



Clearwater Country Club Newsletter

February 2019



January saw many golfers play at CCC despite the cool temperatures throughout the month. The playing conditions have never been better with greens putting very smooth and fast. Kevin and his crew are working very hard to maintain these optimum conditions, but the course still needs golfers to repair ball marks and fill in divots.

The PGA show was one of the largest I've seen in many years. The new rule changes were a major topic. Putting your ball with the pin left in was the rule everyone was discussing and I feel it is a great advantage. Also, dropping a ball from shoulder height will get you a two stroke penalty and grounding your club in a hazard is now permissible. You will need to know these rules and many others, so check in the golf shop for a summary of the changes.

The Men's and Women's Club Championship will be held on March 9, 10, 16 & 17; please sign up in the golf shop for this annual event.

The North Florida PGA Pro-Pro Championship, sponsored by the Tampa Bay Bone & Joint Center, will be held at CCC on February 18 (12:30 PM shotgun). Come out and watch golf professionals from all over the Tampa Bay area compete.

Greg McClimans, P.G.A.

Welcome New and Returning Members:

**Ernie & Paula Brown, Doug Raleigh, Dennis & Joanne Ryan,
Thomas & Angela Stallone and Mike & Karen Sullivan**



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Upcoming Events

- Saturday, February 2 – Groundhog Day
- Monday, February 11 – Nine & Dine: 9-hole mixed scramble (3:00 PM) with a delicious meal & entertainment after golf (5:30 PM). Non-golfers welcome for meal & entertainment by Charles Alexander at the piano!
- Monday, February 11 – Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association Event #6 @ Dunedin C.C. 12:30 PM Shotgun start
- Thursday, February 14 – Florida State Golf Association Match Play event: Clearwater C.C. vs. Heritage Isles G. & C.C. @ Heritage Isles, noon tee times
- Thursday, February 14 – Valentine's Day 
- Monday, February 18 – North Florida PGA West Central Chapter Pro-Pro Event: 12:30 PM shotgun start at Clearwater C.C.



Just around the corner...

- March 9, 10, 16 & 17 (consecutive weekends) – Men's and Women's Club Championship; match play in flights with the Championship Flight Finals on the 17th.

Golf Course Update

On January 31st, we pencil-tined the greens. This will help get oxygen and nutrients to the roots and relieve compaction. It will also help with the transition from winter to summer grass.

Over the years, turf sustainability has become the reoccurring theme in the turf management industry. As a result, many golf course superintendents are searching for effective solutions that are efficient and environmentally sound. When it comes to fertilizers, choosing the right product and using it in the right way can ensure optimal performance while minimizing potential risk to the environment. With so many fertilizers on the market, it's important to understand how enhanced efficient fertilizers (EEFs) support sound nutrient stewardship.

Kevin Vereb

Clearwater C.C. Golf Course Superintendent

Congratulations

The **F.S.G.A. Men's Interclub** season began at CCC with a match against Countryside C.C. on Thursday the 10th. It was a close one, with the home team winning 13 – 11. The twosome of **Ross Concklin** and **Charles Estes** were stand outs for the home team, winning both of their individual matches and also the fourball match. **Harrison** and **Gregory McClimans** managed to win their fourball match, despite both of their individual matches ending in a draw.

Mother Nature provided a beautiful afternoon for the Nine & Dine event on January 14. Two teams tied for first with a score of 30: 1) **Brian Ralston, Shirley Zuzack, Sam & Sharmin Price** and **Sue Treciak** and 2) **Lisa Hartley, Joy Porter, Lorraine Wert** and **Ed & Sandy Joyner**. Closest to the Pin for the ladies on #11 was **Sue Treciak**. No man hit the green on that hole. Straightest Drivers on #15 were **Shirley Zuzack** and **Mark Reeve**.

On the same day, the fifth event of the **Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association** 2018/2019 season was held at Countryside C.C. The home team won the Club Competition with a 253. **Gregory McClimans** posted a 75, placing him in a 3-way tie for third in the Low Pro Competition, 7 strokes back of **Fielding Brewbaker** from Pasadena who put up a fine 68. CCC's 4th place finish earned them 7 season points, which boosted their season total to 22.5 points, 7 points out of a fifth place tie and a berth in the "playoffs" (the final three events). Event #6 is scheduled for February 11 at Dunedin C.C. The final three venues for March, April and May are East Lake Woodlands, Innisbrook and Clearwater.

The **Club Championship** starts on March 9 and takes place over two consecutive weekends. The contestants in the match play event will be flighted by handicap index and everything concludes with the Men's and Women's Championship Flight finals on Sunday, March 17: Men / 9 AM / 36 holes, Women / 11 AM / 18 holes. Sign up in the golf shop! (no entry fee)

Rules Quiz: True or False?

Before a stroke with the unattended flagstick in the hole, the player may leave the flagstick as he or she finds it in the hole, or center the flagstick in the hole.

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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, February 11

Golf – 3:00 PM, Dinner – 5:30 PM

9-Hole mixed scramble with a
delicious meal after golf - \$10 ++

Non-golfers welcome for
meal & entertainment.

(Charles Alexander at the piano!)

