



Clearwater Country Club Newsletter

March 2020



“March Madness” is in the air around CCC. We are now entering the busiest month of the season. With tee-times in great demand, we hope you make your tee-time will in advance.

Congrats to our F.S.G.A. Men's Interclub team for advancing to the next round of the state interclub.

An upcoming event for March is the Men's and Women's Club Championship. This long running event will determine the Men's and Women's Champion, and also give the champion their own parking spot. Also, mark your calendar for the Annual Hickory Golf Tournament, scheduled for April 26, 2020.

It is proven that most golfers don't stretch enough before they play golf. One way to stretch during your round is to fix a few marks on each green. This little exercise will not only help your flexibility, but also keep the greens putting smoother. FREE ball mark tools are available in the Golf Shop.

There is a lot going on at the club these days and we hope you enjoy “March Madness”.

**See you around the club,
Greg McClimans, P.G.A.**

**Welcome New and Returning Members:
Mark & Linda Cahill, Timothy Minneci, Marvin Smith & Joey Zintel**



Visit the **McClimans Golf Academy** online at:
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Upcoming Events

- Monday, March 2 - Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association Event #7: @ Innisbrook / 12:30 PM Shotgun Start
- Thursday, March 5 – F.S.G.A. Men's Interclub 1st Round Playoff match Clearwater versus Carrollwood; Noon
- Monday, March 9 - Nine and Dine: 9-hole mixed scramble with a delicious meal after golf
- March 14, 15, 21 & 22 (consecutive weekends) – 2020 Club Championship: Match play event in flights of eight seeded by handicap index. Men's and Ladies Championship Flight final matches on the 22nd; sign up in the Golf Shop (no entry fee!)

Golf Course Update

Our practice tee has become a popular place. It's nice to see so many members and guests out warming up, working on their game, and receiving professional instruction. With all of these activities taking place the turf can become a bit overwhelmed by divots. In an effort to help us maintain the practice tee in a top quality fashion, players are encouraged to hit from the designated areas only. Doing so helps to keep you safe, and allows us to control the wear more evenly.

We will soon be performing “pencil-tine” aeration on the greens. This will help to incorporate air into the root-zone and alleviate compaction. As you can guess from the name, the tines are quite small, about the diameter of a pencil and the disruption to your putts should be minimal.

Kevin Vereb, Clearwater C.C. Golf Course Superintendent

Congratulations

The **February Nine and Dine** had 54 players enjoying the perfect weather! The winning team turned in a net 28 for the 9-hole mixed scramble: **Sam Price, Brian Ralston, Shirley Zuzack, Sue Treciak & Mo Lennox**. In second place with a 29 were **Judy Martin, Bryan Martinez, Debbie Cheuvront, Marilyn Gillette** and **Janet & Lee Boatman**. Three teams tied for third at 30. On #11 the Closest to the Pin winners were **Barbara MacDonald** and **Bill Shaw**. Straightest Drivers on #15 were **Ellen Boyd** and **Sam Price**.

The **P.G.A. West Central Chapter Pro-Pro** (presented by the **Tampa Bay Bone & Joint Center** and **Yamaha**) was held on February 20. Twenty-eight 2-man teams found the golf course in great shape and twenty of those teams were under par. Leading the way with a 64 were **Gregory** and **Harrison McClimans**. **Jeff Haney** and **Jon Mansfield** were a couple of shots back in a tie for 4th at 66.

The four division winners in the Tampa Bay Region of the **FSGA Men's Interclub** season were: Dunedin, **Clearwater**, Carrollwood & The Eagles. Clearwater will play a "home & away" match vs. Carrollwood and Dunedin & The Eagles will do the same. The two winning clubs will then play a "home & away" to determine who will represent the Tampa Bay Region as the playoffs continue. CCC lost to Carrollwood on Feb 27 and will host them on March 5. In all of these playoff matches, a win = 3 pts, a tie = 1.5 pts. The club with the most points in the two matches is the winner. If each team wins a match, there will be a playoff.

