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## UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS









## MORE MARCH EVENTS...









## YIPS FROM THE TIPS... JASON HAMMEL



When will we see dry weather? The golf course fairways have managed to stay a healthy shade of green throughout the entire winter so all we

need is some warm and dry weather. The conditions of the golf course have been wet, but it should be amazing out there once the grass starts soaking up the water. With the tournament season kicking off, and the sale of the club coming soon, there is plenty of excitement around the start of the season.

#### **GOLF SHOP UPDATE**

The Greens Committee and I met for the first time in 2020 last month, and I wanted to give everyone a little insight to some of the projects we discussed and have undertaken on the golf course. The Greens Committee exists in order to facilitate discussions and highlight concerns with me, Wade and his crew regarding potential improvements on our golf course.

Some of those discussions and projects have been: clearing drains in bunkers that hold water around the golf course; re-establishing the river rock on the golf cart paths around the course to diminish bumping; lifting concrete sections of cart paths to clear roots underneath and re-setting them smoothly; replacing rope around the golf course that is either broken or frayed; and many other topics that we have done, or plan to put into place. The Greens Committee does great work to improve our course.

The Tournament Season is about to kick off with the Chili Bowl on March 14th. It will be a 4-person scramble and we will start at 9:30. For more details or to sign up, please contact the Golf Shop. We will also kick-start our year-long Couples Golf series in March,

starting on Friday, March 27th at 4 PM. More details to follow.

My Get Golf Ready beginner's golf clinic will start on March 28th. It will consist of one-hour lessons each Saturday morning at 11 AM for five consecutive Saturdays. Please sign up by Saturday, March 21st in the Golf Shop.

#### **GOLF COURSE UPDATE**

Now it is time to get a little serious and talk about the golf course and the Par 3 tees. The Par 3 tees are obviously our "short-course" here at Taberna, and they exist partly as a fun, less-exhausting way to get 18 holes in when our course is cold, wet, or both. The time it takes to play the Par 3 tees is obviously a great deal less than what it takes to play the entire course. When it is Cart Path Only, there must be respect shown for groups playing the full course.

I have heard of and observed groups finishing a hole, and then driving past a group playing in the fairway to sit and park at the Par 3 tees in front of them. I have also heard of and observed groups skipping holes to get ahead of other groups, and then jumping back on the hole they skipped later to finish the round. This is disrespectful to other groups and golfers and future re-

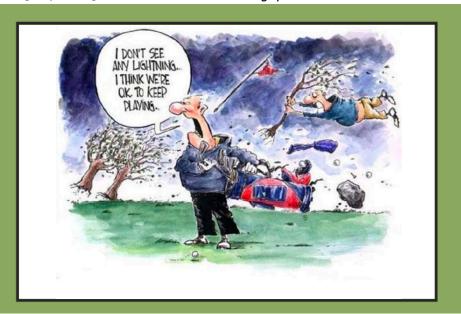
ports or observations will be taken to the Greens Committee for potential discipline.

Conjointly, I would ask that groups playing the full course allow faster groups playing the Par 3 tees to play through if applicable. Please have a little patience out there, that way everyone can enjoy the golf course to its full potential each day.

The Black Tees experiment received mostly positive feedback about the different positions of the tees on certain holes. We will start the TMGA season and the Tournament season with these positions intact. Adjustments will be made throughout the year to give the course a different twist every now and then, but these tee positions will be the baseline for our USGA rating taking place this spring, and the Black Tees will have their own yardage on new scorecards that will be designed after the Re-Rating.

Finally, our Star Performers for February. We have two Holes-in-One to report!

- ★ Tom Manula had an ace from the Par 3 tee #16, and
- ★ John McGinness had an ace from the Par 3 tee #10. Great shots, guys!



