

# CCC News

Charleston Country Club

October 2026

## Four board seats, president up for election Oct. 22

Four board members and the president of the club will be elected Oct. 22 at the Annual Meeting.

Jodi Hildebrandt is running unopposed for a two-year term on the board as is John Ryan for a two-year term as president.

However, four candidates are running for three three-year board terms. They are Katrina Butler, Blaine Crews, Tim Carlson and Zack Buxton.

Because there is a contested race, ballots will be

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mailed to all Class A and Senior members, who are the only members eligible to vote in a club election.

A ballot box also will be located in the bar area should members wish to vote in person or drop off their ballots.

According to club by-laws, voters must mark the ballot, place it in a small envelope and then place that envelope in a larger envelope. Then they must sign the seal  
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### **Mixed Annual winners**

Jan Ziebka, Dan Goebel, Seth Higgins and Kiko Ishibashi pose Sept. 20 after winning the Mixed Annual Event. They shot nine under par to top the nine-team field. The team of Carolyn, Ryan and Paul Kolling and Tim Meister took second place after an eight hole playoff.

## Men's Annual event more than 50 years old

No one can say exactly when the first Men's Annual Event took place but many longtime members agree it was in the early 1970s.

But what they can't agree on is who won it.

"I thought it was in the early to mid-70s," said Logan Davis, who joined the club

in December 1970. "I think I had been a member for a couple years before I played in it."

The first Men's Annual Event — or Calcutta as it was called then — was played by two-man teams and it was a handicapped tourney, he said.

"The original Calcutta committee was made up of greens keeper Mike Reiser, John Peterson and Bob Gray and maybe Jack DeRousse," Davis said. "I don't know what the entry fee was and I don't recall if there was an auction or if that came later."

Davis said he thought Leonard "Bull" Durham and Ed Boone won the first Men's Annual Event.

Tom Everett, the longest continuous member of the club who joined in 1966, said "the first Calcutta could have been played as early as  
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## Xmas bonuses will be on November bills

All members will be assessed \$15 on their November bills to cover Christmas bonuses for club employees.

Should any member not wish to be billed the \$15, he/she can opt out of the bonuses by calling office manager Nichole Winstead or by emailing her at Cc-club217@gmail.com.

The board of directors approved the annual assessment at its Sept. 21 meeting.

The board also approved a three-part procedure to notify members when their

dues and charges are past due. The policy follows procedures outline in the club bylaws.

When an account is more than 30 days past due, an email message will be sent to the member, notifying of the delinquency.

After 45 days, the member will receive a call from the membership director. Their charging privileges will be suspended and they will be removed for league and tournament play.

Once the account is 60

days in arrears, a letter will be sent, demanding payment in full within 15 days. The member's name will be posted on a delinquent list in the clubhouse.

After that, they will be turned over to a collection agency.

After 90 days, the member's membership will be terminated.

Upon payment of the account, the member may be reinstated within three months by the board of directors.



### Wills win King of Clubs

*Zach & Taryn Pearson Will are all smiles Sept. 3 after winning King of Clubs, taking home half of the record \$40,765 pot. They won just in time for their wedding Sept. 25. The king was hiding behind card number 20. The King of Clubs was last won April 25, 2024.*

## Four board seats, president up for election

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of the larger envelope and write their member number on it.

If the process is not followed, the vote will not be counted.

The election will run up to an hour before the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22.

The results will be an-

nounced at the meeting. Also at the meeting, the financial status of the club will be discussed and members will be able to address any concerns they may have.

Of the four candidates running for the three seats, three have experience on the board and one is a newcomer.

Butler is in her seventh

year on the board and is currently kitchen/bar director. Crews is finishing a one-year appointment as Pro Shop director, and Buxton previously served nearly two years as course director.

Carlson and Hildebrandt are running for the board for the first time.

Ryan is seeking his third two-year term as president..

## For the record:

### Welcome new members:

Dillon Kircher, Class A  
Jeremy & Bridget Sanders, A  
Will Fearday, student  
Zach Yewchuk, student

### Membership #s

Class A/Promo A = 126  
Social = 76  
Seniors = 54  
Junior/Jr. Promo = 36  
Fellowship = 8  
Non-resident = 16  
Student = 11  
Summer Social = 6

### Aeration of course:

The course will be closed on Monday, Oct. 19, for the annual aeration of the greens.

### October golf

Oct. 3: Ryder Cup at CCC  
Oct. 10: Red October  
Oct. 24: Friendship Cup

### Thanks members!

Thank you CCC club members for everything — from volunteering, to donating money for lunches, to being loyal club members. You're the greatest!

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## Octoberfest highlights fall events

As the cooler weather rolls in, entertainment events at the club move indoors in October.

