

Crystal Coast Country Club

...where friends connect

By Jim Hale

Great news for the Crystal Coast Country Club—the golf course has been ranked in the Top100 golf courses in North Carolina. The ranking was made by the N.C. Golf Panel, made up of business people, journalists and others who share a love of the sport in our state. This is the 27th year that the N.C. Golf Panel has ranked courses in North Carolina, and the actual Top 100 ranking will be announced in the April issue of *Business North Carolina* magazine. An additional accolade: the course was chosen as the number four course under 6,500 yards in the state. The N.C. Golf Panel brought 90 of its members to the Crystal Coast Country Club last August to play and rank the course.

Congratulations and thanks go to all the staff who worked so hard to make the Golf Panel's visit a pleasant experience. Special congratulations go to Andy Ipock, the club's course superintendent, who has worked diligently to groom the course into the golfing experience it is today. Special thanks is extended to the current club ownership, who invested both effort and funds needed to bring the course up to its current level. With all the dedicated work and consistent funding, the golf experience at the Crystal Coast Country Club will continue to be a huge asset for the members and the club.

Food and Beverage scored big again in March with several special treats. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with a special dinner of Irish spring rolls, Irish pub salad and corned beef and cabbage with boiled potatoes. Naturally, green beer was available. The last day of the month saw the return of Wine and Tapas, with five special tapas and accompanying wine pairings that included poached salmon, live oak lettuce and mango chutney first, followed by goat cheese crouton shrimp veloute. Courses three and four were roast pork tenderloin with cornbread stuffing and green apple slaw, followed by Cheerwine-braised short ribs, wilted kale and sweet potato puree. Last, but not least, there was chocolate lava cake with strawberry salsa and vanilla crème anglaise. Thanks to Chef Scott Stiehl and his team for continuing to impress with great food at the club.

March featured two tournaments. The golfers enjoyed a Four-Man Scramble on St. Patrick's Day, starting at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start, followed by an Irish lunch of pub salad, shepherd's pie and green beer. The second tournament was a Men's Ironman Weekend Challenge. Day one featured a tennis competition, followed by dinner. Day two was a golf competition, with wings and drinks afterwards. The competition ended on Sunday with pickleball play and an awards ceremony. Both of these events occurred after the writing of this article, so the results will be reported next month.

The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer, and the Crystal Coast Country Club is fully stocked with fun and enjoyment for its members. Lots of exciting dining and events are already planned.

See you at the club.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Have You Heard . . . ?

Colonial for a Day at Tryon Palace. Tryon Palace is launching a new youth program for those who want a first-hand experience of how youngsters would have dressed and lived during the time of George Washington and Governor Tryon in Colonial America. Colonial for a Day debuts on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Designed for ages 7 to 10 years, with one accompanying adult, participating youth will be fitted in period costume by the Historic Clothing Interpreter in Tryon Palace's Costume Shop.

As their 18th century attire is selected, participants will learn more about their garments, how they are different from today, and what purpose the garments served. There will be a walk to the palace grounds to visit with men and women interpreters at the military encampment to find out what children's chores were like and some of the crafts that they would have been expected to know. A fun Colonial game on the grounds follows and then a return to the Costume Shop for clothing crafts. Family and friends should plan to join their "colonist" on the palace grounds as it is Garden Lovers Weekend, and admittance to the gardens is free.

Tickets for Colonial for a Day are \$15, which covers both the youth participant and one accompanying adult (only one adult per child). Additional youth participants, ages 7-10, are \$10 (limited to two children per participating adult). Other members of the group may join them on the palace grounds only. Space is limited. Call the ticket desk at 252-639-3524.

"Honour, The Musical" at Orringer Auditorium in New Bern. The Stanly-Spaight duel is one of New Bern's most compelling stories: a younger man goads an older statesman, and the older man insults the younger—all in public. Add the story of Sarah Rice, who had a son by John Stanly and was also a favored slave of the Spaight. Mix it all together with the knowledge and wit of Bill Hand and the music of Simon Spalding, and you have "Honour, The Musical." This historic tale will be brought to life through original dialogue and music, as the full-length play sweeps you from the signing of the Constitution to the dispute that would lead these bitter rivals to a fight to the death on the field of honor.

Tickets for "Honour" are available now at NCHistoryTheater.org, at the New Bern Historical Society at 511 Broad Street, or at 252-638-8558. Performances are April 21, 22, 23, and 30 at 7 p.m. and April 24, 30 and May 1 at 2 p.m. All performances are at Craven Community College's Orringer Hall. The musical is presented by the newly formed History Theater in partnership with Craven Community College and the New Bern Historical Society.

This Month's Puzzle Solutions

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