### **GOLF NEWS**

#### TMGA... Brian Binn



We are looking forward to the start of the TMGA season on Wednesday, 4 March, with lunch hosted by the TMGA for all

TMGA members. The event will be a Modified Scramble. I hope the course dries out. Providing we are able to play on Opening Day, thank you in advance for a great start to the season! We'll continue through March with a start time of 9:30, and then look to switch to 8:30 in April.

Everyone seems to be comfortable with the new handicap system. We'll update indices/handicaps in GolfGe-

nius on Tuesday morning before we set up the Wednesday match. Please remember to enter your scores the day you play since the GHIN system updates daily. On the course, the major change we've seen is the repositioning of some of the black tees. Jason is working with the Carolina PGA to have the course (all tees) rerated this spring.

Thanks to Bob and Larry for managing the Fall/Winter season and adeptly adjusting to the varying weather conditions we had during the season. Also, Wade and his crew continue to do a great job on the course and getting through "winter" maintenance activities such as cutting down the marsh areas, trimming and removing trees,

etc. Jason and Wade are working with the Greens Committee as well to address issues of concern to membership. Some take time, and funds, to fully address. As in the past, the Greens Committee will be scheduling a "divot (filling) party" in the near future. As a reminder, please fill in your divots (and one or two others!), and if it's cart path only, try and bring the sand with you. One area of concern is when we get inside the exit signs.

Tournament season kicks off with the 2020 Chili Bowl on 14 March. Come out and support the club and savor some great chili and the fan-friendly scramble format.

Thanks again for your support of the TMGA, Brian

#### TWGA President's Message

March is here and it is a very special month! March 8th is when Daylight Savings begins and, of course, we celebrate St Patrick's Day on March 17th. Spring officially begins on March 20<sup>th</sup> and the March Madness tournaments debut mid-month. But most importantly. March also marks the beginning of Golf Madness. What is Golf Madness? Golf Madness is when no matter how perfectly your golf day may start, somehow "freaking" Murphy's Laws of Golf will emerge and totally mess with your game! Just in case you need a reminder, here are some examples of how Murphy's Laws are truly embedded in the game of golf.

- Balls from the same sleeve have a very tight bond with each other and will follow one another into the woods.
- Waiting for the group ahead of you on the green to clear because "you can reach" is also a silent invitation for all those around to watch as your approach shot becomes multiple shots...
- ❖ When you finally make the green

- in nine, that 50-foot putt can be made blindfolded and with the sand trap rake.
- Four-letter words, except for golf, will be utilized quite excessively once the first swing is made.
- Confidence evaporates in the presence of water and sand traps.
- It's not a gimme if you're still away.
- The wind is in your face on 16 of the 18 holes.
- The ball always lands where the pin was yesterday.
- It always takes at least five holes to notice that a club is missing.
- Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
- You can hit a two-acre fairway 10% of the time and a two-inch branch 90% of the time.
- The practice green is either half as fast or twice as fast as all of the other greens.

- If you seem to be hitting your shots straight on the driving range, it's probably because you're not aiming at anything.
- A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.
- To hit a truly awful shot, mere incompetence is not enough...you really need an audience.

Happy Golfing! Barb Herl

#### NINE-HOLERS... DONNA LEE

The 9 hole ladies got together for their pre-season meeting on February 21. Because that was the day after our "blizzard," Jason's presentation regarding the new handicap rules to the group was postponed and will now be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, just before the TWGA general meeting. We have our fingers crossed for some dryer weather to avoid cart path only on opening day on March 10.

Looking forward to a fun season!

#### MARCH - A BUSY MONTH AT TCC!

After a really, really wet winter, TCC has an incredibly active social calendar planned to entertain and feed our hungry souls in March. Just check out this month's calendar on page 7 — it is filled with so much to do, there is something for everyone!

On Saturday, February 22nd, a Mardi Gras party was held in the dining room — offering a great

menu, specialty drinks, dancing to the dj's music — Laissez les bons temps rouler! See the Mardi Gras photos below...

Please look over the flyers on the first three pages of the newsletter and make your plans now for a event-packed month of March at Taberna Country Club!













## **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

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