



Mark Your Calendar

October

- Friday, October 6 - Casual Dinner Night
- Friday, October 13 - Casual Dinner Night
- Saturday, October 14 - Shootout at Pine Ridge Farm
- Thursday, October 19 - County Golf Association
- Friday, October 20 - Casual Dinner Night
- Friday, October 27 - Low Gross/ Low Net
- Friday, October 27 - German Dinner Night
- Saturday, October 28 - Monster Day Tournament

November

- Thursday, November 2 - County Golf Association
- Friday, November 3 - Nite Lite Tournament
- Friday, November 10 - Casual Dinner Night
- Saturday, November 11 - Two Person Match Play Starts
- Thursday, November 16 - County Golf Association
- Friday, November 17 - Casual Dinner Night
- Saturday, November 18 - Two Person Match Round 2
- Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner
- Friday, November 23 - Low Gross/ Low Net
- Friday, November 24 - Casual Dinner

December

- Friday, December 1 - Casual Dinner Night
- Thursday, December 7 - County Golf Association
- Friday, December 8 - Casual Dinner Night
- Saturday, December 9 - Christmas Shamble
- Friday, December 15 - Casual Dinner Night
- Sunday, December 17 - Egg Nog Party
- Thursday, December 21 - County Golf Association
- Friday, December 22 - Low Gross/ Low Net
- Monday, December 25 - Merry Christmas! - Club Closed!

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CLUB NEWS

By Clay Thomas
General Manager

The long wait for the new greens is about over. You, our members have been patient in anticipation of the re-opening. You have seen all of the hard work that our entire crew has put in over the long, hot, dry summer. That extraordinary rainfall deficit to which I am referring has slowed the grow-in but we are thrilled to finally announce that the **first full day on the new greens will be Friday, October 6.** We will run the tee sheet like a normal Friday. We know that many of you will be excited to get out on the course on Friday so the tee sheet will only be open to golf members and their accompanied guests.

To our members who were on the roster of our **Member Sprigging Crew** who helped us with the sprigs on the greens on July 6 and 7, we will host a 9-hole preview round as promised on Thursday, October 5. We will play the front nine starting at 4:00 p.m. Call the golf shop to reserve your spot.

The new turf on the greens is mature and healthy enough to withstand the traffic and lower heights of cut. Over the next year, the turf canopy will continue to grow more dense and more smooth and we will continue to lower the height of the cut as the health of the plant dictates. It will take the greens a couple of years to develop a thatch layer which will render them more receptive to approach shots. Until then be prepared for firmer conditions. I have attached an article from the USGA Green Section later in the newsletter to help explain what you can expect in the first year of new greens.

We are excited to see everyone out on the new greens.



GOLF NEWS

By Mark Codianna
Head Golf Professional

Last month we had the Summer Classic 36-hole Eclectic Scramble. I know that is a mouth full but the short of it means low scores. Four-person teams played a two-day scramble and the scores were lower than expected. In the ladies' tournament, the team of **Jacque Cassidy, Liz Krupitza, Sally Mohr, and Nessa Beckham** shot a 57 to win by one shot. It's hard to believe that a score of 47 would not win this event but that is what happened in the men's tournament. The team of **Steve Miller, Rick Sargent, Jim Wahl, and Dennis McEwan** shot 45! Congratulations to both winning teams and thanks Chef Dave for a great lunch after golf on Sunday.

As most of you should know by now, we are going back to our new regulation greens on Friday, October 6th. Coinciding with this will be some changes to the golf course that I want to make you aware of. The rules of golf recommend the par of a hole is based on the length of the hole or the length a hole plays. Par 5's should be at least 450 yards for men and 370 yards for women. We are converting hole 13 to a par 5 for both men and women starting when we open the new greens. A new women's tee is currently being constructed right at 370 yards on 13. The current white/blue men's tee is being expanded for the men's red tee which will be 450 yards. This will mean a 65-yard carry over the creek for the women (same distance as the creek on 10) and about 150-yard carry for the men from the red tee. Ultimately holes 5 and 14 will have new tees for the men's red tee markers to get them to the 450-yard distance. There will be two sets of red tee markers on three of the four par 5s because of this. The change in the distance on hole 13 will not cause a change in the slope or course rating so you will still be able to post scores starting on the 6th. The course is getting rerated for the first time in 10 years sometime this fall. We will also be adjusting the stroke index of each hole to match the changes on hole 13 sometime in early fall. We are excited to play on the new greens and thank you all for your patience this summer.



