

CCC News

Charleston Country Club

September 2026



Men's Annual, club champ winners

Above, Ralph Coffey, Terry Davis, Andrew Shick and Mark Stoltz pose Aug. 9 after winning the Men's Annual Event. At right, Tim Meister won the Championship Flight Aug. 23 in the annual club championships. See pages 5 & 6 for details.



Board sets schedule for cart shed work

Now that the club has received insurance money, a tentative schedule for repair work of tornado-damaged buildings has been set.

The Board of Directors on Aug. 17 voted to hire Midwest Roofing to repair cart shed #1 in the next few weeks.

Board members decided that cart shed #1 will return to a cart-only building where all the club's golf carts can be stored under one roof, close to the Pro Shop. The cart shed had doubled as an indoor hitting (Continued on page 2)

Club gets \$500,000 for damages

IMT Insurance has paid the club nearly \$500,000 to cover damages to buildings and to the course during the June 17 tornado.

Thus far the club has received two checks from the insurance company — one for \$438,000 to cover damage to buildings and the like and \$50,000 for course clean-up.

The money has been (Continued on page 2)

Six slated to run for president, board of directors

Six members have been nominated to run for four board posts and the presidency in the October election.

The Nominating Committee has put forth a slate of Jodi Hildebrandt for a two-year term on the board of

directors, and Katrina Butler, Blaine Crews, Zack Buxton and Tim Carlson to run for three three-year terms.

John Ryan has been nominated to run for a two-year term as president.

Any members not nominated but wishing to run for

the board have until Sept. 15 to get 10 percent of the voting members — Class A and Senior members — to sign a petition to create a members ticket. They would need about 20 signatures.

The annual election is held in late October in con-

junction with the Annual Meeting as required by the club's bylaws. Since there is a contested race, ballots will be mailed out to the membership and voting will take place in the clubhouse in October.

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Board sets schedule for cart shed work

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range during the winter being half of the club's 24 golf carts were stored in cart shed #1 and half in cart shed #6 behind the ninth hole. The board hopes to find a new home for an indoor hitting facility in the future.

Cart shed #1 needs extensive repairs, including new rafters. Cart shed #2, which just needs half of its roof replaced, will be repaired second.

The maintenance shed behind the ninth hole will be repaired next. The maintenance shed serves as the grounds crew's main storage

and work area and includes an office for the grounds superintendent and a bathroom. Falling trees pierced its roof in a couple places.

In the meantime, work on the Gaming Room will begin. The Upchurch Group has been hired to come up with architectural and structural plan for replacing the Gaming Room.

The board discussed turning cart shed #6 into a new maintenance shed for the grounds crew, which needs a taller building to work on equipment.

Cart shed #6, which previously served as a storage fa-

cility for old equipment, was destroyed in the June 17 tornado. That work would likely take place in spring.

Then cart shed #5 could be repaired as a storage facility.

Cart shed #4 has minor damaged and will be repaired quickly, but cart shed #3 and #7 have trees still leaning against them and they will require more work.

In other action, the board voted to give Course Director Blaine Smitley a budget of \$7,500 to \$10,000 to repair old mowers in cart shed #6 and break down others to be used as parts.



Women's Member-Guest winners

A Flight winners Kathy Davis & Hannah Dowling, left, pose with Championship Flight winners Natalie Ambuehl & Jean Smitley Sunday, Aug. 30, after Women's Member-Guest tournament.

Club gets \$500,000 for damages

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deposited in the club's capital improvement fund to be used for tornado damage only.

If the buildings are repaired to their original con-

dition, the club could recoup another \$109,000 in depreciation money.

In addition, the club is set to receive some compensation for loss of business during the week or so it was

closed because of the storm.

Should repairs cost more than anticipated, the club can appeal to the insurance company to meet the unexpected higher costs.

For the record:

Membership #s

Class A/Promo A = 127
 Social = 76
 Seniors = 53
 Junior/Jr. Promo = 36
 Fellowship = 8
 Non-resident = 16
 Student = 9
 Summer Social = 6

Reminder:

To drive one of the club's golf carts, a young person has to be 16 years of age.

Clean-up Mondays

Monday, Aug. 31, was the last day of course clean-up days for the time being. Volunteers have been faithful in working from 8 a.m. to noon every Monday this summer to help remove tree debris left over from the June 17 tornado. Special clean-up days may be scheduled this fall and will be announced on the club's Facebook page.

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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Mixed Annual tops September events

Barring another tornado, the Mixed Annual Event will be held Sept. 20.

The one-day tourney was set for June 20 but Mother Nature played through with an F2 tornado on June 17.

In the Mixed Annual Event women golfers captain the teams.

Drafting of teams will take place Tuesday, Sept. 15. Team auctions will fol-

low at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

Those wishing to play can sign up at the Pro Shop.

Sept. 7: Red, White & Blue scramble. Sign up at Pro Shop.

