

Columbia Country Club

January 2015 Edition

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Proposed 2015 Tournament Schedule

Saturday, January 17th ~ Cross Country Scramble

Saturday, February 21st ~ Two Man Texas Scramble

Friday, March 13th ~ One Day Member / Member & Member / Guest

Saturday, March 28th ~ Two-Man Better Ball

Friday, April 3rd – Sunday, April 5th ~ 3rd Annual Go For The Green Weekend

Saturday, April 25th – Sunday, April 26th ~ Men's Spring Member / Member

Thursday, May 14th - Saturday, May 16th ~ Men's Member / Guest

Saturday, June 20th ~ Father / Son – Parent / Child

Saturday, June 27th – Sunday, June 28th ~ Senior Club Championship & Jr. Club Championship

Friday, July 10th – Sunday, July 12th ~ Match Play Championship

Monday, July 13th ~ Aerify Greens

Monday, July 20th ~ Aerify Greens

Sunday, August 23rd ~ Husband / Wife Championship

Saturday, August 29th – Sunday, August 30th ~ Men's Club Championship

Saturday, September 19th ~ Two Man Scramble

Saturday, October 24th – Sunday, October 25th ~ Men's Fall Member / Member

Saturday, November 7th – Sunday, November 8th ~ CCC Cup

Friday, November 27th ~ Fall One Day Member / Member & Member / Guest

Saturday, December 12th ~ Golf Shop Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 12th ~ Sports Committee Fundraiser

EVENTS TBA:

L.G.A. Club Championships, Member / Member, Member / Guest & L.G.A Shootout

One Day Men's Member / Guest

Couples' Member / Guest

Monthly Couples Events

“Seasonal” Parent Child Events

Little Linksters Golf Clinic/Camp & Weekly Jr. Clinics

Please let us know if there are any conflicts with other events we may have overlooked!

January 2015

 <p>Happy New Year</p>				Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
7	5	6	7	8	9	10
A La Carte Lunch 11am-3pm			No Dinner or Pickup Service		A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	
7	12	13	14	15	16	17
A La Carte Lunch 11am-3pm			Mexican Buffet 5:30pm-8:30pm		A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	Cross Country Scramble Breakfast Buffet 8am-10am
7	19	20	21	22	23	24
A La Carte Lunch 11am-3pm			A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm		A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Grand Buffet 11:30am-3pm			Southern Buffet 5:30pm-8:30pm		A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	

CCC Welcomes New Members

Nancy Thornton ~ Social

Jeremy Gould ~ Social

A Word from the Board of Directors

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2015, on behalf of your board members I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

It is a little hard for me to believe that last year is gone already. Looking back at 2014 the first thing that comes to my mind is where we were on Memorial Day. A major storm had rolled through on Thursday night creating a mess of our club. Our fairways still looked terrible and we were hosting a major event for Columbia College on Friday.

The second thing that I think of is replacing worn out stuff. We invested a \$100,000 in our club last year. The majority of that for new HVAC units followed by pumps for the golf course and behind that a new commercial hot water heater for the kitchen and repairs to the pool. We were able to do all of this with revenue from operations in 2014.

We made a decision to aerate our greens once in July.

Our membership activity in 2014 mirrored the last two years, with attrition being offset by new member additions. Our golfing membership is down by 5 members, just under 2%, offset by an increase of 11 social members (12%). This all nets out to our dues revenue being nearly flat compared to 2013 off by less than .05% or \$2,787. Not nearly the growth we would like but far better than where we were just a few years ago.

Going into 2015 there is a lot to look forward to.

Our old (vintage?) clubhouse will continue to need attention, but if we can avoid major surprises we should be able to pick and choose where we invest. Including getting some additional staff on the golf course.

Our golf course was looking great all fall. The July aeration worked well and we don't need to do it again until next July! Jim and his crew are attacking winter projects and with a little help from the weather we should be looking great in the spring.

Adding new members will continue to be a challenge for us in 2015. If you have creative ideas please contact Phil Jenkins and join the membership committee as they work to define our spring initiatives.

The first three months of the year will be slow, they always are. If the weather is keeping you off the golf course please find other ways to enjoy your club.

Happy New Year!

Jay Otterbacher
CCC President

A Word From The Tee.....

CROSS COUNTRY SCRAMBLE

Saturday, January 17th

10:00am Shotgun Start

Entry Fee: \$25 per player / no charge for tournament club members plus cart fee

The first golf event of 2015 will be the Cross Country Scramble. We will play the course in reverse order. Teams will consist of 4-men or 4-women playing a Captain's Choice format. Teams will be flighted based on team handicap and gross and net prizes will be awarded. Sign up in the golf shop! Breakfast is included.

HOLE IN ONE CLUB 2015

Don't forget to sign up for the HOLE IN ONE CLUB. The cost will be \$5 per hole in one. Each hole in one will receive \$100 in bar credit (on the member's account), a plaque with a picture of the hole and the balance going to pro shop credit. Sign up in the golf shop.

BUYERS CLUB

It's not too late to join the Buyers Club. For the low, low price of \$125 you can join the buyer's club and enjoy significant savings in the Pro Shop throughout the year on ALL your purchases.

Here's how it works:

For all Golf Equipment, which includes clubs, balls, golf bags and golf shoes buyer's club members will pay cost plus shipping plus 10%.

For Soft Goods, which includes men's and ladies apparel, golf gloves, hats and all other apparel, club members will pay 25% off the member price.

HANDICAP FEES FOR 2015

Handicap fees for 2015 will be billed in January and are \$30 per person and \$55 per couple.

TWO - MAN SCRAMBLE RESULTS

OVERALL GROSS CHAMPIONS

Wally Odiorne
Sam Schneider

OVERALL NET CHAMPIONS

Reggie Bradford
Jody Odom

FLIGHT 1 WINNERS

1ST GROSS

Don McPherson
Phil Jenkins

1ST NET

David Antonini
Nick Antonini

2ND GROSS

Brad Tolson
Chuck Howell

FLIGHT 2 WINNERS

1ST GROSS

Jason Crapps
Chris Fehn

1ST NET

Jeff Folley
Doug Rice

2ND NET

Steve Shelton
Monty Faile

GREAT SHOTS!!!

Laura Best "ACED" #20

Steve Saine "ACED" #14



2015 TOURNAMENT CLUB

The Sports Committee is pleased to announce the 2015 Tournament Club. Minor changes have been made, based on your input, in an effort to make it even more attractive this year.

Those of you that participated in the past, realize what a great deal the Club is for someone who enjoys playing in a variety of individual and team events while supporting the Tournament Program at Columbia CC. The Club will continue to be a true Win – Win proposition for the Member, and for the Club.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the details of the program, here's how it works.

By simply paying **ONE ANNUAL FEE OF \$275.00**, you are eligible to play in the following Club Tournaments with **No Additional Entry Fees Other than your Cart Fee**

Proposed Entry Fee:

- Saturday, January 18th ~ Cross Country Scramble \$25
- Saturday, February 21st ~ Two Man Texas Scramble \$25
- Saturday, March 28th ~ Two Man Better Ball \$25.
- Saturday, April 25th - Sunday, April 26th ~ Men's Spring Member / Member \$75
- Saturday, June 27th - Sunday, June 28th ~ Senior Club Championship \$50
- Friday, July 10th - Sunday, July 12th ~ Match Play Championship \$50
- Saturday, August 9th - Sunday, August 30th ~ Men's Club Championship (Gross & Net) \$50
- Saturday, September 19th ~ Two Man Scramble \$25
- Saturday, October 24th - Sunday, October 25th ~ Men's Fall Member / Member \$75
- Saturday, November 7th - Sunday, November 8th ~ CCC Cup \$50.

TOTAL VALUE \$450

Obviously, for the Club to be successful, we will need Strong Participation from a good percentage of our members. The more people that sign up, the more we can do to enhance each event for the Club Members.

To sign up, simply complete the entry blank below and return it to the Golf Shop by **JANUARY 18th** you will be billed \$68.75 on your January, February, March and April Statements, unless you would prefer to pay all at once or with a check.

The point system has been tweaked to reward participation and quality of play. Everyone who joins the tournament club will receive 300 points. Points will also be awarded for participation and top finishes in each event. The better you play the more points you earn. The top 32-point earners for the year qualify for the year-end CCC Cup at NO CHARGE. The CCC Cup will feature (2) 16 person teams competing in a Ryder Cup style event. More details will be available at a later date.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please give The Pro Shop a call.

Here are some basic rules of the program so each member understands ahead of time how the Tournament Club works.

- **Cart Fees and Usage Fees** ARE NOT INCLUDED in the Tournament Club Fee.
- **Walking** is permitted in the **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP ONLY**. When walking is allowed, these groups will be expected to keep up with the groups in front and play at the designated pace for the day. The same will be expected from those groups that have riders in the foursome and **Speed of Play will be closely monitored. PLEASE NOTE THAT CARTS WILL BE REQUIRED IN ALL OTHER EVENTS.**
- You are NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED in each event; therefore, club members are responsible for **signing themselves up in person** in the Golf Shop. Please, NO PHONE ENTRIES!
- The deadline to sign up will be 6:00 pm the Wednesday prior to the event UNLESS the field is full. So please Plan Ahead. Late entries will NOT be guaranteed a spot in the tournament.
- Last Minute Cancellations and No Shows (without valid excuse) will be reviewed by the Committee to determine if a fine or penalty is warranted. PLEASE be considerate of your fellow members and the CCC Staff.
- In fairness to the entire field, **Preferred Tee Times and Special Requests** will not be accepted due to the size of the field and the amount of work involved with the pairings.
- COURSE SET UP: Generally speaking, the Tournament Tees will be set between 6400-6600 yards while the Black Tees (62 & above) will be placed between 5700-6000 yards.
- Your **USGA HANDICAP INDEX** will be used to determine your Handicap for the event. The Handicap Committee will review the HCP of each player to verify each participant is following the rules set forth by the Committee. All participants must have an established handicap through Columbia CC and must have at least 10 scores posted in the past 12 months. Black Tee Players must be 62 in order to be eligible to play the Black tees and will have their handicap adjusted in accordance with USGA rules and regulations (currently 3 strokes).
- We will attempt to pay a third of the field and a player or team can only win one way. Merchandise prizes for various contests MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED.
- Meals will be provided at no additional charge during a **Select Few Tournaments** but **NOT EVERY EVENT!**
- Social Members are not allowed to play in the "championship" tournaments but may play in the "fun" events provided they are not full.

PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR THE COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB TOURNAMENT CLUB.

NAME: _____ **ACCOUNT NUMBER** _____

() PLEASE DO NOT CHARGE MY ACCOUNT. I WILL PAY BY CHECK OR CASH.



A Word From Our Superintendent

It is hard to believe that it's 2015 already. 2014 was a challenging year, and there is no doubt 2015 will have its own challenges, but the course will continue to excel.

The staff and I are trying to finish up some repairs, like repairing the sink holes at 15, that should be completed soon. Later this month we will begin removing dead or damaged trees around the course. Also, we will monitor the weather conditions and begin our winter post-emergent herbicide application when appropriate. This herbicide application will be targeting Poa annua and other winter weeds.

As a reminder, cold weather has halted any growth from the warm season turf throughout the golf course. Now it is important that we alter our cart traffic, avoid any wet areas and fill all divots. This will ensure everyone will enjoy better playing conditions in late winter and early spring.

Thanks for your support.

Jim Young
Golf Course Superintendent

DID YOU KNOW?!

Each winter the golf course maintenance staff removes trees around the golf course that are dead or have been damaged excessively. Lightning, ice, disease, drought, floods and insects can cause enough damage to result in killing mature trees. Pine Beetles kill more than 60,000 trees in South Carolina each year with an economic impact over \$1.5 million.

