CCC News

Charleston Country Club

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Grill on the Green is back

Dwighla Wyatt and Vanessa Kite serve Jan Louthan, right, lunch on Memorial Day on the first day of the return of the Grill on the Green, which went away during Covid. Grill on the Green is now back and better than ever. It will be open every Saturday all summer from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to serve golfers and non-golfers alike. Stop by for the special of the week cooked to perfection on the club's new Blackstone grill.

Still time to sign up for junior golf

Junior golfers still have time to sign up for Kids Golf Camp 2025 June 4-July 30.

The Camp is for young people of all skill levels and will be led by U.S. Golf Teacher Eric Cass and CCC Pro Shop Manager Dylan Drumke.

The Camp will be run from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$250.

To register, call 847-558-977 or 812-249-0190 or email dylandrumke@gmail.com. Juniors can also call the Pro Shop, 217-345-9711.

Juniors will be taught hands-on fundamentals, the mental approach to the game, swing practice, chipping and putting and will get to practice on the course every session.

Assessment money spent appropriately

Money assessed members last summer to cover a long list of deferred maintenance problems at the club has been spent appropriately, according to finance director Kyle Barrow.

Reporting to the Board of Directors at its May 19 meeting, Barrow said a total of \$184,000 will have ben raised by the assessments, which will expire in August.

Originally, the board had hoped to raise about \$212,000 from the assessment but 75 percent to 80 percent of the membership opted to pay their assessment in one lump sum to realize a 20 percent savings. The other members are paying their assessment off monthly.

The board anticipated 20-25 percent of the membership would pay the assessment in a lump sum.

"Many of the bills came in before the assessment money," Barrow said. "But we've paid them off as we said we would."

The club still owes a few payments on the new heating system installed by All Pro HVAC of Tuscola in January and must pay for the renovation of cart shed #1, which houses the indoor hitting facility, he said.

The last three monthly installments of member assessment will cover the renovation of cart shed #1, which a group of member volunteers will complete.

Class A members were assessed \$1,200 for (Continued on page 2)

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The Board of Directors meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of every month.

Sip & Chip heads list of June events

"Par-Tee in the USA," the first Sip & Chip event of the year, will be held on June 14.

The shotgun start will begin at 4 p.m. The course will be set up as a Par 3 event.

Cost is \$25 per couple; \$15 for a single. Non-members can play for \$30.

Golfers should meet at the clubhouse.

Cash prizes for closest to the pin will be given. Snacks and drinks will be provided on the course.

Sips & Chips have become very popular. Join in for the summer fun.

June 28: Luke Perring will return to the club to perform from 6 to 9 p.m.

Luke will sing and play guitar. Last year he per-

formed in the bar area while members dined, visited and enjoyed his performance.

July 5: CCC's annual fire works display will begin at dusk. S'mores will be served at the fire pit.

Bring a lawn chair and come on out. Dinner and drink specials will be offered in the clubhouse.



Tree falls in forest; we saw it

The crown of a 40-foot tree dangles precariously over the cart path leading from #11 tee box to the bridge Memorial Day weekend. Course Director Zack Buxton, Tim Meister and Hudson Meister cut it down, saving the club \$2,500.

Assessment money spent appropriately

(Continued from page 1) the work; senior members \$960; non-residential members \$480, and social members \$300. All were given a 20 percent discount for a lump-sum payment. If not, the assessment was pro rated for monthly installments.

The assessment money paid for:

- \$30,000 for a new air conditioning system for the clubhouse;
- \$13,000 to refurbish the club's pump that supplies the course with recycled waste water from the city;

- \$16,000 for a rental pump while the club's pump was being refurbished;
- \$9,500 for new satellite boxes that automatically control the course's sprinkling system;
- \$83,000 for the new heating system;
- up to \$30,000 for new air handlers to distribute heat and air through the clubhouse.
- up to \$50,000 to rebuild cart shed #1. However, the shed will be rebuilt for much less.

As of April, the club is

about \$12,000 in the black, Barrow said.

The club also has received about \$125,000 in Employee Retention Credit money from the federal government as a follow up to the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses make it through the COVID 19 crisis.

Some of that money will be used to pay for the refurbishing of another water pump, the one in the pump house between holes #3 and #4, which will cost at least \$8,500, and for future needs. CCC News Page 3

For the record

Welcome new members:

Class A

Tad & Jaclyn Freezeland

Corporate

USA Roofing: Andrew Shick and Noah Hall

Junior

Ben Tresslar Matt Lindsey

Student

Geraldo Alanis Austin Kutz Grant Kattenbraker Jacob Morrisey Buck Anderson Ty Coartney

Membership:

Class A/Promo A = 178 Social = 89 Seniors = 44 Junior/Jr. Promo = 33 Fellowship = 10 Non-resident = 13 Student = 21 Corporate = 5

Food Specials

Starting June 1: \$12 lunch specials and \$16 early bird dinner specials from 4-6 p.m.

Water aerobics

Beginning June 2, water aerobics will be offered every Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the pool. Cost \$5; bring water bottle and towel.

Club's #: (217) 345-6603

King of Clubs rules change slightly

Rules for the King of Clubs drawings on Thursdays will revert to pre-COVID 19 days.

Members will once again be required to be present to win the opportunity to draw for half of the grand prize by picking the king of clubs, the Board of Directors decided at its May 19 meeting.

The last few years, members could write their name

and card number on tickets and did not have to be present at the drawing.

Members can begin buying tickets during the day on Thursday but they'll have to return for the 7 p.m. drawing.

The Board also agreed that the drawing will occur promptly at 7 p.m. even if some members are still playing in Thursday night couples golf.

Those members can purchase their tickets before golfing but they'll have to be in the clubhouse for the 7 p.m. drawing to win.

After the drawing, hang on to your tickets. Show them at the bar on Friday or Saturday night and get a complimentary domestic beer, house wine or rail cocktail from 4-6 p.m.



1-person scramble winners

From left, Brandon Deremiah,
Darren Richardson, Tony Logue,
Barb Ippolito, and
Gary Marquis
gather for a photo
May 17 after winning their respective flights in the
one-person
scramble

Golf gets in full swing this month

Golf gets in full swing in June with several of the club's favorite tournaments.

Although the membermember guest tourney will have been held May 31-June 1, the Mixed Annual Event and the 4-person Red, White, Blue Scramble are still ahead and anyone can get in on the competition.

June 8: Callaway Demo Day will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the range. Stop by, try out some new clubs and see if Callaway still honors the trade-in of Callaway clubs for half price the cost of new clubs.

June 21: Mixed Annual Event is a four-person dropout tournament with the best women golfers selecting the teams.

As in past years, members should sign up in the Pro Shop the Sunday before the event, this year June 15.

Women captains will draft teams on Tuesday, June 7. Play will begin at 9 a.m. June 21 for the one-day, 18-hole event.

June 29: Four-person Red, White, Blue Scramble Challenge will be held, beginning at 9 a.m. Members sign up as teams and each team selects which six holes they will play from the red tees, white tees and blue tees.