



welcome spring!

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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER...

MARCH 2024



*Hello,
Members!*

Spring is finally around the corner and that means warmer and longer days! We have a lot of activities scheduled for

this month so make sure you check the calendar and come join us.

The pool deck resurfacing project

should begin in the next couple of weeks and I will be sure to update all of you on that once we are underway!

Donna and I have been putting together some ideas for some more family-oriented activities including a family movie night, Friday grilling and music at the pool, and lawn games. We are always open to suggestions so please let us know if you have any!

On Sunday, March 17th we will be hosting a food drive here at the

club. Cereal is a desperately needed item, but any non-perishable food items will be accepted and appreciated. Put it in the back of the 1964 Ford that will be parked here and the owners will drive the donations on the 18th from Taberna to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. For any questions, please contact Ruth Cresenzo at racresenzo@gmail.com.

*Thank you,
Shannon Nunn*

WISE WORDS FROM ALEX McCRAIGHT!

PRO SHOP MANAGER



Members,
I didn't think it possible, but after two months, I still have a job. Thank you!

As Febrrrrruary is behind us, let's recap a

couple of significant events:

It was a tough battle, but Peanut Butter and Jelly donations ended in a 101-101 tie. Full Disclosure: Jelly really won, but I dropped one of the glass containers in the parking lot. Thank you to all who donated,

and special thanks to those who had to tolerate my emails, when they just wanted to know if they were 'Cart Path Only' for the day! Two Rivers hasn't put out their final tally yet, but they are confident that they broke the 1k (1000) target for each.

Without much fanfare or advertisement, we opened up our course to "Public" play, and so far, results have been favorable. Thank you as members for setting the example on the course by raking bunkers, filling divots, repairing ball marks and following the 90 degree and other course rules. We had over 25

instances of public play last month which brought in over \$1,800. It may be a result of not being able to play the course before, which brought these players out, but we will continue to monitor.

March brings our "Golf Season" to a start, and the Tournament Schedule will be posted on our website soon. The Luck of the Irish Schamble on the 16th is filling up nicely, but there is still plenty of room to sign up. I look forward to seeing the sea of green on our greens.

Thanks for being Members!

Alex



MEET DONNA HUNT

TCC SALES & MARKETING DIRECTOR

March is upon us already and several events are planned for a fun month here at Taberna CC:

- ❖ Music Bingo is March 7th at 6PM;
- ❖ Karaoke is on March 14th;
- ❖ Bunco is on March 20th;
- ❖ Music Trivia is on March 21st.

Summer is coming upon us quickly and we are pleased to announce we have a new Pool membership category. This new membership category will be for the swim months of May to October. The cost will be \$200 per month

for each of the five months of the season. The membership will be for the pool use only.

We are planning more family activities here at the club to include the kids. If anyone has any suggestions or wanting to help organize these activities, please contact me.

FUN FACTS:

Get ready to lose an hour of sleep because daylight saving time change is March 10th and National Napping Day is March 11th. The spring equinox is March 19th, at 11:06PM.

March 26th is National Purple Day. Everyone is invited to wear their purple colors in support of epilepsy awareness.

**WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CLUB
RON AND MARY MOSKAL**



Wanna play a par three!?

HOLE-IN-ONE... EH, NOT SO FAST!



sure if she'd made it across the hazard. She couldn't find her ball, so she hit another from the drop zone. Sadly, that ball went into the sand, so she picked it up and went on to the next hole.

Four of us were playing Hole #5 a couple of hours later and were on the green putting. I was ready to putt and Genie pulled out the flag for me and there was a ball in the cup with a BIG "JG" marked on it.

Yes, Judy had a Hole-in-One... of course, it didn't count because she was playing alone, very sad. We all, though, laughed like fools (including Judy!) when we celebrated, Judy got her original ball back, and, happily, she'd already had a Hole-in-One several years ago on number 17.

**BESIDES, JUDY GILBERT IS
ALWAYS A CHAMP TO US!**

Once upon a time (actually, it was February 2, 2024), Judy Gilbert played golf alone in the morning. Playing along happily, she teed off on Hole #5 and drove across the bridge to the green not quite

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT TCC

There was quite a bit going on in February before the rains came at the end of the month and into the start of March! The Chili Bowl Tournament opened the golf season on February 10th with great weather – yay! There were League meetings and dinners, Music Bingo, Bunco, Sunday luncheons, card games, lovely signs of Spring all over the neighborhood, and a very special birthday party at the end of the month... Come on, Spring!