Oct. 4-5: The CCC men's golfers will try to make it two straight when they meet Mattoon Golf & Country Club golfers in the annual Ryder Cup. CCC golfers cruised to vic-

tory in 2025, downing their Mattoon counterparts, 46-26. It was the first time in 10 years that CCC had won the two-day tourney.

Oct. 10: An Oktoberfest event is being planned with beer tasting and a live band, Booth Blues. Carl Wolff of Gateway Liquors will line up vendors and some specialty beers to sample. Stay tuned.



Davises win Pappy raffle

Kathy & Terry Davis won the Pappy Van Winkle raffle Aug. 27, taking home three bottles of the bourbon. Jeff Hutchinson was runner-up, winning three bottles of Weller; Stan Metzger won three bottles of Elijah Craig bourbon. The raffle raised \$17,500 for new trees for the course. Past president Carl Wolff devised the raffle and donated the bourbon.

Five slated to run for president, board

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Those elected will begin serving their terms Jan. 1, 2027.

Butler, kitchen/bar director, is seeking re-election. She is currently in her seventh year on the board.

Crews is currently serving a one-year appointed position. Buxton previously served nearly two

years on the board. Hildebrandt and Tim Carlson would be newcomers to board service.

Two of the nominees, if elected, will replace six-year board member Jan Ziebka and three-year board member Chris Dow. Both opted not to seek re-election.

Ryan, who is in his 10th year — five years as a direc-

tor and five years as president, will be seeking his third two-year term as president. He was appointed in 2021 to finish the third term of then president Gary Hinds.

The Nominating Committee is made up of Chair John David Reed, Bill Applegate, Bernie Walk and Barb Stoltz.



John Inyart driving at #10.



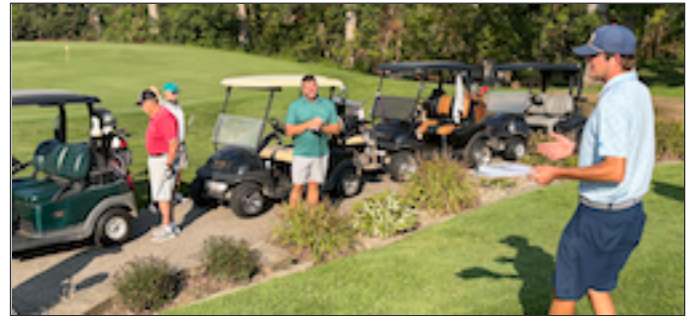
Mark Stoltz putts on #9, the last hole.



Ben Lanman & Larry Chesser Jr.



Mike Cox putts on #7.



Pro Shop Manager Avery Murphy goes over rules on #1.

Shick team rallies to win Men's Annual Event

Andrew Shick, Ralph Coffey, Mark Stoltz and Terry Davis came from behind on the back nine Sunday, Aug. 9, to win the Men's Annual Event, shooting 15 under.

They outshot the team of Ben Lanman, Jim Hickenbottom, Orion Roberts and Larry Chesser by one stroke.

Lanman's team then tied at 14 under with the team of Craig Chaney, Ken Myracle, Paul Wieck and John Ryan but they took second place in a one-hole playoff.

Chaney's team finished third.

Four teams tied for fourth and had a playoff to deter-

mine the final order.

The team of Blaine Crews, Gary Hinds, Zach Finley and Tim Carlson took fourth while the team of Jackson Becker, Mike Cox, Jim Heldebrandt and John Robinson captured fifth.

Matt Boonstra, Jason Mathews, Koltin Winnette and Zach Adams got sixth and the team of John Yackle, Fred Deremiah, John Smith and Gary Haddock finished seventh.

On Sunday, who was going to win the two-day event was the question when the teams made the turn on 18 and headed to the front,

which is played as the back nine in the Men's Annual Event.

Lanman's team had a three-stroke lead making the turn. They sat at 13 under after picking up five birdies to add to their eight under score on the first day.

Meanwhile, Shick's team made only two birdies to add to its eight under score on the first day, but they got hot on the last nine holes.

They birdied holes 2, 3 and 4 to cut the lead to one, 14 under to 13 under. Lanman's team only birdied #3 of the first four holes.

On hole #5, Coffey putted

in from the fringe for an eagle for the Shick team and tied the tournament at 15 under as the Lanman team only birdied #5.

However, first place was determined on hole #6. The Lanman team bogeyed and the Shick team parred. Both teams parred out from there with the Shick team winning the tournament.

Twenty teams competed in the four-man, dropout tournament, the same number of teams that played in the 2025 tournament.

Club Championships took flight

Five won trophies, bragging rights Aug. 22-23



*Cody Richardson
A Flight Champ*



*Barb Ippolito
Ladies Champ*



*Craig Chaney
Senior Champ*



*Wendell Adams
Senior A Flight Champ*



Todd Deremiah approaches #15.



Blaine Smitley beneath #9.



Hudson Meister birdies #11.



Doug Palmer contemplates putt on #18.



Blaine Crews blasts off #12.



Barb Ippolito & Freddie Hall