



# Clearwater Country Club Newsletter

April 2019



The “peak” 2018-2019 season is beginning to wind down and we are all so appreciative of the beautiful weather we have had throughout the season. Many compliments on the entire golf operation have been heard. A big “thank you” to all our employees for a job well done during this time.

For those snowbirds who will be returning north soon, thank you for your support this season. The staff and I hope you have a safe trip home, a summer filled with good weather and lots of golf. We look forward to your return in the fall. For those members who are with us year round, we appreciate your patience during this busy time.

The transition of the winter grass back to bermuda is well under way. Kevin and his staff are working hard keeping our course growing. One comment heard all winter regarding the condition of our greens was “best they've ever been” (except for the ball marks). Thanks again for all your support and Happy Easter to all!

**Greg McClimans, P.G.A.**

The 52<sup>nd</sup> edition of the P.G.A. Professional Championship will be conducted April 28 – May 1, 2019. All (4) rounds will be broadcast live on the Golf Channel. The Belfair Country Club is the host club in Bluffton, S.C.. The field is comprised of players who advanced from the 41 PGA Sections Championships. The low 20 scorers earn a berth in the 2019 PGA Championship at Bethpage Black in New York City. Gregory McClimans II will be competing.

## Welcome New and Returning Members:

**George Eror and Robert Haney**



Visit the **McClimans Golf Academy** online at:  
<http://www.clearwatercountryclub.com/golf/trackman/>



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## Upcoming Events

- Monday, April 8 - Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association Playoff Event 2 of 3 @ Innisbrook / 12:30 PM shotgun start
- Monday, April 8 – 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!

*Just around the corner...*

- Thursday, May 2 - Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association Final Playoff Event @ Clearwater C.C. / 9:00 AM shotgun start
- Saturday, May 4 – Youth in Pinellas Scramble: 8:30 AM shotgun start
- Sunday, May 5 – Clearwater High School Alumni Association's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic: 1:00 PM Shotgun start



## Golf Course Update

We are entering our transition period between the annual ryegrass dying out, and our normal bermuda grass coming out of dormancy.

The key is to get the bermuda grass growing and healthy as soon as possible.

On March 27 we applied a product called “Chipco Top Choice” to the tees and fairways to control mole crickets, which are the #1 pest to bermuda grass. This will allow the grass to grow and thrive.

It should be an excellent summer!

**Kevin Vereb**

**Clearwater C.C. Golf Course Superintendent**

## Congratulations

The **2019 Club Championship** was contested over consecutive weekends in March (9, 10, 16 & 17). Since he joined CCC in the fall of 2017, **Dahl Flynn** has stood out as one of the best players in the club and he proved it by winning the Men's Club Championship on his first attempt with a 6 & 5 victory over **Rob Fady** in the Championship Flight final match. On the women's side, **Lisa Hartley** won her 9<sup>th</sup> title also with a 6 & 5 victory over defending champ **Mary Dee Snow**. In the Men's First Flight, **Richard Gasway** defeated **Brian Coleman** 4 & 2 to take that flight on his first attempt. This was **Mr. Coleman's** second trip to the First Flight final without a victory and he's hoping that the third time is the charm in 2020! Full results can be found on the CCC website [here](#).

On Monday, March 18 the **Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association's playoff event 1 of 3** was held at the East Lake Woodlands North Course. CCC has missed the "Championship Bracket", but finished in a Tie-3<sup>rd</sup> place in the "Interclub Bracket". The other non-championship clubs are Cypress Run, Innisbrook, Dunedin & Belleair and even though they are not eligible to win the Season Championship, they are playing for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes based on their cumulative point total in the 3 "playoff" events. In the 2-Man competition there were five 63's in a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, including CCC's **Tom Deimel** and **Jackson Jeurling**. The winner of a match of cards was Drazkowski / Hurley from Cypress Run. The 2<sup>nd</sup> playoff event is scheduled for Innisbrook on April 8<sup>th</sup> with the final playoff event here at CCC on Thursday, May 2.

A full field of 48 players were treated to perfect weather for the March **Nine & Dine** on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The team of **Lorriane Wert, Joy Porter, Lisa Hartley** and **Ed & Sandy Joyner** led the way with a 28. Three 29's tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 1) **Mike & Karen Sullivan, Dave & Barb MacDonald, Dennis & Joanne Ryan**, 2) **John & Bev Chestnut, Omer & Lynn Robichaud and Tony & Carol Sarvo** and 3) **Judy Martin, Mark Reeve, Lee & Janet Boatman, Bryan Martinez & Marilyn Gillette**. Closest to the Pin winners were **Lisa Hartley** and **Steve Skeene**. Straightest Drivers were **Bonnie Magill** and **Jim Tomasini**.

## Rules Quiz

Under the recently revised Rules of Golf (January 2019) it is now legal to remove loose impediments in a bunker and to touch the sand while doing so. What are the things that you might do in a bunker that would result in a penalty?

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## You're Invited:

### Fabulous Friday Night Happy Hour!

4 - 6 PM

**Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres  
&  
Drink Specials!**



## Nine & Dine

Monday, April 8 - 3:00 PM

**9-Hole mixed scramble with a  
delicious meal after golf - \$10 ++**

**Non-golfers welcome for  
meal & entertainment.**

**(Charles Alexander at the piano!)**

**Sign Up in the Golf Shop Now!**

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## Congratulations continued...

