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Ken Gerhardt's Comments

Pride Volunteers

As we are at the end of Pride season, I want to take a minute to just say THANK YOU! Those that help with Pride – you are greatly appreciated. The course continues to not only improve but stay in great shape due to all your efforts. We realize that countless volunteer hours go into our course on a weekly basis. From all of us that work at Colours THANK YOU!

Also a HUGE THANK YOU! Peter Mnatzakanian for taking on the Pride project this year. Peter spent countless hours not only helping guide Pride but also with many projects throughout the course.

Just an FYI, as we have stopped doing Pride for the winter. Please feel free to bike or walk the cart paths on Monday 'til 10 am. As always please keep an eye out for our staff and equipment as you will be able to see them before they see you.

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Winter Projects

Most of the winter will be spent doing three things:

1. Clearing tree lines throughout the course. This is being done to give us access to outflow drains as well as increase the pace of play. This project would not be possible without the countless hours of volunteers from our membership. On any given Monday or Thursday, we have between 6 and 10 members with our crew clearing the tree lines.
2. We will begin the process of fixing a number of bunkers around the course. Please note, when the staff are in these bunkers it is simply impossible to start and stop when play approaches them. Please be careful and they will be on the lookout for flying balls.
3. We have selected 4 to 6 drains on fairways that will be repaired in-house; as we can't get to all the drains in one season. We will fill in those we can't repair with dirt as well as sod around the drain. This should keep them safer until we can get to them next winter. This project will take a few years to complete.

Katherine's Café

Will be open during the month of December Tuesday through Saturday. Please come out and join us for lunch.

Employee Christmas Funds

As usual our membership has been extremely generous with their donations. From all the staff, we wish to say THANK YOU! You have made our hourly staff's Christmas extra special this season.

I want to thank all our membership for their continued support and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays, Feliz Navidad, and a fantastic New Year!

Star Performers of the Month!

Peter Eckle had his career best round of 1 under par-71 while playing on Saturday, November 21st. Great round Peter!

Sandy Berberich won her annual match with our own Ken Gerhardt defeating him 3&2!

2021 Schedule of Events *

Date	Tournament	Start Time
February 7	Chili Bowl Scramble	12pm Shotgun
February 27	Three Club Event	12pm Shotgun (food)
March 15	Dice Game	9am Shotgun (food)
March 21	Couples Event	3pm Shotgun (9 holes)
March 22 & 23	Aerifying Greens	Course Closed
April 11	Play with a Masters Pro	Tee times
April 18	Couples Event	2pm Shotgun
May 3	Heaven and Hell	9am Shotgun (food)
May 16	Couples Event	2pm Shotgun (18 holes)
May 23	Ryder Cup	9am Shotgun Start
June 5 & 6	Member-Member	8:30 Shotgun (food)
June 20	Couples Event	3pm Shotgun (9 holes)
June 29	Beat the Pro	8am Tee Times
July 4	Flag tournament	8am tee times
July 18	Couples Event	2pm Shotgun (18 holes)
July 24-Aug 14	Match Play Tournament	
August 15	Couples Event	3pm Shotgun (9 holes)
Sept 7 & 8	Aerifying Greens	Course Closed
September 3	Nine and Dine	2:00 Shotgun
September 20	Equity Golf Tournament	9am Shotgun
October 9 & 10	Member-Guest	8:30am Shotgun (food)
October 17	Couples Event	2pm Shotgun (18 holes)
October 23 & 24	Club Championship	8am Tee Times (food)
November 15	Pride Appreciation Tournament	9am
November 21	Couples Event	2pm Shotgun (9 holes)

*Does not include outside tournaments

Handicap Notes

A Review of Exceptional Score Reduction (ESR) Then and Now

We recently had a club member accomplish something very rare. He shot an 18-hole golf score that was less than his age. If you think about it, it's not easy at all. But not for this member. This is at least the 2nd time he has accomplished this. While one should feel good about shooting such a good score, this member was seen lamenting that his handicap index (HI) was now reduced from 10.5 to 8.3. Let's take a look at how this happened in the new World Handicap System (WHS).

