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## MANAGER'S CORNER

By Brian Joyner

I hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July weekend!

It was a busy and exciting week at the Club, with 806 rounds of golf played over the holiday week. We also celebrated the grand opening of our new tennis and pickleball courts, and it was great to see so many members come out to enjoy the festivities. Around 70 members joined us at the pool for hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue, and all the fixings. If you ventured onto the tennis or pickleball courts, you were certainly tougher than I...the heat index was pushing 110°!

I hope you've been following along with the email updates. There are a lot of exciting improvements on the way, and we're looking forward to sharing more as we continue making Beaufort Club an even better place for our members and guests.

# MANAGER'S CORNER

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## Dedicated Fiber Internet

If you were around the Club last week, you probably noticed Spectrum crews digging trenches around the property. That's because we're bringing fiber internet to the clubhouse! While it may not be the most exciting project to watch, it's going to make a big difference.

The faster internet will improve the performance of our point-of-sale systems, making transactions quicker and more reliable. We're also installing five Wi-Fi access points throughout the clubhouse and pool areas, which means members and guests will be able to enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi while they're here.

## Beaufort Club Mobile App

We're excited to share that the Beaufort Club app is now in development and should be available in about 6 to 8 weeks.

The app will make it easier to book tee times, reserve tennis and pickleball courts, make dinner reservations, view your member statement, and stay connected with the Club. We'll also be able to send push notifications for quick updates for things like frost delays, cart path only conditions, and special events. Also, the mobile app will serve as your key fob for the tennis/pickleball courts as well as the pool. We'll be doing away with the manual key pad at the pool and you'll need to have your phone on you to gain access through the gate.

Once it's ready, I'll send out a quick guide to help everyone get started. I think you'll find it simple and convenient to use.

# FROM THE PRO

By Taylor Larson

We have now entered the months where the heat and the wind will play a major role in your golf outings. To keep our greens beautiful (and alive) you will find them a tad slower, and our fairways soft and wet. As club members, please be aware of the low wet areas on the course and avoid them if possible to maintain the course's condition. Our grounds crew works extra hard and we can thank them for the great golf we get to play.

There's been an incredible response to our Member-Guest sign up. The tournament is completely full with 7 men's flights and 1 women's flight.

Our 2026 Match Play tournament is scheduled to start this weekend. We'll have the updated bracket posted in the pro shop as the matches take place.

## **2026 Beaufort Club Championship**

There have been changes to this year's Club Championship dates. This two day event will now take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 29th and 30th. We have 4 of last year's champions who have enjoyed prime parking spots with their names on them. They will fight to keep those spots but I think we have some incredible competition for this year's championship. Sign-ups for this culminating event will open soon with more details to follow. You will be notified about each event with relevant details.

# FROM THE PRO

By Taylor Larson

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## **July Twilight Couples**

The Twilight Couples event will be on Thursday, July 30th, with a 5 PM Shotgun start. It costs \$20 per couple to play, and we have had some major fun playing this event. Last month we played a 4-Player scramble Poker format. Depending on your score you got a certain number of cards and the players with the best 5 card hand won. Last month, that team consisted of Howard Boudreau, Joanne Harrell, Mark Childress, and Lucia Childress. Dinner afterward isn't required, but many times players often stay after for drinks and food.

## **Monthly Ladies Clinic**

Each month we host a Ladies clinic where we can mingle and work on certain aspects of our golf game. Last month we worked on rules and etiquette and actually got to play quite a few holes!

This month it will be held on Thursday, July 16th, from 5-7 PM. Please call the pro shop to sign up!



# A NOTE FROM THE CHEF



Chef Gus Headington

We had a great time out by the pool grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. It was great to see so many members celebrating July 4th.

Our “Music on the Patio” resumes this month with Old Age & Treachery on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 6–9pm. Reservations strongly recommended!

As always, don’t forget to like the Blue Heron on Facebook to keep up with weekly specials, along with any happenings!



## BLUE HERON HOURS

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| MONDAY    | 11AM-3PM |
| TUESDAY   | 11AM-3PM |
| WEDNESDAY | 11AM-9PM |
| THURSDAY  | 11AM-9PM |
| FRIDAY    | 11AM-9PM |
| SATURDAY  | 11AM-9PM |
| SUNDAY    | 11AM-3PM |



# GOLF COURSE UPDATE



Superintendent  
Jonathan Birkett

With the summer heat in full swing, we've raised the height of our greens mowers to help keep the turf healthy. That means the greens may roll a little slower than usual, but this is an important step to keep them in great shape through the hottest part of the season.

