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Florence Country Club News

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Message from the Manager - Scott Simerlink

Make plans to be at the Club on July 4th. The pool will be rocking with our 2 story slide. DJ Kevin Porter will be providing the tunes and Chef Mark has a BBQ planned including an old fashion shrimp boil. The golf shop has a 10am shot gun tournament and new this year is our bike/golf cart parade.

Looking for something for the kids or grandkids to do this summer? We still have several camps available in July. Call or e-mail the Club for more

information or to sign-up.

Last month the Grant Bennett Junior Golf Tournament was a great success and we received many compliments on the condition of the golf course and our club in general. We thank all the members who support junior golf and making this event one of the top junior events in the south.

Sunday, July 15th we are having a family fun day. Come enjoy a round of golf, play in the tennis round robin or just

hang out at the pool. Pool side BINGO will complete the day. Great Family Fun!

Please note the golf course will be closed for greens aerification July 9th, 10th and 11th. The practice range will be open.

What an unbelievable feat Mark Weir performed on June 22nd. He had a Hole in one on #2 and #4! Way to go!!

As always, see you at the Club!

Scott Simerlink



4th of July at the Pool Pool Opens at 10am

Menu

Shrimp Boil (Sausage, Corn & Potatoes)

Hamburgers/Hotdogs

Bratwursts

Chips

Baked Beans

Fruit Salad

Pasta Salad

Potato Salad

Watermelon

Cookies

Ice Cream Novelties

Member Charge Bar

Adults: \$15.95++
Kids 6-12: \$7.95++
5 and Under Free

Join us on July 4th for our Annual 4th of July Celebration at the Pool! We will have all the fun things that you have grown to love such as snow cones, pool games, a DJ and the return of the giant waterslide!

The pool will open at 10am, with the waterslide being up and ready to go at 12pm. The games and buffet will run from 4-7pm. We will have the traditional member hamburger and hotdog buffet with the addition of shrimp boil this year.

We have also added a golf cart/bike parade that will go from the Clubhouse to the pool. Everyone wishing to participate please bring your cart/bike decorated to the Clubhouse by 3pm. We will all follow the parade route ending up at the pool. There will be prizes for best decorated once we get to the pool.



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MEMBER TYPE	May '18	May '17	DIFF.
Junior	51	53	-2
Ministerial	2	2	0
Non-Resident	18	18	0
Resident	230	248	-18
Senior	45	45	0
Social	42	44	-2
Swim/Tennis	62	61	1
Widow	8	8	0
TOTAL	458	479	-21

Florence Country Club Financial Spotlight (As of May 2018)

	2018	2018 Budget	2017
Income	320,980	301,532	270,293
Expenses	335,730	301,562	302,626
Difference	-14,750	-30	-32,333
YTD	2018	2018 Budget	2017
Income	1,767,104	1,743,788	1,794,075
Expenses	1,767,104	1,786,509	1,812,609
Differences	20,403	-42,721	-18,534





HELLO HOME

smile, you're home!

Please welcome our new members:

Robert and Cyndy Rickman

Augusto and Myriam Ruiz De Castilla

Andrew and Dana Rosenfeld
with sons Harrison and Holden

Ryan and Dohnia Galloway
with children Dohnia and Goodson

Dr. Greg Palutsis and Courtney Paison
with children, Reese, Tessa and Page.

Chris and Mary Wallace Moore
with children DeBerry, Baker and Wallace

Dr. Daniel Visel and Ellen Visel
and Xixi Visel

Please join us as we host a **Sunday Buffet** every week from **11am-1:30pm.**

Cost

Adults: \$17.95++

Ages 6-13: \$8.95++

Every Saturday from 8-11am we serve a breakfast buffet with all your favorite breakfast items, including an omelet station. Come make Saturday morning part of your dining routine.