TMGA WITH JOE VASKO...



With summer fast approaching, let's talk about cart safety/etiquette. I'm not sure if any of you have ever rolled a golf cart, but, let me tell you, it's not fun.

I wasn't driving and there may have been some alcohol involved (I really don't remember). Luckily, I walked away with only minor cuts and bruises. Remember, be careful on steep hills when wet.

When rolling to the green be aware that there's a tee box close by. So, before you hoot and holler about somebody's shot on the green, be mindful of this. I have been

guilty of this a time or two and the guys have no problem letting me know.

If your cart is fast, watch for those hairpin turns, especially between holes 2 and 3. My wife fell out once and I haven't heard the end of it. It was an accident. Really.

When you're a passenger, you don't have to wait for the driver to move to the next shot. Everybody can drive. The owner won't mind. Being strategic keeps the game moving and makes it less likely that someone will hit you, I mean hit into you.

Water hazards aren't just for balls. Did you know that last year we had a cart go in the water. Not to worry, there were no injuries. I understand it took a few people to retrieve it and the cart is fine. The only thing hurt was someone's pride. Sorry, I was sworn to secrecy. I can tell you that it was a remote-controlled cart. Operator

error? You be the judge.

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so soon. I don't want to make a call. I gotta guy. See Brian Binn or leave your money at the desk and let's have a great 2024 season!

Joe Vasko
TMGA President



DEBBIE POLACKE ...TWGA PRESIDENT



The TWGA golf season will officially begin on Tuesday, March 5th at 9AM, with a 9-hole mixer of 9- and 18-hole ladies playing together. Our pre-season meeting was

held at Taberna Country Club on February 21 and followed by dinner. It was attended by all three divisions of our lady golfers with 27 present.

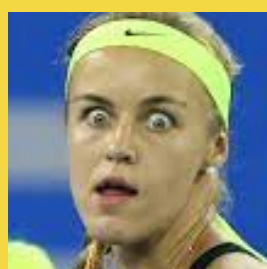
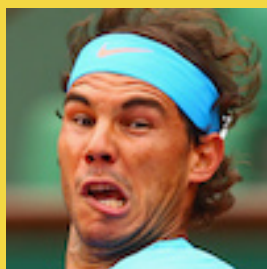
We're hoping for good weather to start the 2024 season and as the weather improves so will (hopefully) our scores. I know I personally could use some improvement. Barb Herl and Julie Jones will be taking over the 18-hole Tuesday divi-

sion from Linda Sagan and Valerie Franzese, good job ladies. Linda, you were great at getting us out there to play during the winter months. Louise Vondran will be taking over the 9-hole division from Susan Narolis. Thank you, Susan, I know you put in a lot of hours and will be thankful for some relief.

The Chili Bowl tournament was held on February 10th and Congratulations to Nicki Cormier for being on the winning team! They had a beautiful day to play, and I believe that a fun time was had by everyone who participated.

Shannon Nunn posted a reminder that in order to play in the Taberna Golf Tournaments you must be a full golf member. To the ladies who are Taberna golf members but not members of the TWGA, this is your invitation to join and meet some of the other lady golfers. If you're

still working five days a week, we have the Saturday league headed up by Genie Meyer. If you are a new golfer and don't feel you play well enough to be part of a league please don't think that way! We have new golfers in the 9-hole league who play on Tuesday as well as some seasoned golfers who just don't want to spend the time or the energy to play all 18 holes. Our new 9-hole leader is Louise Vondran and she would love to have you join. If you have Tuesdays available and want to play 18 holes that group is headed up by Barb Herl and Julie Jones. We have a lot of laughs as well as moans and groans over bad shots and we've developed some wonderful friendships. All the names I mentioned as well as myself are in the Taberna Community Directory. Give any of us a call and we can talk about it. *If all you've ever done is play with your husband, we're way more fun!*



THE TENNIS CORNER

WITH BARBARA FLYNN



Every time I think the weather is getting warmer and, hence, more comfortable to playing evening tennis, I get disappointed. Perhaps this month will be the start of warmer weather with constancy.

