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A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Members,

2020 has been an exciting year (to say the LEAST)!! We have had to deal with more changes in the way we do business, live our lives, talk to our friends and relatives than we ever have had to before. 2020 brought with it some very major changes in our day-to-day lives, and we have ALL had to learn to adapt in a short amount of time. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank each of you who is reading this letter for staying with the Club during these very trying times.

As most of you know, we did not have a chance to do much marketing/advertising for the Club this year. Hopefully, in 2021, I will be able to alter that dynamic and get out and "do what I do best." We have focused all of our efforts on the members here at Taberna for this past year. We did have over 50 new Members join our Taberna Family this year (during a worldwide pandemic), which was a "bonus" for us, as we did not anticipate anything new once the pandemic set in. 2021 will hopefully be a better

year for us here at Taberna as we gear up for a 2021 Advertising/Marketing Strategy for the year. There are some big things on the horizon for us here at Taberna, I can feel it and see it every day here with the best members on the East Coast of North Carolina.

I think we have made some significant improvements this year on (and off) the course. Wade and his staff have done a wonderful job in getting the course back into the shape that you once knew and grew to love. Over time, we will continue the beautification of the course and other amenities as well. Thank you to all the members who have donated their time, experience and motivation to help bring back Taberna. There are years of neglect here that SHOULD have been repaired in past years; however, was just "kicked down the road" for... that's right...me to come back!! I assure you, Members, I am UP FOR THE CHALLENGE!! Understand that everything can not be "fixed at once" and it will take time to correct these neglected areas. Your patience is greatly

appreciated. However, as I stated above, I am ready and will do everything in my power to make those troubled areas good once again.

At the time of writing this article, I do not have the total year summaries for all the departments here at the Club. In February's newsletter, I will be happy to share with you all the data from 2020: Total Rounds, Membership Status (and numbers), etc. Next month's newsletter will have some good information in it pertaining to these departments.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to remember the loss of several of our members here at Taberna. We have all been affected by the loss of these members and I have a plan for 2021 to memorialize these members for years to come. I will disclose those plans in the months to come.

*Happy New Year to all and
THANK you for being a Member!!*

*Best regards,
Scot*

**MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE FEWER AND YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE,
AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TWO CHEFS CATERING, INC.

Happy New Year, Members!

We surely did have an exciting month of December full of Christmas parties, despite the Pandemic! On Sunday, December 20th, Santa made an appearance to a packed Clubhouse even during the torrential downpours... Jolly Saint Nick was warmly welcomed by all!

We have some upcoming events for everyone to look forward to this month:

Thursday, January 14th TWGA Annual Board Meeting

Friday, January 15th Seafood Buffet Night 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 24th Breakfast Buffet 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 28th "Name That Tune Bingo" 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Please call (252) 634-1600 ext. 3 for Reservations

Just a reminder that under the Governor's Executive Order, all alcohol sales must end at 9:00 PM sharp!

Also, as of now, the Governor is allowing the sale of mixed alcoholic beverages to-go.

As always, we always appreciate your suggestions and feedback.

Let's make 2021 a Great Year!

Warm Regards, Ben and Leslie Wheat



A VISIT FROM SAINT NICK

SANTA CAME TO TABERNA TO SEE THE CHILDREN ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, DURING A CHRISTMAS LUNCH BUFFET. OF COURSE, HE WAS WEARING A PLEXIGLAS SHIELD OVER HIS FACE FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE!



Terry Smith ...TMGA President

Welcome to the New Year and I join with everyone I'm sure in hoping this year is a lot more positive than last. With the New Year brings another great season of Golf at Taberna and another year of the TMGA.

I would like to take a second and thank Larry Narolis for bridging the gap from 2020 to 2021 by doing a great job in putting together the Winter TMGA. This is a great chance to take advantage of our mild (most of the time) Eastern North Carolina weather and to keep our golf game fine tuned for the upcoming year. It also gives everyone a good reason to get out and enjoy Taberna and the interesting stories from our fellow golfers.

With the new season approaching, preparation is underway in setting up our new tournament schedule. We will kick off the 2021 TMGA on the 3rd of March and will end on the 27th of October. Dues will again be \$50.00 and can be paid by check or cash. Please remember to make your checks payable to the TMGA. You can pay any of the TMGA officers Terry Smith, Tom Love, Dick Miller, Brian Binn or Scott at the Pro Desk.

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and communicate and interact with family and friends the best you can. Stay safe and looking forward in seeing everyone on the course.