When a player shoots with a score differential of at least 7 strokes lower than their HI they will be subjected to an ESR adjustment. In this case, the score was a 71 (nice shooting!), the HI was 10.5, with a score differential of 1.3. This triggered the ESR event which automatically adjusts the last 20 scores in the players profile by 1 stroke. A new HI is then calculated which in this case is 8.3.

While this may seem unfair to the golfer receiving the new HI, the USGA has studied trends of improving golfers and these exceptional rounds are usually accompanied by improved play shortly afterwards. The old system had an ESR adjustment based upon tournament scores only and that adjustment lasted for a whole year, no matter how the golfer was playing. Under the old handicapping system (without the new ESR adjustment) this golfer would "clean up" for a while until he posted more good scores and his HI adjusted downwards. HI under the WHS should more closely reflect how the player is currently playing than under the old system.

If you have any handicap related questions feel free to ask Brian, Terri, or one of the Handicap Committee members.

Tournament Committee Update (Peter Eckle, Chairman)

Beginning in January, the Tournament Committee will be welcoming 2 new members to the committee. Two of our members will be rotating off the committee after participating for 2 years during the time the committee was first formed.

We thank Linda McGraw and Jim Hallenbeck for their contributions, helping to make a positive impact and a successful startup for the tournament committee. Filling these big shoes will be Cheryl Yadach representing the LGA and Larry Pelletier, at Large. Both Cheryl and Larry have hands on experience planning and administering golf events, so we look forward to their involvement on the committee. If anyone has a question about the committee or would like to provide feedback, please touch base with any of the members. In the meantime, if you see Linda or Jim, thank them for their service.

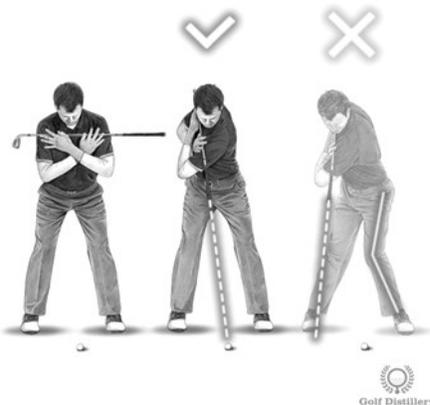
Terri's Tips!

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO TURN?

I am asked constantly how to turn away from the golf ball. How do I start my swing, what moves first, etc. etc.

Everyone is different when it comes to visuals and especially feels. Unfortunately, I cannot teach someone how to “feel,” but I can show them how to move. It all starts with a visual.

There is a huge difference between moving away from the ball / turning and rotation. I like rotation better. Below is a great picture to show you the proper rotation into the top of your swing. This is something you can practice standing in your living room, you do not need to come to the range to practice rotation and create a feel that you can replicate.



Start in your regular set up position. Take a club and hold it across your shoulders, as in picture 1.

As you rotate back make sure the grip end of the club points down to where the ball would be. Maintain your spine angle that you created in your address position.

You will see this in the middle picture, the left shoulder is pointing down to the ball while the right shoulder is behind you and higher than the left.

If you can create this and keep the rotation on the inside of your right leg, you will create a great rotation, you will eliminate your “sway” and you will create more consistency with your ball striking!

Please contact me for any further questions, to inquire about our Carolina Colours School of Golf sessions or to inquire about private lessons!

Email – Carolinaschoolofgolf@gmail.com

Carolina Colours Golf Advisory Committee Wednesday, November 18, 2020



A meeting of the Carolina Colours Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18 August 19, 2020, in the Pavilion ballroom. Social distancing was maintained. Committee members Freddie Lankton, Steve Forney (chair), Amy Trainor, Don Frazier, and Jeff Ackerson were in attendance. Also attending were Ken Gerhardt, Ken Kirkman, 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:** Weather was very good in October, so golf revenues were strong, about \$10,000 above budget. Rounds were up in most categories. Unfortunately, this increase was matched by about the same increase in expenses over budget. About \$5,000 of that was for accounting fees that had been budgeted earlier in the year, with the rest increased payroll. Part of the payroll overage was use of an extra cart person to clean carts due to Covid, but most was simply an underestimation of needed payroll for both maintenance and the Pro Shop. Hard-good sales were strong due to special orders, but that is a very low profit business. Bottom line was about break even for the month. We are still in the black for the year and still anticipating about a \$25,000+ loss for the year if budgets are met in November and December. The café will likely close on Sunday and Monday starting in December, as sales those days are not covering costs.
- ✓ **COVID ISSUES:** No changes are proposed in our Covid protocols. We will carefully watch restrictions and orders from the governor's office as the numbers of those infected are increasing. Concern was raised by Frazier that both public and member players are occasionally taking separate carts, one person to a cart. Additional attention needs to be given to key distribution. We have instituted an additional charge for those players that do so. Frazier volunteered to remind MGA players that carts are for two and that carts with dividers can be reserved when requested in advance.

