



QUARTERLY



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Hi, Everyone!

It's hard to believe summer has already come and gone! It was another fantastic season here at Taberna, and I want to thank all of

you for making it such a fun and memorable few months. From poolside afternoons to great tournaments and events, our members truly make this club come alive.

The pool may be closed for the season, but what a summer it was! Thank you to everyone who came out to relax, swim, and soak up the sun.. We're already looking forward to seeing everyone back out there next year.

We had some amazing events over the past few months! Cheeseburger in Paradise was a hit—great food, fun music, and good company made for a perfect night!

Our Ryder Cup brought out plenty of friendly competition and team spirit. It's always great to see members come together and play with such enthusiasm.

And a big congratulations to all our Club Championship winners! You played with heart and skill, and we're proud of every participant who teed it up that weekend. Thanks to everyone who joined in and supported the event—it was a great way to wrap up the competitive summer season.

We've got plenty to look forward to as we move into the cooler months!

- ❖ Member-Member Tournament
One of our favorite events of the year is just around the corner. Grab your partner and get ready for a weekend full of great golf, laughs, and memories.
- ❖ Folds of Honor Week –
We're proud to support this incredible cause again this year. Join us in giving back and honoring those who have served. Be sure to stop by the pro shop to enter our Folds of Honor raffle! There are some awesome prizes up for grabs—don't miss out.
- ❖ Journey of Hope Fundraiser Tournament –“Journey of Hope is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to providing support and resources to cancer patients and their

caregivers. We strive to support the whole person's needs, body, mind and spirit. We offer services such as one-on-one peer support groups, a survivorship program and exercise classes. A breast cancer support group and prostate support group are also available. Journey of Hope also provides chemo care packages to those dealing with the physical and financial burdens of chemotherapy.”

We're grateful to everyone who helps make it a success. Your participation truly makes a difference.

It's hard to believe, but the holidays will be here before we know it. The club will be buzzing with parties and celebrations, and our calendar is already filling up fast. If you're thinking about hosting an event, now's the perfect time to book your date. Our team would love to help you plan something wonderful!

I just want to say how much we appreciate all of you. Your support, energy, and love for this club are what make Taberna so special. It's been an amazing year so far, and I can't wait to see what the rest of 2025 brings.

See you around the club!

*Warm regards,
Shannon Nunn*

DONNA HUNT, SALES & MARKETING DIRECTOR



What a summer it has been at the club! From parties to good food to plenty of laughs, we've packed in some great memories!

🎃 Jimmy Buffett Night was a hit—fantastic music, great food, and friends all around. And our Shrimp Boil? Absolutely delicious (and gone in no time!).

🎃 Fall is shaping up to be just as exciting. Our calendar is filling quickly with holiday parties—so if you're thinking about booking the room for your celebration, don't wait too long. Dates are disappearing fast!

🎃 The big October bash, of course, is our Halloween Party. We're thrilled to have Bipolar Ex-press playing live—it's guaranteed to be a fun night.

🎃 And don't forget—Bunco Night is coming up on

October 8th! Always a great time.

🎃 On top of all that, we've had an amazing season of growth. At the close of the first quarter, we welcomed 95 new members, and as of today, that number is up to 106 new members. A big welcome to all of you—we're so glad you're here!

Here's to keeping the fun rolling into Fall. See you at the club!



**FOR RESERVATIONS,
CALL 252-634-1600, EXT. 5**

WELCOME, NEW TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS!

**DAHNS FAMILY
COLE FAMILY
ELLISON FAMILY
BOYD FAMILY
HALLIGAN FAMILY
CURLEY FAMILY**

**DORS FAMILY
BREGER FAMILY
LAYTON FAMILY
HELTSLEY FAMILY
LANCASTER FAMILY**

Hot & Spicy Homemade Chex Party Mix



INGREDIENTS

3 cups Corn Chex™ cereal
3 cups Rice Chex™ cereal
3 cups Wheat Chex™ cereal
1 cup mixed nuts
1 cup pretzels
1 cup bite-size cheese crackers
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 1/4 teaspoons seasoned salt
2 to 3 teaspoons red pepper sauce

PREPARATION

In large microwavable bowl, mix cereals, nuts, pretzels and crackers; set aside. In small microwavable bowl, microwave butter uncovered on High about 40 seconds or until melted. Stir in Worcestershire sauce, seasoned salt and red pepper sauce. Pour over cereal mixture; stir until evenly coated.

