



## QUARTERLY



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### ***Dear Taberna Country Club Members,***

As we move out of 2025 and into the new year, I want to take a moment to thank you for being such an engaged and supportive membership.

Fall/Winter has been a busy and exciting time at Taberna, and we have several important updates and reminders to share as we close out the year and look ahead to 2026.

#### **Food & Beverage Pricing Update**

Like many clubs and restaurants across the country, we continue to experience increased costs for food, beverages, and supplies. Rising wholesale prices, labor expenses, and distribution costs have made modest adjustments necessary in certain menu and bar pricing. We remain committed to offering high-quality products, exceptional service, and strong value for our members, and we review pricing carefully to ensure increases are thoughtful and limited. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to maintain the standards you expect at Taberna Country Club.

#### **Holiday Celebrations**

Our holiday season is one of the most enjoyable times at the Club, and we

truly enjoyed celebrating with you. From member holiday parties to private events, the Clubhouse has been full of festive energy. We appreciate your participation and encourage members to continue reserving early for upcoming events to help our staff deliver the best possible experience for everyone.

#### **Golf Course Updates & Upcoming Tournament Season**

With tournament season and warmer weather approaching, we are preparing the golf course and staff to ensure smooth operations and an enjoyable pace of play. As part of this effort, we will have a dedicated course marshal on duty during busier times. The marshal's role is to help manage pace of play, ensure course etiquette, and assist members and public players when needed. We ask that all golfers treat the marshal with courtesy and respect, as they are there to support a positive experience for everyone on the course.

#### **Looking Ahead to Pool Season**

Although pool season may feel far away, planning is already underway. We will share more details in the coming months regarding opening dates, staffing, and any updates for the 2026 pool season. We look forward to another great summer of family fun and relaxation at the pool.

#### **Club Status Update**

As many of you are aware, Taberna Country Club remains on the market. At this time, there is no buyer in place; however, there has been sig-

nificant interest, and conversations are ongoing. We will continue to keep members informed of any confirmed developments as they arise.

#### **Member Handbook Updates**

We recently updated the Member's Handbook to better reflect current Club operations and expectations. New additions include:

- ❖ A clarified **Credit Book Policy** ("use it or lose it," beginning in 2026);
- ❖ An updated **Payment Policy**, including billing timelines and consequences for past-due accounts;
- ❖ A revised **Alcohol Policy**, including restrictions on outside alcohol;
- ❖ An updated **Tee Time Policy**.

We strongly encourage all members to review the updated handbook to stay informed and help maintain a smooth and enjoyable Club environment. You can find the member handbook on our website: [tabernacc.com](http://tabernacc.com). I have also included the new policy additions here in the newsletter.

Thank you again for being part of the Taberna Country Club community. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to closing out the year strong and welcoming an exciting new season ahead. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

***Warm regards,  
Shannon Nunn***

## **OUTSIDE ALCOHOL POLICY**

To comply with state and local alcohol regulations and to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all members and guests, the following policy is in effect at all times.

### **Prohibition of Outside Alcohol**

The possession, consumption, or distribution of outside alcohol is strictly prohibited anywhere on Club property. This includes, but is not limited to, the clubhouse, dining areas, patios, golf course, practice facilities, parking areas, and all Club-sponsored events.

### **Alcohol Service**

All alcoholic beverages consumed on Club property must be purchased from and served by the Club or its authorized staff in accordance with applicable liquor laws and Club policies.

### **Events & Private Functions**

Outside alcohol is not permitted at private events, member-hosted functions, or tournaments.

### **Confiscation & Enforcement**

Any outside alcohol brought onto Club property may be confiscated immediately. Members are responsible for ensuring their guests comply with this policy.

### **Violations**

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to warnings, fines, suspension of Club privileges, or further action as outlined in the Club's rules and bylaws.

### **Legal Compliance**

This policy is intended to ensure compliance with all applicable alcohol beverage control laws and to protect the Club's liquor license.

### **Credit Book Redemption Policy Effective January 1, 2026**

To ensure consistency and proper accounting, the following Credit Book Redemption Policy will be in effect beginning January 1, 2026.

