



# Clearwater Country Club Newsletter

May 2020



During these uncertain times, we hope you and your family are safe, healthy and in good spirits.

I want to thank all of our members and guests for all your support and for following the guidelines which we are required to follow during these difficult times. Our plan is to continue to keep the golf course open, but move forward cautiously with the opening of the restaurant.

Many changes have been made around the club, more changes may still take place as we move forward. We will do our best to keep CCC in excellent shape and hopefully be back to normal in the very near future.

In closing, I want to thank my entire staff for all their hard work and dedication during these extremely stressful times.

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

## Welcome New and Returning Members:

**Davis Contruction Company, David Johnson, Lee Johnson, Jim & Lalena Sheets, Gabriel Rybichi, William McCarthy, Hans Ott, Peter Petrovich, Janet Riley and Marc Sinclair**



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## Upcoming Events\*

- Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Scramble: 8:30 AM 18-hole Mixed Scramble
- Sunday, May 30 – US Kids Event: tee times from 10:30 AM to approximately 2:30 PM for 60-80 elite junior golfers; spectators welcome!

*\*all events may be affected by COVID-19 restrictions*

## Golf Course Update

We are moving into a time of year for the golf course that requires occasional applications of pesticides, fungicides and fertilizer. These products are safe but must be watered in and allowed to dry. Most of these applications are done in the morning. If we want to work on the front nine, we will start play on #10 to give us more time. If we are working on the back nine, starting play as usual on #1 gives us the most time. The nine we work on must remain closed until the first groups make the turn.

**In light of this, PLEASE check with the golf shop before starting on either nine.**

We have done a pencil-tine aeration to all 18 greens. This relieves compaction and causes very little disruption to play.

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

## Congratulations

The **Club Championship** was contested on March 14, 15, 21 & 22 (consecutive weekends). The Defending Champions **Dahl Flynn & Lisa Hartley** fared well and both found themselves playing, once again, in the Championship Flight Finals on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dahl was 2-under par after the first 18 holes of his match with **Derek Queener** and eventually won 7&6. The women's match had an exciting finish as **Lisa Hartley** found herself four down to **Pat Eastman** with six holes to go. Lisa reeled off three pars and a birdie and the match was even with one to go. On the 18<sup>th</sup> hole Lisa hit a great drive and was left with a short iron to the green. Pat had some tree trouble on the right side, near the cart path and just short of Stevenson Creek. Lisa's approach came up short of the green and Pat pulled off a miracle 2<sup>nd</sup> shot and found herself looking at a 5' putt to win. Lisa's pitch was strong and appeared to be heading into trouble in back of the green until it banged into the flagstick and stopped 2' from the cup. The hole was tied with pars and Lisa won her 9<sup>th</sup> Women's Club Championship with a routine par on the first playoff hole. There were 29 men signed up (great participation!), enough for four flights! The First, Second and Third flight winners were **Doug Raleigh, Tom Beiti** and **Dave Parsons**, respectively.

The **March Nine & Dine** was another big one with 66 players. There was a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> (28): 1) **Karen & Mike Sullivan, Joanne & Dennis Ryan and Dave & Barb MacDonald** and 2) **Bill & Bonnie Chamberlain, Mike & Rene Steffas and Ken & Kathy Brickel**. Closest to the Pin winners were **Bonnie Chamberlain** and **Dave MacDonald** and the Straightest Drivers were **Marge Ellis** and **Mike Steffas**.

The **Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association** was into its "Playoff Season" and, as of March 2, had played only one of the three "Playoff" events. The COVID-19 restrictions brought the season to a screeching halt and it was decided to declare the results of the one and only playoff event, at Innisbrook on March 2, as the final standings. So, for this season, the winner of the Championship Division was East Lake Woodlands, followed in order by Pasadena, Belleair, Contryside and Dunedin. The Interclub Division winner was Feather Sound, followed by Seminole, Innisbrook, **Clearwater** and Cypress Run. The 2020/2021 Season begins in September.

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## Rules Quiz

What is a golfer's "Low Handicap Index" and what is it used for?

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

## 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**

### Temporary Hours of Business

**Golf Shop 8:00AM – 5:00 PM**

**Golf Course 8:00 AM - Dusk**

**Clubhouse is closed, pending  
the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.**

**Beverages and Snacks are  
available in the Golf Shop.**

### Policy Change for Single/Shared Golf Carts:

The allied associations for golf in the state of Florida (PGA, GCSAA, CMAA & FSGA) received, in late April, clarification from the Governor's office regarding single/shared policy for golf carts.

Effective April 25 golf carts **CAN** be shared by family members or significant others residing in the same household. All other carts must still be single rider only.

### Congratulations continued:

At the end of February, Clearwater C.C. advanced into the playoffs with the other three division winners in the Tampa Bay Region of the **Florida State Golf Association's Men's Interclub Matches**. It was CCC vs. Carrollwood in a "home and away" series. Both clubs won their home matches and lost as visitors, requiring a "sudden death playoff" after the March 5 match at CCC. Carrollwood won that playoff, advancing to play the winner of Dunedin (defending state champion) vs. The Eagles. Play is currently suspended until the COVID-19 restrictions ease.