Microwave uncovered on High 5 to 6 minutes, thoroughly stirring every 2 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container.

TIPS

Substitution: Choose any small pretzels—holiday shapes are great when available.

Substitution: Use any combination of your favorite Chex™ cereals for this recipe.

Techniques: Prepare this spicy snack the day before your get-together. Store in smaller airtight containers for easier packing.

TMGA WITH JOE VASKO...



As the 2025 season comes to an end, we have a new tournament, enjoyed a sponsored lunch, also it's time for new leadership and save the date.

"NOT FORGOTTEN TOURNAMENT"

After some lengthy discussion with Skip, we thought it would be fun to combine the Nine- and 18-hole groups and play a "Scramble." For the tournament, I asked everyone to come up with a team name. With 29 players, we had eight teams.

This event was for bragging rights only, although we did award a modest prize for Closest to the Pin on each of the par 3s. Below are the results of the tournament and the par 3 competition.

- ★ **1st (54) Vasko's Vampires** – Rich Ilsley, Joe Vasko, Gary Staley, Richard Magda;
- ★ **2nd (55) Vasko Presidente for Life (not)** – Tom Manula, Bob Conway, Bo Wernersbach, Chuck Nails;
- ★ **3rd (56) Mighty Fine** – Bob Porter, Al Klemmer, Bryan Scoggins, Ray Savage;
- ★ **4th (58) The Losers** – Rick Kiefer, Bruce Clark, George Gates, Joe Sullivan;
- ★ **4th (58) Joe for President (NOT)** – Brian Binn, Dan Walczak; Dana Sagan, Skip Beijen;
- ★ **5th (59) Bradley's Fighting Linksters** – Jim Bradley, Gene Peele, Peter Dillon;
- ★ **6th (61) We Could Have Been a Contender** –

Bob Curley, Larry Narolis, Terry Cormier;

- ★ **6th (61) Team Hon** – Craig Baader, Mike Doherty, Malcolm Taylor.

"CLOSEST TO THE PIN" winners were Mike Doherty, Bob Curley, Joe Vasko, Bob Porter and Jim Bradley.

After golf, the TMGA sponsored a luncheon consisting of food and drinks. The members provided the laughs.

At the end of the day, Skip had the idea of naming this tournament the **"NOT FORGOTTEN TOURNAMENT"** in remembrance of departed TMGA members and naming our teams after those whom we lost. This will hopefully become an annual event for the TMGA and it will be addressed at our end of the year party on November 7th.

NEW LEADERSHIP

It's time for new leadership! My term is up and I'm looking for someone who would like to fulfill this rewarding position. Brian Binn has *"binn"* invaluable to the TMGA and has agreed to stay on as Treasurer. Having said that, if someone is interested in the Treasurer position, Vice President, or President, it is only proper that you have that opportunity. Let me know if you are interested. *REALLY*, let me know! There will be an election at the November dinner/meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars. November 7th will be the end of the year annual meeting/party. There will be an election of officers, food and adult beverages, including door prizes. Hope to see you there.

Joe Vasko
TMGA President

YOU ARE THE CENTER OF YOUR SWING!

Physics makes it true: the player is the center of his or her own swing! The core, rotation or the horizontal turn of your body, is the golf swing's center. The "core" mentality is basic to all sports. The circle, (vertical golf swing), will coordinate with the center, which is you! As golf professionals we have watched too many amateurs struggle to hit the

ball with shoulders, arms and hands, without success. If a player can learn to utilize the body and allow the hands to follow, coordination will soon develop along with distance and accuracy.

FROM YOUR GOLF PROFESSIONAL
STAFF: DANIEL LOONEY AND STEVE SEWELL





Taberna Country Club's 2025 golf season is sadly approaching its end. The 5PM Thursday night ladies' group ended in

September and the TWGA women will play their last game in November.

There is still a lot to look forward to this year, however:

- ★ We'll have our annual Ghosts and Goblin Tournament on the last Tuesday of October;
- ★ On November 11th, we'll have our Fall dinner meeting with elections and the making of plans for 2026;
- ★ On December 2nd, we'll have the Christmas Awards

banquet in the club dining room and it will be decided which golfer in the Nine-hole League and which golfer in the 18-hole League will be awarded the Most Improved Golfer Awards.

It's not as though we won't play golf again until the Spring! Our beautiful golf course will be open and accepting tee times whenever the Winter weather permits us to play.

