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Around the Pro Shop with Phil Wallace

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No matter your age or golfing ability this wonderful game provides an enjoyable way to spend precious time with family and friends. Close your eyes and think back to your best memories on the golf course. Bet you are smiling! The game of golf is more than just about the shots. It's about the fun you enjoy with your friends and family. Having snow on

the ground and the greens covered has given me time to think about my New Year's golf resolutions and they include YOU!

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Upcoming Events:

February 20:

Winter Member /
Guest

April 8:

Lane Alexander
Memorial Golf Tour-
namment

TBD:

Interclub Competi-
tion—Kings Mountain

Youth Corner

Area High School Golf Teams will begin practice soon for the 2016 Spring Season. We are proud to say that many have been working on their games during the winter months which will make all the local school teams more competitive. We always welcome volunteers to help mentor these young golfers.

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On the Green with Russell Spangler



My how the climate changed since our last newsletter when I was talking about how dry things had been. I have learned not to complain!! A whopping 27 inches of rain in October through December, more than the other 9 months of the year, has made the course a bit squishy. It has been hard to get much work done for sure. With the warm temperatures, the greens covers did not have to go out on the course as soon as usual; January 4 was the first day.

Hopefully spring is just around the corner. We hope to be able to complete the bunkers before getting too heavy into the grass growing season. Feel free to play from the bunkers we have fin-

ished on holes 1 through 11.

Here's to birdies!

Russell Spangler

On the Lighter Side

A U.S. citizen is vacationing on his own in Ireland. He decides to play a round of golf and is paired with three local gents.

He takes a few practice swings, steps up to the first tee, and proceeds to hook the ball out of bounds. He shakes his head, reaches in his pocket, and re-tees another ball. He tells his playing partners that he is taking a Mulligan. He pounds one down the center of the fairway about 280 yards out.

With a big smile, he asks the others "In the U.S., we call that a Mulligan; was wondering what you called it here in Ireland."

After a moment of silence, one of the locals replies, "Hitting three."

Clubhouse News

Gift cards were a popular holiday purchase. It's not too late to purchase one for yourself or as a gift. Gift cards can be used for golf, clubhouse merchandise, or food & beverage concessions.

During these slower winter months, we have been working on the golf carts; cleaning, inflating tires, replacing battery cables, fixing wind shields, etc. We are working hard to insure that they continue to meet your requirements. Our fleet of carts should be good to go for the spring and summer golf enthusiasts.



For the convenience of our golfers, we stock clubhouse merchandise including golf balls, gloves, shirts, shoes, and wind-breakers and more. As you know, the proceeds from merchandise sales provide additional monies that can be used to improve the golf course. If there is something in particular that you are looking for, let the staff know so that we can special order the item for you. And, keep your eyes open for special discounts on selected merchandise.

During some of these too cold to golf days, you may enjoy hanging out at the clubhouse watching TV, having lunch, or just relaxing with friends.

Oh, and don't be surprised when we ask your name, confirm your email address and mobile phone number, and request your birth date when checking in. This will help us to update our records to better serve you. We appreciate your continued support.

Spotlight: Course Maintenance Staff

This month I would like to introduce you to a few new faces on the maintenance staff! Kevin Morgan (big burly Marine Sargent) has been a great addition. Kevin is a fast learner, he has helped with irrigation repairs, mowing and course set up; if you see him on the skid loader however, give him a little extra space...LOL! Many of you know Mike Shires (from the choose-up, but don't hold that against him). Mike's main duty is fairway mowing, although he has discovered that helping out with greens covers has great health benefits too! Roger Hawkins, a recent hire, can do ANYTHING!! Roger mows greens, roughs, tees and works on equipment at the maintenance shop. He has learned how to sharpen reels (not an easy task) and has spent time keeping Bobby Winn's equipment going (next issue). One thing I am most proud of that Roger has done is get **MY** old Cushman Truckster going that had been pretty much put out to pasture. It's a three wheel truckster made and purchased in 1975... the same year Steve Sherman graduated high school. These new fellows take great pride in their work. Say hello if you get a chance.

Also, congratulations to Drew Eaker, full time staff member and my right hand man, who married in a beautiful wedding just after Thanksgiving. Drew and wife Brittney are setting up housekeeping in their new home in Kings Mountain. We are proud of Drew!

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."Phil's New Year Golf Resolutions"

- Enjoy playing more golf with family and friends in 2016
- Enjoy playing golf with every member of River Bend YMCA Golf Course in 2016
- Enjoy playing golf with juniors in 2016
- Enjoy playing in Benefit and Charity Golf Tournaments in 2016
- Enjoy strengthening and stretching to become golf fit in 2016
- Enjoy competing in at least one Carolinas PGA Event in 2016

Please see that I complete this list of Golf Resolutions by joining me for a round of golf in 2016. I'm looking forward to the fellowship and want to have some fun. How about you?

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Let's all do our part by playing golf with a junior golfer this year. Members who are parents or grandparents are invited to play with their junior golfers for only the price of the Adult Cart Fee. after 3pm. Be looking for information on the PGA Junior Golf League at River Bend. We are in the planning stages and will be starting this spring!

The First Tee Spring Sessions begin March 21st. Spring session applications are available in the Pro Shop.