



Clearwater Golf Club

Newsletter

March 2024



Clearwater Golf Club Members,

Clearwater is an exciting place to be in the month of March. With baseball games being played, the beaches full and the golf course filled with golfers, it makes for the busiest month of the year.

At the club we are preparing for the Men's & Women's Club Championship. Matches will be played on consecutive weekends this month (March 9, 10, 16 & 17) with the men's final match scheduled for 36 holes starting at 9:00 AM on Sunday the 17th and the ladies final 18 hole match, also on the 17th, starting at 11:00 AM. Good luck to all of the players!

In closing, we want to welcome all of our new members to the club and also thank all of our members for your continued support.

Greg McClimans, P.G.A.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, March 9 – Club Championship Matches begin (9:00 AM)
- Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Time begins ("spring forward")
- Sunday, March 10 – Club Championship Second Round Matches (9:00 AM)
- Monday, March 11 – Corporate Outing 9:22 AM to 10:15 AM Tee Times
- Saturday, March 16 – Club Championship Third Round Matches (9:00 AM)
- Sunday, March 17 – **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
- Sunday, March 17 – Club Championship Final Matches (men 36 holes at 9AM, ladies 18 holes at 11AM)
- Thursday, March 21 – Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association Playoff Event 1 of 3: 9:00 AM shotgun start at Cypress Run



Welcome New and Returning Members:

Mark & Linda Cahill, James & Gena Calhoun, Tim & Elaine Chestnut, Serge & Minh Le Dubois, Buddy Green, Yash & Malati Pandhi, Fred Stone and Matthew Wirsing



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Mike Riso's Golf

Tip of the Month

Six shots are better than one!



When you play your chips around the greens, if you have six different shots you can use (6 different clubs to choose from), you'll have a better chance of creating the results you want – which is getting the ball close to the hole!

Here's what I recommend: go to your nearest practice green, bring a dozen balls, and randomly pick 6 different clubs from your bag, including your putter.

Place the balls 5 to 10 feet off the green, and from about the same spot, chip a half-dozen balls with each of the six clubs. I suggest the following clubs - your putter, 6-iron, 8-iron, pitching wedge, sand wedge, and hybrid - but you can try any clubs you like. If you don't own a hybrid, you can use a 3-wood or 5-wood.

By experimenting with various clubs you might not normally use, you'll discover some clubs work better than others. You'll also realize the lie of the ball affects whether certain clubs are the best ones to use or not.

By seeing what different clubs can do in different situations, you'll become a much better golfer, and learn a lot in the process!

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Sign up for Unlimited Range Balls

for just \$25 / month!

Locker - \$5.50 / month

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Congratulations

The final 2023/2024 regular season event of the **Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association** was held at on February 8 at Seminole Lake. Our CCC team finished solo 3rd in the Club Competition with a 273 behind Seminole and Pasadena who tied for 1st with a 260. This jumped Clearwater into 1st place in the regular season points total. The top five clubs are CCC (43 pts), Ardea (42.5), Pasadena (37.5), Countryside (37) and Cypress Run (32.5) and they comprise the "Championship Bracket". The bottom five clubs are Vinoy (31.5 pts), Seminole (31), Belleair (28), Dunedin (26.5) and St. Pete (17.5) and they are the "Interclub Bracket". The points are now reset to zero and the clubs will compete within the two brackets in the final three "Playoff" events at Cypress Run (March 21 – 9AM), Belleair (April 1 – 1PM) and Vinoy (May 6 – 9AM). The winner of the Championship Bracket is the Season Champion!

Tom Beiti was playing in the **Saturday Mob** on Feb 17 with **Jerry Lindow** and **Tim Flamboe**. The front nine had been uneventful for the threesome and Tom thought his team was losing focus. They came to the par 3 11th hole and Tom thought to himself, "if I could hit one up close here, maybe we could get a little momentum". He threw up some grass to test the wind, pulled out his 6-iron and hit his ball right into the hole! Way to go Tom!

The **Men's and Ladies Club Championship** will be contested this month on consecutive weekends and will feature **Match Play** in flights of eight, except for Men's Championship flight is sixteen players. All flights will be seeded by handicap index. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd round matches will be played on March 9, 10 & 16 with tee times starting at 9:00 AM. The Men's & Women's Championship Flight Final matches are scheduled for Sunday, March 17 (Men – 36 holes, 9:00 AM start; Women – 18 holes, 11:00 AM start); Awards Ceremony immediately follows conclusion of both matches and everyone is welcome to celebrate with the new champions! Sign up in the Golf Shop now.

Our P.G.A. Staff:

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| 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 |

Pinellas County Men's Interclub Golf Association 2023/2024 Schedule

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| Sept 21 | Noon | Countryside | 8 | T-2 in Champ. Bracket |
| Oct 2 | Noon | Dunedin | 5 | T-3 in Champ. Bracket |
| Nov 30 | 11:00 AM | Ardea (ELW) | 6 | 3 rd in Champ Bracket |
| Dec 7 | 1 PM | St Pete | 6 | 3 rd in Champ Bracket |
| Jan 4 | Noon | Clearwater | 10 | 3 rd in Champ Bracket |
| Feb 8 | Noon | Seminole | 8 | 1 st in Champ Bracket |

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| Mar 21 | 9 AM | Cypress Run* |
| Apr 1 | 1 PM | Belleair* |
| May 6 | 9 AM | Vinoy* |

*playoff event