

Crystal Coast Country Club

...where friends connect

By Jim Hale

The season is in full swing at the Crystal Coast Country Club, and the schedule is filling up with lots of activities and competition for the membership.

May 26 saw the first one-day Member/Member Best Ball tournament. This was a handicapped two-player event with awards for low gross and low net score. Doug Watkins and Mike Bradshaw won first place in low gross. Second place went to Tim Payne and Zack Everhart, with third place going to Manny Valadao and Joe Garlock. First place low net was captured by Glenn Mills and Charlie Alford, second place low net was won by Keith Locker and Mason Locker, and third place went to Andy Ipock and Ken Ramsey.

The Second Annual LGA Cup team competition, Ryder Cup style, was played on June 9. Congratulations to the 13 Red Team members, captained by Sue Carter, who defeated the Blue Team by a score of 10.5 points to 7.5 points. Later in June, there was an LGA nine-hole and 18-hole Stableford Points tournament.

A new event this year is the Junior Member/Member tournament. The format is a two-member team, nine-hole scramble. It was open to boys and girls ages 8-16. There was a pool party with food and awards after play. Junior golf is big at the Crystal Coast Country Club.

The Par 3 Whack and Hack tournament, where every hole is set up as a par three, was won by the team of Susan Thomas, Steacy Morrissey, P.J. Barbour and Johnette Crockett. The second place team was Corey Lewis, Doug Watkins, Sandy Howard and Tim Payne. David Luttrell, Glenn Mills, Manny Valadao and Charlie Alford took third place team honors.

Executive Chef Stiehl and the food and beverage staff were busy in June with several special offerings. Forty-five members enjoyed a Wine & Tapas dinner night. The menu featured seared scallop casino with lemon butter, bacon-wrapped duck breast with pecan puree and seared turkey breast medallions with sausage stuffing. Of course, each offering was paired with the perfect select wine. There was another special Seafood Buffet in June, with the usual great spiced shrimp, blackened mahi, fried shrimp and oysters and all the appropriate sides.

On June 19, Father's Day featured a huge brunch celebration. The menu included all of the breakfast favorites as well as baked salmon, fried chicken breast, a prime rib carving station and a variety of vegetables and desserts.

The Tennis Center is busy with lessons and clinics for pickleball and tennis for all skill levels. Junior tennis is also going strong. A Member/Member tournament was played on June 24-26, and results will be reported next month.

The Crystal Coast Country Club is a very busy place in the summer, with fine dining, tennis, golf, pickleball, pool, water aerobics, duplicate bridge, chair yoga, mah jongg and special youth activities. See you at the club.

BHA Events

The Beaufort Historical Association (BHA) has a number of summer events planned, with something for everyone.

Annual Summer Party and Silent Auction—July 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. Featuring live music from The Shakedown Band, catering by Scarborough Fare, an open bar and over 100 live and silent auction items, this casual party will appeal to all. This fundraising event benefits the preservation and education efforts of the association. Tickets are \$100 per person.

This year's auction will once again be conducted using smart phones—so even if you cannot attend the party, you can still join in on the fun by bidding online before and during the event. Many auction items are already available for bidding, including art, vacations, boat trips, parasailing, and much more. Visit one.bidpal.net/bhasummerparty2022/welcome often to see new items added daily and to place a bid.

To purchase tickets for the Summer Party, visit beauforthistoric.org, call 728-5225 or stop by the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner Street.

Advanced Pine Needle Basket Workshop—July 22, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn how to make your own pine needle basket with Penny Holland. Pine needle basket-making dates back almost 9,000 years when the baskets served as vessels for grain, crops and other essentials. The \$50 class fee covers all supplies, and participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. Space is limited, and registration is required by calling 728-5225 or visiting the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner Street. Registration ends a week before the class.

Growing Up in Beaufort—August 5, 7-8 p.m. Join us for a special chat with local and long-time resident Geoffrey Adair, who has family ties to historic Beaufort. He remembers the smell of the famed menhaden boats and folks swimming in "the cut" (Taylor's Creek). Hear his recollections of what it was like growing up in this historic seaport village before it became *Southern Living's* Top Small Town to Visit. This event is free and will be held at the Beaufort Historic Site. Sign up for a spot by calling 252-728-5225 or by visiting the Old Beaufort Shop at 130 Turner Street.

Gosia Tojza Art Show—August 6, 4:30-6 p.m. Join the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery in welcoming artist Gosia Tojza, who is a well-known and admired North Carolina artist. Her work depicts beautiful scenes featuring coastal birds, boats and landscapes. Tojza will be the featured artist for the months of August and September. This event is free.

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