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- ✓ PRO-SHOP: Joyner noted that Seth has moved to landscaping for the Association and will no longer work the Pro Shop. He will help with special maintenance projects on the golf course as needed and as his Association work allows. A new Pro Shop employee has just been hired. He will work 20-hour weeks until April and then likely go full time. He has good computer experience. Brian stated that the annual Pro Shop Christmas sale would be held over two weeks this year, from December 7 through December 21. Signup for time slots begins tomorrow (November 19) on a first come/first served basis. One must come in or call the Pro Shop to reserve a time. No more than 4 shoppers will be allowed in the shop during any time slot, each of which lasts 30 minutes. Couples can sign up together or separately. 99 new Monterey clothing items, men and women will be put on display for the sale. In regard to inventory, Trainor said some of the clothing inventory had been on display for a very long time and should be moved. Kirkman indicated he had no issue with featuring those items, which are mostly sizes not popular, for a big discount. In the future, the Pro Shop should strive to limit to no more than 9 months display of apparel. If necessary, donation of outdated merchandise to a charity should be considered.
- ✓ MARKETING: Radio promotions are on-going. Social media advertising continues. Golf Moose, another booking service that operates differently than Golf Now we will try through April to see if it promises to add play and revenue. Essentially, they sell a twosome a round of golf to be used by a specified date in the spring, at a rate of \$54. If not used by that date, that amount becomes a credit against rack rates when used. Players make their own tee times.
- ✓ MEMBERSHIP: We added one single associate member. While we have no November effective resignations, we will lose 3 equity members as of December 1, two moving away, one due to health reasons. Carolina Colours did win the best golf course award in the annual reader's poll sponsored by the *Sun Journal*.

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- ✓ **GROUNDS:** Purvis reported that pre-emergent chemicals had been applied to the course. He and his staff have begun winter projects and are getting help two days a week from resident volunteers. The schedule is aggressive and will depend on weather. Clearing of heavily vegetated areas to allow cleaning of drainage outflows and better air circulation have begun. Bunker work will start next week on bunkers where the outflows have been cleared and drainage lines flushed. Clearing work is nearly complete behind the 5th green and is underway on holes 11 and hole 15. New sand will be placed in the bunkers that have been ponding when the drainage issues for that bunker are resolved. The club will lease a min-excavator for a month early next year which will help with the clearing process and allow some of the fairway drains that have sunk to be repaired. Getting all of them repaired will be a several year project.
- ✓ **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (TC):** Trainor noted that the TC met November 4. Events are nearly completed for the winter, with the exception of the Pride tournament November 30. The couple's event on Monday, November 16, the Ryder Cup tournament as well as the Club Championship all went relatively smoothly. A suggestion was made to remind the membership next year that the Ryder Cup is supposed to be a fun event with perhaps less "cut-throat" competition. Joyner interjected that next year there may be a change in the Club Championship so it will be flighted based on handicaps, with a gross and net winner in each flight. The Club Champion will be the low gross score and must play from the green tees (men) and purple tees (women), with seniors playing for the championship will play white (men) and red (women). There is a possibility of having the men and women's regular and senior winners play each other for an overall champion. 2021 calendar changes for the Ryder Cup and Club Championship were also discussed.
- ✓ **MGA:** Frazier reported the MGA had been active. There was an event on October 21st that included a box lunch eaten outside; a trip to Cypress Landing with 38 players; a mixer at the pool with LGA members on October 26, and the year end tournament with lunch served to 43 members. At the meeting, new officers were elected for 2021 as follows: Frazier (Pres), Paquee (VP), Carruthers (Treas) and Halbig (Sec'y). MGA also will take 30 players to Morehead City Country Club tomorrow (November 19). Brian was encouraged to entice clubs that our MGA visits to make reciprocal visits next year.