As I stated in an earlier article, our courts are due to have additional clay installed. When this occurs it is possible the courts may not be playable immediately. Thus, we should be on the look-out for any news regarding the state of the courts.

The Neuse River Senior Games (ages 50+) will take place April 17 – May 9. Registration must be completed by Friday, March 15 along with a registration fee of \$15.00 which includes a Neuse River Senior Games T-shirt. Again this year, the tennis event will take place

here on Monday, April 29. For those interested, the pickleball events will be on Monday, April 22 and Tuesday, April 23 at Creekside Park. Even if you are not a participant these events are fun to watch.

For those of you who are into attending professional tennis events, the 2024 Credit One Charleston Open is being held March 30 – April 7. This is the largest women's-only tennis tournament in North America. In addition to the tennis tournament, there is the additional enjoyment of visiting Charleston.

"My game is like my mood – highly unpredictable."



For info about tennis at Taberna, please call the Pro Shop at 634-1600, ext. 1



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HAND & FOOT

1ST, 2ND & 3RD FRIDAYS
EACH MONTH AT 11AM

CANASTA

1ST, 2ND & 3RD FRIDAYS
EACH MONTH AT
10:30AM

Sun

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Sat

**DINING ROOM
CLOSED**

3

**GOLF COURSE
AND CLUBHOUSE
CLOSED**

4

**TWGA
OPENING DAY
SCRAMBLE
9AM
BUFFET LUNCH**

**LUNCH SERVICE
11AM - 4PM**

5

**TMGA
FOOD SERVICE
11AM - 8PM**

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MUSIC BINGO!

THIRSTY THURSDAY
Lunch & Dinner Service
11AM - 8PM

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**1 DINING ROOM
OPEN
11AM - 8PM**

**DINING ROOM
OPEN
11AM - 8PM**

8

**2 DINING ROOM
OPEN
11AM - 8PM**

**DINING ROOM
OPEN
11AM - 8PM**

9

**SUNDAY BRUNCH
10AM - 1PM**

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**GOLF COURSE
AND CLUBHOUSE
CLOSED**

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TWGA

**LUNCH SERVICE
11AM - 4PM**

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**TMGA
FOOD SERVICE
11AM - 8PM**

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5 - 8PM

14

**DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 8PM**

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**LUCK O' THE IRISH
SCHAMBLE
10AM SHOTGUN**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER BUFFET
BEGINS AT 5PM**

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**DINING ROOM
CLOSED**

17

**GOLF COURSE
AND CLUBHOUSE
CLOSED**

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TWGA

**LUNCH SERVICE
11AM - 4PM**

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**TMGA
FOOD SERVICE
11AM - 8PM**

**Bunco - 5PM
Game Starts at 6PM**

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**Trivia night
6 - 8 PM**

THIRSTY THURSDAY
Lunch & Dinner Service
11AM - 8PM

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**DINING ROOM
OPEN
11AM - 8PM**

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**DINING ROOM
OPEN
11AM - 8PM**

23

**DINING ROOM
CLOSED**

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**TIDEWATER
SENIORS
TOURNAMENT
9:30AM SHOTGUN**

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TWGA

**LUNCH SERVICE
11AM - 4PM**

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**TMGA
FOOD SERVICE
11AM - 8PM**

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THIRSTY THURSDAY
Lunch & Dinner Service
11AM - 8PM

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**DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 8PM**

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**EASTER EGG HUNT
MEET THE
EASTER BUNNY
11AM**

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**EASTER BUFFET
SEATINGS AT
11AM & 1PM**

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Spring is coming soon and Easter is also right around the corner, so don't forget to bring the kiddos to the Easter Egg Hunt and to meet the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 30th at 11AM! Enjoy the warm, renewing season ahead ...and have a Happy, Blessed Easter!

TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB

Dinner & Special Events Reservations - Call 634.1600, Ext.3

Pro Shop Hours: 7:30AM - 4:45PM

Range is open 7:30AM - 5:30PM (Hours may change)

THE DINING ROOM WILL BE OPEN WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 11AM - 8PM AND ON SUNDAY FROM 11AM - 4PM. ON TUESDAY, LUNCH IS SERVED FROM 11AM - 4PM. THE DINING ROOM IS CLOSED ON MONDAY.