Congratulations to Taberna for winning the New Bern Cup Tournament this year at the Fairfield Harbour Golf Club and, of course, that wouldn't have happened without the foursome of Valerie Franzese, Ann Litchfield, Barbara Clark and Pat Baader. Good job, ladies! Also, Congratulations to Ann Litchfield and to Valerie Franzese for winning the Club Championship in their flights. Ann is the

Women's Club Champion and Val is the Women's Senior Club Champion.

We did manage to get one "Sink 'n' Drink" get together in this Fall. September 10th was a fun evening with 32 ladies coming out to play a scramble and dinning in the club afterward. This is always a great event!

As always, we in the TWGA would love to welcome any new members either into the 18-hole, nine-hole or Saturday league. You don't have to be a great (or even good) golfer to play with us, just the desire and the availability. Please call the club and they will connect you with the right person to get you registered.

Cheers!

*Debbie Polacke
President, TWGA*

TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB WINS NEW BERN CUP 2025!



On September 14, Taberna Country Club won the 2025 New Bern Cup golf tournament! Hosted by Harbour Pointe Golf Club in Fairfield Harbour, six New Bern golf clubs competed for the cup.

Established in 2023, the event brings together 78 local players in friendly competition while raising funds for a designated local nonprofit organization.

Sponsored by @genesisofnewbern, this year's beneficiary was the Bike Box Project, which provides Rock Steady Boxing classes for people with Parkinson's disease.

THE TENNIS CORNER

WITH BARBARA FLYNN

After a summer of extreme heat and rain, we're finally enjoying perfect tennis weather – especially in the evenings! If you've noticed a lively group on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, that's the New Bern Christian Academy girls' tennis team. Coaches Doug Griebeling and Kate Graham are leading the school's very first squad. Practices run from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., and Taberna is proud to serve as their home courts.

The team is made up of middle and high school girls competing against private schools in New Bern, Greenville, and Wilmington. Though they have notched individual wins, they're 0-3 as a team – a natural challenge when facing

established programs. A boys' team in scheduled to start in the spring.

Since my last writing, Wimbledon and the US Open tournaments have transpired.

On July 12, Polish tennis star, Iga Swiatek, defeated American Amanda Anisimova 6-0, 6-0 to capture the Wimbledon women's singles championship. With this win, she has now captured championships

on all three surfaces.

In the men's Wimbledon championship, Jannik Sinner defeated Spain's Carlos Alcaraz 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to become the first Italian player to ever win Wimbledon.

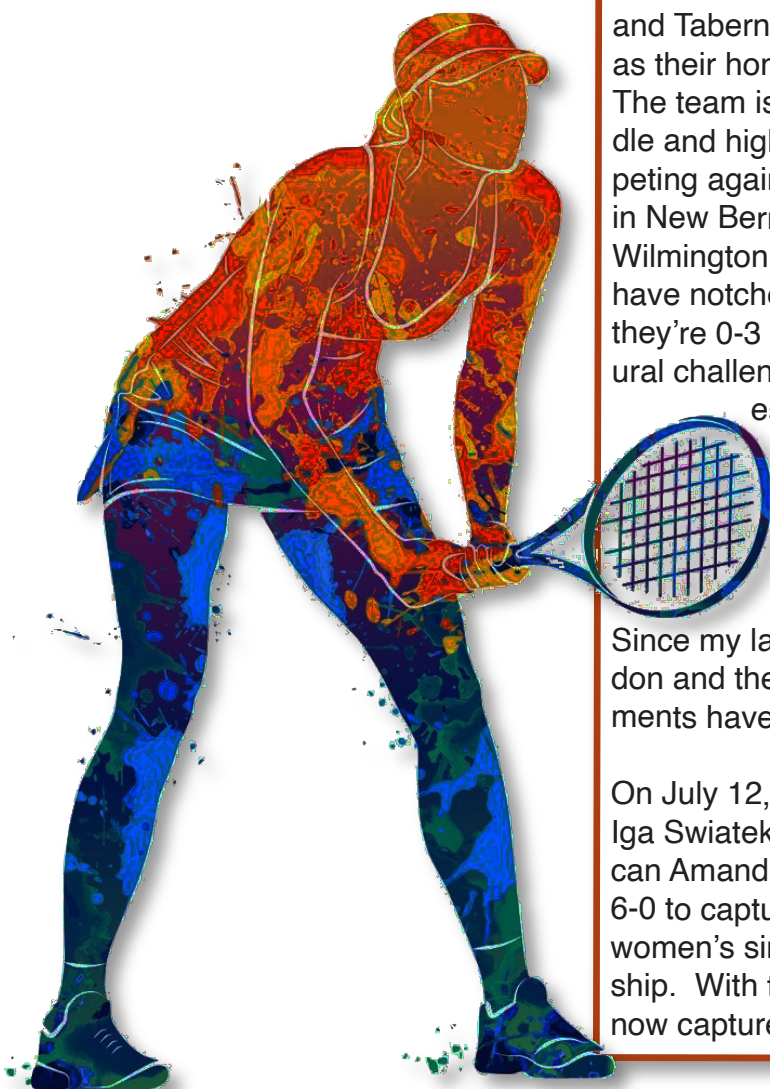
At the US Open in New York, American Amanda Anisimova battled her way to the finals but fell to world number one Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus (3-6, 6-7).

