



CHAPEL HILL
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New Years Eve

This New Years Eve we will be hosting two events you won't want to miss!

First, we will be serving a gourmet wine dinner; cocktails begin at 6:30, dinner followed at 7:15.

Then from 9pm-1am the Flabbergasters will be rocking the dining room, you'll also enjoy a champagne toast, party favors, hors' d'ouevres, and a southern breakfast buffet at midnight!

Cost for Dinner: \$ 60
 Cost for Party: \$ 45
 Cost for dinner and Party: \$ 85



Upcoming Events:

- Dec 7 Annual Meeting, 7pm
- Dec 11 Christmas Cup
- Dec 13 Annual Holiday Party
- Dec 16 Dinner with Santa
- Dec 17 Dinner with Santa
- Dec 20 Brunch with Santa
- Dec 31 New Years Eve Party

Holiday Cocktail Party and Pro Shop Sales

6:00 - 10:00pm
 \$ 25 per person

On Sunday, December 13th, you'll want to make sure you're at the Club for the Holiday Cocktail Party. Whether you prefer sitting back and enjoying a drink with friends, or dancing the night away to the live Jazz Band, this is the place to be. Have some last minute gifts to buy for those on your holiday lists? Not to worry-- the Pro Shops will be having their Holiday Sales during the entire event.



Dinner & Brunch with Santa

Don't miss your chance to see Santa and get your picture taken with him at the club! You have three chances:

Dinner with Santa:
 Wednesday, December 16th
 Thursday, December 17th
 5:00pm & 7:00pm seatings

Brunch with Santa:
 Sunday, December 20th
 11:00am and 1:00pm seatings

\$ 18.95 ++ per adult; \$ 9.95 ++ per child (6-12); children under 5 complimentary

To make reservations, or to join our e-mail list, call or e-mail Ashley at 967-8201 or acondie@chapelhill-cc.com

President's Message

The Annual Meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Come and vote on the new slate of officers and directors and hear updates from our Treasurer, Tom Grady and Membership Director, John McGee.

If you have played golf recently, I'm sure you have noticed the animal tracks in the bunkers on holes 5 – 8. The tracks seem to be concentrated in the bunkers next to the cart path. Whereas, I believed that they were being caused by a dog being walked on the golf course, it now appears that it is more likely they are being caused by a den of foxes. Craig is looking at options for safely removing the offending fox.

Just a reminder, our Christmas Fund is our means of recognizing and thanking our employees for a year's worth of outstanding service. All 85 employees except Brent participate in its distribution. Basically the fund is distributed based on hours worked during 2009 with a small multiplier for year of service. Shares are then distributed on a pro rated basis with a minimum bonus of \$25. Your November bill included a \$50 voluntary contribution. If you don't want to participate, the contribution will be removed. But in all honesty that equates to an annual rate of about \$4 per month, not much. I hope you choose to give more.

The Christmas Cup may be the Club's most enjoyable charitable event. I wish it was my idea. It's in its eighth year and was started by and has been led every year since by Tim Mann. This year's event is scheduled for December 11. The entry fee is \$50 plus two toys (value \$20 each), which will be distributed to local charities. In the past both the Marine's Toys for Tots and the Chapel Hill Christmas House have benefited. Everyone is invited. The event is a Captain's Choice, so regardless of your level of play you will have fun and know you are donating to a worthy cause. If you can't participate, you can still donate a toy.

The Membership loss as a result of our assessment is always discouraging, but the totals were well within our budget projections (-50 regular resident members). The net impact on membership categories in October is shown below:

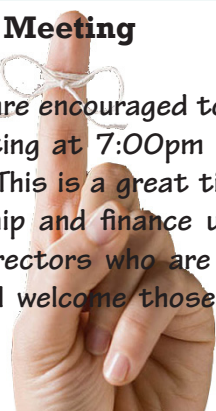
Regular Resident	- 34
Corporate	- 1
Sr. Honorary	+ 2
Non-Resident	+ 1
Social	+ 2

With the new year we all must embrace the membership challenge. I encourage you to invite friends and neighbors and let them see and experience the club.

