

Columbia Country Club

February 2017 Edition

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Join Us For Columbia Country Club's 4th Annual **Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner**

A Four Course Dining & Wine Pairing Experience

Date: Friday, February 10th

Times: 6:30pm, 7pm, & 7:30pm

There will be THREE reservation time slots available for this event. Please be sure to mention your desired time slot when placing your reservation. 803.754.8100

Reservations Are Required For This Event! All Parties MUST Be Booked By Tuesday, February 7th. *This Will Be The Dinner Service For The Evening.*

Four Course Menu

Course I: The Appetizer

Select One Per Person

Oyster Rockefeller ~ Lamb Lollipops ~ Lobster and Mango Gazpacho

Paired w/ La Marca Prosecco

Course II: Fresh Greens

Fresh Baby Spinach Salad w/ Strawberries, Candied Bacon, Red Onion, Pecans,
& Homemade Strawberry Vinaigrette

Paired w/ Acrobat Pinot Gris

Course III: The Entree

Select One Per Person

Filet Mignon w/ Shrimp ~ Twin Lobster Tails ~ Pork Osso Bucco

Paired w/ Your Choice Of Storypoint Chardonnay or Storypoint Cabernet Sauvignon

Course IV: Dessert

Select One Per Person

Bread Pudding A La Mode ~ Chocolate Ganache Filled Cake

Cheesecake Topped w/ Strawberry Compote

Paired w/ Dreaming Tree Crush Red Blend

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Dinner Service	2	3 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	4
5 A La Carte Lunch Service 11am-3pm	6	7	8 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	9	10 <i>Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner</i> (This will be the Dinner Service for the evening)	11
12 Golfer's Buffet 11am-3pm	13	14 LGA Breakfast	15 CGA Rules of Golf Seminar 5:30pm Southern Buffet 5:30pm-8:30pm	16	17 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	18 4 Person CHA-CHA-CHA Breakfast Buffet 8am-10am
19 A La Carte Lunch Service 11am-3pm	20	21	22 "A Taste of Italy" Buffet 5:30pm-8:30pm	23	24 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	25
26 Grand Buffet 11:30am-2:30pm	27	28				

SPECIAL PROJECTS

We are gearing up for a big 2017 project and we need your help! If you are interested and would like to hear more about our upcoming club improvement, please contact Heather at Heather@columbiacountryclub.com

A Word From The Board of Directors

Dear Members,

We've ushered in 2017 with a festive New Year's Eve 1920's themed party. We followed it on January 12th with a Jeopardy watch party for CCC member and contestant Dr. Cheryl Guy. She and husband Stan were stone-faced, giving no hints about the secret outcome. In Final Jeopardy, she, alone, had the correct answer (Actually, she had the correct *question*, because Jeopardy gives the answer and the contestant has to provide the question). Everyone leapt to their feet and cheered when the contestant in the lead revealed his incorrect response. It was every bit as exciting as a football team scoring the winning touchdown with one second left on the clock.

Speaking of which.... Superintendent Jim Young was seen with a large supply of orange paint and eyeing the first fairway as his canvas. Congratulations to the Tigers among us.

We are continuing to improve our infrastructure, even as we keep expenses within our means. Work will soon begin to replace the pumps (installed in 1984) that move water from Lake Windermere, under an easement, to the golf course. The pump house roof will be removed and the new pumps will be lifted into the pump house, then a new roof will be constructed. We will pay for this capital improvement in monthly installments, using the Voluntary Capital Fee. Thank you very much for your continued participation in the Voluntary Capital Fee program.

Please make it a point to dine at the Club during these winter months. Chefs Brandon and Benny offer a menu full of great choices, and the company in the dining room is pleasant. Outside, the weather has been good enough to enjoy the new awning. Come and use your Club. Work on your short game or relax with friends at the bar. Good South Carolina weather isn't far away!

Leslie Wisser, Jr.
CCC President

A Word From The Tee.....

2017 RULES of GOLF SEMINAR

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm Place: CCC Ballroom

Price: Free!

Attendance is open to anyone interested in the Rules of Golf

Topics covered: latest Rules of Golf changes, Rules of Golf definitions, basic relief procedures, and Q&A session.

Attendees will receive a FREE 2017 Rules of Golf book.

Please register online at www.carolinagolf.org.

FOUR-PERSON CHA-CHA-CHA

Saturday, February 18th

Entry Fee: \$25.00 plus cart fee

10:00am shotgun start

8:00am-10:00am Breakfast included for participants

The CHA-CHA-CHA will be held on Saturday, February 18th. 4-Person teams will compete in a better ball format counting 1-score on #1, 2-scores on #2, 3-scores on #3 and then starting the process over on #4. This is a great team format that also provides participants the opportunity to compete playing their own ball. Teams may be comprised of four men or four women. Sign-up sheets are posted in the golf shop.

