



Clearwater Country Club Newsletter

March 2019



The term "March Madness" usually means NCAA basketball. Around CCC, it means many snowbirds enjoying our golf courses. So, with the golf course in such demand, make your tee times as early as you can.

On February 18th, we hosted the North Florida PGA Pro-Pro. PGA professionals from throughout Florida teamed up for our first annual event. Many pros have never played CCC, but the reviews were outstanding. One comment from our President was "CCC hit it out of the park". It was a great day for golfing and tremendous exposure for our golf course.

Our club championship is scheduled for the month of March with matches beginning on the weekend of the 9th and 10th and finishing up the next weekend on the 16th and 17th. Come out and watch the finals on March 17th.

The new changes in the Rules of Golf sometimes are hard to remember, such as "Water Hazards" are now called "Penalty Areas". Lots of changes happening, so check in with the golf shop if you have any questions.

We hope you enjoy your experience around the club.

Greg McClimans, P.G.A.

Welcome New and Returning Members:

Gary Buffington, Mark & Linda Cahill and Stuart Greenberg



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Upcoming Events

- Saturday, March 2 – L.P.G.A. Amateur Golf Association Event; 1:00 PM start
- March 9, 10, 16 & 17 (consecutive weekends) – Men's and Women's Club Championship; match play in flights with the Championship Flight Finals on the 17th.
- Monday, March 11 – Nine & Dine: 9-hole mixed scramble (3:00 PM) with a delicious meal & entertainment after golf (5:30 PM). Non-golfers welcome for meal & entertainment by Charles Alexander at the piano!
- Monday, March 18 – Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association Event #7 @ East Lake Woodlands C.C. 12:30 PM Shotgun start
- Sunday, March 31 – U.S. Kids event; tee times start at 10:30 AM



Golf Course Update

We have started our pre-emergent program in early February. This will prevent summer annual weeds from germinating and spreading throughout the bermuda grass. Pre-emergent comes in two forms, liquid and granular. Typically both forms will require the area to be watered. Watering activates the pre-emergent, allowing the product to break down into the soil and create the barrier within the root system. So, if you see the sprinklers on, we are in the process of getting the course ready for summer turf conditions.

Kevin Vereb
Clearwater C.C. Golf Course Superintendent

Congratulations

CCC's **Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association** team of 10 players traveled to Dunedin C.C. on February 11 for the last event of the regular season. They put in a strong performance, posting a 263 and finishing 2nd in the Club Competition, behind Dunedin's 256. **Charles Estes** and **Juice Ahern's** 60 was good enough for 1st in the 2-Man Team Competition. **Gregory McClimans** came in 3rd in the Low Pro Competition with a 71, behind **Kyaw Htet** (68, Innisbrook) and **Fielding Brewbaker** (70, Pasadena). The three events left are the "Playoffs" for the clubs with the top five season point totals: East Lake (46), Countryside (40.5), Pasadena (39), Feather Sound (38.5) and Seminole Lake (35.5). CCC just missed the playoffs with 31.5 points and will compete against the other four "non-playoff" clubs (Dunedin, Belleair, Innisbrook & Crescent Oaks) in the remaining events. The next one is at East Lake Woodlands on March 18.

The **Tampa Bay Bone & Joint PGA West & East Central Chapter Pro-Pro** had a strong field of 76 players from all over central Florida, some as far away as Jacksonville, Ocala and Crystal River here at CCC on February 18. The 38 2-man teams played a "best ball" format, with no handicap. In a 1st place tie were **Nick Frontero / Rod Perry** and **Keith Kulzer / Mike Keymont** with a pair of 65's. From CCC, **Gregory McClimans / Harrison McClimans** and **Jon Mansfield / Jeff Haney** posted a pair of 70's. 23 of the 38 teams finished at par or better. [Full results](#)

Six teams played in the **February Nine & Dine** on the 11th. There was a 2-way tie for first at 29: 1) **Brian Rolston, Shirley Zuzack, Sam & Sharmin Price** and Sue Treciak and 2) **Lisa Hartley, Bill Shaw, Lorraine Wert and Ed & Sandy Joyner**. All alone in third place, with a 31, were **Lee & Janet Boatman, Marilyn Gillette, Judy Martin, Bryan Martinez and Debbie Chevront**. Closest to the Pin winners on #11 were: **Karen Sullivan & Mark Reeve**. Straightest Drivers on #15 were **Sharon Bartkus and Bill Shaw**. The next event is scheduled for March 11. Sign up in the Golf Shop.



Rules Quiz (True or False)

Yellow penalty areas have two relief options and red penalty areas have three relief options.

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You're Invited:

Fabulous Friday Night Happy Hour!

4 - 7 PM

**Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres,
2 for 1 Drafts &
Drink Specials!**



Nine & Dine

Monday, March 11

Golf – 3:00 PM, Dinner – 5:30 PM

9-Hole mixed scramble with a

**delicious meal after golf: Irish Deviled Eggs, Rolls,
Corned Beef & Cabbage, Herb Butter Red Potatoes,
Carrots, Irish Cream Bread Pudding - \$10 ++**

Non-golfers welcome for

meal & entertainment.

(Charles Alexander at the piano!)

Sign Up in the Golf Shop Now!

