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## Ken Gerhardt's Comments

July is almost over and the team continues to work hard to protect our course. The lack of rain has been challenging. Who would have thought I would be sitting here discussing lack of rain? We were almost 10- inches over the norm for rain the first 6 months of the year. I don't think it has rained this month.

The maintenance, landscaping and pride teams have been out in this heat daily. Many of you may not know this but there are a number of members that do projects almost daily on our course. From marking the course to edging tee blocks and painting the yardages on cart paths. This is truly a team effort. If you happen to see any of them, please tell them thanks as they are all working hard. With that said, I want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to our team and PRIDE group.

## Pride Tournament

Due to the continued COVID 19 restrictions on our staff serving food to a group as well as the incredible heat, we have elected to move this event to November 30, 2020. Praying we will be out of the restrictions and weather will be much cooler.

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## News from the Pro by Brian Joyner

### Couples Results from July 19th

Our monthly couples tournament took place this month on Sunday, July 19th. We had a total of 17 couples that came out to play during the hot temperatures of July.

The format this month was just a 9-hole two person scramble. Teams were broken up into three flights and we paid out the top two teams in each flight. Congratulations to our winners!

<b>First Flight</b>	<b>Second Flight</b>	<b>Third Flight</b>
<u>1st Place (32)*</u> Freddie Lankton Karen Lankton	<u>1st Place (29)</u> Jim Hallenbeck Gail Hallenbeck	<u>1st Place (31)</u> Mike Paquee Tamara Paquee
<u>2nd Place (32)</u> Jim McGraw Linda McGraw	<u>2nd Place (32)</u> Karl Berberich Sandy Berberich	<u>2nd Place (34)</u> Joe Toth Leigh Toth

\*won tiebreaker

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### Match Play Tournament

We had a nice turnout this year for our annual Match Play Tournament. The men's division consisted of 21 golfers while the women's division had 12. Both divisions played a net of match play where golfers received 80% of their handicap index.

The men played a single elimination tournament where seedings were determined randomly. There were plenty of good matches with a couple even going extra holes. Steve Forney came out on top this year winning all five of his matches.

The women's division was a double elimination tournament with the overall winner coming from the winner's bracket. Amy Trainor won four consecutive matches to clinch the title this year.

Congratulations to all of our winners from this year's Match Play Tournament!

<u>Men's Division</u>		<u>Women's Division</u>	
1st \$100	Steve Forney	1st \$60	Amy Trainor
2nd \$70	Kelly Halbig	2nd \$30	Jan Stevens
T3rd \$20 each	Doug Eddy	3rd \$20	Sandy Berberich
	Freddie Lankton	4th \$10	Karen Lankton

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News from the Pro by Brian Joyner (continued from page 2)

**2nd Annual Carolina Colours Cup**

**August 9, 2020**

Flighted, individual stroke play event using typical Stableford scoring for men (slightly modified for women). Prizes awarded for best gross and net scores in each flight. One cannot win BOTH gross and net.

Register online; tee times start at 8:30 a.m. with flights assigned by the Pro Shop.

Scoring for MEN	Scoring for WOMEN
Double Bogey or More: 0	Triple Bogey or More: 0
Bogey: 1	Double Bogey: 1
Par: 2	Bogey: 2
Birdie: 3	Par: 3
Eagle: 4	Birdie: 4
	Eagle: 5

At the conclusion of 18 holes, the participant's course handicap will be added to their total Stableford point to determine net winners. The highest number of Stableford points – without any handicaps applied – wins gross and will take home the Carolina Colours Cup.

Champions will come from the First Flight. Men will be ranked by handicap solely to determine flight. Men's First Flight will play from WHITE Tees; Second Flight plays from GOLD. All Women's Flights play from RED.

The entry fee is \$5 per player which will cover prizes and an award for the overall winners. Applicable cart fees are extra. Payouts depend on participation. This will be a postable tournament round. If you pick up, determine equitable stroke score.