Ron Johnston

CHCC Annual Meeting

ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to join us for the Annual Meeting at 7:00pm on Monday, December 7th. This is a great time to hear about membership and finance updates, as well as thank directors who are completing their service and welcome those joining the BOD for 2010.



Welcome to our newest members!

Betsy Palmer Kennihan, and children Peri, Kristin, & Foy

Membership Director's Message

The holidays are a great time to take a moment and reflect on the happenings of the past year. While the economy is certainly down and many of us are in different situations than we may have been in last year during the holidays, there is still plenty for us to be thankful for this holiday season!

For example, we recently completed our first Thanksgiving Brunch in the new clubhouse. While we celebrated the holidays in our temporary facilities, there is definitely something special about being in our new clubhouse for the inaugural holiday celebrations. If you missed Thanksgiving Brunch, there are still plenty of "clubhouse firsts" that you and your guests may attend.

Dinner and Brunch with Santa are coming up in the middle of December, as well as a New Year's Eve dinner and party. We want you, and your guests, to be a part of the celebration!

As always, please remember that your guests are welcome at the club anytime. If they are prospective members, we will even pick up the tab! Just contact the membership office ahead of your visit and we will arrange everything for you!

Happy Holidays to all, and I look forward to celebrating with you throughout the season!

Chad D. Flowers
Membership Director



Superintendent's Message

The wetness of the course still seems to be a hot topic around the water cooler these days. Looking at my irrigation records, the last time we watered anything other than the greens (except a small amount on November 9th to water in a pre-emergent herbicide) was September 16th. Since that date, the only time we have irrigated greens was to water in a particular fertilizer or similar product, with the least amount of water necessary. The last time we did that was November 8th.

Since that date of September 16th, we have had 11.85 inches of rain (September 16th-November 24th). This period in 2008, we had 5.79" and in 2007 we had 5.74". This may explain why so many have inquired why the course is so wet. The simple answer is twice the amount of rain this fall than the previous two years.

The Green Committee has, almost every year, identified drainage as the number one priority for the golf course, and for good reason. Our soils do not handle even the smallest amount of rainfall; therefore drainage is the only solution.

Thank you,

Craig S. Thompson, CGCS

Golf Shop Phone:
932-2857

Hours of Operation:
9:00am – 5:00pm:
Tuesday – Sunday

Holiday Schedule:

The Golf Shop will be open for last minute Christmas shopping on Thursday, December 24th. However, the Golf Shop will be closed on December 25th and New Years day. The golf course will be open for play on these dates if the Course Superintendent deems the course playable. Carts will be unavailable and there will be a sign posted on the first tee determining if the course is open or not.

Winter Sale:

Beginning December 1st the Golf Shop will start our winter golf sale. All apparel will be priced at a 30% discount. Stop by and start your holiday shopping early. Stop by the weekend of December 11th, 12th, & 13th during regular hours and purchase your holiday gifts at even greater savings!

Gift Certificates and Tournament Credit:

Please remember that gift certificates and tournament credit must be used by December 31st. December 31st is the last day the credits and gift certificates are valid. Your attention to this credit is very much appreciated!

Rules of Play:

Winter Rules are in effect. You may lift, clean, and place the ball one club length no closer to the hole in the fairway only. This rule will be in effect until we start playing the ball down again in the spring of 2010.

Lost and Found:

Many of the demo clubs are missing please check your bags, garages, closets, car trunks, etc., to see if you have any of these demo clubs. As the golf season is nearing the end it would be greatly appreciated if everyone could make an effort to return these clubs to the golf shop as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in helping us locate these clubs!

Blowout Sales:

Range Finder: Callaway UPRO rangefinder regularly \$ 399.99
Sale price \$ 299.99 and receive your choice of a Callaway X-forged wedge, Odyssey White Hot XG Putter, Callaway hybrid series eyewear, (2) Dozen Callaway Tour I/X golf balls, or a Callaway Chev 18 golf bag for FREE!

Driver: Callaway Ft-9 regularly priced at: \$ 499.99
Sale price: \$ 399.99 and receive a FREE Callaway X-forged wedge valued at \$ 109.99 while supplies last!

Wedge: Buy a Callaway X-forged Wedge and receive a dozen Callaway Tour I/X for FREE while supplies last!

Golf Staff Message:

On behalf of the Golf Staff,
The 2009 golf season has been a tremendous success. Your participation and involvement in our tournament schedule this past year is greatly appreciated. Working with the membership this past year was a fun and rewarding experience. Thank you very much for your patronage and we look for to seeing you in the New Year. We would like to say thank you for all of your efforts and look forward to working with each one of you in 2010!

Upcoming Tournaments and Events:

- Friday, Dec. 11: Christmas Cup
- Chili on the first tee at 11:15 A.M.
 - Shotgun Start at 12:00 P.M.
- Saturday, Dec, 12: Final 2009 MGA event
- Breakfast at 8:30 A.M.
 - Shotgun Start at 9:30 A.M.
- Sunday, Dec. 13: Christmas Open House
- 5:30P.M.-10:00P.M.

Please call the golf shop to sign up for these events!

NNGA

Following a fun-filled 9-holes of Superball, Isaccs Porch was the perfect location for the NNGA Closing Luncheon and Meeting on Oct. 29. Delicious food, lively conversation and fellowship filled the porch as the season came to a close. The teams were so well computed we ended up with a three way tie. Our Ringers and Birdies Report for the season had the following results: Most Improved Score for the season - Candy Owens; Best score- Kate Eifrig, Most Wins- (3 way tie)- Annie Lou Wright, Susan Weidener, Lib Ferguson. Emy Strohleim made a Birdie in October. Prizes were given and a grand time was had by all.

The Business Meeting Followed and our 2010 Elected Officers are: President- Lib Ferguson; Vice President- Susan Cheek; Treasurer- Mary McClure; Secretary- Geri Laport.

The Committee Members positions have been filled with the willing members of the NNGA. It takes participation from many and we are proud to say everyone gives of their time to make the season Merry and Bright! Thanks to you all.

If Mother Nature gives us playable weather on Thursdays in December--COME JOIN IN THE FUN! Tee times will start at 9:30 am Best Wishes for a Safe and Memorable Holiday Season--Speaking of Holiday--The NNGA looks forward to our annual Holiday Party on Friday Dec. 4! SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Lib Ferguson

Congratulations to all the members who made a hole-in-one this year!

SMGA

Sunday, October 25th saw the Fall Awards Banquet in the Clubhouse for the first time, and was attended by over 90 people. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner. the presentation of the award certificates to the winners of our tournaments held during 2009, and the plaque for the SMGA Champion which will be displayed in the Trophy Case in the Clubhouse.

The Playday Chairman for December is John McGee and the formats for the month are:-

Dec. 2nd	Two Low Net
Dec. 9th	Modified Stableford
Dec. 16th	Two Low Net
Dec. 23rd	No Formal Playday
Dec. 30th	Two Low Net

December Playday times will start at 9:30 subject to Frost Delays and the Nine-Holers will start at 1:20 pm.

We are expecting the arrival of the reprinted score cards any day now with the new handicaps for the white tees based on difficulty, and I would like to thank Rick and Ryan for their help in getting this change implemented. The playday cards generated on the computer already incorporate the new handicaps and it only remains for the new daily cards to arrive.

Looking Ahead to 2010: Jerry Gschwind will be the SMGA President for 2010, with Larry Cheek as Vice Chairman. Ralph Beisner takes over as Treasurer and Don Frazer as Secretary. Walt Kindy will succeed Tom Lund as Interclub representative, and Barry Browner will continue to be responsible for Communications and Membership. Other continuing Board members will be John McGee, Tom Grady, Ed Kaiser and Don Boulton (9-holers). Joining the Board will be Harvey Ainbinder, Mike Maxwell, and Rick Lessard, while Joe Garfunkel will also join the Board as 9-holers representative.

Thanks go to Haren Thakor, Tom Lund, Jerry Fowler, Mike Menge, Garth Hamilton, and Len Gettes who will be leaving the Board, for their years of service.

Enjoy your winter golf,
James King

WGA

The WGA celebrated the end of a successful 2009 season with a 9-hole round of golf (won by Diane Koenigshofer, Suzan Cheek, Jackie Heywood and Mary McCoy) followed by a luncheon, awards presentations and door prizes. Congratulations to our 2010 Officers: Linda Johnston President, Laura Ellgen Vice President, Carolyn Hightower Secretary and Shere Stone Treasurer. Thank you to the Nominating Committee comprised of Lin Wright, Kelly Ross, and Diane Koenigshofer.

Congratulations to the season winners for their accomplishments:

- The Jack Rabbit award for the fastest Pace of Play went to Nell Laton.
- The Grindstone Award for the best Playday attendance went to Nelle Neal.
- The Rock Star Award for the most wins as a percentage of attendance went to Pat Kaiser.
- The Most Valuable Player award for the greatest reduction in handicap went to Linda Johnston.
- Lin Wright was recognized for her work as the TIP Chair.
- Carol Stamm presented the Birdies and Ringers awards. Diane Koenigshofer won the Ringer award for 2009 with an adjusted score of 61.
- WGA Tournament winners Jill Pittman (Gross), Laura Ellgen (Net), and Linda Johnston, Kelly Ross, Judy Coughlin (Flight Champions) were also recognized.

The Holiday Party has been moved to early 2010 – look for details by email.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve you and very much appreciate the support of the membership, officers and chairs, as well as Rick, Alan and the pro shop team. Have a joyful holiday season and I hope to see you on the course this winter!

Fairways and Greens,
Suzanne Koziel, President

Tennis Shop Phone:
932-2855

Court Conditions Hot Line:
932-2855, ext. 1

Tennis Pro Shop Hours:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Sunday:
9:00am – 5:00pm

Tennis Court Hours:
8:30am – 9pm daily
(weather permitting)

Ball Machine Hours:
Monday:
10:30am – 12:30pm
Tuesday-Friday:
10:30am – 5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday:
9:00am – 2:00pm
Reservations Required-please call
the Tennis shop to reserve a time.

Holiday Schedule:

The Tennis Pro Shop will be closing early on December 24th at 12 pm and will be closed on December 25th and New Years Day; however, the tennis courts will remain open for play those days, weather permitting. The tennis court hotline will be updated for court conditions in the mornings on those days.



Tennis News

We know it is early for this, but start preparing for the upcoming 2010 Spring Tennis season with the Triangle Tennis League and USTA Leagues. Captains look ahead in the year for your teammates and your plan of attack for the New Year. The Tennis staff would love to see more teams advance past the local level and represent CHCC at the Regional and Sectional levels.

For those new to tennis and the club, do not hesitate to stop by the Pro Shop to get information for the upcoming leagues and what it will take to get on a team in the New Year.

Spring Seasons: Registration begins January 4th – Season will go from February to April
- 2.5 to 5.0 USTA Levels available; Days of play TBD

Men's and Women's Day and Night Leagues: (maximum of 15 players per team)
- 8 players needed per match; 2 singles and 3 doubles will play for each match

Senior Men's Day and Night Leagues Available: (maximum of 14 players per team)
- 6 players needed per match; 3 doubles play for each match

Senior Women's Day and Night Leagues Available: (maximum of 14 players per team)
- 6 players needed per match; 3 doubles play for each match

Cold Weather Court Conditions:

If the temperature drops below 30° F, the courts will freeze and remain unplayable until mid-morning. If the temperature drops to the low or mid 20's, the courts will be unplayable until mid-day or later depending on the daytime temperature, wind, cloud cover and precipitation.

Please check with the pro shop on availability of courts during the colder upcoming months.

Christmas Open House: Sunday December 13th

The Christmas Open House is a wonderful tradition here at the Club and members can expect generous savings on all apparel, foot wear, racquets and accessories here in the Pro Shop. It will begin Friday December 11th and Saturday December 12th during normal shop hours. We will remain open on Sunday December 13th until 9 PM during the Holiday Open House.

Pro Shop News

Current Sales: 20-40% off All Adidas Clothing and Shoes
K-Swiss Shoes and Clothing are here, so don't miss out.
NEW ITEM: CHCC logoed t-shirts for men and juniors and cap sleeves for women.
Closeout Specials on In-Stock Prince, Babolat and Fischer Racquets!

Reminder: All gift certificates expire on December 31st, so do not lose your chance for big savings!

2009 Tennis Program Wrap Up:

The 2009 tennis season certainly had its ups and downs this year due to the economy, but overall the junior program stayed active in part to our successful junior clinics each season as well as our summer camps. Many of our top juniors have competed throughout the year in USTA Tournaments in North Carolina and have come home with championships and have improved their state and sectional rankings in their respective age groups.

North Carolina Junior Rankings:

Caroline Pope - # 32 in Girls' 12's

Hannah Pope - # 16/137 in Girls' 10/12's

Julia Tillman - # 71 in Girls' 12's

Tessa Johnson - # 55 in Girls' 16's

Sara Carsanaro - # 310 in Girls' 16's

Jake Tillman - # 132 in Boys' 14's

Robert Kelly - # 80 in Boys' 14's

Jeremy Kelly - # 13/231 in Boys' 12/14's

Justin Wong - # 221 in Boys' 14's

Ryan Fitzgerald - # 113 in Boys' 14's

Matt Ruston - # 335 in Boys' 14's

We had over 150 adults play this year in our USTA Spring, Summer and Fall Seasons as well as over 100 ladies who played in our Spring, Summer and Fall Triangle Tennis League. Our 7.5 Ladies Combo team in the Fall advanced to Winston Salem for the Sectional Tournament for the second time this year and competed very well. Let's keep our Spring USTA season busy once again in 2010 with many teams competing here at CHCC. Also look out for Summer Mixed Doubles and Fall Combo Doubles teams in 2010. CHCC should have teams represented during each USTA season. The more teams we have the better our chances of bringing home a State, Sectional or National Championship!

We are currently planning for the 2010 Tennis Season and hope to make it a banner year for the Tennis Department. As we approach the Holidays, the tennis staff would like to extend its warmest wishes to everyone and hope we all have a wonderful and safe Holiday season.

2010 Winter Junior Tennis Clinics

The winter this season has been quite mild allowing us to keep the clinics going through the month of December. Please remember to sign up your child for the upcoming winter session in January. If the weather gets to be too cold which cancels a day or two of clinics, we will pro rate your child's attendance for the session.

Session 1: Tuesday January 5th – Thursday February 25th

Pee Wees: ages 4-7. \$ 120 for 8 clinics; \$ 210 for 16 clinics – 3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Backspins: ages 8-12. \$ 145 for 8 clinics; \$ 235 for 16 clinics – 4 PM – 5 PM

Future Stars: ages 10-16. \$ 165 for 8 clinics; \$ 285 for 16 clinics – 5 PM – 6:30 PM

Registration Deadline: January 5th

Clinic Dates:

January: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

February: 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

March: 2, 4 Rain Days. Make ups or additional clinic dates.

You may register for Tuesdays, Thursdays or both. For more information and to sign up, please contact the Pro Shop at 932-2855.



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