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As we begin a new year and a new decade, many of us may begin to reflect on the past and what impact our current state of affairs might have on the future. Aside from the usual New Year's resolutions, we search for meaning and guidance to help us optimize the future. As Albert Einstein said, "Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow."

Every generation has its notable people and their resonating quotes and messages during times of transition. Among the ageless positive human behaviors cited by these authors, scholars, presidents and "common people" are tolerance, empathy, kindness and patience — you know, the Golden Rule! "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It is difficult to look at our cultural and political environment today and find much evidence of these laudable traits.

As we look back on this last decade, the advancement of technology and the rise in importance of social media seem to have amplified the discord that has always been present in decades past.

No doubt, every generational transition has

caused the same misgivings for people of all ages and backgrounds. Perhaps we all need to gain a fresh perspective. Communications are always defined as two-way, i.e., send AND receive. Despite generational divides among races, age groups, religions and economic strata, we can all help to make 2020 a year when we choose to practice at least even one, if not all, of the human behaviors listed earlier.

Our nation has been through all the tests of time, war, financial crisis, racial division and political polarization. Nevertheless, so far, we have survived it all and we are stronger for it.

Taberna is an unique and great community. Let's start here with the small things and they will spread outward and "pay forward" in ways we may never imagine. So, as we stand on the brink of this new decade, why not slow down, get off the cell phone, listen to opposing views and be open to productive dialogue. Where else do people wave "Hi" when passing on neighborhood streets, even if they don't know you? Where else do neighbors step up to the plate to help neighbors, those in need, as well as strangers?

**TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB WISHES ALL TABERNIANS,
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS, A PROSPEROUS,
HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.
MAY WE ALL COUNT OUR BLESSINGS IN 2020!**

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB PRESENTS

STEAK NIGHT

*Saturday, January 4
beginning at 5 p.m.*

FEATURING DISCOUNTED PRICES ON SELECT CUTS OF STEAK & CHOPS

6 Oz. Sirloin Cut
10 Oz. New York Strip
10 Oz. Ribeye
6 Oz. Filet
Lamb Chops

SEAFOOD OPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE.
INCLUDING Fresh Fish, Lobster Tails, Scallops & Shrimp

Reservations Required by Thursday, January 2nd.
Call 634-1600 Ext. 5 to reserve your table.

All-Day Buffet

Sunday, January 5th
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Adults: \$21⁹⁹ Kids 4-12: \$11⁹⁹
Under 4 Eat Free

Menu

Made-to-order Omelet Station
Egg Station, Waffle Station
Assorted Hot & Cold Breakfast Items
Fruit Salad

Chef's Choice Carving Station
Assorted Hot & Cold Luncheon Items
Fresh Salads

Chef's Choice Home-made Soup

Assorted Desserts
Reservations required, call
252.634.1600, Ext 5.



January's Welcome Wednesday Dinners

TABERNA
COUNTRY CLUB

All Tabernians are welcome to attend our
Welcome Wednesday Open House
Dinners | 5-8 p.m.

*Kids 10 &
under 1/2
price!*



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 5-8 P.M.
COMFORT FOOD NIGHT
\$12.99

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes &
Green Beans
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes &
Green Beans
Turkey Pot Pie, Cucumber Salad
Gnocchi Florentine with Sun-dried Tomatoes
in Alfredo Sauce with freshly Tossed Salad
(No Children's Pricing)



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 5-8 P.M.
PRIME RIB BUFFET \$24.99
Prime Rib Carved-to-order by our Carver Chef
Chicken Marsala
Baked Haddock in White Wine Lemon
Butter Sauce
Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Chef's Choice Dessert



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 5-8 P.M.
OYSTER FRY BUFFET \$24.99

Fried Breaded Oysters
Peel & Eat Shrimp
Marinated Flank Steak
Onion Rings
Strawberry Pecan Salad
Chef's Choice Dessert

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED THE MONDAY PRIOR TO
WEDNESDAY'S DINNER. CALL 634-1600 EXT. 5

WEDNESDAY, *Margarita
Specials*
JANUARY 15, 5-8 P.M.
MEXICAN BUFFET \$16.99

Live-action Fajita & Quesadilla Station
Taco Bar with all the Fixings including
FRESH Pico de Gallo & Guacamole
Choice of Fillings include
Came Asada (Beef)
Pork & Chicken, Refried Beans
& Churros

**2 FOR
\$30
DINNER**

Saturday, January 11, 5-8 p.m.

Choose ANY two entrées from the selections below.