Cost

Adults: \$10.50

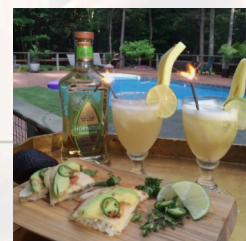
Ages 6-12: \$7.50

July Drink Specials

Moscow Mule



Hornitos Margarita





<u>Camp Type</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Times</u>
Golf	July 17-20th	Tuesday-Friday	8am-2pm
Golf	July 31st-Aug 3rd	Tuesday-Friday	8am-2pm
Tennis	July 16-20th	Monday-Friday	8:30am-2pm*
Soccer	July 9-13th	Monday-Friday	8:30am-2pm
Cooking Camp	July 25-27th	Wednesday-Friday	10am-1pm
Music Camp	July 11-13th	Wednesday-Friday	10am-2pm

Here is a snapshot of camps that are left throughout the summer! As you can see we still have plenty of opportunities for your child to get active and have lots of fun here at Florence Country Club!

You can find more information in the camp packet. The packet can be found at the reception desk with Christine or online as a printable PDF. This information includes registration forms, camp waivers and costs. We hope to see your child there!



Casual Family Dining
Tuesday Nights
5:30-8:30pm

July 3rd
BREAKFAST

July 10th
THANKSGIVING

July 17th
ITALIAN

July 24th
SOUTHERN

July 31st
MEXICAN

Members, during normal Dining Room operating hours you may order off the menu at the Clubhouse instead of the pool menu. One of our staff will bring your order to you poolside. Just ask one of the pool staff members to place your order for you!



Burger Bar

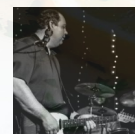
Every Sunday
5:00-8:00pm

Sunday Nights we have the Burger Bar in Grille 1924. You choose your favorite "Burger". (You may choose from Beef, Turkey, Salmon or Veggie." The kitchen prepares it to your liking and then you get to dress it with the toppings of your choice from the bar. (Bar toppings include: Lettuce, Tomato, Bacon, Cheese, Chili, Pickles and Onions:. Add your condiments like ketchup, mustard and /or mayonnaise and ENJOY!

Lunch Menu and Children's Menu Available

Dock to Door
Friday, July 13th

Dock to Door is a night when Chef and his team put together fabulous meals with fresh from market that day seafood. Sean will be in the Tavern from 7-10pm playing music for your entertainment. Call Christine to RSVP your table at 843.662.1413



Ladies Game Day

Wednesday, July 18th

Ladies, join other Florence Country Club women at 10am every third Wednesday for card games. We want to encourage any lady regardless of age or playing level to join us for this time of fun and fellowship. We have been having such a lovely time that starting in September we will be meeting on the FIRST and THIRD Wednesdays! You do not have to be a member of FCC to come play. Please bring guests. We would love to have them play as well. Current games are Bridge and Penny Canasta. All ladies are willing to teach beginners!

Water, tea and coffee served during games



Peanut Patch Jr.

Level 3 Southern

August 10-12th

Girls and Boys 10- 18 Singles and Doubles

Mixed Doubles continues through July and everyone is having fun. Last years team was State runner up!

Next league is Combo and sign-up is in July!

Parent-Child Round Robin: July 15th at 2pm

Junior Tennis Clinics

Beginning Junior Clinic

Monday/Wednesday

3:30-4:30

Advanced Junior Clinic

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

10:30am-3pm

No Clinics on July 4th

Junior Standings

Davidson Lynch finished his season in the boys 10's ranked #2 in SC and #12 in the South

Allie Murrell won the girls 14 at the SC Hard Court Championships. Allie is #3 in SC and #23 in the South in girls 12's

Mahaley Swink is #7 in SC girls 10's

James Herbert is #24 in SC boys 12's

Hannah Marie McKay #41 in SC girls 12's

Mary Woods Swink is #11 in SC girls 10's

Elle Brannon is #25 in SC girls 10's

John Roland Dawkins is #48 in SC boys 12's

Morgan Coker is #44 in SC girls 10's

Chandler Hyman is #70 in SC girls 10's



Golf News

Upcoming Events

4th: July 4th Golf Tournament (10am Shotgun)
 9-11th: Course Closed (Greens Aerification)
 19th: Men's Night Out
 20th: Couples Sundowner
 21st: Adult-Child Golf
 28th: One-Day Medal Play (Behr Cup Points Event)