The sixth and final regular season event of the **Pinellas County Men's Interclub** Season was held at East Lake Woodlands on the 17th. The host club took 1st place in the Club Competition with a 264, followed by Belleair (270) and Cypress Run (272). In the 2-Man Competition, our own **Tom Deimel** and **Matt Mills** were 1st with a 62. **Harrison McClimans** and Jonathan Hewitt (Seminole) tied for Low Pro with a pair of 69's. **Ross Concklin** picked up a CTP on #6. The playoffs are set, the points revert to 0 for the three playoff events and the Championship Division is: Pasadena, East Lake, Dunedin, Belleair & Countryside. The five remaining clubs competing separately in the "Interclub Division" are: **Clearwater**, Cypress Run, Innisbrook, Feather Sound and Seminole. The first playoff event is on March 2 at Innisbrook.

March is **Club Championship** month and the match play event will take place over consecutive weekends on the 14th, 15th, 21st & 22nd with the Championship Flight Finals on the 22nd (men 36 holes, 9am and women 18 holes 11am). There is no entry fee and you can sign up in the Golf Shop (446-9501 ext 106). The matches will be in flights of eight, seeded by handicap index. You are welcome to come out and watch any of the matches and are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony immediately after the conclusion of the two Championship Flight matches. Both of the 2019 Champions, **Dahl Flynn** and **Lisa Hartley**, will defend their titles.



You're Invited:

**Fabulous Friday Night
Happy Hour!**

4 - 6 PM

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



Contact Us:

(727) 446-9501

Golf Shop	ext 106
Front Office	ext 101
Bar & Restaurant	ext 105

Nine & Dine

Monday, March 9

Golf – 3:00 PM, Dinner – 5:30 PM

**9-Hole mixed scramble with a
delicious meal (Corned Beef &
Cabbage, Herb Buttered Red
Potatoes, Carrots, Irish Deviled
Eggs, Rolls & Irish Cream Bread
Pudding)**

after golf - \$10 ++

**Non-golfers welcome for
meal.**

**Sign Up in the Golf Shop Now!
727-446-9501 ext 106**

On Thursday, February 13th, **Celestino "Marty" Martinez** played a round equal to his age. Marty was



born in Cuba 93 years ago next week, but didn't start enjoying the game of golf until he was almost 50, trading a boat to his brother, Joaquin, for his first set of clubs. As a member of the Honeywell League, he is on the links 3 times a week and has been a member of Clearwater C.C. since the 1980's. Congratulations on the amazing feat of shooting your age Marty, and Best Wishes for a **Happy Birthday** on Thursday, March 5!

March 2020 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Stephen Quiles, Sr.



Chef Stephen is originally from Philadelphia and has been in Florida, with his two children, for just under two years. In his short time here, Stephen has demonstrated a first-class culinary repertoire by introducing a wide variety of delicious items on the daily breakfast and lunch menus. C.C.C. is one of the best breakfast and lunch spots in Clearwater and a popular place to book your special event or business meeting! Stephen is proving, time and again, to be a great member of the C.C.C. Team!

Rules Update

The “**Equitable Stroke Control System**” limits the number of strokes a golfer can take on a hole for score posting purposes. Before January 1, 2020 it was based on a chart and varied according to a player's handicap. It has changed to something called “**Net Double-Bogey**” which is: Par on the hole + 2 strokes + any handicap strokes that you would receive on that hole. Your handicap strokes are allocated based on the “**Handicap**” line on the scorecard for the particular set of tees that you play from, where the holes are ranked in order of difficulty. For example, if you have a 10 handicap, you would get a stroke on the holes ranked 1 through 10 on the relevant handicap line.

A good resource on the Rules of Golf is the [USGA 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

Tom Collins

Fill a tall, frosted Collins glass with sweet/sour mix, a splash of 7-Up and 1 ¼ oz of your favorite Gin. Garnish with a cherry and enjoy!

