



Clearwater Country Club Newsletter

June 2019



With the beginning of the summer golf season underway, there are many precautions golfers need to understand. First would be “lightning”. When lightning is nearby, you need to leave the course immediately and seek shelter. Next, is staying hydrated during these “dog days of summer”. Always keep your drink container filled with ice and water. Finally, keep plenty of sunscreen on while you’re playing. These few safety precautions will help you have a safe and healthy summer golf season.

Did you know you can take a golf lesson at CCC during the summer months in the air conditioning? Try out our TRACKMAN and learn what all the numbers mean and what the golf announcers are talking about on TV. TRACKMAN is designed for all golfers wanting to get better. Stay safe this summer and let our P.G.A. staff help improve your golf game.

Happy Father's Day!

Greg McClimans, P.G.A.

Welcome New and Returning Members:

Jack Allen and Brent Ferguson



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



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Upcoming Events

- Saturday, June 1 - “Hacks & Jacks” golf outing 10:00 AM modified shotgun start
- Monday, June 10 – First weekly session of the 2019 CCC Junior Summer Golf Camp by Mike Riso; [click here for more information](#)
- Wednesday, June 12 – Aerate greens
Just around the corner:
- Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day Scramble: 18-hole mixed scramble followed by a delicious buffet; sign up now in the Golf Shop

Golf Course Update

The summer heat is definitely in full swing. During the summer months, there will be a lot of maintenance taking place. We will be verticutting the greens weekly as this process will thin the greens out. Also, on June 12th we will have our first aerification on all the putting green surfaces. This process will open up the greens and allow them to breathe during the scorching summer months.

If you are an active member at the practice facility, you must have noticed there has been no grass on the tee. The reason for this is because we will be sprigging the driving range tee this month with paspalum grass. Please be patient with us during this time, as the grass roots grow in to ensure a beautiful practice tee for the season.

Kevin Vereb

Clearwater C.C. Golf Course Superintendent

Congratulations

The final "playoff" event of the **Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association's** 2018/2019 season was held here at Clearwater C.C. on Thursday, May 2. In the Championship Bracket, **East Lake** finished the three playoff events with the most points and won the Season Championship for the 5th time since their first victory in 2000. **Clearwater** performed well in the Interclub Bracket over the three playoff events, finishing T-2nd, T-1st and T-2nd and accumulating 11 ½ playoffs points. This put them in a tie with **Cypress Run** for 1st in the bracket. Cypress Run replaced Crescent Oaks for the final three events of this season and appears field a strong team. **Fielding Brewbaker** (Pasadena) fired a 69 to win the Low Pro competition. The 2019/2020 season starts up in September at Feather Sound. The final schedule is in the works now and should be available mid-summer.

The **May Nine & Dine** was scheduled for the 13th, but Mother Nature did not cooperate and the event was rained out.

Popular comedian **Daniel Whitney**, a.k.a. **Larry the Cable Guy** was in town on Saturday, May 18 for a show at Ruth Eckerd Hall that evening. He's an avid golfer and knows that the best place to spend mornings before a show in Clearwater is here at CCC. The long-hitting southpaw knew how to "git 'er done", turning in a very respectable 82 and then reportedly putting on a great show that evening at Ruth Eckerd.



The field of 68 players had a fun day in the **Memorial Day Scramble & Cookout** on Monday, May 27. Low Gross (61) went to the team of **Kelvin Glenn, Justin Glenn, Matt Valaskivips & Joel Stupleski**. Low Net (54) went to **Terry Roe, Jerome Jackson, Larry Ferrol & Brian Roe**. Closest to the Pin winners were **Dan Carpenter** on #6 and **Sandy Barnes** on #11. Longest Drivers were **James Thomas** on #14 and **Michele Rudy** on #9. Chef Steven put on a great buffet after golf that was enjoyed by all. Sign up in the Golf Shop for the July 4 Scramble and Cookout now! [Click here for complete results.](#)

Rules Quiz

How do the new Rules of Golf take away an advantage from a player using a long putter?

Continued in the "on-line" version of the newsletter on page 3

You're Invited:

**Fabulous Friday Night
Happy Hour!**

4 - 6 PM

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



Independence Day

Mixed Scramble & Cookout

Thursday, July 4 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)**

Notice Cart Owners

We are asking all Cart Owners to please close the overhead doors after getting out or putting away your golf cart. Also remember not to leave any foodstuff (crackers, candy, etc.) in your golf cart or golf bag.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank You Golfers!

For those of you who fix ball marks, put sand in divots and keep your golf cart 30' from greens & tees, we want to

Thank You!

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Kevin Vereb came to Florida and the golf business in 1983 from Pittsburg, PA. He's been at Airco, Belleview Biltmore, the City of Largo and the Tides before arriving here at Clearwater C.C. last November. The golf course has been in great shape since then because of his hard work, knowledge and leadership skills. When he's not working on the golf course Kevin enjoys playing on a golf course and maintains a respectable 6 handicap. He's a key member of the CCC team!