## **Credit Book Usage**

Credits issued through a member's Credit Book may be used toward eligible Club charges, including but not limited to food and beverage, golf, retail and other services as designated by the Club.

### **Use It or Lose It Policy**

All Credit Book balances are issued on an annual basis and must be fully redeemed by December 31 of the year in which they are issued. Any unused Credit Book balance remaining after December 31 will expire and be forfeited.

### **No Carryover or Refunds**

Unused Credit Book balances will not carry over to the following year and will not be refunded, transferred, or converted to cash or account credit under any circumstances.

### **Member Responsibility**

Members are responsible for tracking their Credit Book balance and ensuring credits are used prior to expiration. Statements reflecting Credit Book balances will be provided periodically; however, failure to receive or review a statement does not extend the redemption deadline.

### **Termination or Change of Membership**

In the event of membership resignation, termination, or suspension, any unused Credit Book balance will be forfeited and may not be redeemed.

### **Policy Modifications**

The Club reserves the right to amend or modify this policy at any time in accordance with Club bylaws. Notice of material changes will be provided to members as appropriate.

## **PAYMENT POLICY**

### **Billing Cycle & Due Date**

All monthly dues, fees, and charges assessed to a member's account are billed on a monthly basis. Payments are due in full on or before the 15th of each month.

## **Accepted Payment Methods**

The Club accepts payment by approved electronic funds transfer (EFT), credit/debit card, check, or other methods authorized by the Club. Members enrolled in automatic payment are responsible for ensuring valid payment information is maintained on file.

### **Late Payments**

Any balance not paid by the 15th of the month will be considered past due. Late fees may be assessed in accordance with the Club's current fee schedule.

### **Delinquent Accounts & Suspension**

If a member's account remains unpaid 30 days past the due date, the member's privileges will be suspended. Suspension includes, but is not limited to, loss of access to the golf course, clubhouse, dining facilities, events, and all other member amenities.

### **Reinstatement of Privileges**

Suspended privileges will be reinstated only after the full outstanding balance, including any applicable late fees or penalties, has been paid in full.

### **Returned or Declined Payments**

Any returned checks or declined electronic payments may be subject to additional fees. Repeated returned payments may require the member to use a specific payment method going forward.

### **Account Responsibility**

Members are responsible for reviewing their monthly statements and reporting any discrepancies promptly. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the obligation to pay by the due date.

### **Policy Changes**

The Club reserves the right to amend this payment policy at any time. Members will be notified of material changes in accordance with Club bylaws or policies.

# GOLF TEE TIME RULES & POLICIES

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all golfers, please review and follow the tee time rules listed below:

## 1. Tee Time Reservations

Tee-times may be reserved in advance up to two weeks. Starting each Thursday.

All players must check in at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time.

## 2. Punctuality

Groups who arrive late may forfeit their tee time.

The Pro Shop has the authority to move or adjust groups who are not ready to begin on time.

## 3. Group Size

Standard group size is up to four players per tee time.

## 4. Large Group Requirement (Eight+ Players)

Any group of eight players or more is required to submit all player names no less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled tee time.

Failure to submit names in time may result in cancellation, rescheduling, or loss of priority booking.

## 5. Cancellations & No-Shows

Tee-times must be canceled within the club's cancellation window (typically 24 hours).

No-shows or late cancellations may incur fees or loss of future booking privileges.

## 6. Conduct & Course Etiquette

All golfers must follow proper golf etiquette, including pace of play, repairing divots, raking bunkers, and maintaining course conditions.

The course staff reserves the right to remove any player or group for unsafe or inappropriate behavior.

## 7. Pace of Play

Groups are expected to maintain appropriate pace of play as established by the course (typically 4–4.5 hours).

Players who fall behind may be asked to speed up, skip a hole, or allow faster groups to play through.

## 8. Weather Policy

Weather delays or closures will be determined by course management.

If the course becomes unplayable, affected tee times will be rescheduled when possible.

## DONNA HUNT, SALES & MARKETING DIRECTOR



From start to finish, this year kept our Food and Beverage team moving!  
We prepared food for 68 successful events as well as our daily service.  
We look ahead to a stronger year of event bookings, with many already confirmed and in progress.

**Planning an event? Contact us soon to lock in your date with our team.  
Bunco and Music Bingo are back starting this month call for reservation**



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

## WELCOME, NEW TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS!

**Mark Bandjough  
Andrew Collins  
Aaron Weems  
Tyson Rodgers**

**Julian Dorman  
Tyler Biskup  
Jimmy Hoyle  
Richard Stair  
Jimmy Hoyle**

**Donnie Koontz  
Rueben Ochoa  
Arthur Muscoino  
Randolf Cole**



## A Few Words from Daniel Looney...



*Taberna Members,*  
As we approach a new season and a new year, it's a great time to reflect on 2025 and look ahead to what's coming. This past year, we recorded a total

of 18,090 rounds played, an increase of approximately 200 rounds over 2024. I'm optimistic that we will surpass that number again in 2026.

Looking ahead to the 2026 season, we have an exciting schedule planned, including nine club events and seven outside events. I look forward to discussing these plans and connecting with everyone at this

year's Annual Member Meeting, which will be held on January 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

I would also like to sincerely thank all of you for welcoming me into your country club over the past six months. I truly appreciate the support and look forward to working with you all in the upcoming season.

Daniel Looney

Cell: (910) 526-5187

## THE TENNIS CORNER

WITH BARBARA FLYNN



As you are reading this article, it is now 2026. With the new year upon us, not much has changed with Taberna tennis. The most noteworthy is that the Sunday open play has changed from 12:30PM to 1:00 PM. The other times remain the same:

Tuesday: Open to all – 6:15 PM  
Men's tennis: Call Doug Griebeling at 412-719-6414

If you are interested in taking lessons, Thomas Hall teaches kids and adults. You can reach him at 901-828-2169 to set up private instruction.

We in the tennis community are very thankful to Cathy Hadad and Maria Vincent for their continued work in maintaining the courts. We also want to give a sincere thank you to Rick Nelson for trimming the shrubbery along the sidewalk behind courts 1 and 2 which leads to courts 3 and 4. Prior to his efforts, the shrubs were taking over the sidewalk.

As you may recall, the New Bern Christian Academy had been using our courts for their first tennis season. You will be glad to know that for a first year team they did very well.

The first professional grand slam for 2026 will be the Australian Open which will be held January 12- February 1 with the women's finals being played on January 31 and the men's on February 1.

The 2025 professional rankings as of late December are Carlos Alcaraz of Spain #1 on the men's side, and Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus #1 on the women's side.

"Tennis is a psychological sport. I'm working on my psychology degree one match at a time." Unknown



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



*Happy New Year, everyone!*

Being the newly elected TWGA President, I would like to welcome our new

board members: Debbie Samuel as Secretary and Ann Litchfield and Kim Crum as the new leaders of the 18-hole division.

Returning board members are: Janet Vasko (me! as President), Genie Meyer is Vice President, Carolyn Perrigo is Treasurer and Louise Vondran is our Nine-hole leader.

With our 2025 season officially in the books and our Christmas Awards dinner now a warm and fuzzy memory, I want to hand out a few thank-yous before Old Man

Winter fully freezes my back-swing.

First up: Debbie Polacke, our past president. Thank you for your leadership and for launching the Thursday night group, which lured in several new golfers to the TWGA. (Bribery? Promises of wine? We don't ask questions.)

A huge shout-out to Barb Herl and Julie Jones for running the 18-hole division. Ladies, you've officially left behind very large shoes to fill.

Congratulations to Valerie Franzese and Barb Herl for racking up the most birdies this past season in the Tuesday league! And big applause to our Most Improved award winners: Kelly Messer for the 18-hole group, and Susan Narolis for the Nine-hole group. Well done, ladies—your golf game improved while the rest of us improved only our snack strategy.

Now... January. My "favorite" time of year. (NOT!) As you may have noticed, Old Man Winter has rolled in, sat on the couch, and refuses to leave. Golf is currently "hit or miss," mostly miss. The next season feels far away—but it'll sneak up on us faster than a downhill five foot putt!

Maybe Santa brought you some shiny new golf gear you're itching to try. I asked for hand warmers... maybe a new club. But Joe, sweet Joe, apparently heard "PGA Superstore" and somehow wandered into "Victoria Secret." Is Joe for real? At my age, a new club would get far more use than new lingerie! But, hey—there's always next Christmas!

