

The Country Club of the Crystal Coast

...where friends connect

By Tom Tempel

This article will cover how new members and guests can meet people to play golf, tennis and bridge and enjoy dining at the club. According to literature on country clubs in the US, people join a club to play golf and tennis, swim and dine or attend social functions, but the quality of the activities and friendships is what retains members. Additionally, clubs are offering activities for all family members. Preventing member loss is almost as important as gaining new members. We have done well on both in 2014. For new members and even current members who want to find partners for golf, tennis or bridge, or someone new to dine with, it's easy. The following is a start for several of our club activities.

Golf. Our PGA Pro and general manager, Chip Chamberlin, schedules free clinics for beginners and gives lessons very frequently. Just call the Pro Shop at 726-1034, ext. 10, to schedule a lesson. When you want to play, he and the Pro Shop staff will help you find folks for rounds of golf. Chip schedules Golf Fun Days when you can meet players at your level and enjoy a meal afterwards.

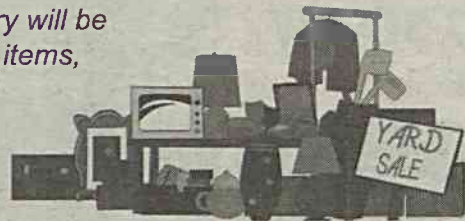
If you are an experienced golfer and enjoy 18-hole rounds, the Crooks are a lot of fun to join. They meet at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to form foursomes, which start at 8:00 a.m. Rick Holt will help organize the groups so all teams are evenly matched by handicap and you just have to show up to become part of the group.

The Ladies Golf Association has a very active group of 52 ladies headed by Bonnie Ferneau. They play every Tuesday at 9:20 a.m. for 18 holes and 9:30 a.m. for nine holes, every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. for nine holes and Friday at 9 a.m. for 18 holes. The first Thursday of every month they play a Ladies Superball nine holes at 8:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon and short meeting. They are always looking for new players at every level of golf. Just call the Pro Shop to sign up. The 18-hole ladies attend and hold Home and Home events with other clubs in the area, and the nine-hole ladies attend and sponsor invitationals with 10 clubs in the area.

The Men's Golf Association is composed of a dedicated group of halfrounders who play nine holes on Monday at 9:30 a.m., Thursday at 9 a.m. and on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. No reservations are necessary; tee times await. Play, finish by 11:30 a.m.

Community Yard Sale Pine Knoll Shores Town Hall

PKS Fire Auxiliary will be selling breakfast items, so come hungry!



Household items only, please

Saturday, October 4
7 a.m. to noon

Spaces are \$10 if you bring your own table. The town can supply a table for an additional \$5. To reserve a space, please contact Teresa Stanton-Law: tstantonlaw1@gmail.com or 252-222-4356.

Anything you want to donate after the sale will be taken to local charities. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, September 30.

TOWN OF

Pine Knoll Shores

100 Municipal Circle • Main – 247-4353 • Fax – 247-4355 • Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Ken Jones – 247-4353, ext. 17 – Two-year term – elected in 2013
mayorjones@townofpks.com

COMMISSIONERS

John Brodman – 726-7643 – elected in 2013 – admin@townofpks.com
Larry Corsello – 247-0262 – elected in 2013 – admin@townofpks.com
Robert Danehy – 240-2945 – (Mayor pro tempore) elected in 2011 – admin@townofpks.com
Clark Edwards – 726-7429 – elected in 2011 – admin@townofpks.com
Fred Fulcher – 808-2569 – elected in 2013 – admin@townofpks.com

TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN MANAGER: Brian Kramer – 247-4353, ext. 16 – manager@townofpks.com
TOWN CLERK: Scott Sherrill – 247-4353, ext. 11 – admin@townofpks.com
FIN & ADMIN: Julie Anderson – 247-4353, ext. 14 – janderson@townofpks.com
PLANNING & INSPECTIONS: Chris Jones – 247-4353, ext. 18 – biceo@townofpks.com
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PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – 314 Salter Path Road – 247-2268; Fax – 247-2897
POLICE: Interim Chief Ryan Thompson – 247-2474 – rthompson@townofpks.com
FIRE & EMS: Fire Chief Jason Baker – 247-2268 – jbaker@townofpks.com

Emergency: Call 911

Emergency Communications Center (ECC) – 726-1911; Public Safety – 247-2474

and have lunch at the club with your teammates. Where else can you go and have an automatic tee time? Mike Ferneau is the coordinator of the MGA nine holers. Our club is in line with the USGA's campaign to save time and "play nine." Golf Fun Days and Nine and Dine are very popular at the CCCC.

Tennis. We have fine tennis courts and many friendly tennis players at every level from beginner to competitive teams. Senior Pro Chris Baile and Assistant Pro Ken Ghelli are a dynamic duo and work with all levels of players in quarterly Tennis Association free clinics, new member clinics and private or group lessons. They or the tennis staff in the Tennis Center can be reached at 499-9048 or by email at crystalcoasttennis@gmail.com. They will determine your skill level using guidelines from the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) from 1 (absolute beginner) to 2.0-2.5 (casual player) to 3.0-3.5 (good player) to 4-4.5 (very good) to 5-7 (pro). The Tennis Association schedules various events, and there are many opportunities to socialize as well as play tennis. The new automated tennis scheduling system is working well and is very popular. The pros have the capability to take videos of students to help them improve their skills.

Bridge. If bridge is your game, there are numerous opportunities to play bridge at every skill level. At times bridge lessons are given at the club by teachers from Carteret Community College. Members from all membership categories are invited to play bridge with groups that meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There are up to six tables that play on Thursdays and the coordinators who set it up are Arleen Graczewski, 622-4276, and Connie Brophy, 247-5598. There are normally two tables that play on Wednesday and Friday and the coordinator is Elaine Holt, 412-6524. Thursday bridge fills up every week, so call one of the numbers above early to set up play.

Dining. We have a New Members table every Friday evening for Burger Night for new members to meet each other and current members. To participate in this, when making reservations with Aubrey for Friday evening dining, ask to sit at the New Members Table. The first eight folks to do so will be seated there. Call 726-1034, ext. 17, for reservations.

If you have any questions, call one of the numbers listed above or contact Chip Chamberlin, General Manager and PGA Pro, at 726-1034, ext. 12.