❖ In ending, I would just like to make a couple of New Year resolutions:

- ❖ No throwing clubs;
- ❖ Stay away from water, trees and ditches;
- ❖ Wear my favorite green shirt for Mel and favorite brown golf shoes for Tom!

Take care...Terry



Superintendent's Revenge

TCC's annual Superintendent's Revenge, the golf season's final tournament of the year, was held on Saturday, December 5th. It is a really fun-filled tournament wherein the Maintenance crew gets to create 18 holes and greens of obstacle-riddled, trouble-filled greens and pin placements. They did a whopping job this year!

The winners:

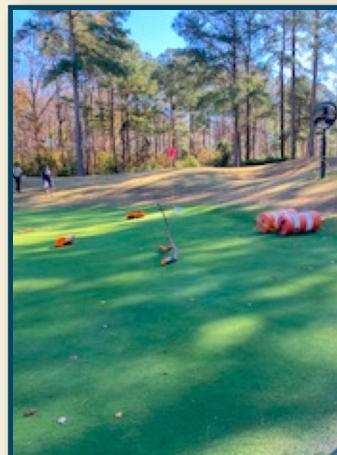
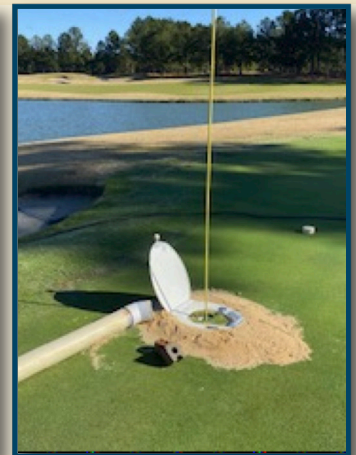
Ladies Flight

1. Reichenbach, Jean / MacSaveny, Peggy
2. Clark, Barbara / Jones, Julie
3. Walczak, Debbie / Teasdale, Cindy

Men's Flight

1. Cormier, Terrence / Dillon, Peter
2. Sagan, Dana / Mueller, Gerald
3. Scoggins, Michael / Miller, Michael
4. Walczak, Dan / Rogers, Don
5. Gemmill, Bruce / Dannemann, Charlie
6. Bradley, Jim / Kiefer, Rick

See some of the devilish putting tricks below!



Hole-in-One



Gary Thirkell aced for a Hole-in-One on December 10th, on Hole #5!

Way to go, Gary!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Barb Herl ...TWGA President



The TWGA winter golf season is in full swing now for those ladies who want to keep their golf skills from hibernating over the winter. The winter

golf season also provides you with an opportunity to show off your fashionable layered looks, but more importantly, offers one more excuse as to why you flubbed a golf shot. It's called "I have too many layers on to swing the club" excuse. Personally, I think this is the most credible excuse so pile on the layers and come on out and give winter golf a try. Peggy MacSaveny has instituted an electronic sign up format via golf genius which makes it easy to sign up for Tuesday morning 9-hole or 18 hole rounds. This replaces the sign-up sheet in the locker room so look for her invitation to play emails each week. If you want to play on a Saturday morning, call the Pro shop and add your name to one of the reserved 18-hole time slots for the ladies. The regular TWGA Tuesday and Saturday play days will begin in March and we are looking forward to hosting the golf tournaments and social events that were cancelled in 2020 due to Covid. Cindy Teasdale and Jean Hanson will be the 18-hole division leaders, Peggy MacSaveny and Carolyn Perrigo will lead the 9-hole division and the Saturday 18-hole division will be lead by Genie Meyer. We hope to be able to have a TWGA General Meeting in early March to close out the 2020 season and kick off the 2021 season but this will be determined by Covid and the CDC guidelines. The 2021 TWGA membership registration form will be emailed to all of the current members in early January. If you are interested in becoming a member, or would like more information about the TWGA please email Barb Herl at barbherl@suddenlink.net or call her at 585-738-2362. Just a reminder that we will once again be publishing a 2021 TWGA Directory, so if there are any changes that need to be made in regards to your contact information, please make sure you note it on the TWGA registration form.

Stay Safe, Keep Warm & Happy Golfing!

Barb Herl
TWGA President

LADIES' GOLF – I'M INTERESTED AND IT SEEMS LIKE FUN, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY

By Carolyn Perrigo

Did you ever think "golf looks like fun but those gals out there look like they know what they're doing and I don't know how to play or even where to start"? Or you tried it a couple of times and just got totally frustrated and discouraged. Well, we have a solution for you!