Price includes Entrée & Salad **OR**
Entrée & Dessert

ENTREES

Chicken Parmesan Pasta
Grilled Sirloin with 2 Sides
Cajun Shrimp Alfredo
Mussels in Red or White Sauce
Bacon-wrapped Pork Tenderloin with 2 Sides

Reservations required. Call 634-1600 Ext. 5.
Children's menu available.

MORE JANUARY EVENTS...

BURGERS 'N BREWS

ONLY \$12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 • 5:30 P.M.



Delight in unique burger creations carefully prepared by Chef Mike and the Taberna Staff

FEATURING **BREWERY 99** of New Bern will have an expert on hand to explain the beers and the brewing process. Enjoy samples of some of their unique hand-crafted beers. You'd be hard-pressed to find brews of this quality and character anywhere else.



MUSIC PROVIDED BY MARK MCKENZIE

Reservations required by Thursday, January 16. Call 634-1600 Ext. 5 today!

Bunco NIGHT!

TUESDAY • JANUARY 21 • GAMES BEGIN AT 6 P.M.

Bunco Night at Taberna Country Club
Bunco is a very easy game to learn and requires no prior experience. It is a social game of pure luck. Everyone has a great time! Great way to meet fellow Tabernians!

Come early and enjoy our NEW TACO BAR BUFFET! \$8.99

\$5 Cash Entry Fee!

CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO WINNERS & LOSERS!

RSVP: 634-1600 EXT. 5 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!
Please indicate whether you will be eating when you call.
Thank you.

All-Day Buffet

Sunday, January 26th

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Adults: \$21⁹⁹ Kids 4-12: \$11⁹⁹

Under 4 Eat Free

Menu

Made-to-order Omelet Station
Egg Station, Waffle Station
Assorted Hot & Cold Breakfast Items
Fruit Salad

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ON WHEELS

New Bern



WINE&DESIGN

is coming to

Taberna Country Club

January 28th • 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • \$35 per person



Design: *Starry Night Train Bridge*
Reservations Required:
10 person minimum required

Use the following link to sign up:
<https://www.wineanddesign.com/calendars/event.php?id=196571>
Guest Code: WINTER

1/2 OFF SPECIALS ON GLASSES OF WINE • \$10 APPETIZER BUFFET
Bring a friend, neighbor or guest! The more, the merrier!



It was a great 2019 golfing season at Taberna, and with the hopeful sale of the club coming soon, I think we can expect bigger and better

things for 2020. I have a lot of great ideas in my head for the upcoming year! Speaking of ideas, what are your golfing resolutions for 2020?

Golf Shop Update

The golf shop inventory is still adding accessories and different items as we head into the colder months. I want to note that I can special order anything golf-related that you may want. It does not have to be present on the golf shop floor for you to order anything. If you want a new bag, new clubs, headcovers, towels, personalized golf balls... just let me know!

The 2020 Tournament Calendar has

been finalized and is included in this Newsletter (See it on Page 5 and you can print it if you like). Please save as many dates as you can to be a part of the 2020 Taberna Tournament Season. The first tournament of the year will be the Chili Bowl again on March 14th. We will host the 2020 Member-Guest on June 4th – June 6th and that will be **OPEN TO MALE AND FEMALE TEAMS**. July 4th is on a Saturday this year, so along with the normal Saturday groups going out, we will host a Club-wide Flag Tournament for an additional buy-in.

I have also included the outside tournaments that I have booked already into 2020. We are up to eight outside events so far, and I hope to include more. I always make Mondays the first offer for these events, but we do have two Saturday events in May. All of these are subject to change when the new ownership takes over the club.

The World Handicap System is a

brand new handicap system that will be in place throughout the entire universe on January 6, 2020. Your Handicap Index may not change, but your Course Handicap will change dramatically depending on what tees and golf course you are playing. Hopefully you have followed the information that Larry Napolis and I have sent out to inform people. If you want an in-depth look at the system being used, there is still one more seminar taking place in the dining room on Thursday, Jan 2 at 8:30 AM.

Golf Course Update

The winter has been mostly mild so far, and I hope it stays that way. The greens have been beautiful for a couple of months now, and that should not change as we go through the next couple of months. Hopefully, we shall stay dry enough so that we do not have to be cart path only for too many days. I will update everyone through the email system each morning as the course conditions change.

