-4188**

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year!

Look at the online newsletter, page 3 for a delicious slow-cooker peach cobbler recipe that will be your go-to answer for any potluck!

- Chef Stephen

JANUARY 2019 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Annie Shea

Annie's upbeat personality and friendly disposition make her a favorite with all of our customers. She does a wonderful job bartending and filling in occasionally as a server or even running the beverage cart! Annie has been with CCC for four years and is originally from Victoria, British Columbia. On her days off she might be found polishing her 1998 BMW Z3 (that looks like it's brand new) or at the Clearwater Ice Arena, where she practices and teaches figure skating!



Rules Quiz Answer

1 – True: Although “opposite side” relief is no longer an option for red penalty areas under the Rules of Golf, a local rule allowing it is permitted under certain circumstances.

2 – True: To speed up play, a [specific local rule](#) may be adopted by the Committee that offers “near to where the ball went out of bounds or was lost” options so the golfer does not have to return to the tee (or spot from which the original ball was played). However, this new local rule is not intended for use in higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur competitions.

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:

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

“MIMOSA”

Fill your favorite champagne glass with champagne and add a splash of orange juice.

“POINSETTIA”

Rather than orange juice, add a splash of cranberry juice.

Enjoy!

Chef Stephen's Recipe of the Month:

Slow-cooker Peach Cobbler



Ingredients

- 8 large fresh peaches peeled pitted and sliced (about 8 cups)
- 1 ½ tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 ½ tablespoons of cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose baking mix
- 5 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons granulated sugar, divided
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 ½ tablespoons whole milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- butter pecan ice cream

Directions

Spray a 6-quart slow-cooker with cooking spray

In a large bowl stir together peaches and lemon juice

In a small bowl whisk together brown sugar, cornstarch and pie spice; stir into peach mixture until well combined

Pour mixture into slow cooker

In medium bowl whisk together baking mix and 5 tablespoons granulated sugar

whisk in melted butter until mixture is crumbly

whisk in milk and vanilla just until a dough forms

Dollop onto peaches and spread to an even layer

Sprinkle remaining two teaspoons granulated sugar onto dough

Place a double layer of paper towels between top of slow cooker and lid

Cover and cook on low for 4 hours

Serve immediately with ice cream

Our P.G.A. Staff:

Greg McClimans

P.G.A. Director of Golf

Gregory McClimans II

P.G.A. Head Professional

Jeff Haney

P.G.A. Teaching Professional

Jon Mansfield

P.G.A. Teaching Professional

Harrison McClimans

P.G.A. Apprentice Teaching Professional

Mike Riso

P.G.A. Apprentice Teaching Professional

Game Improvement

Mike's Golf Tip of the Month

Assess Your Strengths and Weaknesses



At the start of each year, the first thing I do is **look at eight key areas of my game** by rating them 1 to 10. Here they are. I recommend you rate these same areas on your own game.

1. Putting - both long and short putts.
2. Chipping.
3. Wedges.
4. Sand shots around the greens.
5. Approach shots.
6. Driving accuracy.
7. Recovery shots - getting out of trouble.
8. Mental game. Do I make good decisions?

Once you've written down each area and rated them from 1 to 10 (1 being poor, and 10 being excellent), take the two weakest areas and start practicing them. Try to get a feel for improving your timing by working on your tempo first. This can solve a lot of problems.

I always recommend students work on putting first, since it counts for 40% of your strokes. Then I suggest hitting a bucket of balls with your feet together to work on your balance and timing. If you have trouble keeping your balance, you'll need to work on allowing your hips turn to the right on your backswing, and to the left on your follow through.

If you're still struggling after your best efforts, here's a quote from the greatest golfer in history, Jack Nicklaus: "Don't be too proud to take lessons, I'm not."



Jack Nicklaus won 18 Majors, including 6 Masters and 4 U.S. Opens.

Good luck, and hope this year gives you your best golf ever!

Dedicated to your best golf ever,

Mike Riso

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Jeff's Golf Tip of the Month:

Accuracy vs Distance Putts



Accuracy putts are putts 10 feet and in and for these putts, accuracy is equally as important as distance.

Practice accuracy putts by setting up a 1, 2 & 3 foot putts and try to make them all. If you do make them all then set up a 2,3 & 4 foot putts and make them all. Continue this process until you can move back to where the last ball is at 10 feet. Remember you can only move back if you make them all. This is harder than you think. When you finish start over and hit some putts with your eyes closed. This teaches you to keep your head still and trust your stroke.

Distance putts are putts outside of 10 feet and for these putts, distance is more critical than accuracy.

Practice distance putts by putting a golf tee in the ground at 20,30 & 40 feet. Practice rolling the ball the proper distance. From 20 feet you should be able to put the ball inside of 2 feet from the cup. From 30 feet within three feet. From 40 feet within four feet.

If you practice these drills regularly you will become a better putter. If you have trouble with these drills, come see me and let me look at your putting stroke and see why you struggle with these drills. Maybe an adjustment to your putting stroke can help.

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

Jeff Haney

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