

The Country Club News

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Summer Junior Camps

The Summer Junior Golf and Tennis Camps schedule has been released. Each camp is \$65 for members and \$80 for non-members. Each camp is Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 11:00 each morning. Please check the website or call the pro shop for more information on both camps. Don't let your kids miss out on the fun!

GOLF

- #1 - June 6-10
- #2 - June 20-24
- #3 - July 11-15
- #4 - July 25-29

TENNIS

- #1 - June 13-17
- #2 - July 18-22
- #3 - August 1-5

Friday Night Dinner

We will be having a Friday Night Dinner/Social on Friday, May 27th. We will have specials to choose from as well as the regular menu. More details will be sent out in a special e-mail. For more info and to make reservations, please call 752-0721 ext 18 or ext 13 by Wednesday, May 25th. Hope to see you at the club on that evening!

Call Ahead for Tee Time

The Players Blitz

The Players Blitz will be on Saturday, May 14. The entry fee is \$30, which \$12 is for the blitz and \$18 is for carryover skins game. The skins is optional, but you must get in to be eligible for The Beltone Cup. The format is your blitz points added to a pro playing in the third round of The Players. The left over money in the skins game will be added to the Beltone Cup prize fund. This will be done for US Open, Open and PGA. Points will be awarded based on finish in these events with the winner winning the Beltone Cup and the prize fund.

Memorial Day Blitz

The Memorial Day Blitz will be on May 30th. The entry fee is \$30, which \$12 is for the blitz and \$18 is for carryover skins game. It is open to anyone and anytime, but you must play with someone else that is playing. Each Hole is worth \$1 from everyone. Wherever the last skin is, you get your money back. Let's say there is 20 people playing and you win the only skin on #10, you would win \$10 from all 20 people (\$200) and then everyone gets \$8 back. Should be a lot of fun, so DON'T MISS OUT!

On the Course with Doyle

The tail end of April finally brought us some warmer nighttime temperatures to help stimulate Bermuda grass growth. The fairways finally started to respond to increased fertility. Since the fairways have been the topic of discussion all month let me clarify the situation for everyone. The main difference between this year and the years prior is the overseed. We would typically have overseed in the fairways from November through May and sometimes even into June some years depending on temperature. The decline in the Bermuda grass is not visible due to the overseed but I have observed this for years. First of all we are dealing with 45 year old turf that does not respond well to cooler temperatures and a decreased amount of sunlight. This decline I have personally witnessed for years. This is why the decision was made to overseed fairways. However this decision is not without consequences. This repetitive cycle has shortened our Bermuda grass growing season for many years therefore limiting the plants ability to obtain an adequate root system to help with its recovery. Most summers are spent trying to recover top growth mainly. Not to mention that the Ryegrass robs elements from fertilizer applications made during the early part of the year. This year will be drastically different by providing us with at least one more full month of adequate growing conditions therefore creating a healthier plant going into fall. At this point, even though they may appear thin, we have more Bermuda grass on the fairways than we ever have in the past 12 years. They are responding well to the increased fertility and aerification. We will continue to aerate fairways throughout the month until they are entirely healed. Another problem that influences spring recovery is cart traffic. We do not ask for everyone to limit the cart traffic in fairways without good reasons. The increased traffic throughout the winter months adversely affects the Bermuda grass because it simply cannot recover from the stress and it also compounds the compaction problem which we are limited in our ability to correct. Your cooperation can be crucial in the spring recovery process.

Finally, I would like to commend our Ladies Association for always following the cart rules and also setting a good example in general. Thank you ladies.

Doyle Worthington Jr.

May 6 - The Arc North Florida

May 14 - The Players Blitz

May 15 - Sunday Brunch

Straight from Carl's Desk

We only have 1 outing this month that will effect tee times, The Arc of North Florida will close the course until 1:30 on Friday, May 6th. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause you.

The pool should be open very soon. We are waiting for the inspection to take place. Please check with the pro shop as the pool should be open by the first/second week of May. Please remember that the pool is for members only. You will be asked to show a photo ID, this is to assure that only members are using the pool. Pool memberships are available for non-members. Thank you.

When you are playing golf, if possible pair up with someone on the cart. If we see two people riding by themselves, you will be asked to pair up or pay for the extra cart. The cart warranty is based on the hours a cart is used, the more carts go out, the quicker the warranty expires. Also, more carts mean more golf cart traffic, which means more damage. We need all the help that we can get in this matter. Thank you.

Always remember to make a tee time if you plan on playing golf. Don't assume because you play every Thursday at 8:45, that you will be able to play. So help us out and remember to book that tee time. Always remember to start on hole #1, groups of more than 4 need to be approved and please let faster groups play through.

Please help Doyle out by KEEPING THE CARTS OFF THE FAIRWAYS as much as possible! Please keep the carts off the green and tee slopes as much as possible. Golf cart traffic causes more damage than anything else on a golf course. Please fix the ball marks on the greens, yours and others, and please fill in all the divots with sand. This is a very important time for the golf course and we need your help! We thank you for your cooperation.

Have you been a member for at least a year and want a \$50 credit on your account? We have given about 140 members this credit already! All we need is a credit card number to pay your account balance on the first of each month and an e-mail address for you to receive your statement and newsletter by e-mail only. Then you will receive a \$50 credit. Please let us know!

If you ever have an issue with something, please don't hesitate to come and see me. If I am not around, please call my cell phone, 623-2833. I always look forward to talking to all of you. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Carl Ste-Marie
General Manager

May 21 - MGA Limited Club

May 27 - Friday Night Dinner/Social

May 30 - Memorial Day Blitz

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Blitz	2 GOB	3 Ladies Day	4 Blitz GOB Scramble Dinner	5 GOB	6 Arc North Florida	7 Breakfast Blitz 8:00 Ladies
8 Sunday Blitz	9 GOB	10 Ladies Day	11 Blitz GOB Scramble Dinner	12	13 GOB	14 Breakfast The Players Blitz 8:00 LGA
15 Brunch Sunday Blitz	16 GOB	17 Ladies Day	18 Blitz GOB Scramble Dinner	19	20 GOB	21 Breakfast MGA 8:15
22 Sunday Blitz	23 GOB	24 Ladies Day	25 Blitz GOB Scramble Dinner	26	27 GOB Friday Night Dinner/Social	28 Breakfast Blitz 8:00 Ladies
29 Sunday Blitz	30 Memorial Day Blitz GOB	31 Ladies Day	1 Blitz GOB Scramble Dinner	2	3 GOB	4 Breakfast Blitz 8:00 Ladies

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AT LAKE CITY

May 6 - The Arc
May 14 - The Players
May 15 - Sunday Brunch
May 21 - MGA Limited Club
May 27 - Friday Dinner

May 30 - Memorial Blitz
June 18 - US Open Blitz
July 16 - Open Blitz
July 30 - PGA Blitz
Sept 24-25 - THE ROUNTREE

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