

Country Club of the Crystal Coast

By Chip Chamberlin, PGA, General Manager and PGA Director of Golf

What a wonderful year we have had at The Country Club of the Crystal Coast. We closed out 2011 with our annual New Year's Eve Party, which was fun for all.

Our golf course is open to our membership and the general public on a daily basis. Walk-ons are always welcome! As a member you'll enjoy great golf, tennis, swimming, and bridge games as well as great social and special events. We are looking for you and your family to join us in membership and membership in the Club has never been more affordable. This is an incredible value as we are waiving our Initiation Fee for all memberships through the month of March. Please stop by for your personal tour, or call 726-1034, ext. 12 to make an appointment.

The Country Club of the Crystal Coast is getting to be well known as a great site for a special event. We offer wedding ceremonies and receptions, reunions, business meetings, small parties, big parties, little birthdays, big birthdays, charity events, tennis and golf events. With the Sheraton being closed, we are also trying to accommodate its guests and events here at the club. We encourage you to make your reservations early to get the best date selections for 2012. Come and tour our facility to see if we're the right site for your next celebration. At The Country Club of the Crystal Coast, we specialize in making your day special.

Winter golf rates are now here through February. Come on out and play 18 holes of golf with cart for only \$39! Offer good daily so be sure to make your fee-time today! Please visit us at www.crystalcoastcc.com or stop by and we'll take you on a personal tour!

Looking for Singers

Most folks in New Bern are aware of the Southern Gentlemen Barbershop Chorus. The chorus annually delivers singing valentines, puts on a spring show and promotes men's barbershop a cappella singing.

The Southern Gentlemen Chorus is actively recruiting male singers. Especially welcome would be tenors and baritones. Do you have choir or glee club experience? Are you a retired guy who sang and now has time? Sons, fathers and grandfathers could share this hobby together! The chorus is also looking for young men who enjoyed singing in high school choir and/or musicals.

Attend the Southern Gentlemen Chorus Guest Night, Tuesday, February 28th. It will feature great barbershop chorus songs, wonderful quartets, and refreshments. Learn what the "barbershop sound" is all about. Sing with the men of the chorus. It's a good time for everyone. Bring your sweetie!

Guest Night will take place at Cornerstone Assembly Church of God, 2304 E. Hwy. 70 (on the Hess service road, 3/4 of a mile east of Riverside Chrysler), from 7 - 9 p.m. For information, go to <http://newbernbarbershop.com/> or call 633-4554. One of the men will return your call.

Old North State Fact Book

Both new and long-time North Carolina residents may be interested in a copy of *The Old North State Fact Book*. First published in 1976 and now in its sixth revised edition, *The Fact Book* provides a concise reference source for North Carolina's early history along with information on the state capitol, the legislative building, the executive mansion, and the state flag, seal, song and motto. The book also includes information about and color pictures of all official state symbols and festivals. A list of North Carolina's governors (1585-2011) completes the text.

Since its beginning in 1905, the Historical Publications Section of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources Office of Archives and History has published more than 300 books. The sections' editors recently selected *The Old North State Fact Book* for translation into Spanish because of its enduring popularity among North Carolinians of all ages for more than three decades.

To order a copy, you may call 919-733-7442, visit the online store <http://nc-historical-publications.stores>, or go to Amazon.com or to your local bookstore.

CRYSTAL COAST EVENTS CALENDAR

For a complete list of upcoming events, go to <http://www.crystalcoastnc.org/upcoming-events>.

Art From The Heart

Feb. 10 - 24. Location: Morehead City (For exact location and times, contact Carteret Arts Council at 726-9156). This two-week exhibition and sale of original, innovative and traditional works by area artists occurs each year in mid-February, with the opening reception on the Friday night before Valentine's Day. This exhibition is a great opportunity for art lovers to view and buy original oils and acrylics; water media; photography and computer generated art; glass, stone, fiber arts and other three-dimensional artwork; pastels and drawings; and mixed media. Proceeds benefit the artists and the Arts Council. Admission is free.

Beaufort Historical Association (BHA) Membership Drive Valentine Party

Feb. 12. Location: Beaufort Historic Site (100 Turner Street). Time: 2-4 p. m. In an effort to increase membership, the BHA opens the buildings of the Beaufort Historic Site for current and prospective members to explore and see how the BHA uses membership dollars to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of Beaufort and Carteret County. For more information, call 728-5225 or visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org.

Winter Tennis Clinics with Tony Pereira

Feb. 13 - Mar. 23 - on Mondays. Location: Emerald Isle Community Center. Time: 1- 2:30 p.m. This adult tennis clinic is \$5 for Community Center members, \$10 for non-members ages 14 - adult. No pre-registration is required, and drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Lainey Gottuso at lgottuso@emeraldisle-nc.org or 354-6350.

Youth Tennis Clinics with Tony Pereira

Feb. 13 - Mar 26 - on Mondays. Location: Emerald Isle Community Center. Time: 4-5 p.m. This youth tennis clinic is \$70 for the six-week session and will accommodate children ages 7-13 at all levels. Registration is limited to six students. For more information, contact Lainey Gottuso at lgottuso@emeraldisle-nc.org or 354-6350.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Feb 17. Location: Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Community Center, 7500 Emerald Drive. Time: 2-7 p.m. Carteret County Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring this blood drive. Please give!

Christian Comedian Dr. Dennis Swanberg at the Morehead Center

Feb. 18. Location: The Morehead Center (1311 Arendell Street, Morehead City) Time: 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call 726-1501 or visit website for more information.

Scrapbooking Workshop

Feb. 18. Location: Emerald Isle Community Center. Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Linda Phelps will conduct the scrapbooking workshop sponsored by Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation for ages 12 and up. Pre-registration is required. Fee is \$5, with additional packages available. Use of tools and snack included. Fees are payable at workshop. You may call Linda Phelps at 910-326-6164 or e-mail rphelps@ec.rr.com.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Feb. 22. This annual event raises money to feed the hungry and is very popular. Carteret Community College, local potters, high school students, art classes and area restaurants team up to raise money for Hope Mission and Martha's Mission Cupboard. For \$18, guests receive a handcrafted ceramic bowl and a choice of two delicious soups. Tickets, which are required, are sold in advance at various locations. For information call 247-3883. This is a popular event and sells out quickly, so call early.