

# Crystal Coast Country Club

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By Danny Torbush

What a year. It's now fall, the trees are already beginning to turn, and the turf growing season is coming to an end. With that being said, it's perfect weather to enjoy your favorite drink on the back porch of the Crystal Coast Country Club (CCCC) overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway.

September began the cool down and brought the weddings and golf tournaments with it, with the club hosting three weddings and six golf tournaments. CCCC was the host site for Croatan baseball's golf tournament, as well as Limited Danceworks. Both events were very successful in raising money for their great causes.

CCCC also hosted our own men's Member/Guest golf tournament, which showcases our club for members' guests traveling in from all over the country to compete. This year's event was successful and featured a par 3 shootout to kick off the tournament, followed by two days of competitive golf over the weekend. Participants were treated to an all-inclusive weekend, including receiving Oakley sunglasses, Srixon golf balls and over \$3,000 in prizes. Saturday night featured the Jan Michael Fields Band that rocked the night out with '80s-themed music and saw the members and guests hit the dance floor with their spouses for an unforgettable evening.

The year 2022 brought a new golf tournament to CCCC in the form of Senior and Super Senior club championships. Since the club's renovation in 2019, CCCC has not hosted this event, and we are excited for its annual return. Thank you to all the participants who enjoyed this event.

The club's tennis members enjoyed a mixed-doubles championship in September as well. Congratulations to Will and Kathleen Boykin for bringing home the championship. Second place went to the team of Steve and Sue Dunlap.

October brings with it our ladies club championship and several charity golf events. With the beautiful fall weather, we are excited to see our members enjoy the outdoor spaces of the club. Come out and see what Eastern North Carolina living is all about.



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## Live chamber music: Balourdet String Quartet

To kick off the 2022-23 American Music Festival (AMF) season, the first of four concerts will be held on October 15 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1604 Arendell Street in Morehead City. Join us for an evening of live chamber music with the Balourdet String Quartet playing compositions by Wolf, Debussy and Brahms.

The Balourdet String Quartet is the resident quartet at the New England Conservatory's Professional String Quartet Program and received the gold medal in the 2020 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, second prize in the 2019 Carl Nielsen International Chamber Music Competition and, most recently, top prize at the Borciani Competition in Italy.

Future AMF concerts this season:

- On November 5, The Merz Trio will be joined by AMF Artistic Director Oskar Espina-Ruiz for Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time and will also present compositions by Korngold, Britten and Shostakovich.
- The Cassatt String Quartet will appear on January 7 with a program including Mozart's last string quartet and a celebration of three women composers: Florence Price, Dorothy Rudd Moore and Fanny Mendelssohn.
- The final concert for the season, on March 11, will feature the Reverón Trio, active promoters of Latin American music, presenting compositions by Piazzolla and Villa-Logos. They will be joined by Oskar Espina-Ruiz in presenting the fascinating quartet by Gabriela Lena Frank.

Season tickets are \$120, and individual tickets may be purchased online at Eventbrite or at the door for \$32 each (\$16 for students, teachers and military; no charge for students under 19). For more information, visit [americanmusicfestival.org](http://americanmusicfestival.org).

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