Enjoy!

Chef Steven's Recipe of the Month: Corned Beef Dinner for St. Patrick's Day



“The sauce is silky-smooth, absolutely delicious, and makes the whole meal! Serve horseradish on the side, if desired.”

Ingredients

- 4 pounds corned beef brisket, or more to taste
- water to cover
- 1 medium head cabbage, cored and cut into 6 wedges
- 12 small red potatoes, halved
- 1 pound small white onions, peeled
- 6 large carrots, peeled and cut in chunks

Sauce

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 2 tablespoons coarse Dijon mustard

Directions

- Place corned beef in a 6-quart Dutch oven or heavy pot and pour in enough water to cover beef by 2 inches. Bring water to a boil, skimming the liquid occasionally to remove fat from top. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover Dutch oven with a lid, and simmer for 2 hours.
- Arrange cabbage, potatoes, onions, and carrots around beef and return liquid to a boil. Lower heat to medium-low, cover Dutch oven, and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 40 minutes. Transfer beef to a serving platter, reserving 1 1/2 cups cooking liquid. Surround meat with the vegetables.
- Melt butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Whisk flour into melted butter until dissolved and bubbling, about 1 minute. Add reserved cooking liquid and vinegar to butter-flour mixture; cook, stirring frequently, until sauce is slightly thickened, about 4 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat and whisk sour cream and mustard into sauce. Serve sauce alongside corned beef and vegetables.

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:

Improve your posture, change your golf for the better



We've all heard the word posture before. Here's the definition: ***The position in which someone holds their body when standing or sitting.*** In golf, this means how to set up to the ball and maintain that position at impact.

Proper posture is everything if you're going to hit solid shots. With good posture you'll create more quality shots, and less poor ones.

Here's how to create proper posture at address.

1. Stand erect and hold your club in front of you, so the shaft is parallel to the ground.
2. Bend forward at the waist while keeping your back straight until your club rests on the ground. Your knees will have a slight amount of bend to them, and your weight will be centered between the balls of your feet and your heels.
3. Allow your arms and hands to hang freely from your shoulder sockets. You may feel like your hands and your ball are closer to your body than in the past. I assure you this will help you hit more solid shots!



Top teacher David Leadbetter demonstrates proper posture on the left, and poor posture with excessive back curvature on the right.

The purpose of proper posture is to help you set up to your shots in a way that allows you to return your club to the same ground level and clubhead position you had at address.

Once you can do this, you'll experience more of those solid, no vibration shots. What I call this 'euphoric' feeling at impact, is in some ways, all most golfers need to enjoy playing golf!

Mike Riso

Clearwater Teaching Professional

To schedule lessons or receive information on our Player Development Programs, call or text Mike at 727-776-8380, or email mike@mikeriso.com

Jeff's Golf Tip of the Month:

Eliminating Problem Holes



Almost every golfer has a few holes in a round of golf that they call problem holes.

You can save yourself a few strokes per round by having a different strategy on these holes. To come up with this strategy you need to try different approaches to playing these holes. Try an aggressive strategy once, then try a very conservative strategy another time. See which strategy seems to work better for you on these problem holes.

Sometimes it saves strokes to not be too aggressive, however sometimes we fall into a trap of always playing conservatively. We have to be able to choose which strategy is better by how we are hitting the ball that day. Trying the aggressive strategy sometimes may cost you a stroke or two, but sometimes you will play better trying the aggressive strategy.

When you play well on tough holes, being aggressive can do a lot to help you reach your next level of improvement in golf. Remember though, when you try the aggressive strategy on a tough hole and it doesn't work you can't be too hard on yourself or things will spiral in the wrong direction.

Remember: even though many of us take this game pretty seriously, we usually play better when we are not too hard on ourselves and have fun playing the great game of golf.

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

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