ONE DAY MEMBER- GUEST

Friday, March 17th

Entry Fee: \$30 per person plus cart fee

1:00pm shotgun start

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! The one day MEMBER-GUEST scheduled for March 17th is a fantastic opportunity to invite a friend, colleague or acquaintance to experience CCC. Teams may consist of one member and one guest. The event includes drinks on the course, tee gifts, prizes and goodie bags for each participant. The format is best ball gross and net of the team. Teams will be pre-flighted based on team handicap and participation level. So grab a friend and join us for a fun day of golf. The sign up sheet will be posted in the golf shop. Join us for dinner after play, there will be a buffet dinner for purchase.

FEBRUARY & MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 15th

CGA Rules of Golf Seminar 5:30pm

Saturday, February 18th ~ 4-Person CHA-CHA-CHA

Thursday, March 2nd

LGA sponsored Sadie Hawkins Tournament

Saturday, March 4th

Amateur Tour (afternoon tee times)

Monday, March 6th

Blythewood Bengal JV Tournament

Sunday, March 12th ~18-Hole Couples 1pm shotgun

Friday, March 17th ~ One Day Member-Guest

Sunday, March 19th ~ SCJGA Pee Wee Championship

Monday, March 20th ~ APG Outing

Sunday, March 26th- Monday, March 27th

SCGA-SCPGA Palmetto Cup Matches

Monday, March 27th ~Tuesday, March 28

Parks Hutto Bengal Invitational

2017 MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST

Thursday, June 22nd-Sunday, June 24th, 2017

Entry Fee: \$500 per team

Thursday June 22nd ~ Practice Round

Friday, June 23rd & Saturday, June 24th ~ Tournament

Sunday, June 25th ~ Rain Date

This years Men's Member Guest will be held from Thursday, June 22nd (which is the practice round) through Saturday, June 24th with Sunday, June 25th as a rain date. The tournament will commence with breakfast Friday morning at 8:00am and a shotgun start at 9:30am. Lunch will be served following match 1 with match 2 & 3 to be played after lunch. Participants will be on you own Friday evening. Breakfast begins @ 8:00 on Saturday with match 4 scheduled for a 9:30 shotgun start. Lunch will be served following match 4 with match 5 and the championship shootout rounding out the competition. A dinner & dance party with live entertainment and awards presentation will conclude the event @ 7:00pm Saturday night (sport coat requested).

MAJOR TOURNAMENT WINNERS IN 2016

Men's Club Champion

Brian Lee

Ladies Club Champion

Parker Stalvey

Men's Spring Member / Member

Dewey Roof / Tyler Thigpen

Men's Senior Club Champion

Wally Odiorne

Ladies Senior Club Champion

Carole Stone

LGA Silver Cup Champion

Susan Shealy

Men's Fall Member / Member

**Eddie Hargett / Zach Schwab (Gross)
Dick Tolson / David Thames (Net)**

Husband / Wife Champions

**Barry & Jeanne Reynolds (Gross)
Patrick & Julie Giusto (Net)**

Father / Son Champions

Bob & Robert Gifford

Junior Club Champion

Daniel Larimore

Girl's Junior Club Champion

Mary Talledo

HANDICAPS

Your Handicap Fee for the 2017 Season was billed out in January. Please be reminded that in order to be eligible to play in ANY Club event, you will need to have an official Columbia CC handicap through our HCP Program. The charge is only \$30 per person or \$55 per couple (Juniors are Free!). You also need a "minimum of TEN (10) scores in order to establish a verifiable handicap. Please check with the Golf Staff if you have any questions.

GRIPS

Now is the time to take a look at those grips to see if they need to be changed. The tournament season is coming and there is no reason to have a club fly out of your hands during a round of golf. We have seen some results this past year of what can happen when this "mistake" occurs. Avoid this mistake by replacing your grips today.

BUYERS CLUB

It's not too late to join the Buyers Club. For the low, low price of \$125 you can join the buyer's club and enjoy significant savings in the Pro Shop throughout the year on ALL your purchases. Here's how it works:

- For all Golf Equipment, which includes clubs, balls, golf bags and golf shoes buyer's club members will pay cost plus shipping plus 10%.
- For Soft Goods, which includes men's and ladies apparel, golf gloves, hats and all other apparel, club members will pay 25% off the member price.

Join Today!



A Word From Our Superintendent

The mild winter has continued here at C.C.C. The temperatures have only dropped below freezing a few times in January and mild temperatures are forecasted for the coming week. Last month several rain events have made the course a little soggy, but overall the fall and winter have been relatively dry.

