



# Clearwater Country Club Newsletter

May 2019



This winter we were blessed to have such great weather, and a busy golf club. Many winter visitor's enjoyed the conditions of our golf course and the parties and events inside the clubhouse.

Our summer season get's underway with the grass transitioning back to bermuda grass. The change will be gradual, but should be completed by early June. Aerification this summer will take place for the greens on June 12 and August 29. Tees and fairways will be done throughout the summer.

Summer is a good time to work on your golf game with the day's staying lighter longer. PGA instruction is always available by one of our instructors. Check with our golf shop staff about setting up a lesson.

Did you know that the "Clearwater Golf Club" was established in 1921? The first clubhouse was built on the corner of Drew and Betty Lane (now occupied by Betty Drew Apartments). We are now planning a celebration when the club turns 100 years.

I want to thank all CCC members and seasonal members for your continued support in making our 2019 winter season such a success!

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

**Welcome New and Returning Members:**

**Larry Branum and Larry Olesky**



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<http://www.clearwatercountryclub.com/golf/trackman/>



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## Upcoming Events

- 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
- Monday, May 13 – 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, May 27 – Memorial Day Scramble: 8:30 AM 18-hole Mixed Scramble with a delicious cookout after golf; Entry Fee \$25

## Golf Course Update

Starting on May 6 we will be doing aerification on tees, fairways, roughs and slopes. This will relieve compaction and allow nutrients into the root zone.

We will also be doing aerification on the driving range tee and treating the nematodes, which are microscopic worms that eat the roots of bermuda grass. This treatment will encourage root growth and healthier grass.

**Kevin Vereb**  
**Clearwater C.C. Golf Course Superintendent**

## Congratulations

The second of the three "Playoff Events" that finish up the **Pinellas County Men's Golf Association** 2018/2019 season took place on Innisbrook's North Course on Monday, April 8. Clearwater finished in a 3-way tie for third place in the regular Club Competition. Pasadena led the way with a 253, followed by Feather Sound (255) and CCC, Dunedin & East Lake (262). For the Playoff Events, Clearwater, Dunedin, Cypress Run, Innisbrook & Belleair are in the "Interclub Bracket" (the five clubs that didn't qualify for the "Championship Bracket"). CCC tied for first in the Interclub Bracket with Dunedin and now stands tied for first place in playoff points with Cypress Run and one event remaining. The final playoff event is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 (9:00 AM shotgun start) here at the friendly confines.

The **April Nine & Dine** also took place on April 8. The 43 contestants were treated to a beautiful afternoon, although a little windy. On the winning team (27) were **Brian Ralston, Shirley Zuzack, Sam & Sharmin Price and Mo Lennox & Sue Treciak**. Two teams tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place (29): 1) **Horace Bell, Sue Hunter, Ken Brady, Madge Amman, Thomas Marlow & Roni Loomis** and 2) **Lee & Janet Boatman, Marilyn Gillette, Debbie Chevront, Judy Martin and Bryan Martinez**. The Ladies Closest to the Pin winner was **Lori Morin** and no man was able to hit the 11<sup>th</sup> green in the windy conditions. Straightest Drivers were **Maryanne Dimeo** and **Tony Venuti**. The May event is scheduled for Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Rules Quiz

Ralph & Jim were playing one day and Ralph's ball came to rest in a spot where his stance for the next shot was on a cart path (aka "abnormal ground condition). He found the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole, and noticed a spot, within a club-length of the nearest point, that got his ball out of the rough and into a fairway-length cut, but required him to stand with his heels on the cart path. As he prepared to drop, Jim objected.....

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## You're Invited:

### Fabulous Friday Night Happy Hour!

4 - 6 PM

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



## Nine & Dine

**Monday, May 13 - 3:00 PM**

**9-Hole mixed scramble with a  
delicious meal after golf: House Salad,  
Beef & Chicken Kabobs, Rice,  
Seasonal Fruit, Peach Cobbler - \$10 ++**

**Non-golfers welcome for  
meal & entertainment.  
(Charles Alexander at the piano!)**

**Sign Up in the Golf Shop Now!  
727-461-4188**

## Memorial Day

**Mixed Scramble & Cookout**

**Monday, May 27 8:30AM Shotgun**

**18-Hole Mixed Scramble**

**Delicious Cookout after Golf (1:00 – 2:30 PM)**

Gross & Net Team Prizes

Special Events: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive,  
Straightest Drive & Team Skin Game

Entry Fee (all players) - \$25\*

*\*includes Prizes, Team Skin Game, Special Events,  
Cookout & any Golf Fees!*

**Non-golfers Welcome for Cookout!  
(call the Main Office 727-446-9501)**

## May 2019

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**Bobby McMillen** has been part of the Outside Golf Staff at CCC for about a year and has proven himself to be a conscientious and energetic worker, good with people. The retired iron worker from Flushing Meadows is an avid golfer and can be found quite often on the golf course. Bobby is a great addition to the CCC staff!