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- ✓ LGA: Trainor noted that the LGA will have their year-end 9-hole event and annual meeting with election of officers on December 10. Eating arrangements are yet to be determined.
- ✓ MISCELLANEOUS:
 - Frazier presented a menu of possible changes to the operation and use of the driving range, ranging from increased fees to non-members, to dedicated areas for member use, to various pricing options and incentives for multiple uses, and more. After some discussion, it was agreed that he, Lankton and Gerhardt would meet to go over all the presented options and then Gerhardt would in his proposed budget submitted to Kirkman for adoption include those, if any, that the 3 of them agree would make sense.
 - Frazier requested that the rules concerning community use of the cart paths be re-circulated to all the owners, as we have many new owners and some longer-term residents seem to have forgotten the allowed hours of community use.
 - Lankton and Frazier opined that the Sports Bar should be put to use at least some of the time (at least post-Covid) for eating and drinking, preferably with a bartender/wait person. Its current use for storage looks bad and gives a bad impression to those members and players passing by it. Gerhardt responded that the facility was not designed for full-service dining and drinking and that it was unlikely that it would cover its costs. He also mentioned that he was badly short of storage area, particularly with the huge number of “to-go” containers that are required for the Tuesday/ Friday dinners during the pandemic. All agreed that the Sports Bar cannot be a permanent storage solution. Kirkman reiterated that the initial concept was for the Pro Shop to move to the cart barn when staffing allowed. What is now the Pro Shop would be a snack bar for non-members; the sports bar a snack bar for members and their guests. Food service would be a part of the Association operation, not a golf component. The “committee” of Gerhardt, Lankton, and Frazier will add this to their agenda to further discuss.

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- Trainor suggested that a pond edge red flag, similar to that on hole 9, be added to the edge of the water hazard on hole 14 near the green, as one cannot see the edge of the water from the bunker on the right side of the fairway. Purvis will get this accomplished.
- Frazier further noted that he had researched the recent comments made on the Golf Advisor website by those playing our course. Since the last report, only 4 new comments were received and all were quite positive. All said they would recommend the course to others.
- Lankton gave feedback on the recent Club Championship. The course was in good shape and the set-up was challenging but fair. Changing tee locations each day is positive. Only negatives were that it would be better if the green speed was a bit faster and that participation was really poor. Perhaps a new format as Joyner suggested will help next year.
- Kirkman stated he had received from the nominating committee the candidates that they are putting forth to replace the 3 members whose terms expire at the next annual meeting of the equity members. They are Karen Lankton, Tom Mylett, Greg Reinecke, Kelly Halbig, and Peter Mnatzakanian. The nominating committee suggests that the 5 members currently serving stand for the 3 vacancies that the members elect. The other two are appointed by the course developer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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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December

Hours of Operation

Pro Shop

Mon 9:00 am–4:30 pm

Tues–Sun 7:30 am– 4:30 pm

Driving Range (must check in with Pro Shop prior to 5:00pm)

Mon 9:00 am–5:00 pm

Tues–Sun 7:00 am– 5:00 pm

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

LGA

Our 2020 LGA Season is drawing to a close this month, but as long as the weather cooperates we hope to see you on the course often this winter! Tee times for LGA are at 10:00 a.m. for December.

Please mark your calendar for our final LGA Step Aside Scramble on December 10 at 10 a.m., followed by our December meeting and Christmas party luncheon with gift exchange! Details to follow.

We are still accepting nominations for LGA Board officers for 2021. If you are interested in serving on the board next year as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or LGA Tournament Committee Rep, please contact a member of the nominating committee.

MGA

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November has certainly brought about changes to our course. We've had more than our fair share of moisture so the fairways are playing longer but the greens are softer. We've also experienced a number of dry, warm days with firm fairways and quicker greens. And, as November continues, we're experiencing a wide swing in temperatures but the MGA members still play on!

Our members had a terrific weather weekend in early November to play in the annual 2 day club championship. Congrats to all who played and thrived as well as those of us who survived. Many members will also be playing in the Pride tournament at the end of the month.

