



CLUB CONNECTIONS



Upcoming Member Events



Polar Bear Golf Tournament January 14, 2012

Time: 9 AM shotgun (weather permitting)

Format: Pinehurst Modified Alternate Shot- Both players tee off, switch and hit your partner's ball, select the best shot and alternate until the ball is holed. The lower course handicap golfer receives 60% of his or her course handicap index. The higher course handicap team member receives 40% of his or her course handicap index. To calculate the team handicap, add the two together and round to the nearest integer. Tournament will be preflighted with 6 teams/flight as an optimal number. We will pay gross and net.

Tees: Men-River Ridge tees setup around 6,100 yards; Ladies- Red

Cost: \$15/person: Includes prizes. *100% of entry fee is going toward prizes. Will pay 33% of field.* In order to keep cost down for this event, we are not serving food. Also, if you want to walk, you may do so at no extra charge, or you may rent a cart for \$15.

Optional Skins game - \$10 per team

Ties: All ties will be broken by using the last nine holes on the scorecard with the lowest score being the winner. If there is still a tie the last six holes will be used and if there is still a tie after that we will use the last three holes on the scorecard. If there is still a tie the low score on the 18th hole will be used.

Payout: based on 6 teams/flight

50%, 50%,

1st place gross and net-\$90/team

Please sign up in the pro shop by Wednesday January 12th

Notes From the Pro Shop

Tim Cockrell, Head Golf Professional

Every Wed at 9:00 am, a group of golfers, play an organized game using a modified stableford system. Entry fee is \$5/man. Skins is optional. All are welcome!

Happy New Year to all the Members of River Ridge. I hope that everybody had a great Christmas with your family and friends and you are now ready for 2012. I know that I am looking to have a great golf season that hopefully brings good weather and great golf for all the Members of River Ridge. This will be my seventh golf season at River Ridge and it just seems like yesterday that I was meeting my first two Members Jimmy Bishop and Jim Haynes and they were asking me who I liked in terms of College Football and where the heck was James Madison University and "Do they really have a Football program?". I am really glad to be your Head Golf Professional and I thank Dr. Bagwell and Craig for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Professional.

I hope that the Members who participated in Member Appreciation Week enjoyed the weeks activities. The winners of this year's tournament are posted below!

The golf shop will also be offering HUGE savings on certain items for the month of January and even into February so come on by and see what is on sale. Don't miss out in case you did not get that special shirt or sweater that you really wanted :)

2011 MEMBER APPRECIATION TOURNAMENT RESULTS



LOW GROSS	Jim Creagh, Ike Harrell Christy Rodri, Coop Jackson	58
LOW NET	Geoff Ochman, John Karsonovich Boyce Hudson, Keith Patterson	53
2nd LOW GROSS	Rodney Moss, Rick Tate Larry Adcock, Sumner Tate	60
2nd LOW NET	Earl Yates, Billy McGee Ronnie Williams	54
3rd LOW NET	Don Kulas, Dan Schiewe Tripp Smith, Jack Faulkner	57
4th LOW NET	Tom Mariner, George Mathis Jake Wilson, John Stafford	57
5th LOW NET	Mark Arrington, Dennis Green Mike Wilson, Patrick Ponce	58

THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED!!!

**RLGA has
something for
Every Woman!**



Applications are available
at front desk or contact

Esther Patterson at
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RIVER RIDGE HELPED LOCAL COMMUNITIES OVER THE HOLIDAYS



We are beyond excited to announce that we were able to collect **616 pounds of food** during our first ever food drive promotion. This converts into 519 meals!!! We look forward to making this an annual drive and helping those in our community that are at risk of hunger.



RRGC was an official Raleigh drop off site for Toys for Tots this year. **203 toys** were dropped off and given to a needy child in our local community.

**ANNUAL DUES PROMO-

We are offering the membership an opportunity to receive one month's free dues for the year of 2012.

By paying your dues a year in advance, we will give you one month's free dues!

Just let Craig know (661-8374 x5 or chooks@golfriverridge.com) by December 30, 2011 that you would like to participate in this program. We will bill you on January 1st for the entire year (less one month's dues). This payment is due on or before January 15th. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate anyone who responds after the January statements have been prepared.

** If you selected to participate in this program last year then you will automatically be billed again this year unless we are told differently. **

It is important that Craig hears from you asap!! Thanks!!

Turf Talk

Rodney Moss, Superintendent

Christmas has come and gone and another new year is upon us. The weather has been as wacky as it could possibly be, however in a good way. The temperatures have been anywhere from 60 to 70 degrees over the past couple of weeks. You got to love North Carolina!

I sometimes struggle trying to figure out what to write in these newsletters. I feel like I write the same things over and over, or repeat myself. I'm to switch it up a little this month.

One of my responsibilities as a Golf Course Superintendent is to continue my education through seminars, meetings and conferences. I'm a member of the Carolina's Golf Course Superintendents Association, as well as the Vice President of the Triangle Turfgrass Association. Both associations hold meetings and conferences throughout the year. I have a pesticide conference I attend every year plus a turfgrass and tradeshow with the CGCSA every November. I keep my pesticide license current by earning credits at these numerous events. I learn about new maintenance practices being used by other superintendents as well as new chemicals that may be coming on to the market. It's also a great way to just pick the minds of other people in the profession to see what they are doing at their courses.

I recently returned from a trip to Sylacuga, Alabama. I visited, along with several other superintendents from North Carolina, a research facility called Farmlinks Golf Club. They grow thirty different varieties of grasses on their course. They research different pesticides they may be coming out on the market. They tell us about different cultural practices they use. It's just an awesome facility. Below are a few pictures. I have been there twice and am looking forward to my next trip!



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
112:00 Couples	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 12:00 Couples	9	10	11	12	13	14 Polar Bear Tourn 9:00sg
15 12:00 Couples	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 12:00 Couples	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 12:00 Couples	30	31				

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 12:00 Couples	6	7	8	9	10	11 Audubon Tournament
12 12:00 Couples	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19 12:00 Couples	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 12:00 Couples	27	28	29			

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