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Hello,  
Members!

Spring is finally in the air! After what seemed like a very, very long winter, the days are getting longer and warmer!

We are happy to let you all know that we are extending the hours in the dining room! Beginning April 1st, we will have the dining room and kitchen open 11am-7pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11AM-8PM Thursday through Saturday.

We have few new things added on to our menu and we have a couple of daily or weekly specials offered as well. We are also working on adding some dinner entrees to the menu.

During the next couple of months in the dining room we will be hosting:

- ❁ Easter brunch buffet on Sunday, April 20th;
- ❁ Mother's Day brunch buffet on Sunday, May 11th;

❁ Father's Day buffet on Sunday, June 15th.

We will have several other events as well and I will be sending out details on all of them as they are closer.

The spring weather is also an indicator of pool season! We will be bringing back our Pool Only membership this year, as it was a big success last year! With 77 Pool Only members gained, we hope to welcome them all back.

Here are just a few things to remember:

Guests should pay the \$5.00 guest fee at the snack bar immediately upon entering the pool/as soon as the snack bar is open.

Pool hours of operation are 10AM-8PM daily; NO access before or after hours. The pool is monitored via camera.

Ages 14 and younger need to be accompanied by an adult.

Parents are expected to directly supervise their children at all times (with or without a lifeguard on duty) non-swimmers are to be in the kiddie pool, the shallow end, or within arms reach of an adult at all times.

No Smoking or Vaping within the pool fences.

Please do not move the umbrellas or umbrella stands; please ask a lifeguard for assistance.

The lifeguard room is for staff only.

Please do not flush anything other than TP in the toilets. They clog very easily. When they clog, the pool has to close until they can be fixed.

All users are expected to follow pool rules for safety. These rules are posted between the restrooms.

The snack bar will be open this pool season with limited hours and a limited menu. You are always welcome to call the restaurant to order food and it will be delivered to you poolside.

We will be hosting the Taberna Tiger Sharks again this pool season. Registration will be held at the club on May 4th from 4-6PM. Please reach out to Nancy Dixon for more information at [nindix@aol.com](mailto:nindix@aol.com).

*Thank you for being a member,  
Shannon Nunn  
General Manager*

# NEWS FROM THE PRO SHOP

With Alex McCraight, Pro Shop Manager

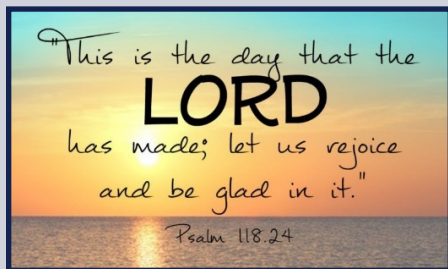


Dear Members,

I'm told that since we went to quarterly for the newsletter, that I'd better put something substantive into this. So, as always, I'll try my best.

Hopefully, we're through with the "Seven-Year" snow storm and the brighter days of Spring are upon us. The extended cold weather took away from golf, but I'm starting to see the green of emerging grass out on the course, even through the pollen clouds. Thanks to Wade and his crew, the course is looking great, and the greens are quickening as we roll into our 2025 season.

Still, Alex. Still have a "face for radio," but I thought I would explain the emails that you get almost every morning regarding being a "Glorious Day at Taberna." Psalms 118:24 states,



"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

in it." I try to start off each day remembering that rain or shine, and I try to share that "sunshine" with all of you. Speaking of sunshine and emails, please know that when we don't have sunshine, the worst message I can send is the dreaded "Cart Path Only" statement. Rest assured, if there is ANY chance that we can be off the path, I will do so for your rounds. The protection of our Golf Course during these conditions remains our utmost concern.

As the year is well underway, let's recap a couple of significant events:

It was a tough battle, but Peanut Butter and Jelly donations ended in a jelly come from behind victory at PB – 85 and J – 95. Full Disclosure: Jelly only won because the church needed more jelly, so I used the cash donations to buy jelly. 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! I haven't seen Two Rivers' final tally yet, but they were well over the 1k (1,000) target for each.

With public play, we partnered with GolfNow (website accessible), and so far, results have been favorable. We average two public golfers daily and, while our Rounds of Golf were down 1,527 from last year, our revenue was up over 11K from last year's numbers. 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 are still restraining them to no earlier than 1PM, and our "Hidden Gem" is being successfully shared with hopefully transparent impact to our Members.

We are officially in "Tournament Season." The Chili Bowl and the St. Patty's Day Shamble are in the books. Congrats to our winners! Match play is ongoing and The Masters/Ladies' Open will be upon us soon.

My priorities remain:

1. Our Golf Course;
2. Our Members;
3. Our Staff.

All are critical and interdependent in making this Golf and Country Club the best in the area. I value experience and constructive criticism, so please know that my door is open, if there are positive improvements that I can make.

Thank you for being Members and have a Glorious Day!

– Alex



## GOLF TIPS FROM STEVE SEWELL

### "THE VERTICAL PLANE"



The last tip focused on the horizontal plane, the core, the turn, rotation, pivot, weight transfer, etc. This time I'll address the ver-

tical plane which is comprised of golf club, hands, arms and shoulders. Both planes offer constant factors to the swing since they cannot be overdone, therefore they are NOT variable!