You'll also see our maintenance team hand-watering greens more often. If we're on the green ahead of you, we appreciate your patience. We'll be out of the way as quickly as possible.

One last reminder. We've had a large number of geese on holes 4 and 6 recently. Please don't feed them if you see them around the course. Feeding them encourages them to stay, and as you can see below, they can cause significant damage to our greens.



# BEAUFORT CLUB LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION



In addition to much better weather for golf this month, we witnessed turtles laying eggs and a mother duckling leading her 8 babies away from us, as we stood in front of the pond for our 2nd shot of the 4th Hole -- smart mama! And, several of us have seen baby deer along the 16th hole (across the creek).

**LGA Saturday Playday (see picture):** this was a new event, a fun scramble with the goal to integrate the various groups (9-holers, 18-holers, weekenders, and employed) and get to know some new golf buddies. Thirteen members played and enjoyed the amazing appetizers, libations from the kitchen (thanks Gus and team), and socialization. It was a success so we may organize another one in the future.

**Ladies Golf Clinic:** this is another opportunity to improve your skills and get to know other lady golfers. Contact the pro shop to sign up for the July 16th clinic.

**Girlfriends' Fun Day Margaritaville-themed Tournament (Monday, August 10th):** The flyer is available in multiple places including the locker room, bulletin board and electronically.

To sign up, you can simply email Lyla at [lylak24@outlook.com](mailto:lylak24@outlook.com) to reserve a space for your 4-person team. Payment can be made via Venmo or by check to the Beaufort Club LGA. Contact Lyla for more details. Also, if you would like to join a team, let us know and we'll do our best to assist.

**Nine-hole Group (see picture of BJ Vincent, Lyla Pietromonico, Monica Hunter and Donna Moore):** If you are interested in playing with the 9-hole group, please contact BJ Vincent (757-636-7555).

# BEAUFORT CLUB LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

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LGA members participated in 3 outside leagues once again in May and June as follows:

**Home and Home:** The Emerald Golf Club hosted this team event in May and Minnesott Golf Club hosted this team event in June. This is a fun, point-based competition where our club plays as a team. Camilla Cumberland and Ann Shaw played in this event for the first time and really enjoyed the course and meeting other lady golfers.

**Tarheel League:** also played at the Emerald; several won prizes in our flights including Martha Troxler, Quin Dionne, and Susan McDonald.

**CCGA:** played at Crystal Coast Country Club; several won prizes in our flights including Martha Troxler, Peggy Ramthun, Quin Dionne, and Susan McDonald.

**CCGA finals:** this 2-day tournament was held at our club. The course was in great shape, food was awesome and competition was clearly present with the Beaufort Club well represented as follows: Championship Flight: Janet Upchurch won 1st Net, Quin Dionne, 4th Net, and Peggy Ramthum, 6th Gross; 1st flight, Susan McDonald won 4th Gross; 3rd flight, Maureen Raymond won 5th Net.

For additional information or if you would like to join the LGA, please contact one of the officers.

## Officers

- **President:** Susan McDonald (919-971-5930)
- **Vice President:** Janet Upchurch (919-815-1552)
- **Secretary:** Lyla Pietromonico (973-207-9705)
- **Treasurer:** Keila Keadle (919-414-9923)



# BEAUFORT CLUB MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



The Men's Golf Association continues to grow as we gather a great group of guys for some intense rounds of golf. And by intense, we mean the most fun you've ever had golfing! Right now the MGA plays a team game on Mondays at 9. We shotgun at 9, and there is a \$10 handicapped game, and a \$5 cash game. The current cash game we are playing in the month of July is a "poley" game where to win the pot, you've got to hit your tee shot on par 3s within the length of the flag pole. Each par 3 has its own cash pot and it grows until it is claimed. Howard Boudreau won last month with a "poley" and walked away with \$85.

On Wednesdays and Fridays the MGA plays an informal, individual game that you can play anytime of the day. It's 18-holes and the game changes each time. You DO NOT HAVE TO PLAY IN THE MORNING. We have had some interest in the MGA from players who can't get here in the morning to play, so keep in mind that you can play any time of the day as long as you are playing with someone else also participating in the MGA game.