

# Rocky Bayou

C O U N T R Y C L U B

September 2015



President 2015-2016

It's September and fall is just around the corner. Kids are back in school and Rocky Bayou Country Club has just had two of our junior golfers head off to play college golf. We wish the best to both Mark Connelly and Stephen Shepherd as they start a new journey in life.

Prime Rib  
Dinner  
September 15

I only have a couple of things to mention this month. It was brought to the board's attention that some members have been receiving a credit on their trail fees if they did not play in a given month. This should not be the case. If for any reason you are not able to play in a month, you will be billed for your trail fee.

Member-Guest  
September 10th-  
12th

The second thing is that the newsletter will no longer be monthly. We will email out a quarterly newsletter. The calendar will continue to be emailed out monthly.



As always, the financials are available on our website under the Member Only section.

Buy your guest  
cards now in the pro  
shop



## Wayne Phillips, Course Superintendent

### Golf Course Maintenance: September News

Hello all. As usual I hope everyone is enjoying the golf course. We have had some pretty good luck these last few weeks as everything seems to be operating as planned.

We are finally getting back on track with “secondary” maintenance issues. Woods mowing is back on track, most of the material around the base of trees has been cut; tree limbs have been pruned, bunker edges are being defined and pine straw is being spread.

The height of cut on the rough continues to be a popular topic. The rough has been a little higher this year comparative to past years but for good reason. Reasons include creating a healthier stand of turf, better probability of winter performance, less scalping of turf and better definition between the fairway cut. As a plus you should notice the fairway cut has been a little wider this year to give a few extra feet before the rough starts. Soon temperatures will wane and the rough height will be more forgiving as the turf slows its growth.

The chipping green is open to all so please be sure and enjoy this new additional feature.

As always thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Please continue to repair ball marks, sand divots and use cart paths where available.

Wayne Phillips: GCS



## Doug Hall Golf Committee Chairman

The MGA takes center stage in September with the Member-Guest Tournament which runs from the 10th through the 12th. It should be a great event and rumor has it that the tee gifts will include the choice of a Weed Wacker or a machete (in RBCC colors, of course) that the players can use to find their balls when they roll off the fairway. Hopefully Jared has ordered some extras that we non-tournament players can purchase. Lord knows we could use them.

On a more serious note, I would like to discuss the pro shop inventory. As most of you know, the golfing industry is experiencing an ongoing contraction, which includes golfing equipment and supplies. Our good friends at Edwin Watts went into receivership a couple of years ago and ultimately were acquired by another golf chain, closing many stores and their main warehouse in the process. It is estimated that over 50% of all golf purchases are now made over the internet. RBCC even has to compete with local businesses that will embroider our logo on any item of clothing that you bring in, regardless of where purchased. This makes maintaining the kind of pro shop inventory that keeps everyone happy difficult at best.

Clayton, Jared and I recently sat down and explored different ways to keep the pro shop stocked without losing money on items that typically only sell when they go on sale. We jointly agreed that the pro shop needs to maintain a full line of gloves, balls, hats, visors, spikes and socks. Jared will also continue to carry a limited inventory of men's and women's shirts and accessories. Shoes and other slow moving items can be special ordered. Jared has assured me that his prices are competitive with the local golf stores and he will continue to provide a 10% discount to proprietary members. Also, if there is adequate demand for items that he does not currently carry, he will get those items into stock. So the next time you need a couple of gloves, a new hat or a dozen balls please stop in the RBCC pro shop and let us earn your business. Like the restaurant and the pool, it's hard to stay open if no one comes in.

Thanks and see you on the course!



## *Jared Morton—Director of Golf and Club Operations*

Congrats to all the winners of this year's Member-Member Tournament! Please see below for a full list of this year's winners.