A proper swing plane is almost

vertical, but more accurately described it is very similar to the tilt wheel ride we see at county fairs. When the vertical plane is correct, hands and club remain in front of the player. If we envision a wall approximately six inches behind us as we address the ball; we expect the club to ride the wall, possibly making a mark on the wall, but not going around us as a baseball bat does, which would put a hole in the wall! Another way to view the club position is to set two clubs as railroad tracks: one parallel to the ball's intended line and the other parallel to the other club in front of your feet. This

setup should show a set of railroad tracks. When you take your backswing, as the club reaches about waist high, (parallel to the ground), it should be positioned above the inner, or left track at your toes. You will not see a Tour player in other than this position for everyday routine golf shots!

A popular golf comment is to swing inside out. That's correct, but incomplete. The full statement should be: inside out and PARALLEL to the line!

Hope this helps! Violation of this move is common and fatal.

Good Golfing!  
Steve

## TMGA NEWS WITH JOE VASKO...



Ah, Taberna Country Club, nestled south of the majestic Neuse River in charming Eastern North Carolina, where the greens are lush, the fairways sprawling, and the dreams of a hole-in-one remain just that—dreams, and the competition heats up.

As the 2025 season kicks off, there's one statistic that has the golfers scratching their heads and cracking jokes: Not a single hole-in-one has graced these hallowed grounds this year. Is it bad luck? A cosmic joke? Or, could it be that the golf balls have formed a Union and collectively decided, "We will not go into the hole today?"

And what about Hole 13? Could it be that "Copperhead Corner" has become the meeting place for the International Brotherhood of Golf Balls? I digress.

As the season begins, I have high hopes. I hope when someone does get a hole in one, I am there for the

beer. I also hope that if I am not, someone will text me so I can get there before they leave.

In other news, the TMGA will remain true to form. We will continue to play different games throughout the season, keeping "closest to the pin" and playing "skins" when applicable.

There is one more thing – Battle of the Sexes. Last year as it turns out, a lot of our members were injured, sick, or on vacation when we played the ladies. Taking advantage of our misfortune, they won. Men, it is redemption time. I am throwing down! Ladies, I challenge you once again to "Battle of the Sexes!" If, for some unknown reason, you are unable to compete, I understand. You're scared. If you do agree, a later date will be determined.

I anxiously await your response.

Respectfully,  
Gerald

*Disclaimer: TMGA President Joe Vasko will be unavailable for comment.*

*TMGA President,  
Joe Vasko*





It's officially Spring and I feel it trying hard to act like Spring; it's not quite there yet.

Our TWGA season began on a cold, wet note on

March 10th

but, most ladies braved the weather to come out and play a 9-hole mixer, 18-hole and 9-hole ladies playing together. They played the course as a Par 3 and that got them into the club sooner for the waiting lunch buffet. The following Tuesday, March 17th, was a washout as we had so much rain the Monday before, and league play was canceled. We're going to try again on March 24th. As of my writing this article, it's forecast to be a nice day, *FINALLY!!*

Looking back on the last winter months of golf, we played the Chili Bowl Tournament on February 8th. The turnout was great with 52 players, 17 of which were women. There were lady winners in all five award places. Coming in first place was the team that had Janet Vasko and

Barbara Clark. On hole #17, Julie Jones was closest to the pin winner. Congratulations to all!

Our TWGA Spring General Meeting was held at the clubhouse on February 26th where, among other business, we had the pleasure of welcoming three new TWGA members. We are very happy to add new faces to our group at any time.

The St. Patty's Shamble was held on March 15th. There was lots of green out on the course that day! Congratulations to Florence Brewer for being on the winning team for that tournament.

As I'm writing this article, Taberna match play is underway with the ladies playing their matches when they are able. Good luck to those who still have rounds to complete.

Hopefully, everyone has seen information about the new NON-TWGA Ladies group that will have it's first outing the evening of April 3rd at 5:30pm.

It's not necessary to be a Taberna Club member to play in the group. It's a pay as you play evening group that is just for fun. If you want more information about playing with this group, please

call Donna or Shannon at the club at (252) 634-1600 or send me an email [atdebbiepolacke@hotmail.com](mailto:atdebbiepolacke@hotmail.com).



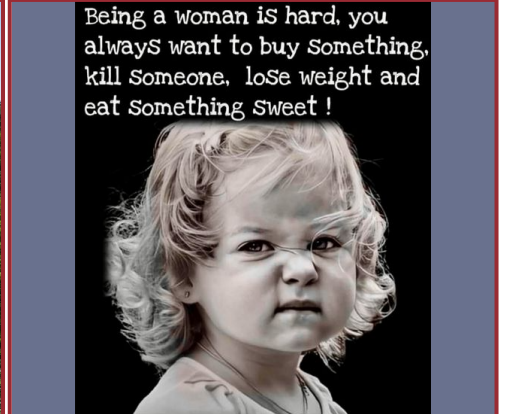
Congratulations to Ann Litchfield who won the Ladies' Match Play Final against Val Franzese on April 6th. Great round, ladies, you both played very well!