LGA Games for December

December 1 Scratch Three Worst
Holes

December 10 Annual LGA Christmas
Party, Lunch, Meeting

LGA
December
start times
are at
10:00 a.m.

MGA
December
start times
are at
10:00 a.m.

MGA Games for December

See MGA Notes

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In between these events, we continued to see great play in the weekly games as evidenced by the poley contests. Scott Carruthers got an early start with 2 poleys in his round on October 28th. Doug Eddy kept things rolling with 2 poleys in his round on November 4th. And then, there was November 11th. Per our Pro Shop staff, we had a record setting day with 1 group having 3 players win poleys! Hole #16 gave up 3 poleys to Bob Gunnels, Bob Penvose, and Scott Carruthers.

Hopefully, our MGA members will have many more opportunities for poleys this month. There will be poley and hole-in-one opportunities in December. The schedule for the upcoming month is as follows:

- * Dec. 2nd – Four player 3,2,1/ABCD 3 low net scores on par 5s, 2 on par 4s, and 1 on par 3s.
- * Dec. 9th – 2 player best ball Four flights A,B,C,D; 2 player teams with each team member playing his own ball. Team score on each hole is best player's net score.
- * Dec. 16th – 2 low gross, 1 low net/ABCD
- * Dec. 23rd – Christmas Scramble-Ramble: The A player gets holes 1,5,9,13,17, and his net score counts on these holes while B,C,D players play a 3 man scramble for the second net score. The net score and the scramble score added together for the team score. B player gets holes 2,6,10,14,18; C player gets 3,7,11,15; D player gets 4,8,12,16.
- * Dec. 30th – Goodbye to 2020! 2 man alternate shot playing in 2 flights of A/B and C/D. All players tee off, best shot selected and then alternate shot played through the final putt on each hole.

Another reminder that you can still register to play in the hole-in-one contest! So, get the details and sign up by contacting the Pro Shop today. The Wednesday "pot" is \$360 and the Friday "pot" is \$310.

A few miscellaneous thoughts. The MGA end of year meeting was held on November 4th where the new Board was elected and a number of awards presented. The final MGA road trip was held at Morehead CC; looking forward to the trips next year. And, last but not least, the annual MGA/LGA mixer was a wonderful day of golf and camaraderie. Our winners were Steve Forney, Debbie Kalman, Jan Stevens, and Bill Jarvis – congrats to all!

In closing, thanks to each MGA member for your support in this very hectic year. Our members have shown great perseverance and flexibility in a time of uncertainty. Don't forget that we have to double up in carts going forward.

Also, a heartfelt thanks to the Pro Shop staff as well as the maintenance staff for all of your extra effort. It has truly taken a team to get through this year - and, we did!

Look forward to seeing you on the course, soon.

Your MGA Board

CHEF's CORNER

PRALINE SWEET POTATOES (serves 8-10 people)

Happy December everyone! This recipe was a special request after our Colours Thanksgiving meal. As with any recipe, feel free to make this your own by taking away or adding whatever you would like. :)

This is also a great make-ahead dish. Simply put together and place in the fridge until you are ready to bake and enjoy. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season with family, friends, and friends that have become family! Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Ingredients

FILLING

3 to 4 large sweet potatoes	3/4 cup light brown sugar
1 stick unsalted butter	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla	2 large eggs

CRUST

1 box Duncan Hines Yellow Butter Gold cake mix (no substitutions)
1&1/2 stick melted butter
3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Directions

Wash and dry the sweet potatoes. Preheat oven to 375F. Place potatoes onto a foiled lined baking dish. Bake until soft, about an hour depending on the size. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely. You may do this a few days in advance, just place cooked potatoes in a Ziplock bag and refrigerate.

In a large bowl or a bowl from a stand mixer, place all filling ingredients and beat with a mixer until smooth and fluffy, about 5 to 6 minutes. Spread into a greased 9"x13" baking dish.

Top sweet potato mixture with the dry cake mix and chopped pecans. Pour the melted butter over the top. Place in oven and bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour. If the top starts to look a little too brown, just cover with foil and continue to bake.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool about 10 minutes before serving. 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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