### Open Division—Championship Flight

1st Gross—Andrew Smith & Matt Herndon 59-67-126

1st Net—Roger Bloor & Matt D'Eufemia 66-62-128

### Open Division—2nd Flight

1st Gross—Fred Leopold & Mitch Newton 73-77-150

1st Net—Clark Norton & Gary Crosson 64-65-129

### Senior Division—White Tee Flight

1st Gross—John Leatherwood & Dwight Mills 66-72-138

1st Net—Bob Lambert & George Cilek 60-62-122

### Senior Division—Silver Tee Flight

1st Gross—Don Wood & Mike Moreland 73-72-145

1st Net—Dick Van Rees & Charlie Schibler 61-62-123

### Senior Division—White/Silver Tee Flight

1st Gross—Stanley Bruce Powell & Jim Hathaway 69-67-136

1st Net—Jim Brickell & John Radgowski 60-66-126

### Ladies Division

1st Gross—Sandee Sundeen & Wanda Liphard 80-81-161

### Mixed Division-Couples Flight

1st Gross—Beth & Earl Clark 77-79-156

1st Net—Barbara & Smokey Bauman 59-69-128

### Mixed Division—Parent/Child Flight

1st Gross—Kevin & Sean McGarry 75-76-151

1st Net—Eric & Scarlett Zimmerman 64-63-127



Lilli Keller—  
LGA President

## LGA News: Lilli Keller, President

We will start our season on September 8th with Breakfast hosted by the LGA Board at 8 am; Jared Morton will have a short Rules clinic at 8:30 am. The shotgun start will be at 9 am playing the course as Par 3's. Please come and join us and sign up to be part of the LGA. All it takes is \$50.00 dues, \$5.00 for ringer, \$2.00 for hole-in-one; make checks out to RBCC LGA, total o \$57 for all events. We are a fun group please plan to join us. We have all golfing abilities in our lga; it will be easy for you to find a spot.

This season we have individual members doing the daily games for a month. September starts off with Beth Manning and Mo Black. Listed below are the games for September. All games this month "play golf" for posting a score. The game scores are just for the LGA end of the year points.

September 8th ABC Par 3's (all 18 holes)

September 15th Nine in a Line: (pick bests nine ion a line, ½ handicap

September 22nd Low putts (play regular games just count your putts)

September 29th T's and F's (Just count up scores on holes that start with T's

And F's ½ hcp).

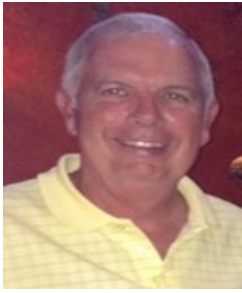
October our weekly games folks are: Vivian Lynn and Elaine Betsch, their games will be posted in October's newsletter.

Major Tournaments this year will be headed up by Bonnie Weideman.

The first Major tournament for this season will be Match Play, hosted by Mo Black and the dates will be: October 13th, 15th and 20th. This will be individual play this year. Match play is a fun tournament to play for those of you who haven't given it a try. You can max yourself out on 9 and 14 and go right on and play. One point per hole, which means one or two bad holes won't throw you out of a chance to do well. You just move to the next hole and start fresh from there. Mo will be getting more information and signup sheet going soon. Luncheon will follow this tournament and as always all our players, golf and social are invited to lunch.

Vicki Wilson is chairing interclub this year. Our first outing is September 21st at Regatta Bay. There are still spots available for anyone wishing to play. Signup sheet and envelope for your \$40 entry fee are located on the ladies bulletin board.

Look forward to September 8th, our opening day and some cooler weather. Join us for breakfast.



Wayne Campbell  
Clubhouse Chairman

Most of the attention for the Clubhouse Committee in August was preparing for the Employee Appreciation Dinner Thursday, September 3rd. Special thanks to Randy Bush of Danny's/Dairy Queen, Terry D'Eufemia of Tradewinds, Joey's Italian Grill, and Beth Manning of Snap Fitness for their food and drink contributions to the dinner. Also, thanks to the Clubhouse Committee who provided food and supplies for the dinner.

Thanks to all who contributed monetarily for our RBCC employees. As of the writing of this article, your contributions totaled almost \$3,700! Please be sure to personally thank our dedicated employees for all the services they provide us.

Cosmetically, two bad windows in the clubhouse, overlooking the course will be replaced. Also, the frayed carpet in the transition areas from the dining hall to the sitting area overlooking the course will be replaced.

**RBCC Football Saturday is back!** Featured games, bar menu specials and special bucket and pitcher beer pricing. The start day will be Saturday, September 19th following the Member-Guest Tournament, which is the weekend prior.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Two events you will want to list on your calendar:

**RBCC Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 24, 2015:** What better fall event to have than an Oktoberfest! There will be wine and craft beer tasting with a German Oktoberfest menu! More information to come!

**Rocky Bayou Christmas Party, Sunday, December 6, 2015:** Don't miss the annual RBCC Christmas Party! Niceville High School's Opus One will perform. More information will follow.

Take Care!  
Wayne



Eric Zimmerman  
Grounds Committee Chairman

Welcome to September! The golf course is in spectacular shape for this time of year. I don't believe I have ever seen the greens roll as true as they have since this last aeration.