Before I close this news article, I would like to say how very sad we, the TWGA ladies, are at the passing of one of our own, Marilyn Staley. Marilyn was a long time 9-hole golfer who will be missed by all. Our most heartfelt condolences go to her husband, Gary.

Debbie Polacke  
President, TWGA









# THE TENNIS CORNER

WITH BARBARA FLYNN



Eastern North Carolina experienced one of the coldest winters in many years. I spoke with a gentleman who said he has lived here for 30 years, and this is the worst winter he has witnessed. I definitely agree with him – I have lived here for 21 years. With that being said, there was very little tennis played. Fortunately, we are now in the midst of spring-like weather. We played on Tuesday (3/18/5) and it was perfect weather – plus, thanks to Cathy Hadad, the courts were in good shape. Hopefully, there will be more good days ahead soon.

If you are interested in playing with a group, Sunday at 12:30 PM and Tuesday at 6:25 PM are open to all. The men's group is currently in need of additional players. Doug Griebing, who organizes the men's play, will be pleased to hear from any men interested in forming a group. His email address is: [DouglasGriebing@gmail.com](mailto:DouglasGriebing@gmail.com).

The Neuse River Senior Games will be held April 14 – May 18. Although it is too late to register to participate in the games, the tennis events will be held here at Taberna on Monday, April 28. In case you might be interested in watching your tennis friends

play, the starting time will be 9AM.

The Australian Open was played in January with Jannik Sinner of Italy winning the Men's Singles Championship. American Ben Shelton played in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, he had to play Sinner. However, on February 16, Sinner was banned from competitions for three months after the discovery of his illegal anabolic steroid usage. On the women's side, Madison Keys defeated Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus to win the women's singles title.

For your future viewing, the French Open will be played Sunday, May 25 through Sunday, June 8. The top ranked men who are currently scheduled to participate are Jannik Sinner (his suspension will be over), Alexander Zverev of Germany, and Carlos Alcaraz (Spain). America's Taylor Fritz is seeded number four – one ahead of Novak Djokovic. The top ranked women scheduled to play are Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek of Poland, Coco Gauff of US, and Madison Keys of US.

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"I love winning, I can take the losing, but most of all I love to play."

Please join us for Easter Brunch  
On Sunday, April 20th from 11AM-4PM

Pineapple Glazed Ham

Peach Herb Stuffed Pork Tenderloin

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy  
Cake

Green Bean Casserole

Mixed Green Salad

Cranberry Sauce

Sweet Potato Casserole

Please call Donna for a reservation at 252-634-1600, ext. 5

\$27.95 per person, not including tax or gratuity





# April 2025

## HAND & FOOT

1ST, 2ND & 3RD FRI-DAYS

EACH MONTH AT 11AM



CANASTA

EVERY FRIDAY  
10:30AM

Sun

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Sat



**TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB**  
DINNER & SPECIAL EVENTS  
RESERVATIONS –  
CALL 634.1600, EXT.3

**TWGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 7PM

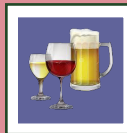
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**TMGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 7PM

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**THIRSTY THURSDAY**  
Lunch & Dinner  
11AM – 8PM

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DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 8PM



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CLUB-  
CLOSED  
FOR A  
PRIVATE  
EVENT  
AT 4PM

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DINING ROOM  
CLOSED

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GOLF COURSE  
& CLUBHOUSE  
CLOSED

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**TWGA**

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OPEN  
11AM – 7PM

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**TMGA**

DINING ROOM  
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**THIRSTY THURSDAY**  
Lunch & Dinner  
11AM – 8PM

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GOLF COURSE  
& CLUBHOUSE  
CLOSED

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**TWGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 7PM

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**TMGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 7PM

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**WINGS  
BUFFET!**



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DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 8PM



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DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 8PM



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**EASTER  
BUFFET**  
11AM – 4PM



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GOLF COURSE  
& CLUBHOUSE  
CLOSED

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**TWGA**

**MEDICARE LUNCH  
BUFFET**  
11AM – 1PM  
OPEN TO ALL  
NO CHARGE  
RSVP TO DONNA  
HUNT

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**TMGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 7PM

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**THIRSTY THURSDAY**  
Lunch & Dinner  
11AM – 8PM

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**PRIME RIB  
BUFFET**



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**VEMA NewBern**  
Golf Tournament

9AM Sign-Up  
10AM Shotgun  
Dining Room  
Open to All

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DINING ROOM  
CLOSED

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NEUSE RIVER  
SENIOR GAMES  
TENNIS

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**TWGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 7PM

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**TMGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM – 7PM

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**TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB**

PRO SHOP HOURS: 7:30AM – 6PM  
RANGE IS OPEN 7:30AM – 7PM

THE DINING ROOM WILL BE OPEN  
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 11AM-7PM  
THURSDAY – SATURDAY 11AM – 8PM

THE DINING ROOM IS CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS