

CCC News

Charleston Country Club

December 2022



Christmas time at CCC

Sandy Bingham-Porter hangs ornaments on the tree in the dining room, getting the CCC ready for Christmas.

Kitchen, bar hours scaled back for winter

Beginning Dec. 1, the restaurant will be open just four days a week.

With the weather changing and fewer members coming out to the club regularly, demand for lunch and dinner has declined.

Because of that, the restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch on Wednesdays and then 11-8

p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays.

Bar hours will be similar with the bar being open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with a couple of exceptions.

On any night should no one come out, employees will be instructed to close early.

Once the indoor league

Xmas gift memberships, staff year-end bonuses, snow bird option approved

Just in time for the Christmas season, the club will be offering everyone a chance to buy, at a reduce rate, the gift that keeps on giving all year long – a Charleston Country Club membership.

Members can purchase the memberships for friends and relatives, and the public-at-large can get in on the deal, too.

At its Nov. 21 meeting, the board of directors voted to offer the memberships in which new members will pay dues from January to October and get the months of November and December dues-free.

The new members must meet their monthly kitchen and bar minimums and pay for cart services but they will save at least \$380 on dues for

a Class A membership and somewhat less for junior memberships, depending on age.

Director Paul Kolling suggested the idea and it was unanimously approved.

In other action, the board:

■ agreed to give Christmas bonuses to the staff by assessing members \$15 on their bills. Members can opt out of the bonuses and they can also give more by contacting the office.

■ decided to once again extend the snow bird option of suspending the \$35 food minimum from January to March for those heading elsewhere for the winter. In return the minimum will be doubled in the months of April to June.

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Join us for New Year's Eve dinner

Join us for dinner on New Year's Eve. Head cook Kyle Hisatake is planning a four-course feast.

Dinners will have a choice between Chicken Cordon Bleu, Prime Rib Roast or Lemon Salmon; appetizers, salads, desserts and Champagne. Cost: \$40 per person, \$75 per couple. Reservations required. Call 217-345-6603.

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

Martha Drake, longtime member

Martha Drake, who was nearly a 50-year member of the club, will be remembered as fun-loving person who enjoyed playing golf and bridge. Martha, 83, died Nov. 13 at the Odd Fellow Rebekah Home in Mattoon.

She and her late husband, Larry, were very active in the club. When younger, they golfed frequently, played league and competed in many club tournaments.

"We traveled some with them and we always had a good time," club member Pat Chesser said. "It always involved golf."

Chesser, who was Martha's golf partner in the Women's Evening League for many years, said the first time she and her late husband Larry went to Biloxi, Miss., with the Drakes, Larry Drake flew them in his plane.

"Sometimes we'd fly somewhere for breakfast on a Sunday and come back and play golf," Chesser said.

Chesser said Martha was a very successful Realtor. "She was very proud. She was very



Martha Drake

competitive and always wanted to win. I'm going to miss Martha. It won't be the same without her."

Longtime club member Carolyn Kolling said she knew Martha in high school and remembers when she met Larry.

"Martha was pretty fun to be with," Kolling said. "She was pretty quick on the draw."

Born March 21, 1939, in Kansas, Martha was the daughter of Orville Lester and Mary Marguerite (Goble) Honnold. She married Larry Lee Drake Jan. 12, 1957. They spent 64 years together until Larry's death April 20, 2021.

She is survived by one daughter, Susie (Jon) Talbot of Trenton, Ga.; four sons, Don (Deborah), Dan (Anne),

Bill (Dawn), and Dick Drake, all of Charleston; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Alice Hawkins of Charleston, and Judith Wilson of Greenville; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Samuel Hannold and Benjamin Honnold; and one sister, Barbara Brosman.

A graduate of Kansas High School, Martha started selling real estate in 1972 and went on to retire as a broker associate, Coldwell Banker Classic Real Estate.

Martha was past director of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club and executive board member of EIU Panther Club. She was past board member and life member of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Guild. She was a member of the East Harrison Street Church of God.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Moose Lodge #1175 or donor's choice.

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■ discussed the club's finances heading into the new budget year. They discussed the state's mandatory hike of the minimum wage by \$1 and inflation's effect on supplies and services. They also discussed various needs of the club, including replacing the heating and air conditioning units in the clubhouse that could run as high as \$50,000.

■ agreed to send a letter to delinquent members to get them to pay their bills. The letters will go out the first of December.

Release your inner Picasso at 'Canvas & Corks' painting seminar

Release your inner Picasso at the Entertainment Committee's "Canvas & Corks" event Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the Dining Room.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Stang Arts of Effingham will lead a painting seminar for club members and guests. Attendees will pick their own painting project. Stang will provide all the materials.

Cost is \$45 and includes a complimentary glass of wine. Reservations can be made at the bar.

For the record:

Membership #s

Class A/Promo A = 154

Social = 94

Seniors = 46

Junior/Jr. Promo = 51

Fellowship = 11

Non-resident = 12

Student = 3

*Most recent numbers not available to press time.

Planning your Xmas party at the club?

Let us know. Right now plenty of dates are open. Contact John Ryan to make reservations, 217-276-7271.

Upcoming events:

Dec. 7: ‘Canvas & Corks’ painting seminar, starting at 6:30 p.m. See details, page 2.

Dec. 31: New Year’s Eve dining. See page 1 for details. Serving from 5 to 9 p.m.

Until Dec. 31: Registration for Indoor Winter League under way in Pro Shop.

Christmas Sale:

Don’t forget the Pro Shop’s Christmas close-out sale is going on to nearly Christmas. Come in and get in on the deals. Open most days 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Club’s #: (217)-345-6603

Indoor league sign-up under way

Registration to play in the 2023 Indoor Winter League is under way in the Pro Shop.

The league will run for 10 weeks from Jan. 16-March 26.

Two-member teams

will play nine holes on the simulator in the Indoor Facility.

Handicaps will be used based on the first three weeks of play and with adjustments each week after that.

Cost for the league is

\$50, the same fee for person’s not wanting to play league but wanting to use the Indoor Facility.

Each week the teams will play match play with another team.



Mixology

John Smith, left, leads the Mixology program Nov. 11, instructing 42 willing participants how to make seven different mixed drinks served with seven different appetizers. Above, happy seminar-goers toast.

Meet CCC staffers: This month Kaylee

Name: Kaylee Pettigrew

Position: Server

Months/years at club:
Two months

Home town: Hutsonville

High School/College:
Eastern Illinois University

What I like about my job: “I enjoy the people I work with and how everyone knows everybody.”

When not working, I like to: “be active in my sorority, Delta Zeta, and in the

Panhellenic Community.”

My dream job would be:
Don’t have one yet.

Favorite vacation place or place to visit:
Colorado

One thing no one knows about me:
“I’m left handed.”

When I grow up, I want to: “Still figuring that out. Stay tuned.”



Kaylee Pettigrew