TCC TENNIS INFO

Two courts are reserved for each scheduled tennis group below:

Tennis Clinic – Tuesday 6:30 PM – 9 PM

All Player Levels Are Welcome

Jean Herscovici – Instructor • \$10. – Per Clinic

• Contact Cathy Hadad at 288-5918

Women's League Play – Monday & Wednesday 6:30 PM – 9 PM

• Contact Genie Meyer at 638-2093

Open Men's Tennis – Tuesday and Friday 8 AM – 10 AM

Thursday night 7 PM – 8:30 PM

• Contact Howard Cochran at 634-2982

**FOR PRIVATE LESSONS AT ANY LEVEL, BEGINNER TO ADVANCED, CONTACT
Randy Bridgman 514-9638 • Jean Herscovici 201-787-8551**

2020 TABERNA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

MARCH

Saturday, Mar 14 – Chili Bowl

Monday, Mar 16 – Outside Tournament (DEWGA)

Monday, Mar 23 – Outside Tournament (East Carolina Seniors)

APRIL

Friday, Apr 10 – Sunday Apr 12 – Masters Tournament (Men and Ladies)
(Sunday April 12 is Easter Sunday, also)

Monday, Apr 13 – Tuesday, Apr 14 – Aerification

MAY

Saturday, May 2 – Outside Tournament (Dellorfano)

Saturday, May 9 – Outside Tournament (Teasdale)

Saturday, May 16 – Sunday, May 17 – Spring Member/Member

JUNE

Thursday, Jun 4 – Saturday, Jun 6 – Member/Guest

Monday, Jun 8 – Outside Tournament (GolfWeek Am Tour)

Monday, Jun 22 – Taberna Ladies Invitational

JULY

Saturday, Jul 4 – Flag Tournament (NEW ADDITION)

Monday, Jul 13 – Outside Tournament (Guy Peterson Event)

AUGUST

Saturday, Aug 15 – Sunday Aug 16 – Club Championship (Probably get a snow storm and have to postpone)

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day – Patriot Golf Day

Tuesday, Sept 8 – Wednesday, Sept 9 – Aerification

Monday, Sept 21 – Outside Tournament (Tidewater Seniors)

Thursday, Sept 24 – Sunday, Sept 27 – Ryder Cup/Solheim Cup

OCTOBER

Friday, Oct 16 – Sunday, Oct 18 – Fall Member/Member

NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov 7 – Superintendent's Revenge

MEET TWGA'S NEW PRESIDENT



Barb Herl

Thank you for electing me as your 2020 TWGA President. I am thrilled to be part of a community of women who love the game of golf, but more importantly, who truly love and care about each other. I am eager to serve, and I welcome any suggestions you may have that will improve your experience as

a TWGA member.

A little bit about me...As many of you know, I moved to New Bern from Rochester, NY with my husband Curt Diesenberg in August of 2018 after we retired. We found Taberna when we vacationed here in 2017 by wandering into the Pro Shop seeking to play a round of golf, not knowing it was a private club. Mel Walczak cheerfully greeted us and as we chatted; we discovered that Mel is also from the Rochester area. When we told him that we were checking out New Bern as a potential retirement city, he scooted to Katie Shorter's office and presented us with passes to play a round of golf. We loved the course and the Taberna Community and luckily found our forever retirement home. Thank you to all of the TWGA ladies who greeted me so graciously and made me feel so welcome. Ya'll took the scary out of joining an organization while not knowing a single person.

More useless tidbits of information about me:

- ❖ Before I moved to NC, I thought the Shag was a type of carpet.

- ❖ I only wear black. (Just ask Eileen – LOL!)
- ❖ Curt and I have been married 2½ years; I didn't change my last name from Herl to Diesenberg, because Diesenberg is too hard to spell and pronounce. Not really...I still have a business in NY, which is registered to my name, so I will keep Herl as long as I choose to keep the business in operation.
- ❖ I never realized that fast food chicken restaurants could cause traffic jams until I moved to NC.
- ❖ I love all foods...OK, not so much. Please no mayo, mustard, olives, horse radish, onions, garlic, oysters or any kind of sauce that looks yucky.
- ❖ I've never eaten grits. They look awful. What are grits anyway?
- ❖ It took me a full year to correctly pronounce and spell Jean Herscovici's last name. Sorry, Sharon K.! I haven't mastered yours yet, but I will in 2020!

I'm looking forward to a fun 2020 golfing season with the TWGA. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns. I can be reached on my cell phone at (585) 738-2362 or email me at barbherl@suddenlink.net. Happy Golfing!

Barb!

P.S. See pics from Christmas Dinner below!



*The TWGA Annual Christmas Awards Dinner
December 2, 2019*



NEWS FROM THE GOLF LEAGUES

TMGA

Brian Binn

Hopefully everyone has made it through the holidays safely, renewed for a fantastic 2020, have all your resolutions in place, and only added a few pounds with all the holiday cheer and food with friends and family.