COURSE NEWS

Green Side UP

By Sean Carlton
Head Greens Keeper

We are at the finishing stretch preparing to open the greens back up on Friday, October 6. It has been a challenging task, to say the least. Things didn't go just as planned particularly with the lack of rain. Irrigation is not a perfect substitute for natural rain. We experienced just over 5" of rain in the summer months when we usually count on over 10" per month. We, however, persevered and what I'm seeing as the end product I think we will all be very happy with in the years to come.

This cultivar of paspalum called Platinum Paspalum has a superior, darker green color, is reportedly more disease resistant, and can be comfortably maintained at a lower height than our previous greens.

The sod from the greens was planted throughout the course, mainly on fairway bunker slopes. Unfortunately, the lack of rain made it impossible to keep enough water on it to keep it pristine, but it is still a significant improvement. We also completed the reconstruction of #7 lake bank which turned out better than I expected.

Between all the projects and the regular maintenance of the course, it has been a very challenging summer, and we're all ready for things to return to normal. Our crew worked exceptionally hard this summer with the support of a crew of several day laborers. I would like to extend a special thanks to Nick Ortiz, or as we call him, Captain Nick. He volunteered many hours to help manage the day laborers and became an indispensable asset in this regard.

Look forward to everyone enjoying the new greens. They will continue to improve as we go through the month of October.

See you on the course,

Sean



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Stacy Perdue
Membership Director

**LET'S GIVE A BIG
WELCOME TO OUR
NEW MEMBERS!**

SUMMER GOLF MEMBERS

Jeff Francis

Gianpiero Oriolo

Robert Raina

Sam Wancowicz

TENNIS

JD Herman

John McCaskill

Joe Simmers

SOCIAL

Kim Lee

Guest Golf Policy

*For the months of November-April, play before 1:00 PM for any non-member or non-golf member will be **limited to two times per calendar month.***



CHEF'S CORNER

By Chef David Justice

WHY NOT HAVE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE CLUB?

CASUAL DINNER

OCTOBER 6TH

OCTOBER 13TH

OCTOBER 20TH

OCTOBER 27TH



German Dinner Night

Friday, October 27th

ALL ENTREE'S SERVED WITH SOUP OR SALAD,
ROLLS WITH BUTTER AND DESSERT

ENTREES

Sauerbraten - Marinated German Pot Roast

Jager Schnitzel - Thin Cutlet of Pork with mushroom and Brown Gravy

Assorted Grilled Sausages over Marinated Sauerkraut

German Stuffed Cabbage Rolls - seasoned ground beef with onion, marjoram, and paprika wrapped in cabbage, slowly cooked in creamy bacon-based sauce.

SIDES

German Potato Salad

Braised Red Cabbage

Marinated Sauerkraut

Baby Carrots and Brussel Sprouts

DESSERTS

Apple Strudel

ADULTS \$22.95++

KIDS \$13.95++

RSUP (727) 392-3008



SOCIAL NEWS



By Kelly Vaughn Williams

Director of Sales and Marketing

This month Friday Casual Dinner Nights will be on October 6, 13, 20, and 27th. Come and join us for a great chance to relax and enjoy some delicious food with friends.

For all our German food lovers out there, mark your calendars for October 27th! Our chef will be preparing a phenomenal spread of German cuisine that you won't want to miss. This tradition started with our former Dining Room manager, Liz, who was from Germany, and it has become a beloved Seminole Lake Country Club tradition.

If you're interested in attending any of our Friday Night Dinners, be sure to call the dining room for reservations at (727) 410-1976.