REGISTER at: <http://carolinacoloursgolfclub.com>

DEADLINE: August 6<sup>th</sup>

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News from the Pro by *Brian Joyner* (continued from page 3)

**2020 Schedule of Events \***

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME
August 9	Carolina Colours Cup	
August 16	Couples League Event	3pm Shotgun
September 8 & 9	Aerifying Greens	Course Closed
September 11	Nine and Dine	2pm Shotgun
September 20	Couples League Event	2pm Shotgun
September 28	Ryder Cup	9am Shotgun (food)
October 9-11	<b>Member-Guest</b>	8:30am Shotgun (food)
October 18	Couples League Event	2pm Shotgun
November 2	Equity Golf Tournament	8 am Shotgun
November 7 & 8	<b>Club Championship</b>	8am Tee Times (food)
November 15	Couples League Event	1pm Shotgun
November 30	Pride Appreciation Tournament	9am
December 20	Couples League Event	1pm Shotgun

\*Does not include outside tournaments

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**Star Performer of the Month!**

*Sandy Berberich had a phenomenal round of 80 while playing in the Match Play tournament on Sunday, July 19th!*

*On Tuesday, June 30th, Kelly Halbig shot a 79 which made for his lowest score at Carolina Colours!*

*Carol Ackerson shot her career low score with a 68 on Sunday, July 26! Even in the incredible heat she didn't break a sweat!*

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## Handicap Report

### Exceptional Score Reduction

I have received some comments and questions from members concerning handicap adjustments and more specifically Exceptional Score Reduction (ESR).

What is ESR? ESR comes into play when a golfer gets a score 7 or more strokes better than their current handicap index. In the case of a score 7 to 9.9 strokes better, a -1 automatic reduction is applied to the player's last 20 scores. In the case of a score 10 strokes better, the automatic adjustment would be -2 to the 20 scores. Both of these will have a significant lowering of the players Handicap Index.

Why do this? The pre-2020 system had ESR but it was based upon tournament (T) scores only. So, really good rounds outside of tournaments had a smaller effect on the players Handicap Index (HI). That enabled/rewarded sandbagging, where good rounds during non-tournament events (i.e. MGA/LGA play) had a small effect on the Handicap Index. In the old system once an ESR was triggered, that low score would be in effect for a year meaning the players Handicap Index would be artificially low for a long period. Not good for a golfer playing poorly for that period. Since the new handicap system uses all scores to calculate ESR, the automatic reduction will be gone once 20 scores have been posted after the good round.

I'll give 2 examples of the effect on 2 golfers at our club this year.

- Golfer #1 had an Exceptional Round of 86 when his HI was a 26.5. This triggered an automatic reduction and a resulting HI of 24.3. You might think this is unfair, but the USGA believes that a good round will be followed by more good rounds. Looking at this player's subsequent scores proves them correct (at least this time). This player had an 88 about 2 weeks later, followed by several 90's in the following weeks and a 93 6 weeks after the 86. At this point the players HI was 20.8, and was largely due to his improved play starting with the 86. I'm sorry to say that the golfer's good play has not continued and his current HI is 24.0 meaning he is no longer being penalized for the good round 4 months ago.
- Golfer #2 had her exceptional round of 80 on July 20. This had the immediate result of reducing her HI from 19.9 to 17.4. She followed this with good rounds of 88 and 91, which are all usable scores (best 8 of 20) towards her HI. This further reduced her HI from 17.4 to 17.2. I expect her good play to continue, but if not than her HI will adjust upwards like player #1.

If you have any handicap related questions feel free to contact one of the Handicap Reps and we will get you answers.

#### Committee Members:

Jim Hallenbeck    Claudia Moran    Karen Lankton    Carol Forney    Greg Reinecke

## Terri's Tips!

### **More Visualizing – Less Thinking (Trying)**

Golf is a game . . . imagine that. Just as one plays baseball, tennis, pickleball, etc., golf is also a game that is meant to be played.

Imagine if you had to think about hitting a baseball or think about how you are going to catch a ball that is coming towards you! We instinctively react – we don't think about how to do it. This is how the best players play, they react to the target that is in front of them. They do not “think” how they are going to get it there!!

They also do not think about hitting the ball. They have put their time in on the practice range learning how to do that. Playing the game is much different than hitting the ball.

Why do so many come to me and say, “How come I hit the ball great on the range and not on the course?”

If you hit a poor shot on the range, there are no consequences. If you have a bad swing or a bad shot on the course, you try to “fix” it!

OK, so if I keep my knees bent, my head down, watch the club hit the ball, make sure I transfer my weight, etc., you mean to tell me you can do all that in a matter of one and a half seconds. Bravo!! Not one thought was on the target, remember the ball is not your target.

So, how do you get your mind ready to play? I am going to give you a few suggestions, self-talk advice when on the course!

#### **Visualize**

Can you see yourself driving your car, putting your foot on the break when coming to a stop or stepping on the gas when the light turns green? Of course, you can. This is visualizing. We need to turn those visuals into golf shots – not golf swings.