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The **Club Championship** starts on March 9 and takes place over two consecutive weekends. The contestants in the match play event will be flighted by handicap index and everything concludes with the Men's and Women's Championship Flight finals on Sunday, March 17: Men / 9 AM / 36 holes, Women / 11 AM / 18 holes. Sign up in the golf shop! (no entry fee)



Keith Kulzer (eventual tie for 1st) delivers some pre-tournament announcements before the start of the Pro-Pro.

MARCH 2019 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Paul Jaycox



Paul comes to us from Schenectady, NY and has been a CCC employee for one year. He is a semi-retired PGA Professional and has long experience in the golf business, which suits him well in his role here as Starter / Cart Attendant. Paul is a hard worker, great with people and is truly an asset to Clearwater C.C.!

Rules Quiz Answer

Answer: **True**; see Rule 17-1d: in general for a penalty area you have “stroke and distance” relief and “**back on the line**” relief where the “**line**” referred to goes straight back from the hole and over the spot where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area. In a red penalty area, the player has the additional option of “lateral relief” within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area. All of the above include a penalty stroke.

A good resource on the Rules of Golf is the USGA 2019 Rules and Interpretations web page.

Chef Steven's Recipe of the Month:

*A classic **Irish Stew** is simple and flavorful. It comes together easily with meaty chunks of beef, potatoes, and carrots. And it brings ultimate comfort.*

Ingredients (8-12 servings)

- 2 pounds chuck roast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup flour, optional, omit if gluten-free
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 cups baby carrots
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled, and cut into 1-inch chunks

Great Deal for Members Only

Sign up for Unlimited Range Balls

for just **\$20 / month!**

Locker - \$5 / month

Club Storage - \$5 / month

Drink Recipe of the Month:

“Golden Margarita”

In a mixer, combine 2 oz Gold tequila and 1 oz Grand Marnier. Fill with Sweet & Sour Mix and add a splash of Rose's Lime Juice. Shake and pour into your favorite glass (salted or unsalted).

Enjoy!

Directions

1. Place the beef cubes, flour, and salt and pepper in a large zip-top bag or bowl. Seal and shake to coat all cubes with flour or stir gently.
2. In a large skillet, heat oil until shimmering. Add the beef cubes and brown on all sides. Do not crowd meat in pan. Do this in batches if your pan is not large enough to accommodate all the meat at one time. As the meat browns, remove it to crockpot.
3. Add the onions to the drippings in skillet and sauté until tender. Add the onions to the crockpot.
4. Stir in the beef broth and bay leaf. Cover and cook on low for four hours.
5. Add the carrots and potatoes and stir gently to combine. Cook on low another four hours or until meat and vegetables are tender.
6. Adjust the seasonings with salt and pepper to taste.
7. To freeze: cool stew completely. Wrap, label, and freeze in an airtight container. Reheat on the stovetop or in the microwave before serving

Our P.G.A. Staff:

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P.G.A. Apprentice Teaching Professional

Game Improvement

Mike's Golf Tip of the Month

Should I try to improve my strengths -

or my weaknesses?



Most of the golfers I know love to practice what they're good at. The ones who are good drivers love hitting drivers. The ones who are good putters are always putting. And the players who are good at chipping I frequently see chipping. My suggestion on what to practice depends on what parts of your game you're good at and what parts you're not.

Last week a silver necklace I was wearing broke, and fell to the ground. When I picked it up I noticed one small link had broken. When the link was repaired the chain was as good as new.

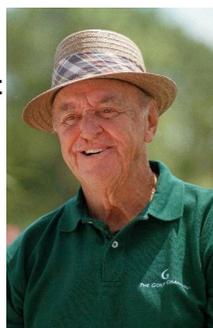
If your golf game has just one weak link - say putting, chipping or sand shots - that one weak link often ruins your score. That said, you should work on the weak areas of your game until they become strong. The weakest area of your game is just like the single link that caused my chain to break.

Do whatever you have to, to improve the weakest area first, then go to the second weakest and so on. This is the only way you can create a balanced game - a game that will become easier year-to-year!

NOTE: Like help with the weak parts of your game? Call or text Mike at 727-776-8380, or email mike@mikeriso.com, for a FREE personalized game review.

"Correct one fault at a time. Concentrate on the one fault you want to overcome."

-Sam Snead



Dedicated to your best golf ever,

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Jeff's Golf Tip of the Month:

Learn To Change The Trajectory of Your Tee Shots



1. With the WIND:

Tee the ball a little HIGHER and move the ball a little farther FOWARD in your stance. This promotes hitting the ball on the upswing which gives you a HIGHER TRAJECTORY and more CARRY DISTANCE.

2. Against the WIND:

Tee the ball a little LOWER and move the ball a little farther BACK in your stance. This promotes hitting the ball before the club starts upward and gives a LOWER TRAJECTORY and more ROLL.

As with anything you learn in golf, this technique needs to be practiced and a little experimenting with how far FOWARD or BACK you move the ball position or how LOW or HIGH you tee the ball varies with each person. Watching the wind and trying to take advantage of these tips could help you gain a few extra yards on windy days. Also remember: when it's windy don't over swing, swing in balance and you will hit the ball farther! Over swinging and getting off balance causes mishits and loss of distance.

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