A Word From Our General Manager / Golf Professional

Happy New Year from the Golf Shop Staff!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are as excited as we are about the upcoming year. Eric, Robbie and I are preparing for the new tournament season. The sports committee recently met to discuss the "Proposed Tournament" schedule for 2015. Please take a moment to review it and help us identify any potential problems/conflicts before the schedule is finalized. Your input and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

The staff would like to thank everyone who came out to the Golf Shop Open House and participated in the Two-Man Scramble. The tournament was great and the support for the Christmas Sale was incredible. THANK YOU!!!!

We look forward to seeing everyone around the club and at the Cross Country Scramble January 17th.

Chris Sparrow
General Manager / PGA Golf Professional

Thanks From The Staff!!!!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You to all the members who supported the CCC Employee Christmas fund!

The dedicated staff and employees of your club appreciate your generosity.

Best wishes to all for a happy and successful 2015!



A Word From Our LGA President

Happy New Year to you all and I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends both near and far. As you are reading this I will be in the UK with my family getting to know our Grandson and enjoying plenty of cuddles.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Children's Chance Charity Oyster Roast. As a club we were able to give the charity a donation and also support a family who's youngest child is undergoing cancer treatment at present. Our very own Santa gave these children each a gift to open, they will open the remaining presents on Christmas day. A big Thank you must go to Reggie Bradford who organized the collection of money, bought the gifts, and with a team of Elves, wrapped them all too. A job well done.

Tee times for Tuesday and Thursday continue to be at 9:30am till the end of March, 9:20am on Saturday, please call the Pro Shop to let them know you intend to play.

Our annual kick off breakfast will be the 3rd week in February, followed by golf, so watch your E mail for further details.

Mary Pease

LGA President

Yoga By Jan

Make up classes from December will take place January 14th & 21st

There will be a January 28th class for an additional \$10.

We will continue regular class schedule in February: 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

Day: Wednesdays Time: 4pm

Email

Heather@columbiacountryclub.com
to sign up.

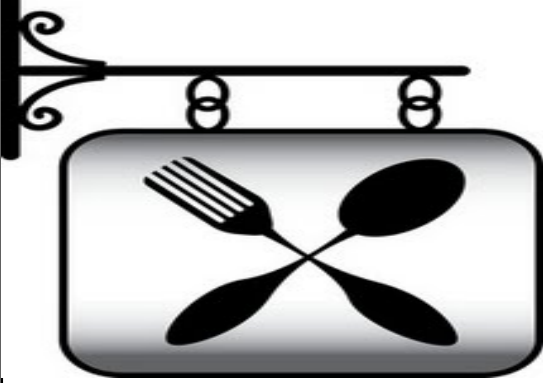
Did You Know?!?

**We have increased
our new member
count three years
in a row:**

2012: 40 new members

2013: 53 new members

2014: 66 new members



January Friday A La Carte Dinner Specials

Friday
January 2nd
Peppered Ribeye
Steak

Friday
January 9th
Mahi Mahi Topped
w/ Scallops and
Cream Sauce

Friday
January 16th
Chicken Cordon Bleu

Friday
January 23rd
Beef Burgundy

Friday
January 30th
Benny's BBQ Ribs

January 2015 Dining Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	3 A La Carte Breakfast 8am-10am
4 A La Carte Lunch 11am-3pm	5	6	7 No Dinner or Pickup Service	8	9 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	10
11 A La Carte Lunch 11am-3pm	12	13	14 Mexican Buffet 5:30pm-8:30pm	15	16 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	17 Breakfast Buffet 8am-10am
18 A La Carte Lunch 11am-3pm	19	20	21 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	22	23 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	24
25 Grand Buffet 11:30am-3pm	26	27	28 Southern Buffet 5:30pm-8:30pm	29	30 A La Carte Dinner Service 5:30pm-8:30pm	31