

Crystal Coast Country Club

...where friends connect

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January brought with it some winter weather and frigid temperatures, which carried over into February. These temperatures can be damaging to golf course turf if proper maintenance is not practiced. To prevent turf damage during the winter storms in January, Golf Course Superintendent Andy Ipock placed covers on the greens. These tarps are specially made and designed for each green to provide proper coverage of all surfaces, and each tarp is designed to allow UV sunlight and water to penetrate while keeping temperatures above freezing on the surface to protect the plant tissue. The covers were on for a total of 10 days in January, and hopefully will not have to be applied for the rest of the year—but we are ready if we experience another cold snap.

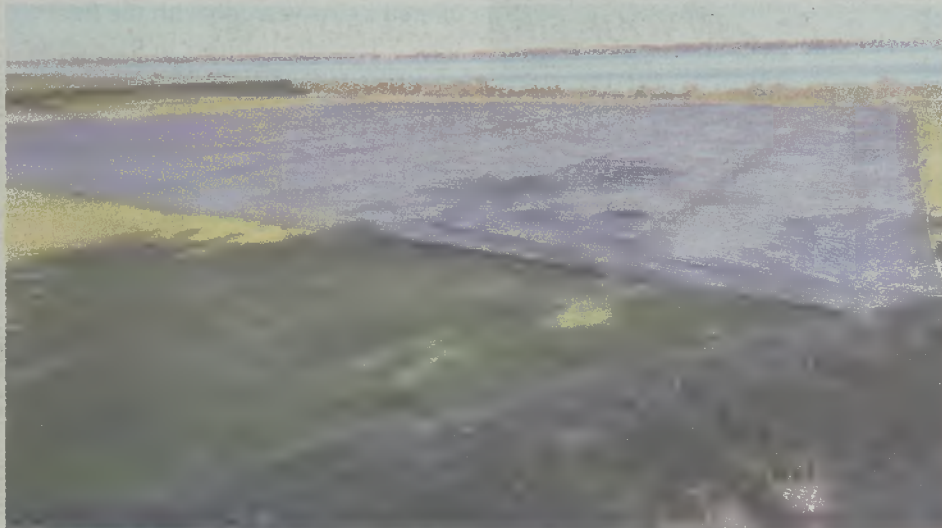
As happens every year, Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day seemed to arrive before we were finished with the holiday leftovers. The club hosted its annual Valentine's Day dinner on Saturday, February 12, and the Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 13.

Joanna Rose played harp during the Valentine's Day dinner as over 50 members enjoyed the "menu for two" featuring choices that included grilled oysters, shrimp bisque, New York strip steak, shrimp and grits, vanilla crème brulee, and more.

As usual, the Super Bowl party was a big hit, with many members stopping in to catch some of the game on the club's six televisions as well as at the 155-inch projection screen. The game day menu included all the fan favorites: chicken wings, sub sandwiches, meatballs, pigs in the blanket, chili, and more.

The club had other well-attended offerings as we moved through the cold weather in February, including a Beer & BBQ night (showcasing some local beer companies), Sunday brunch on February 20 and Steak night on the 24th. The month was rounded out by an enjoyable evening of Trivia Music Bingo on Saturday, February 26.

As we enter March, the club is getting ready to kick off a fun-packed season of golf, tennis, pickleball, social, and fitness activities for the entire membership to enjoy.



Special cover used to protect turf during freezing weather in January.—Photo by Andy Ipock

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