Speaking of resolutions, here are a few I've thought about (not yet committed to, and may not even be doable). As an aside, you actually have until the end of January to change your mind; it's in the by-laws. Here goes:

1. Lower my handicap by 4. This could be easy since the new "Worldwide Handicap System" may do it automatically.
2. Repair fewer ball marks, fill fewer divots, and rake fewer sand traps...What? Why? Because everyone else is taking time to be good stewards of the course.
3. Pray for good weather during the Club Championship. This may be tough based on recent track record.
4. Win the Member-Guest again. 😊
5. Understand the new handicap system. (Stop laughing!)
6. Someone wins more money than Bob D.
7. A fun 2020 season for the TMGA. You always

need one resolution that's a no-brainer.

The announcement about TMGA dues went out in mid-December. Dues are still \$50 and can be paid by cash or check (made out to TMGA). Please give to Jason at the club or to one of the TMGA officers. We look forward to having you all back, and to welcoming some new members as well.

Jason gave a very informative seminar on the new handicap system with an emphasis on important member responsibilities. First and foremost is posting scores on the day you play, either at the course computer or through the GHIN app available for phones.

In the new system, handicaps are recomputed daily! Second, ESC score for when you pick-up on a hole has changed. I won't go into it here, but it will require some adjustment.

Lastly, Happy New Year to all from your TMGA team. See you on the course!

Thanks, and see you on the course... Brian!



TWGA - 18-HOLERS

Julie Jones

The TWGA Annual Christmas Awards Dinner, held on Tuesday, December 2nd, was attended by about 40 women. The dining room was festively decorated for Christmas; attendees were happily visiting with each other during the cocktail hour. Dinner was very enjoyable, finishing with delicious crème brûlée.

Pat Baader, outgoing TWGA President, spoke to the group, then, awards were presented by Debbie Polacke (18 Holers) and Peggy MacSaveny (Nine-Holers): Betty Rovins swept the awards for the 18-Holers, earning Most Improved Golfer for the 2019 season, scoring the highest numbers of birdies in league play on Tuesdays as well as Ringers. Great job, Betty, good for you! Jean Reichenbach won Most Improved Player for the Nine-

Holers — way to go, Jean! Congratulations to both of you!

During the golf season, the 18-Holers collect quarters for three-putts on league Tuesdays; the total collected is donated at the end of the season to the Empty Stocking Fund (Salvation Army) to give needy children Christmas gifts. Julie Jones collected the final time at the Christmas dinner. We donated \$366 this year! Thanks for your generosity, everyone! By the way, our putting may be bad, but a lot of the women give a good part (if not all) of their end-of-season award money at the dinner. It's not just the weekly three-putt quarters!

The new TWGA Board, headed by incoming President Barb Herl, will be meeting soon to plan the upcoming

TWGA season.

Everyone has been so busy with Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year – the holidays seemed to have arrived in a condensed flash of time, that there hasn't been much golf play for the past month or so. There was also enough rain to keep us from playing much, even though the weather recently has been unseasonably warm — pretty sure Winter will be arriving any time now!

I'll be getting some things done around the house that have been waiting for winter — hope everyone has a productive, enjoyable, restful winter... so we can get out there in March and play golf with renewed gusto!

TWGA - NINE-HOLERS

Donna Lee

Congratulations to Jean Reichenbach, who received the Most Improved 9-Hole Player award for 2019!

Thanks to Regina Gemignani and Peggy MacSaveny for being leaders for the past two years. Peggy will continue to act as co-leader for 2020 along with Donna Lee.

Just a reminder that even though league play will not begin for a couple of months, ladies can still sign up to play Tuesday mornings via the sign-up sheet in the locker room. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year!



Iris Walter, Donna Lee, Peggy MacSaveny and Carol Larimer at the TWGA Christmas Dinner

On behalf of all the employees here at Taberna Country Club, I would like to thank our members who made such generous contributions to the Employee Christmas Fund.

It means so much to us to feel the love and appreciation that has been expressed.

We look forward to the new year with our Taberna family!

*Thank you!
Shannon Nunn*



Our longtime (10 years!) and loyal Sunday Pro Shop attendant, Jason Phillips, wanted to send special thanks...

"Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. I'm going on 10 years now at Taberna and I'm very thankful to be a part of such a great place!"

— Jason Phillips

Winter Menu Debut

SAVE THE DATE!

Chef Mike's NEW Winter Dinner Menu will be available beginning **Saturday, January 25th** during our normal dinner hours of 5-8 p.m. (Excluding any special dinners featured on January's calendar.)