Here's a rundown:

■ Oct. 7: Mahjong class will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. to show members how to play the popular Chinese tile game. The class is currently full but if it proves popular classes may be held again in the future.

■ Oct. 10: Octoberfest at the club will include fall

beer and wine tasting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the Booth Blues Band from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Past president Carl Wolff of Gateway Liquors will bring a collection of fall beers and some fall and holiday wines. He said he will have Triptych's new beer as well as a few surprises and even some new non-alcoholic beers.

■ Nov. 6: Wine pairing dinner with Augusta Winery is being planned. Stay

tuned for details.

■ Nov. 20: Local artist Luke Perring will perform from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Perring will perform classic and contemporary rock, folk and country tunes on acoustic guitar.

■ Dec. 18: Holiday Happy Hour with the Freezeland is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with happy hour specials and an ugly Christmas sweater contest.



### Timber harvest under way

*Ewing Timber of Marshall began harvesting trees on the course Sept. 24.*

## Men's Annual Event over 50 years old

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1969-1970."

Everett said he believes his brother, Rick, and Max Davis won it and he and Dave Shick finished third.

Rick Everett, who graduated from Eastern in 1971 and joined the club in 1973 or 1974, said he remembers winning one of the early Calcuttas but he didn't know if it was the first one.

"I was home and I got a phone call from Tom on the night they were pick-

ing teams," he said. "They needed one more player and I agreed to play with Max Davis. We won \$200."

Jerry Myerscough, a member since the early 1970s and a continuous member since 1974, said he remembers being too young to play when he was on his father, Merle's, membership.

He said he believes Mike Shanahan and Jim Benedict won the first Calcutta. Myerscough recalls playing

in the Calcutta and winning it in 1975 or 1976 with Nick Driestad.

As the Calcutta fields got larger, Myerscough said, the tourney moved to a three-man dropout and then a four-man dropout and finally a five-man dropout.

From 2017-2021, it moved back to a three-man drop out and then moved to the current four-man team format.

# Election 2026:

## Four candidates vying for three board of directors seats



***Katrina Butler***

Being a previous business owner/manager, I recently retired (for the second time) and now have more time to enjoy life with purpose. It's an honor to be a member of the CCC (since 1991). In 2019, I was asked to join the board as membership director, and in 2025 director of kitchen & bar. Event coordination is something I enjoy and would like to continue to work with our amazing team, continue to improve on our expense-to-income ratio and bring new experiences to our club. The keys to our success are attention to detail, interpersonal/organizational skills and most importantly "communication." My past experience will lead this team to the next level.



***Blaine Crews***

I believe my experience as both a country club member and an employee of various clubs has given me a strong understanding of what makes a pro shop successful. Through these experiences, I have developed a well-rounded perspective on customer service, golf operations, merchandise and overall member experience. I enjoy being involved at our club and want to continue helping improve and grow our golf shop. I would be excited for the opportunity to continue serving our membership, bring new ideas to the shop, and help create a positive experience for everyone who visits.



***Tim Carlson***

My wife, Anna, and I have been club members since we moved to the area a little over five years ago and we enjoy our friendly interactions with golfers as they pass by our home on the 4th hole. After a long buying career with various major retailers, I bring strong leadership experience in budgeting, planning and executing to a goal of complete customer satisfaction. If elected, these strong principles can be applied to the club - to the board and through the lens of the membership. The June tornado brought hardship to the club. As I volunteered to help restore the course with so many others, I felt the immense camaraderie and community spirit that makes Charleston Country Club a very special place. If elected, I will foster that same spirit to continue and build on that legacy.



***Zack Buxton***

I am an 11-year member of the Charleston Country Club and a lifetime resident of Charleston. I served on the board as course director from 2023 to 2025 as I resigned to be with my daughter with traveling softball, which she is no longer a part of. In February I will have 21 years experience in the roofing industry and am currently sales manager at Central Roofing LLC, overseeing 24 project managers and day-to-day operations and \$59 million in revenue. I will bring strong organizational skills to the board and help every board member be heard while leading by example.

# **Election ballot**

For president, two-year term

☐ **John Ryan**

To fill a two-year term on board of directors

☐ **Jodi Hildebrandt**

To fill three three-year terms on board of directors

Vote for three

☐ **Katrina Butler**

☐ **Blaine Crews**

☐ **Tim Carlson**

☐ **Zack Buxton**

After placing an X in the box next to the candidates of your choice, place your ballot in a small envelope. Then place the small envelope in a larger envelope and write your name and member number across the seal of the larger envelope. Mail the envelope to the club or place it in the ballot box in the bar area or vote at the club. Members have until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, to vote.