## Rules Quiz Answer

...saying, "you can't take relief from the cart path and still be standing on the cart path". Who was correct?

Jim was right, looking at Rule 16.1b, the ball must be dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief in a "relief area" that has these limits:

1. must be in the "general area" (used to be called "through the green")
2. is not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief
3. gives "complete relief" from the abnormal course condition

Ralph's choice does not pass #3.

A good resource on the Rules of Golf is the [USGA 2019 Rules and Interpretations](#) web page.

## 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:

### Blue Hawaiian

Combine 2 oz of your favorite rum with 1 oz Blue Curacao and fill with pineapple juice. Add a splash of orange juice

Enjoy!

## Chef Steven's Recipe of the Month:

### SLOW COOKER LEMON CHICKEN ORZO SOUP

*"The best kind of comfort food you can make right in your crockpot! Even the uncooked orzo cooks in the slow cooker!"*

## Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch chunks
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 6 cups chicken stock
- 1 medium sweet onion, diced
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 celery ribs, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 sprig fresh rosemary
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 cup orzo pasta, uncooked
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

## Directions

1. Heat canola oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Season chicken with salt and pepper, to taste. Add chicken to the skillet and cook until golden, about 4-5 minutes.
2. Place chicken into a 6-qt slow cooker. Stir in chicken stock, onion, carrots, celery, garlic, thyme, rosemary and bay leaf; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
3. Cover and cook on low heat for 5-6 hours. Uncover and stir in pasta; cover and cook on high heat for an additional 30 minutes, or until tender.
4. Stir in spinach until wilted. Stir in lemon juice; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
5. Serve immediately.

## Our P.G.A. Staff:

**Greg McClimans**

P.G.A. Director of Golf

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P.G.A. Head Professional

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P.G.A. Apprentice Teaching Professional

**Mike Riso**

P.G.A. Apprentice Teaching Professional

# Game Improvement

## Mike's Golf Tip of the Month

**The world's quickest way to improve your game!**



If you don't have a lot of free time, here's one of the quickest ways I know of to improve your scores:

### **Hit the ball like you don't care!**

Ever had this happen to you? You're playing terrible golf and you finally stop trying. This is often noticeable on tee shots and on the putting green.

You know what I mean. You have a 15 or 20 foot putt that you weren't even close to making.

So you try the putt a second time, and now it goes right in the middle of the cup!

What most golfers don't understand about this phenomenon is that when you are in a "state of not trying" your body is completely relaxed.

When your body is relaxed it functions at its highest level.

So next time you tee off, and you're squeezing the life out of the grip, just relax your body and take a nice smooth swing. I guarantee, you'll be pleased.

***Dedicated to your best golf ever,***

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## Jeff's Golf Tip of the Month:

### **Better Distance**



Most every golfer wants more distance! To achieve this distance most golfers make these common mistakes:

- 1 - They swing too fast
- 2 - They tighten up their grip pressure to pull hard.
- 3 - They make too big of a backswing & lose balance & control.

These problems generally reduce distance because golfers don't make solid contact and usually along with no more distance they either slice or pull left because they are swinging without balance and control. They sometimes even injure themselves from swinging too hard and too tight resulting in muscle strains and sore joints.

To achieve more distance a golfer needs REFLEXIVE SPEED. To achieve this speed try to incorporate these tips:

- 1 - Make some practice swings slowly back and accelerate through quickly but as relaxed as possible.
- 2 - Make sure you maintain your balance.
- 3 - Make sure your follow through is bigger than your backswing. This makes ensure you are accelerating THROUGH the ball and not decelerating.
- 4 - Try to relax your grip pressure. Not just at address but feel very light grip pressure throughout the swing (very hard to do at first).
- 5 - Take a deep breath, blow it out and relax before you swing.

When you are getting ready to hit HARD remember HARD is FAST not TIGHT. Relax, take the club away slow, stay in balance, and feel that REFLEXIVE SPEED.

**If I can be of any help contact, don't hesitate to contact me! Remember new students - first 1/2 hour lesson is just \$25.00**

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