Make your reservations today to enjoy these all-new items!

Contact 634-1600 Ext. 5



"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."

— Marcus Tullius Cicero —

TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB JANUARY 2020

OPEN FOR LUNCH TUESDAY-SUNDAY 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>DINING AND SPECIAL EVENT RESERVATIONS: 634-1600 EXT. 5</p>  <p>TRADITIONAL YOGA: MONDAYS: 9 A.M. & 6 P.M. TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 9 A.M.</p>			<p>TMGA 1</p> <p><i>Happy New Year</i></p> <p>CLUBHOUSE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Thirsty Thursday</i></p> <p>Drink Specials All Day DINNER 5-8 P.M.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FRESH FISH FRIDAY</p> <p>IN THE DINING ROOM 5-8 P.M.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>STEAK NIGHT 5-8 P.M.</p> <p>SELECT CUTS OF PREMIUM BEEF</p>
<p>5</p> <p>ALL-DAY BUFFET 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.</p> <p>LUNCH MENU NOT AVAILABLE</p>	<p>6</p> <p>COURSE & CLUBHOUSE CLOSED</p>	<p>TWGA 7</p> <p>LUNCH SERVED 11 A.M.-4 P.M.</p>	<p>TMGA 8</p> <p><i>Welcome</i></p> <p>Wednesday Open House Dinner 5-8 p.m. Comfort Food Night \$12.99</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Thirsty Thursday</i></p> <p>Drink Specials All Day DINNER 5-8 P.M.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>FRESH FISH FRIDAY</p> <p>IN THE DINING ROOM 5-8 P.M.</p>	<p>2 FOR \$30</p> <p>DINNER 5-8 P.M. SELECT ENTRÉES FROM A SPECIAL CHEF'S MENU</p>
<p>12</p> <p>LUNCH SERVED 11 A.M.-4 P.M.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>COURSE & CLUBHOUSE CLOSED</p> <p><i>Poker</i> 6 P.M.</p>	<p>TWGA 14</p> <p>PRIMATE EVENT</p> <p>DINING ROOM CLOSED UNTIL 2 P.M.</p>	<p>TMGA 15</p> <p><i>Welcome</i></p> <p>Wednesday Open House Dinner 5-8 p.m. Mexican Buffet \$16.99 children 12 & under: 1/2 price!</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Thirsty Thursday</i></p> <p>Drink Specials All Day DINNER 5-8 P.M.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>FRESH FISH FRIDAY</p> <p>IN THE DINING ROOM 5-8 P.M.</p>	<p>BURGERS 'N BREWS \$12</p> <p>WITH MARK MCKENZIE 5:30-7:30 P.M. FEATURING BREWERY 99</p>
<p>19</p> <p>LUNCH SERVED 11 A.M.-4 P.M.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>COURSE & CLUBHOUSE CLOSED</p>	<p>TWGA 21</p> <p>BUNCO NIGHT \$5 CASH ENTRY FEE GAME BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 6 P.M. TACO BAR BUFFET \$8.99</p>	<p>TMGA 22</p> <p><i>Welcome</i></p> <p>Wednesday Open House Dinner <i>Prime Rib</i> NIGHT 5-8 p.m. \$24.99 children 12 & under: 1/2 price!</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Thirsty Thursday</i></p> <p>Drink Specials All Day DINNER 5-8 P.M.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>FRESH FISH FRIDAY</p> <p>IN THE DINING ROOM 5-8 P.M.</p>	<p>NEW WINTER DINNER MENU DEBUT</p> <p>DINNER 5-8 P.M. ENJOY A NEW SELECTION OF ENTRÉES</p>
<p>26</p> <p>ALL-DAY BUFFET 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.</p> <p>LUNCH MENU NOT AVAILABLE</p>	<p>27</p> <p>COURSE & CLUBHOUSE CLOSED</p>	<p>TWGA 28</p> <p>WINE & DESIGN \$35 SUPPLY FEE 1/2 OFF SPECIALS ON GLASSES OF WINE \$10 APPETIZER BUFFET 5 P.M. APPETIZERS 6 P.M. DESIGN</p>	<p>TMGA 29</p> <p><i>Welcome</i></p> <p>Wednesday Open House Dinner Oyster Fry Buffet \$24.99 children 12 & under: 1/2 price!</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Thirsty Thursday</i></p> <p>Drink Specials All Day DINNER 5-8 P.M.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>FRESH FISH FRIDAY</p> <p>IN THE DINING ROOM 5-8 P.M.</p>	