Rules Quiz Answer

When dropping a ball from a penalty area (a.k.a. "hazard") the ball has to be dropped in a defined "relief area" that is measured using any club in the bag other than the putter. See the definition of "club-length".

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:

Planter's Punch

Pour 2 oz of Myers Dark Rum into your favorite tropical glass, fill with orange juice and pineapple juice, add a splash of Grenadine and garnish with a cherry.

Enjoy!

Chef Steven's Recipe of the Month:

"Classic Shepard's Pie"



Ingredients

Meat Filling:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1 lb. 90% lean ground beef -or ground lamb
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 garlic cloves -minced
- 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 cup frozen mixed peas & carrots*
- 1/2 cup frozen corn kernels

Potato Topping:

- 1 1/2 - 2 lb. russet potatoes -about 2 large potatoes peeled and cut into 1 inch cubes
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter -1 stick
- 1/3 cup half & half
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese

Directions

Make the Meat Filling

- Add the oil to a large skillet and place it over medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Add the onions. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Add the ground beef (or ground lamb) to the skillet and break it apart with a wooden spoon. Add the parsley, rosemary, thyme, salt, and pepper. Stir well. Cook for 6-8 minutes, until the meat is browned, stirring occasionally.
- Add the Worcestershire sauce and garlic. Stir to combine. Cook for 1 minute.
- Add the flour and tomato paste. Stir until well incorporated and no clumps of tomato paste remain.
- Add the broth, frozen peas and carrots, and frozen corn. Bring the liquid to a boil then reduce to simmer. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Set the meat mixture aside. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Make the potato topping

- Place the potatoes in a large pot. Cover the potatoes with water. Bring the water to a boil. Reduce to a simmer. Cook until potatoes are fork tender, 10-15 minutes.
- Drain the potatoes in a colander. Return the potatoes to the hot pot. Let the potatoes rest in the hot pot for 1 minute to evaporate any remaining liquid.
- Add butter, half & half, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Mash the potatoes and stir until all the ingredients are mixed together.
- Add the parmesan cheese to the potatoes. Stir until well combined.

Assemble the casserole

- Pour the meat mixture into a 9x9 (or 7x11) inch baking dish. Spread it out into an even layer. Spoon the mashed potatoes on top of the meat. Carefully spread into an even layer.
- If the baking dish looks very full, place it on a rimmed baking sheet so that the filling doesn't bubble over into your oven. Bake uncovered for 25-30 minutes. Cool for 15 minutes before serving.

Our P.G.A. Staff:

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Game Improvement

Jeff's Golf Tip of the Month

100 Yards And In

One hundred yards and in is arguably the most important part of most golfer's game. The ability to judge the distance of your shots from about 25-100 yards is crucial. If you hit these shots a little right or left you will usually be okay, but being way short or way long is a far worse outcome. To get better at these distances try the drill below.



Short Shot Distance Drill

You will need to purchase about five alignment sticks.

On the first day you practice these short shots go to one side of the driving range and walk off 20, 30, 40, 50 & 60 yards putting an alignment stick in the ground at each distance. Now practice trying to make your ball land by the alignment sticks at each distance. Try this with a sand wedge & pitching wedge, paying attention to the size of swing you need to hit these shots the correct distance and also paying attention to the different trajectories between the sand wedge and the pitching wedge. Once you have a feel for these two clubs also try these distances with a lob wedge if you have one.

On the second day, place the sticks at 60, 70, 80, 90 & 100 yards and repeat the practice of trying to land the ball the proper distance. Depending on the golfer, the lob wedge might not go far enough for some of these yardages. You may need sand wedge, pitching wedge & 9-iron. Some golfers may need even more club, but practicing shots of these distances is guaranteed to save shots.

Remember Safety First

Only set up your stick drill on the extreme edge of the driving range and only set this up when the range is not busy. Never try to set up this drill while golfers are already hitting on the range.

If I can be of any help, don't hesitate to contact me!

Jeff Haney

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See Mike's Golf Tip of the Month on next page....

Mike's Golf Tip of the Month

Practice with your kids!

If you want your child to stay connected to the game of golf, get a practice bag - called a 'Shag bag', and take 30 minutes and chip or putt at your local course. Many courses allow practice at no cost in their short game area or on the practice putting green.



Shag bags hold 50 or more balls, and make it easy to hit plenty of shots without having to bend over and pick them up. Shag bags have a cylinder you push down on, on top of each ball, placing all the balls into the bag.



Golf is a game that parents and their kids can enjoy for a lifetime!

You can easily hit 100 chips in under 30 minutes. Not only will you improve your own game and your child's, but you can spend quality time with them too!

Dedicated to your best golf ever,

Mike Riso

Clearwater Teaching Professional

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