**Many Thanks to all of our CCC employees who  
have gone the extra mile to keep the Golf  
Course and Golf Shop open. They have  
implemented the social distancing guidelines  
and safety protocols without missing a beat.**

**Job Well Done!**

### Rules Update

The Low Handicap Index (LHI) represents the demonstrated ability of a player over the 365-day period preceding the day on which the most recent score in their scoring record was played and provides a reference point against which the current Handicap Index can be compared. It is used to limit the upward movement of a player's handicap index. If a posted score causes a player's current index to be more than 3.0 strokes higher than the player's LHI, it triggers a "soft cap" - when a calculated Handicap Index increase is greater than 3.0 strokes, the value above 3.0 strokes is restricted to 50% of the increase. More than 5.0 strokes triggers a "hard cap" to restrict the amount by which a player's Handicap Index can increase, after application of the soft cap, to no more than 5.0 strokes above their Low Handicap Index.

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

### Chef Steven's Recipe of the Month: Egg White Frittata with Lox & Arugula



*"a big hit for Mother's Day  
Brunch!"*

### Ingredients

- 8 egg whites, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 6 ounces lox, chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 lemon, zested
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 packed cups (2 ounces) arugula
- 1 clove garlic, minced

### 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 Mangorita

- 2 jiggers of tequila (2.5 fl. oz.)
- 1 jigger triple sec (1.5 fl. oz.)
- 1 jigger fresh lime juice (1.5 fl. oz.)
- 1 mango-peeled, seeded and sliced
- 4 ice cubes
- 1/4 cup mango nectar

In a blender combine the tequila, triple sec, lime juice, mango and ice. Blend until ice is finely crushed. Sweeten with mango nectar to your liking...

Enjoy!

### Directions

1. Put an oven rack in the center of the oven.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk the egg whites until fluffy, about 30 seconds.
4. Add the cream, lox, lemon zest, salt, and pepper.
5. In a 10-inch, ovenproof, nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium heat.
6. Add the arugula and garlic.
7. Cook, stirring frequently, until the arugula has wilted, about 1 minute.
8. Pour the egg mixture into the pan and stir to combine the ingredients.
9. Cook, without stirring for 4 minutes.
10. Transfer the skillet to the oven and bake until set, about 10 to 12 minutes.
11. Slide the frittata onto a platter.
12. Using a serrated knife, cut the frittata into wedges and serve warm or at room temperature.

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

**Greg McClimans**

P.G.A. Director of Golf

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# Game Improvement

## Mike's Golf Tip of the Month



### The two real reasons you 3-putt, and how to stop!

Luke Donald holds the longest streak on the PGA Tour for not 3-putting - 449 holes. That's nearly 25 straight rounds without a 3-putt! Here's the simple reasons that you 3-putt, and how to turn your 3-putts into 2-putts.

When your first putt stops 3 or 4 feet, or more from the hole, you're going to start missing more second putts. So the solution to 3-putting, is to hit your first putt closer to the hole - and here's the 2 things you need to do, to do it.

First, create a stroke that mimics the movement of the pendulum of a clock, or the swinging of a swing. This means swing your putter smoothly, and at the same tempo back and through, using your chest and shoulders. If you have too much wrist hinge or too much body movement, you'll minimize the effectiveness of the pendulum motion you're trying to create.

The second thing, is to control the length of your stroke both back and through, without changing the tempo or rhythm of your stroke. Once you've created a consistent tempo, learn to shorten your stroke for short putts, and lengthen your stroke for longer putts. By doing this, you'll gain control over the speed your putter swings. And once you control the speed of your putter, you'll automatically control the speed and distance your ball rolls.

Speed control is the true secret. All great putters know this! Take a moment and ask yourself, "Would I rather leave myself a tap-in of under 2 feet after my first putt, or leave myself a putt of 3-feet or more?" The answer is obvious. The shorter a putt is, the easier it is to make.

By the way, Luke's no 3-putt streak ended when he left a 70-foot putt short, then missed an 8-foot putt. Even the world's best putters, need to hit their first putt close to avoid 3-putts.

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

**Mike Riso**

Clearwater Teaching Professional

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## Jeff's Golf Tip of the Month

### Hybrid Putt



If you are good at putting, 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.

**Jeff Haney**

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**Grady S. Modlin**  
**“The Wild Thing”**

August 10, 1945 – May 9, 2020

Steve Modlin passed away after a long illness on Saturday, May 9. He was a longtime member of Clearwater C.C. and the International League and was affectionately known as “The Wild Thing” by his many friends and golfing buddies. He is pictured above on the occasion of his eagle on #17 on August 31, 2008.

Services:

Visitation	Friday, May 15	4pm – 7pm
Funeral Service	Saturday, May 16	11am – 12pm
Committal	Saturday, May 16	12pm – 12:30pm

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