While on the first hole, visualize your shot traveling down the middle of the fairway, bouncing a few times, and rolling out another 25 yards. This all happens before you take your swing. All you can do now is keep that visual while you are swinging. There is no time to “control” your swing – get out of yourself and into the target.

#### **Self-Talk**

When over a shot, do you find yourself saying to yourself what you DON'T want to happen? I think most golfers would say, “Yes.” I hope I DON'T go “into the water.” Your mind registers – into the water – this is the signal you are sending to your body. Usually that's where the ball goes.

Let us turn that around. You know the water is there – or the abys – acknowledge it. Positive self-talk/ visuals would go like this – “the water is in front of me, I have 100 yards to the green, I'm going to hit my seven iron, the ball will land on the front of the green, and roll up to the pin.” The signal you are sending now is all positive, it is what you DO WANT TO DO. This will work, maybe not all the time, but most of the time. It's how better players play the game!

I hope this helps. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [tmigliaccio@carolinacolours.com](mailto:tmigliaccio@carolinacolours.com)

## Carolina Colours Golf Advisory Committee Wednesday, July 15, 2020



A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carolina Colours Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, in the Pavilion ballroom. Social distancing was maintained. Committee members Freddie Lankton, Don Frazier, Steve Forney (chair), Amy Trainor, and Jeff Ackerson were in attendance. Also attending were Ken Gerhardt, Brian Joyner, and Josh Purvis.

Chairperson Forney called the meeting to order. He asked for staff to give their reports.

The following reports were given by Gerhardt, unless otherwise noted:

- ✓ **PLAY AND REVENUE:** Golf revenue for June 2020 was down from budget by \$10,446, due in large part to Cart fees collected at time of play, being down \$5,362. Much of this discrepancy is incorporated in how cart revenue is collected. For those playing on the email special or GOLF NOW, the cart revenue is embedded in their greens fees. Future budgeting will adjust for such. Overall rounds were 13% below budget, and 11% below June 2019. Merchandise sales and the café also remained below budget. More than offsetting this shortfall in revenue, expenses were about \$18,000 below budget yielding a net positive month of \$7,765 versus budget. Primary savings in expenses were in payroll, utilities (irrigation low use), less pesticide use, and other expenses. Year to date we are now about \$27,000 ahead of budget.
- ✓ **COVID Issues:** Per Governor's announcement on Tuesday 7/14, we will continue to avoid all shot-gun starts until at least August 7th, except for the Twilight League play. We will strive to have single carts available for Members, when volume of play allows. Plastic protection screens have been fixed, and will be available this week. It was discussed that many other clubs are adding a surcharge for those requesting a single cart. It was decided to not pursue this option at this time. Our walking policy will not change at this time. The biggest challenge has been the poor rate of mask wearing in the Pavilion, which is currently estimated at only about 50%. Most members are wearing them, but most public is not. As of July 15, the club has handed out over 100 masks to non-wearers.
- ✓ **MARKETING:** Radio promotions are on-going. Facebook and Instagram advertising are ongoing. The Pro Shop has Beau (the new employee) incentivized to attract more advertisers to join the geo-fencing screen ads. With no new yardage book, he is looking to get those businesses to buy geo-fencing ads. Our goal is to sell all 18 spots.

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## Carolina Colours Golf Advisory Committee (continued from page 7)

- ✓ MEMBERSHIP: We did add one new family associate member (De La Garza) but lost one equity member (Dobson) in June, with one equity member (Saunderson) taking a medical leave. As of July 1, membership stands at 113 with 66 Equity (including 12 non-resident) and 47 Associate members. Since January 1, total membership total is up two.
- ✓ GROUNDS: Purvis reported that current work includes resodding the back collar of #2 green, as well as mowing fairways and rough, which is taking up most of the crew time. Some top dressing has also been applied in front of #12 green. Spraying for weeds including goose grass and crab grass has been done and has been effective. A golf course construction company has been contracted to work on the drains on #10 and #18 to solve the subsidence issues. That work will be done this coming week. The greens are in excellent condition, all agreed, although slightly softer due to the volume of rain of recent weeks. The red tee box on #16 will be top dressed. He noted the high salt content of the soil on and near the red tee box, making growth challenging for that area. The irrigation pipe on #12 that burst over the winter has a rare T that has been on back order from the supplier in CA that is way behind on their production. Purvis mentioned that the condition of the green collars is due to possible overspray on the greens or fairways as no herbicide works on both types of grass we have.
- ✓ PRO SHOP: Joyner reported that the tournament participation has been great with record numbers, including the recently completed Flag tournament and the current Match Play tournament. The cleanliness of golf carts has improved with a new gas powered power washer. We will have two new cart barn employees shortly, as the two current employees will be returning to college. The Twilight League participation is now at 56 total (28 on Monday and Thursday nights respectively). The current Match Play tournament is going well, with the Men's semi-finals this weekend (July 18th - 19th ) and finals on Sunday July 26th . Ladies expect to have their finals done by Sunday August 2nd. All has gone smoothly. Results will be sent to all members, not just participants.