Looking forward to a fun 2026 season starting in March. Stay tuned for further details!

*Janet Vasko  
President, TWGA*

## TMGA NEWS WITH BOB PORTER —



I hope all had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Welcome Taberna Men, to the start of the New 2026 Season. Out goes Joe Vasco,

in comes Bob Porter. We appreciate all the hard work Joe did the past two years and hope he can work on his handicap just a

bit. As the season starts sometime this March, I plan on changing a few things this season, especially some of the games the members don't enjoy playing. The reason for that is that I'd like to see is a bigger turn out on Wednesdays. Also, if you can recruit any new players, it would be much appreciated for the club. When it comes to the games this season, I'm going to put in some two and three men blind draws. Teams will be made up the night before with a few adjustments in the morning as usual. I know Joe spent a lot of time on the com-

puter which I hope not to do, so that I can get the winnings out before everyone is gone. I hope to make it as smooth as possible this season, but I know there will be hiccups that will take some time to get resolve. Last but not least, I would like to have a meeting before the season starts and I will provide Beer and Soda for those who show up; date and time to be determined.

Again, I hope the new season goes well for everyone

*Your President,  
Bob Porter*

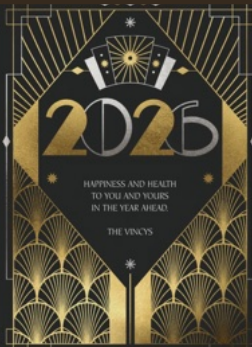


**THE TCC DINING ROOM HELD MANY DINNERS, LUNCHEONS, PARTIES, CELEBRATIONS AND MEETINGS THROUGHOUT 2025, CULMINATING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE IN A VERY SUCCESSFUL "GATSBYESQUE" PARTY. MANY THANKS TO DONNA HUNT, THE KITCHEN STAFF AND OUR WAIT STAFF—WELL DONE!**

Nine-Hole Ladies' Christmas Dinner!



Bogey Buddies' Christmas Dinner!





NEVER REGRET A DAY  
IN YOUR LIFE:  
GOOD DAYS GIVE  
HAPPINESS,  
BAD DAYS GIVE EXPERIENCE,  
WORST DAYS GIVE LESSONS,  
AND BEST DAYS GIVE MEMORIES.

# January 2026

**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: 8AM - 5PM  
Range is open 8AM - 4:30PM

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

THE DINING ROOM WILL BE OPEN WEDNESDAY THROUGH  
SATURDAY FROM 11AM - 7PM AND ON SUNDAY FROM 11AM - 6PM.  
ON TUESDAY, LUNCH IS SERVED FROM 11AM - 4PM.

☀ THE DINING ROOM IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS ☀

DINING ROOM  
CLOSED

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GOLF COURSE  
& CLUBHOUSE  
CLOSED

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**TWGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 4PM

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**TMGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 7PM

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**THIRSTY THURSDAY**

Lunch & Dinner Service  
11AM - 7PM



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DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 7PM

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DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 7PM

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DINING ROOM  
CLOSED

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NEW BERN  
GARDEN CLUB  
GOLF BALL DROP  
10AM



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**TWGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 4PM

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5PM

**THIRSTY THURSDAY**

Lunch & Dinner Service  
11AM - 7PM



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DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 7PM

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DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 7PM

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DINING ROOM  
CLOSED

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GOLF COURSE  
& CLUBHOUSE  
CLOSED

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**TWGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 4PM

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**TMGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 7PM

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TCC  
ANNUAL  
MEMBER  
MEETING  
5:30PM

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**Music  
BINGO**

STARTS AT 6PM

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DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 7PM

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DINING ROOM  
CLOSED

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GOLF COURSE  
& CLUBHOUSE  
CLOSED

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**TWGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 4PM

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**TMGA**

DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 7PM

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**THIRSTY THURSDAY**

Lunch & Dinner Service  
11AM - 7PM



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DINING ROOM  
OPEN  
11AM - 7PM

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**2026  
HAPPY  
New Year**

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