We have already begun spraying our winter weed control, as well as, spraying our summer pre-emergent herbicide. These sprays are done in-house by our staff over the course of 3-4 weeks as weather permits. We are slowly finishing up our winter tree projects and should be done this month. Over the coming weeks, we will complete the grading around the new cart path between the chipping green and 27 green and laying sod on the new area.

Thanks for everyone's support and we look forward to seeing you on the golf course!

Jim Young
Golf Course Superintendent

DID YOU KNOW!?

The USGA Handicap System is based upon the potential ability of a player rather than the average of all his scores. The USGA's Handicap Research Team tells us that the average player is expected to play to his Course handicap or better only about 25% of the time, average three strokes higher than his Course handicap, and have a best score in 20, which is only two strokes better than his Course handicap.

A Word From Our General Manager / Golf Professional

I hope everyone enjoyed the spring like weather and played as much golf as possible last month.

The January activity at the club was the best it has been in several years. With that said, the spring is shaping up to be extremely busy as well, which is a good thing by the way. To date all Monday's are booked with outside events, bookings for Master's week play are ahead of last year and member events will be in full swing, as well. I ask that you refer to the calendar of events so you are informed and can participate in the good times happening at your club.

Below are the details on several club wide programs that benefit you the member as well as the club. Please take note of each and participate in as many as you can. We are poised for a great year; make plans to be a part of the excitement!

Chris Sparrow
General Manager / PGA Head Golf Professional / TPI Certified Instructor



A Word From The LGA

The warm days of January seemed to have given everyone the golf bug! Hopefully, we'll have more great weather before spring is officially here.

Several events are coming up soon. First, the LGA Breakfast meeting will be Saturday, February 14th. A breakfast buffet will begin at 8:00 am and the meeting will start at 8:30 am. The sign-up sheet is in the women's locker room. We are planning on playing golf afterwards so please come join us. Let the pro shop know if you will be golfing.

Second, we are having a new tournament this spring to help pay for the forward tees, which so many of us are excited to have. The tournament will be Thursday, March 2nd beginning at 10:00 am. It will be a Texas Scramble, two best balls, with low gross and low net prizes. The "different" part of this tournament is that the teams will be made up of one woman and three men! Guests are welcome. Please get a team together to support this tournament. We'd love to have the markers in the ground by spring.

Last, but not least, we begin play in the Silver Cup Championship March 1st. Please let the pro shop know if you are interested in participating. That's all for now. Hope everyone has a great February.

Laura Best

LGA President



Member Referral Program

ATTENTION MEMBER REFERRAL PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

We would like to thank you for participating in the 2015-2016 Member Referral Program. Whether you were an incoming new member or a current club member assisting with new member traffic, your involvement was very important and greatly appreciated. Closing the program with 96 participants, we are pleased to announce this membership drive allowed for the first significant membership growth since 2008.

As a reminder to all participants, the Member Referral Program will **expire on February 28th, 2017**. That said, March 1st statements will no longer reflect monthly program credits. We hope you have enjoyed the benefits of this two-year program and will continue to help boost membership in the future.

Should you have any questions regarding program benefits or upcoming statement charges, please be sure to contact Chris or Heather at 803.754.8100

THANK YOU CCC!

Almost \$800 Raised for CHILDREN'S CHANCE!!!!

A heartwarming THANKS to all those who contributed to this year's drive to support Children's Chance in its mission to provide comfort and support to families facing pediatric cancer so they can remain as intact and stress free as possible during their unbearable ordeal.

This year our contribution enabled Children's Chance to purchase much needed in-home therapy equipment for a sweet 12 year old girl in the fight for her life. With our financial support she can now do her therapy at home avoiding the burden of travel to the hospital. It is a much needed blessing for the whole family. Additionally, we were also able to fund a Barbie gift for her younger sister. GO CCC !!!

Looking ahead, the BIG CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT at CCC is planned for Friday 6/2/2017 and it's going to be bigger & better than ever! More info coming soon! Mark your calendar and please plan to volunteer to help with the tournament. We had a BLAST last year! Hope to see everyone again !



2017 is here and that means Summer is right around the corner and it is time for SUMMER MEMBERSHIP registration.

If you have a family member, neighbor or co-worker interested in joining for the summer months, please be sure to let them know now is the time!

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Phase I: \$575 - 1/31/2017 Deadline

Phase II: \$625 - 3/31/2017 Deadline

Email heather@columbiacountryclub or call 803.754.8100 for more information.

Membership application and guidelines packet can be found at www.columbiacountryclub.com.



Swim Team, Tennis Clinics, and Little Linksters Golf Clinics registration party:

Date: Sunday, May 7th

Time: 1pm-3pm

Place: CCC Ballroom