Do you have an upcoming Christmas party at your office? Consider hosting it at the Seminole Lake Country Club! We have a great venue for parties, so give us a call at (727) 410-1976 to see if your preferred date is available.

Lastly, we're always on the lookout for fun photos taken at the club to feature in our newsletter and on our Facebook page. If you have any great shots that you'd like to share, please send them to kvaughn@seminolelake.net



TENNIS NEWS

By Erick Chall
Director of Tennis Operations



Adult News:

Summer USTA Leagues are over and the Fall leagues have begun. Congrats to our captains and teams!

Christine Price 6.5 Women's 18+ 2nd place

Sherrl Fry's Women's Tri-level 18+ came in 2nd place

Martin D'sa Men's Tri-level 18+ came in 2nd place.

Maribell Gross 7.5 Womens 18+ came in 3rd place

Terry Kelsey's 6.5 Womens 18+ came in 4th place

Martin D'sa 6.5 Womens 18+ came in 5th place

Junior Tennis News!

We are so proud of our juniors. They are working so hard. Check out all the exciting results!

Congratulations:

Member, Andrew Detrick, for coming in 2nd place in the Level 7 Boys 12 division on August 26

Coach Jorge son **Roman**, B12 Finalist L6

Daniella Alpert and **Harley Milne** L6 Doubles Champions

Jordana Alpert and **Kate Chall** L6 Consolation Doubles Champions

Leigha Karajian for coming in 3rd in her very first tournament on Sept 23 Jr. Circuit.

Jordana Alpert L7 G12 Champion

Maddie Harrison L7 G12 Finalist

Daniella Alpert L7 G14 Champion

Teddy Kafantaris L7 B14' Champion

Jonathan Young L7 B18 Champion

Played their First Tournament - **Nam and Min Ngyuen, Logan Hayden, Leigha and Rita Krajaran**

SAVE THE DATES:

Thanksgiving Camp November 27, 28, and 29th

Turkey Slammer Friday, November 24th at 6:30 pm



Daniella and Jordana Alpert



Leigha Karajian



Roman, B12 Finalist L6



Andrew Dietrich

We Love Our Members



It was a birthday celebration for Member Lori Karns. Happy Birthday Lori!



Men's Summer Classic Winners: Steve Miller, Jim Wahl, Dennis McEwan, and Rick Sargent.



**Daniella Alpert and Harley Milne
L6 Doubles Champions**



Women's Summer Classic Winners: Jacque Cassidy, Liz Krupitza, Nessa Beckham and Sally Mohr.

USGA GREEN SECTION

What To Expect When You're Expecting New Putting Greens

Superintendents work hard to deliver smooth, consistent putting surfaces, but sometimes poor drainage, unreliable grasses, or design issues are limiting factors that no amount of experience, budget, or equipment can overcome. To address issues like these, golf courses invest in building new putting greens to consistently provide the smooth, true putting surfaces that golfers rave about. However, when an investment is made in new putting greens, expectations should be tempered during the first one to two years until the putting greens can properly mature.

Just because new putting greens look fantastic does not necessarily mean they are ready to withstand the same maintenance practices and golfer traffic as mature greens. New putting greens must be carefully managed to support a healthy transition from seedlings to a mature putting surface. Pushing for fast green speeds on young putting surfaces can quickly result in serious damage. This is not to say that new putting greens cannot deliver smooth, consistent conditions – only that they initially may not be as fast.

Heavy traffic from maintenance equipment and golfers can cause problems on all putting greens, new or old. However, new putting greens are highly susceptible to thinning and wear injury because they have not yet developed a thin layer of organic matter between the grass and the soil. This thin mat layer is necessary for the grass to be resilient and receive incoming shots without experiencing exploding ball marks and collapsing edges around the hole. The mat layer is formed as the grass goes through its normal growing processes, depositing old leaves, stems, and roots. Maintenance practices such as aeration and topdressing make sure that the mat layer has enough sand intermixed amongst the old plant material, so it does not become excessive and hold moisture.

New putting greens are a major, long-term investment. Allowing them the time to properly mature will ensure smooth, consistent putting conditions for years to come.