



Clearwater Country Club Newsletter

November 2022



We want to thank all our members and guests for a great summer. As we prepare for a busy 2022-2023 golf season, we want to make your golfing experience more enjoyable. We will be focusing on "PACE OF PLAY". In today's golfing world, a 4 to 4 ½ hour round of golf would be ideal. A 5 to 5 ½ hour round can make your golfing experience miserable. There are some ways to make your round more enjoyable:

- Be ready to hit on the tee box
- Don't play the wrong tee markers
- Searching for balls too long
- Not being prepared when it's your turn
- Your pre-shot routine is too long
- Do not play honors
- Putt out, don't mark your ball
- Go to the next tee to mark your score



In closing, we want to wish all of you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

Greg McClimans, P.G.A.

Welcome New and Returning Members:

Charles Bryan, Tony Falcaro, Paul Fisher, Martin Green, Alan Heinlein, Gary Hunter
Robert King, Tom Mann, Mawer Capital, James McClelland, Patrick McWard, Jack Perry,
Marcus Robinson, Jim Seger, Mary Dee Snow, Sue Treciak & Mo Lennox and Gary Tyranski

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, November 1 – Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association Event 2: Dunedin C.C. - 12:30 PM shotgun start
- Friday, November 4 – A Celebration of Life for John Bailey: Noon – 2:00 PM (*obituary in online version of newsletter, page 3*)
- Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20 – John Daly's Whiskey & Water Invitational: Saturday 5-9 PM Live Music, Cocktails & Auction, Sunday 8:00 AM Shotgun Start; [Register C](#)
- Thursday, November 24 – Happy Thanksgiving!



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Golf Shop Talk...

We want to thank all members and guests for a great summer. A lot has been going on at the club this summer and we can't wait for the upcoming season! We are excited to see how much interest there is in golf and how everyone is always trying to get better. In this section of the newsletter we will give you info on what's going on in the golf shop and also tips and ideas to help improve your game.

The FSGA Men's Interclub is right around the corner and starts in January. That is when each club takes eight players and plays a match play format. The Championship is held on the Cooperhead course at Innisbrook.

With the colder months ahead make sure you and your golf game are prepared. Did you know you can lose 10-15 yards in colder temperatures just by using the wrong golf ball? You might want to try a lower compression golf ball that will allow you to generate more velocity off the club face and make up for the loss of yardage. My recommendation would be the Taylormade Soft Response, which you can find in the golf shop.

The practice facilities are very active and we love to see everybody out working on their games. The short game area is a great place to work on different shots around the green. There are now two bunkers and many different hitting areas to work getting your short game dialed in. The driving range is active daily and our golf professionals are always ready to help. We have several teaching professionals who all have great ideas and thoughts about the golf swing.

There are several leagues that are open to all playing abilities. Depending on the day there is always a game you can find at the club. Check with the golf shop to see what days and times the different leagues play.

Golf Tip for the Month: Everybody talks and walks a different way. What makes you think that there is only one way to swing a golf club? Trust "Your" Swing!

Gregory McClimans II

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Great Deal for Members Only
Sign up for Unlimited Range Balls
for just \$22 / month!
Locker - \$5.50 / month
Club Storage - \$5.50 / month

Congratulations

The **Pinellas County Men's Golf Association** has been active since 1978 and resumes this fall after COVID canceled out the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 seasons. They had a tough time getting out of the starting blocks in September, but the first event finally took place on October 17 at Pasadena Yacht & CC. The 10 participating clubs are Belleair, Clearwater, Countryside, Cypress Run, Dunedin, East Lake Woodlands, Innisbrook, Pasadena, Seminole and Vinoy. All of the clubs send five 2-man teams to each of the nine events. The score for each club is the total of the four best 2-man net bestballs. Each club earns "season points" according to their finish and after six events the top five clubs are in the "playoffs". In the first event at Pasadena, our CCC team score was 273, which tied for 2nd with Vinoy. Dunedin CC came out on top with a 265. The low 2-man team for the entire event was CCC's **Josh Ellsworth** and **Scott Weathersby!** Event #2 is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1 at Dunedin CC (12:30PM shotgun start). The entire schedule is posted in the Golf Shop and on page 3 of the online version of this newsletter. Any member with a GHIN handicap index can participate. If you do not have a GHIN index stop in the shop and we can get you set up in the system.

Rules Quiz

In stroke play, two players are playing the same brand of golf ball with the same number. Both players tee off on the 15th hole and both shots end up in the same area of high grass. Two balls are found, but because there are no identifying marks on either ball, neither of the players can identify a ball as theirs. What is the ruling?