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## Carolina Colours Golf Advisory Committee (continued from page 8)

- ✓ TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (TC): Trainor stated that the committee met on July 1st. Upcoming events include the Couples event on Sunday July 19th which has now been moved to a 2 p.m. start. The Member Guest is still under review (currently October 9th) as to whether it needs to be delayed. A decision will be made by August 19th. Upcoming tournaments on the schedule include: Carolina Cup (August 9th), Equity (November 2nd) and Pride (November 30th).
- ✓ MGA: A board meeting was held on Monday July 13th. Frazier reported that membership remains at 71. Updates to members from the Pro Shop on what the game is will be sent via email the day prior to Wednesday play. Joyner also recommended that going forward when we have Cart Path Only (CPO), MGA members will be allowed to roll the ball in the fairway, one club length. Lift, clean, rake, and place in the bunkers will continue under COVID.
- ✓ LGA: Trainor noted that the LGA membership is 43. Text updates from the Pro-Shop on the game of the day were appreciated. Similar to MGA when CPO is in place, members will be allowed to roll the ball in the fairway, one club length. Lift, clean, rake and place in the bunkers will continue under COVID.
- ✓ Miscellaneous
  - Bunker conditions were discussed, and due to financial and timing issues, no sand will be purchased at this time. Grooming by staff, which had been delayed, will now continue as time and weather will allow.
  - Growth regulators on the tee boxes (and greens) will be continued, per Purvis, which is used to inhibit upward growth but help growth tighten horizontally.
  - Course Maintenance Volunteers - A discussion of whether a crew of volunteers can be developed that can undertake efforts that Purvis would allow, understanding the difficulty, safety, and need of the job. Purvis will develop a list of those jobs, and Lankton will seek to then run that list by possible recruits to see if more work can be done via volunteers, beyond what Pride does today.

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## Carolina Colours Golf Advisory Committee (continued from page 9)

- It was discussed that members are still not allowed at this time to walk out and start playing from any hole other than 1 or 10.
- The recent GPS/geo-fencing issue with the Yamaha carts was discussed. Yamaha has had issues that they are working on with their satellite. This week that issue has turned carts randomly into CPO mode, that can't be fixed by the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop is aware, Yamaha is aware and working on it, but until Yamaha fixes it, nothing can be done. Patience from membership is appreciated.
- The need for alarms, sirens or horns under intense lightning storms was discussed. Due to power constraints in many remote areas of the course, the best option is that the Pro Shop will now send a message to the Yamaha carts of approaching dangerous storms. Members and players are certainly encouraged to watch for dangerous weather on their own phone/weather app during play.
- Another garden in the Course Colours Garden program is under review on hole #5 tee box, adjacent to the lake, behind the red tee box. Neighbors are going to review plant options. Purvis will mark the garden outline. Fall is likely for the garden to receive plants.
- It was mentioned that the tee box sand barrels need replenishing more frequently.
- And finally, a reminder that ash trays are available for players and that new Pro Shop employees will be reminded of such.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm.

## Military Day!



Active military & all first responders may play Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday for \$33  
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday for \$35

Retired military may play on Monday and Thursday for \$33

Join us in showing respect for our nation's heroes by wearing red on Friday!

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## August

### Hours of Operation

#### Pro Shop

Mon 9:00 am–6:00 pm

Tues–Sun 7:00 am–6:00 pm

#### Driving Range (must check in with Pro Shop prior to 6:00pm)

Mon 9:00 am–7:30 pm

Tues–Sun 7:00 am–7:30 pm

## Carolina Colours Ladies and Men Golf Association (LGA & MGA)

### LGA

LGA will continue 8:00 a.m. tee times through August, unless shotgun starts resume. Hopefully we'll find the weather starting to cool off when September rolls around and we can have a bit later start then.

The Carolina Cup will be held on August 9th this year. Please see information included in this newsletter for details. We encourage you to sign up for this fun event!

Please join us on August 11th for our 9 Hole Step Aside Scramble/Luncheon/Business Meeting. This month will look a little different as we need to honor social distancing protocols. The plan is to have the Pro Shop assign ABCD groups for the scramble, grab some lunch (or bring your own in a cooler in your car), and meet on the back porch of the pavilion where it is shady. It will be a nice time to reconvene as a group and have some social interaction with those we have been missing on the course. Details to follow.