Back in April of 2014, **Charlie Bunker** was playing in the **Early Birds Golf League** and holed out his third shot on the par-5 #13. He thought he had made an "albatross", when in fact, had only made an "eagle" (wrong bird). Fast forward almost exactly five years to Friday, March 8, and **Mr. Bunker** holes his 2<sup>nd</sup> shot on the par-5 8<sup>th</sup> hole for a real "albatross"! After a fist bump with each of his playing partners (**Lou Tuttle and Bob Reilly**) the big southpaw moved merrily towards the next tee. Back in his youth, Charlie was quite a baseball player. He played collegiate baseball at Boston College and holds the single game strike out record for BC of 18. After graduating college in 1962 Charlie spent several years in the Red Sox farm system, moving up to AAA ball at one time. Charlie decided that coaching high school baseball was the way to be close to the game he loved and settled down to a long career doing just that in Quincy, MA. When he's not on the golf course, Charlie can be found working on his short game on or near the CCC putting green!



## April 2019 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**Blanca Peña Salvador** does an excellent job in the grill and/or dining room as a server. She has a pleasant, upbeat personality and good people skills come easy for her. Blanca is also responsible for the artistic touch to the "daily specials" often seen on the menu-board in the grill. She is a valuable member of the CCC team!



## Rules Quiz Answer

When your ball is in a bunker, you will incur a penalty if you touch the sand with anything in order to test it prior to your next stroke. Also, you may not touch the sand with a club directly in front of or behind the ball, or when making a practice swing or when making a backswing for a 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:

##### Slow Cooker

##### Chicken Pot Pie Soup

*Low maintenance, creamy spring comfort food, made from scratch!*

#### Ingredients

- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- salt and pepper
- half an onion, diced
- 2–3 cloves garlic, minced
- a sprig of fresh rosemary (*sub a small pinch of dried herbs*)
- a spring of fresh thyme (*sub a small pinch of dried herbs*)
- 32 oz chicken broth
- 1 large russet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 package frozen peas and carrots (2–3 cups)
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup of heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- fresh chopped parsley
- 1 thawed sheet of puff pastry

### 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:

#### **“Clearwater Sunset”**

**Pour 2 oz Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum into a large rocks glass. Fill with orange juice and add a splash of Cabernet Sauvignon. Garnish with an orange wheel.**

**Enjoy!**

#### Directions

1. **Slow Cook:** Place the chicken, salt and pepper, onion, garlic, rosemary, thyme, broth, potato, and pea/carrot mix in a slow cooker. Cook on high for 3 hours. Remove the chicken, shred, and return to pot. Remove the herb sprigs and discard.
2. **Make it Creamy:** Whisk the flour and cream together until smooth. Add to the slow cooker. Keep on high heat for another hour or so. For a thicker soup, whisk the cornstarch with a little bit of cold water and add it to warm soup in the slow cooker.
3. **Bake the Puff Toppers:** Cut your puff pastry into triangles, circles, or hearts! Bake as directed (*we did 375 for 10-15 minutes*).
4. **Serve:** Stir the parsley into the soup to add a little fresh color. Divide the soup among bowls and top with the puff pastry. Yummy!

#### Our P.G.A. Staff:

**Greg McClimans**

P.G.A. Director of Golf

**Gregory McClimans II**

P.G.A. Head Professional

**Jeff Haney**

P.G.A. Teaching Professional

**Jon Mansfield**

P.G.A. Teaching Professional

**Harrison McClimans**

P.G.A. Apprentice Teaching Professional

**Mike Riso**

P.G.A. Apprentice Teaching Professional

# Game Improvement

## Mike's Golf Tip of the Month

**Lessons from childhood golf, we can still use today!**



When I think back to the first golf balls I hit at 11-years-old, at Delaware Park in Buffalo, some of the lessons I learned about life immediately come to mind. They've served me well, and maybe you'll find them helpful too.

**Respect for the course** - An old man gave me a gold-colored ball repair tool, and taught me how to repair the ball marks I left, when my balls hit the green.

**Friendship and Honesty** - A 12-year-old boy returned my 7-iron to me after I'd accidentally left it behind, near one of the greens. Marc became a golfing buddy for years afterward. We still stay in touch today.

**Responsibility** - I quickly realized that I was 100% responsible for every shot I hit, and for the scores I shot. No one else could hit the ball for me.

**The importance of mentors** - I never had a formal lesson until I was 14, but as soon as we started playing, my dad took my brothers and me to the course, and showed us the basics. Later that year, an old man at the public course I grew up on, showed me the overlapping grip. I still use it today, 43 years later. My dad's guidance and that old man's kind gesture helped me hit straighter shots, and love golf even more!

So next time you tee it up at your favorite course, see what you can take away from your time spent golfing. Maybe for you it might be patience, after making an 8 or 9 on a hole.

Or perhaps when you golf with your child, niece, nephew, or grandkid, you'll realize you have the ability to really encourage them, when they get down on themselves after hitting poor shots. The lessons will always be there out on the course. We just need to look for them.

***Dedicated to your best golf ever,***  
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## Jeff's Golf Tip of the Month:

### The "Hybrid Putt"



If you want to get up and down more often,

try taking a three or four hybrid and choking down to the bottom of the grip and putting with it from around the green in closely mown areas.



This gets the ball up on top of the grass quicker and then it rolls like a putt. This hybrid putt can also be used out of moderate rough with just a little practice. If you struggle with wedge shots around the green a three or four hybrid putt might be an easier shot. Remember this shot is like a chip & run shot, not a high lofted shot, and is intended to be used from fairly close to the green. If you would like help learning this shot, please contact me by phone or email.

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