(answer can be found on page 3 of the online newsletter)

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

Our P.G.A. Staff:

Greg McClimans	P.G.A. Director of Golf
Gregory McClimans II	P.G.A. Head Professional
Harrison McClimans	P.G.A. Apprentice Director of Instruction
Jeff Haney	P.G.A. Teaching Professional
Jon Mansfield	P.G.A. Teaching Professional
Mike Riso	P.G.A. Apprentice Teaching Professional

Rules Quiz Answer

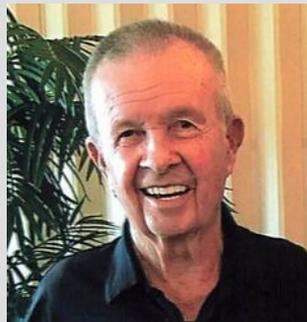
Since neither player could identify a ball as his, both balls are “lost” and both players incur a stroke and distance penalty. See Rule 7.2 How to Identify a Ball. Lesson learned: put an identification mark on your ball!

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Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association 2022/2023 Schedule

Oct 17	9AM	Pasadena
Nov 1	12:30pm	Dunedin
Dec 8	Noon	East Lake Woodlands
Jan 9	Noon	Countryside
Jan 23	Noon	Innisbrook
Feb 28	Noon	Clearwater
Mar 9*	Noon	Seminole
Apr 20*	9:00am	Cypress Run
May 1*	9:00am	Vinoy

*playoff event



John Charles Bailey

November 4, 1937 – October 19, 2022

John Charles Bailey, 84, of Clearwater, Florida, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. John, son of E. Cassidy Bailey and Mabel Clare Bailey, is survived and adored by his wife of 44 years, Carol Kuchman Bailey, his son John Bailey, Jr., daughter Janice Abbott (husband Matt), and daughter-in-law Karen Bailey. He is also survived and cherished by his grandchildren, James Bailey, Brandon Abbott (wife Kala, daughter Addison), Matthew Abbott, Benjamin Bailey (wife Rebecca), Lindsey Abbott (fiancé Alex), Christopher Abbott, and their grandmother Jeanne Bailey, all of Florida. John is also survived and loved by his nephew Steven Derthick (wife Barb), of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

John is predeceased by his parents, sister Jane and her husband Alan Derthick, and his nephew Mark Derthick.

John was born on November 4, 1937, in Welch, West Virginia, and eventually the Baileys settled in Chattanooga, Tennessee. John graduated in 1959 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from the University of ...*continued...*

Tennessee, Knoxville. John was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and, among other groups, UT's marching band, The Pride of the Southland. Go, Vols!

Upon graduation, John worked in North Carolina for Burlington Industries ("in Women's Hosiery," John would joke). In 1963 John made a life- and career-defining move when he joined Honeywell Aerospace in St. Petersburg, Florida. John held a variety of positions at Honeywell, including a stint in the 1980's at its headquarters in Minneapolis, MN. Scores of his co-workers became life-long friends. In 1993, "Honeywell's Tennessee Boy" retired as its Vice President, Military Avionics Division.

John was an active member of Clearwater Country Club, serving as president of its board in 1998. John was pleased to be a part of the team involved in the construction of the new clubhouse in 2001 and subsequent transfer of course ownership from the City of Clearwater to its current management.

Though John was dedicated to golf (he logged 9 hole-in-ones!), he also enjoyed other sports throughout his life, among them basketball, softball, bowling, billiards, tennis, raquet ball, and table tennis. Always eager to try new things, John added the "northern sports" of horseshoes, kittenball and skiing, and (yes) even ice skating and snow mobiling. John also enjoyed boating, Fantasy Football (organizing his first league in 1982), playing the trumpet, guitar and piano, and constructing golf clubs. John's greatest pleasure was spending time with his children and grandchildren, of whom he was immensely proud.

John will be sorely missed by all he touched and mentored throughout his exceptional life.

Services will be held on John's 85th birthday November 4, 2022, 10:00 AM, at the National Cremation Society, 4945 East Bay Drive, Clearwater, FL 33764 (727-536-0494). Visitation is one hour prior to service. A Celebration of Life will follow from noon to 2:00 PM at Clearwater Country Club, 525 N. Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33775 (727-446-9501).

In lieu of flowers, if desired, donations may be made to fight Parkinson's Disease at www.parkinson.org or www.michaeljfox.org

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.nationalcremation.com/location/clearwater for the Bailey family.