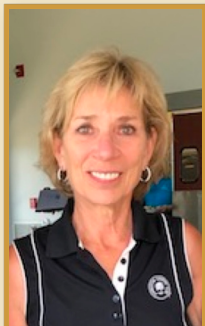
Beginning in January, a new golf group, Thursday Scramble, is starting for anyone who would like to learn to play the game. "Scramble" is a way of playing the game where everyone in the group hits the ball, and the "best" ball is selected from those hits. Then everyone plays their next shot from that position. The group keeps doing that until the ball is in the hole. In that way, no one has to worry about how well they do or how many shots it takes for them to keep up. Everyone just gets to hit the ball, we don't keep score, and we only play 9 holes. It's fun, it's outside on our beautiful course, and it's absolutely not stressful. You learn the game, learn how to hit the ball by doing it, and have a good time.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please call the club pro shop at 252.634.1600 and ask to be included in the Thursday Scramble group. You will receive an email each week from Golf Genius asking if you are "Playing" or "Not Playing" in the Thursday round. Just click on your choice and we'll do the rest. We even have at least one set of loaner clubs if you don't have clubs. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday afternoons!



"We've only played three holes and we've both already shot our ages!"

Musings from Barb...



I think it's safe to say that 2020 did not turn out the way we expected it would. Covid-19 flipped our world upside down and put us on an unfamiliar path of social distancing, wearing masks, quarantining, and staying home. And we constantly waited. We waited to see our loved ones, waited for grocery shelves to be stocked, waited to travel, waited

to get our hair cut, waited for Covid tests and waited for a vaccine, to name a few. I can say without a doubt that all this waiting has made me a more patient person, so I will patiently wait for the vaccine to do its job so that we all can get back to some sort of normalcy... whatever that may look like. But before I completely kick 2020 to the curb, I would like to share an experience I had over the Holidays. Curt and I took a ride one night to look at Christmas decorations. We were driving on this rural road, and what did I see but a manure spreader decorated with Christmas lights parked

in someone's side yard. Excitedly I slapped Curt on his arm and exclaimed "Did you see that manure spreader all lit up with Christmas lights? I was hoping he would share my enthusiasm but his lame response was, "How do you know what a manure spreader looks like?" Hello...I grew up on a farm, remember? All I could think of after seeing this bejeweled masterpiece was how freaking appropriate this was for 2020. I should have taken a picture of it and created a Holiday card that read "Spreading a crap load of 2020 throughout the Holiday Season." I think it would have been a big seller...heck, maybe I would have even gotten rich. But it's 2021 now, and with much passion I shout "Sayonara, Ciao, See Ya, Adios and Good Riddance" to 2020. We are greeting 2021 much wiser and with enough cynicism to weather whatever s\$!t storm this New Year has in store for us, so I say, "Bring It On!"

Happy New Year!

Barb Herl

THE TENNIS CORNER

WITH BARBARA FLYNN

OPEN TENNIS DATES AND TIMES

Sunday 12:30 pm

Tuesday 6:15 pm

Now that it is January, and we are in the winter months, the ability to play tennis here at Taberna is limited by the weather – namely the colder and, recently, extremely wet weather. If we cannot play tennis at least we can watch it on TV, such as the Australian Open.

The 2021 Australian Open is the first grand slam of 2021. This year the tournament is scheduled for mid-February (2/8 – 2/21) in Melbourne, weeks later than its traditional end of January date. Qualifying matches will be held in Doha January 10 – 13 with weeks between qualifying and the tournament set aside for travel and covid-19 quarantining. Players will be subjected to "an extremely rigorous testing regime" before and after arriving in Melbourne.

Last year the Australian Open was the only one of the four major tennis tournaments to proceed as normal.

Maintenance of Your Racquet — Having discussed last month how often to get your racquet restrung, and string gauge and tension, the next consideration is the string types:

1. Natural gut: Most expensive; most powerful string available; holds tension the best; remains soft at high tensions; arm friendliness – is superior to all synthetic strings
2. Tournament nylon: Cheapest string suited for complete beginners
3. Synthetic gut: Most commonly used; 75% of all club players are using it; made of nylon but not to be confused with tournament nylon.
4. Multifilament: More expensive; holds tension better; higher elasticity; more powerful; softer which makes it easier on the arm – good choice for seniors

There are five or six other string types available, but those of us who play regularly would rely on those strings listed first.

**For info about tennis at Taberna,
Please call Genie Meyer at 638-2093.**



JANUARY 2021 CLUB & EVENTS CALENDAR



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