Sign Up in the Golf Shop Now!

727-461-4188



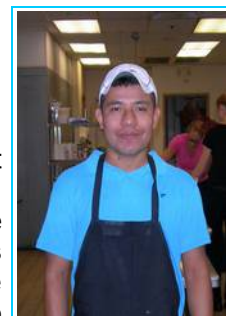
Charlie Bunker – Cal Lovell – Steve Hall

The threesome of Cal Lovell, Charlie Bunker and Steve Hall (with 254 years of experience between them) had a great day on Wednesday, January 23. They played from the orange tees and Cal had four birdies and an eagle and shot 77 to beat his age by 15! Southpaw Charlie Bunker also played well, turning in a 78 to equal his age. Steve Hall had the high score in the group, a 79, only 5 under his age.

FEBRUARY 2019 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Bernardo Matias

Bernardo started with us here at CCC in April of 2015. Originally, he worked primarily in the kitchen but spends most of his time now with Kevin's golf course maintenance crew.. Bernardo



enjoys playing soccer in his spare time. He has proven to be an excellent addition to the CCC team!

Rules Quiz Answer

"True" . . . A player is entitled to play the course as he or she finds it, which includes the position in which the preceding group left the flagstick.

A good resource on the Rules of Golf is the USGA 2019 Rules and Interpretations web page. Click [HERE](#) to see the interpretation of "Rule 13.2 The Flagstick" regarding the above mentioned situation. Or Google "USGA 2019 Rules and Interpretations".

Chef Stephen's Recipe of the Month:

Chicken Thighs with Black Eyed Peas & Tomatoes



Ingredients (6 servings)

- 1 tbs olive oil
- 6 bone in skin chicken thighs
- 2 ¼ tsp kosher salt, divided
- 1 tsp ground black pepper, divided
- 1 small yellow onion chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ½ tsp smoked paprika
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- 3 cups fresh or thawed black eyed peas
- ½ cup low sodium chicken broth
- 1 (6-oz) package fresh baby spinach

Directions

Preheat oven to 425°, then in a large ovenproof skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Sprinkle chicken with 1 tsp salt and ½ tsp pepper. Cook chicken, turning once until golden brown (about 5 minutes per side). Add garlic and cook until fragrant (about 1 minute). Stir in paprika and cumin and cook until fragrant (about 30 seconds). Stir in tomatoes, peas, broth, green onion, remaining pepper and salt and bring to a simmer. Place chicken skin-side up in skillet. Bake until golden brown. Stir in spinach just before serving. Garnish with green onion if desired.

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 Chocolate Martini

Drizzle Hershey's Syrup in your chilled martini glass. In a shaker glass, chill 2 oz. Vanilla Vodka, 1 oz. Light Creme de Cacao, a splash of Bailey's, 1 oz. Half & Half. Strain into your chilled martini glass and garnish with a cherry.

Enjoy!

Our P.G.A. Staff:

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Game Improvement

Mike's Golf Tip of the Month

Make reducing your 3-putts a top priority!



How many times do you 3-putt during a round? Most people I ask don't know the answer. But if it's more than a couple, it's too many!

Golf is made up of many different parts - driving, fairway shots, pitches, chips, sand shots, trouble shots, and PUTTING! **Did you know that putting makes up 35 to 40 percent of the shots you'll hit during a round?** So you might want to consider giving this part of your game a lot more attention.

Here are just a few of the tools you can use to reduce your 3-putts...

- Make sure you have a well-balanced putter that looks good, and feels good to you.
- Make a rhythmic putting stroke that moves back and forth from your chest and shoulders, and make sure your wrists stay quiet.
- Insert a two-foot ring of golf tees into the green around a hole, then try hitting 10, 20, and 30-foot putts inside the circle.
- Practice your putting for at least 10 to 15 minutes a day, and within a week you'll notice a big difference!

How many strokes do you think you'd save if you could 2-putt every green? Sound impossible? Think again. You may not know about the nuances of putting. But once you do, 2-putting consistently is well within your reach!

Dedicated to your best golf ever,

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Jeff's Golf Tip of the Month:

Drive for show, putt for dough?



I agree with this for the most part, especially for low handicap golfers playing tournament golf.

However most golfers will agree with me when I say, if they are hitting the driver well they usually play better. The Tee Shot sets up the way you play the hole and playing from the trees or out of bounds or in the lake makes scores soar. Here are a few tips to help you **get off the tee better:**

1. Pay attention to the teeing ground, sometimes it angles away from the center of the fairway.
2. Look at the whole teeing ground and decide which side of the tee box opens the hole up to your line of sight the best.
3. Make sure you need to hit Driver, sometimes a 3 wood will be just as good.
4. RELAX and swing in balance. If you are not in balance at the end of your driver swing, chances are you will not hit a solid shot.
5. If you are having trouble getting your tee shots up in the air you are most likely hitting DOWN on them, resulting in low drives or pop-ups.

Remember a Tee Shot in play makes a hole a lot easier than a super long Tee Shot that is in trouble or out of bounds!

If you could use a little work on your tee shots, call Jeff at (727) 365-7235 We can work on them at the range then go to the course to finalize things.

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