The Member/Guest tournament is coming up in mid-month and I have been assured by the MGA that this event will be even better than last year's extravaganza. After the tournament, we will be performing the final aeration of the year and begin the process of preparing the course for the upcoming winter months. But make sure you find the time to get out and enjoy the course during the usually spectacular fall weather here in Florida.

I hope everyone has had a chance to take advantage of the new chipping/pitching green. I think this is a great club improvement funded by the MGA. Thank you !

Also, school is back in session and the high school golf teams are at it again. Every effort is being made to keep the school teams on the mats. Remember, many of the school athletes are also members of the club and do have access to all the club amenities. If you get a chance, come out and support these young athletes...some of them are exceptional players.

GO IRISH



## Laura Mann Membership Committee

Greetings to all! The cooler weather is coming to RBCC and so are the new members. There were 6 new memberships added in July. If you see these folks around, please make sure you give them a big RBCC welcome:

Kevin and Dana McGarry – GS Civilian

Rhonda Anderberg – Social member

Nathan and Jennifer Pierpoint – Social members

Welcome to RBCC everyone!!

Our Facebook promotion just started and we have already had 49 new people 'like' our Facebook page. There are probably even more 'likes' coming in as I type! Once again, the goal is to grow our social media presence and increase general awareness of who we are and what RBCC has to offer. So if you know anyone who enjoys playing golf and socializing (and who doesn't?), have them visit our Facebook page. By simply 'liking' our page, they will be entered to win a free round of golf for 4, with a \$30 credit at our restaurant. There will be 5 winners chosen on October 31st!

Our new website is really coming along! Tabs have been added for both the MGA and LGA with sections under each for upcoming events and recent results. A calendar has also been added to the website that will list all upcoming RBCC events. In this customizable calendar, members will be able to click on the day of the week and see the details of the event. Also, make sure to check out the Bios section under the 'About Us' tab to learn more about some of our outstanding RBCC staff.

Our first Game Night was a huge success!! We had 5 full tables of men and women for Bunco on 27 August. The kitchen impressed once again with delicious Shrimp and Chicken Caesar salads. A good time was had by all! Keep your eye out for details on our next upcoming Game Night in September where we will feature 'Texas Holdem'. It should be fun!

If you have any interesting membership or recruiting ideas you would like for the committee to consider, please talk to one of our committee members or you can e-mail us at [greytgal1@cox.net](mailto:greytgal1@cox.net). See ya at the watering hole!!!





Don Wood  
MGA President

## MGA NEWS

The chipping green is open!

We hope our golfing membership enjoys the new facility. This project was a stretch for our MGA but I'm sure it will prove to be a valuable addition to our club. There are a lot of individuals to thank- Wayne Phillips and his staff, Robert McEachern who went to pick up the Tif-Eagle sprigs, the members of the MGA who with the additional financial backing made this possible. The MGA board who proposed the project and approved the effort. This is an example of what we can accomplish if we work together. Isn't it time for those of you step up with the 120 others and help us to continue to tackle other projects?

We have been busy finalizing our member-guest tournament under Bo Burs leadership and the members of the tournament committee. We are certain this will be another successful event by the MGA. It also is a financial benefit to our club and has introduced several guest who have joined as well.

Lastly, due to our tournament there will not be a regular outing in September but will resume in October where we encourage our members to sign up and participate. We have a special gift for our MGA members (A bag tag recognizing you as a RBCC member of the Men's golf Association)

Want one? Join us.



# Bridge Connection

**August 3:** 1st-Janet Kouris; 2nd-Rae Grimmig; 3rd-Kathy Jarvis

**August 10:** 1st-Lilli Keller; 2nd-Margaret McGinnis;  
3rd-Lorrie Bourland

**August 17:** 1st-Carol Elliott; 2nd-Betty Flowers; 3rd-Janet Kouris

**August 24:** 1st-Lilli Keller; 2nd-Ruth Ann Bolick;  
3rd-Rae Grimmig

**August 31:** 1st-Lilli Keller; 2nd-Kathy Jarvis; 3rd-Carole Campis

# Wednesday Bridge

**July 29:** 1st-Janet Kouris; 2nd-Marilyn Reisenwitz

**August 5:** 1st-Kitty Allen; 2nd-Rae Grimmig

**August 19:** 1st-Carol Elliot; 2nd-Kathy McKelvey

**August 26:** 1st-Kitty Allen; 2nd-Lucile McDonald