On the men's side, Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner clashed again in a blockbuster final. Alcaraz, just 22, became the youngest man in history to reach multiple Grand Slam finals on all three surfaces. He defeated Sinner 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, and reclaimed the world number one ranking.

"Tennis was never work for me, tennis was fun. And the tougher the battle and the longer the match, the more fun I had." – *Jimmy Connors*



**FOR INFO ABOUT TENNIS
AT TABERNA, PLEASE CALL THE
PRO SHOP AT 634-1600, EXT. 1**



In spite of a long, hot, really humid and somewhat rainy summer, there were still plenty of events and get togethers to keep folks happy, interested and ready for fun and exercise! The TMGA and TWGA golf groups played most days, except when the “real feel” was up to 106 –110 degrees. There were golf tournaments: Member-Member, Member-Guest, Club Championship, Ryder Cup, League play and tournaments; special dinners and entertainment... Prime Rib Buffet; Music Bingo and Bunco and playing cards and Mah Jong. Gosh, I’m exhausted!



In addition to the activities mentioned above, we've also had a fair number of outside tournaments TCC this past season: Senior Men's: the Jimmy Anderson Junior Girls' Invitation had around 50 girls competing over a weekend. Taberna hosts the New Bern Christian Academy girls' tennis team in their first season as well as holding the Neuse River Senior Games Tennis every year.





October

2025

HAND & FOOT
1ST, 2ND & 3RD FRIDAYS
EACH MONTH AT 11AM
★★★★★
CANASTA
EVERY FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH AT 10:30AM

Sun

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Sat

TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB
PRO SHOP HOURS: 7:30AM - 6PM
RANGES OPEN 7:30AM - 7PM
DINNER & SPECIAL EVENTS RESERVATIONS
THE DINING ROOM WILL BE OPEN ON TUESDAYS FROM 11AM - 5PM,
WEDNESDAYS FROM 11AM - 7PM (EXCEPT WHERE NOTED),
AND THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS FROM 11:AM - 8PM.
THE DINING ROOM IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS

JIMMY ANDERSON TOURNAMENT
(CLOSED FOR LUNCH)
5 Regular Dinner Hours 4 - 8PM

GOLF COURSE & CLUBHOUSE
CLOSED

TWGA
DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 5PM

TMGA
ORDER FROM MENU AT 5PM
BUNCO AT 6PM

THIRSTY THURSDAY
Lunch & Dinner
11AM - 8:30PM

DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 8PM

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11AM - 8PM

DINING ROOM OPEN!
12 - 5PM

GOLF COURSE & CLUBHOUSE
CLOSED

TWGA
DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 5PM

TMGA
DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 8PM

THIRSTY THURSDAY
Lunch & Dinner
11AM - 8:30PM

DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 8PM

Halloween Party at TCC!
PARTY STARTS AT 5PM
BI-POLAR EXPRESS
STARTS PLAYING AT 6PM

DINING ROOM OPEN!
12 - 5PM

GOLF COURSE & CLUBHOUSE
CLOSED

TWGA
DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 5PM

TMGA
DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 8PM

PRIME RIB BUFFET
★ 5PM ★

Musical BINGO
DINNER FROM MENU AT 5PM
BINGO AT 6PM

DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 8PM

DINING ROOM OPEN!
12 - 5PM

GOLF COURSE & CLUBHOUSE
CLOSED

TWGA
DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 5PM

TMGA
DINING ROOM OPEN
11AM - 8PM

THIRSTY THURSDAY
Lunch & Dinner
11AM - 8:30PM

Happy Halloween