Make sure you have notified Sarah if you have made your first LGA birdie of the 2020 season, and also if you have broken a plateau of 110, 100, 90, or 80 during LGA play!

We are also hoping to have our September Nine and Wine on the regularly scheduled date. Stay tuned...

### MGA

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#### LGA Games for August

August 4:	Best Nine (Front or Back 1/2 HCP)
August 11:	9 Hole Step Aside Scramble & Lunch/ Business Meeting
August 18:	Even Holes Only (purple tees on #16)
August 25:	Scratch 3 Worst Holes

**LGA**  
**August**  
**start times**  
*are at*  
**8:00 a.m.**

**MGA**  
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**start times**  
*are at*  
**8:00 a.m.**

#### MGA Games for August

August 5:	High/Low Net (ABCD)
August 12:	Step Aside Scramble (ABCD)
August 19:	One Low Gross/One Low Net (ABCD)
August 26:	Flip Flop Challenge

## MGA (continued from page 11)

July has continued the busy schedule for MGA members with an array of weekly games, the annual match play tournament, and another couples tournament. Most members have welcomed the summer course conditions of green, firm, dry fairways but we've also been a bit challenged with very hot, humid days with a number of passing thunderstorms.

A reminder that the MGA hole-in-one games continue and to date we have only one Wednesday winner and no recorded Friday winners. So, we encourage all members to continue pursuing opportunities to join Luigi in the winners' circle.

Please note that MGA tee times will continue to start at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays as members play through the dog days of August. The August schedule of games includes a new game in the mix with an August 5th High/Low net where 2 scores will be recorded for each 4 man team...the Low net score and the High net score! Keeps everyone in the game!

And, there will be a "step aside" scramble on August 12th; something we haven't tried for quite a while. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

- August 5th – High/Low Net (ABCD)
- August 12th - Step Aside Scramble (ABCD)
- August 19th - One Low Gross, One Low Net (ABCD)
- August 26th - Flip Flop Challenge – Play back 9 first! Holes 10-12 1 low net, holes 13-15 2 low net, holes 16-18 3 low net. Front 9 last! Holes 1-3 1 low gross, holes 4-6 2 low gross, holes 7-9 3 low gross.

We hope to see everyone at the 2nd annual Carolina Colours Cup on Sunday August 9th. Best wishes to all.

Hope to see you on the course, soon.

## CHEF's CORNER

### Key Lime Pie (serves 8-10)

It's August in North Carolina and that just means heat! Why not cool down and relax with a cold, creamy, classic key lime pie? I'm using a shortcut with this recipe, and why not? If anyone says something to you about not making your own crust, they definitely get the smallest slice.



This is just a simple classic recipe, feel free to make your own by changing the crust or topping. This only bakes for 20 minutes but needs to cool in the fridge for 3-4 hours. Plan accordingly, and happy baking!

#### **Ingredients**

##### *Filling*

1 pre-made Graham cracker crust                      2 limes, zested (optional)  
2 14oz cans sweetened condensed milk              8 egg yolks  
1 cup key lime juice (or regular lime juice)

##### *Topping is Optional*

1&1/2 cup heavy cream, very cold                      1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### **Directions**

Preheat oven to 325F. Place premade crust on a cookie sheet and set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together your egg yolks and condensed milk. (Always mix these together BEFORE you add the lime juice. The lime is so acidic it may start to actually cook the yolks and you will end up with a lumpy filling. No one wants that.)

Add your lime juice and zest, if using. Whisk until smooth and carefully pour into the crust. Carefully transfer the pie into the preheated oven for 20 minutes.

Remove from oven and allow to cool at room temperature for about thirty minutes before placing in the fridge for three to four hours.

When you are ready to make the topping, place your bowl and whisk attachment in the freezer for at least ten minutes. (The colder the bowl the faster your cream will come together.) When your bowl is chilled, add all ingredients together and whip until it's nice and fluffy. Now you can spoon over the top of the pie or serve alongside and enjoy!

*Katherine's Café*

*Opened Daily  
11:00 am-3:00 pm*

Made-to-order sandwiches and a side or salad will be prepared for you by Chef Katherine.

Call in your order from the course (look for the sign near the 9th tee box) and pick up your order when you make the turn.

You may charge your order to your Golf Club membership account. Otherwise, cash or credit cards only.

*252-772-7022 ext 4*

*Katherine's Café*  
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