Tuesday Women's Golf Clinic

10am Women's Clinic (Full Swing to Short Game)
 \$25

Contact Paul at 843.373.2258

Or sign-up via Paul's online scheduling book at
<https://pwgolflessons.acuityscheduling.com/>

Junior Golf Clinics

Tuesday* No clinics on 7/17 or 7/31

4pm 4-5 years
 5pm 5-6 years
 6pm 7-9 years girls

Wednesday* No clinics on 7/4 or 7/18

4pm 4-5 years
 5pm 7-9 years
 6pm 9-12 years

Thursday

4pm 11-18 years
 5pm Advanced

These clinics are taught by our teaching professional Paul Woodbury. You may sign your child up at

<https://pwgolflessons.acuityscheduling.com/>

If you need to contact Paul, please call him at the Golf Shop 843.669.3554 or by e-mail at paullwoodbury@gmail.com.



Men's Member-Guest: June 7-9th

OVERALL CHAMPIONS: Richard Owens and Jay Pusser

Flight 1: Robbie Timms and Jay Biber
 Flight 2: Chris Peebles and Jason Patrick
 Flight 3: Adam Crosson and Jake Crosson
 Flight 4: Richard Owens and Jay Pusser
 Flight 5: Marvin Owen and John Charles
 Flight 6: Rufus Bratton and Dick Tinsley
 Flight 7: Willard Dorriety and Kim Turbeville



Men's Night Out: June 14th

1st: Jack Cochrane, John Orr, Carroll Player and Laddie Hiller =54
 T-2nd: Gregg Jones, Jamie Herbert, Rufus Bratton and Brian Falcone =54
 T-2nd: Tilly Thompson, Chris Peebles, Brian Faulds and John Etheridge=54



Grant Bennett Jr. Boys: June 20th-22nd

OVERALL CHAMPION: Nicholas Mayfield (67-69=136)

Top 20 FCC Juniors: Gene Zeigler (74-70=144)

James Potter (73-72=145)

Pake June (77-69=146)



Special thanks to Tournament Chair Ben Zeigler, the SCJGA and all of our FCC volunteers for making this a special event. We appreciate all your help, enthusiasm and support for all our junior golfers!



Congratulations to **Mark Weir** for making TWO Hole-In-Ones in ONE day! Holes #2 and #4. He also had two other birdies and an eagle during the same round.

Camp Blanton, made a Hole-In-One on hole #12 in June as well!

These men are making the course look easy! Time for everyone to step up their game.

Golf Maintenance News

I have been approached by several members wanting to know more about our Encroachment and Mutation issues within our greens. I wanted to take some time and shine some light on these issues to help everyone understand what we are seeing.

Encroachment:

When I refer to the “encroachment” around our greens I am specifically talking about the grass from the collars moving into the perimeter of our greens surface. This is an issue for many courses with Bermuda grass greens because we can only combat this movement mechanically and not chemically due to both the collar and green being Bermuda grass. By mechanically, I am referring to the edging process we do bi-weekly during the growing season. Most of our encroachment occurred when we converted from the Bentgrass to Bermuda. During the grow-in period the collars were able to move into the un-established Mini Verde and slowly spread. Our collars are comprised of three different varieties of Bermuda. All three varieties are obviously very invasive.

Mutation (Off-Type):

I must start with some background info about Mutation. Mini Verde is a hybrid Bermuda meaning it was an “off-type” or “Mutation” of another variety of Bermuda. This “off-type” showed better characteristics than the parent strand so growers basically began growing this mutated part of the plant and selling it as Mini Verde. Almost all (if not all) varieties of Bermuda now used on golf courses are essentially mutations that were renamed and grown for production. What we and many other clubs are witnessing is the Mini Verde “mutating” back to its original strand. The DNA is actually changing within the plant. This is more of a visual issue with very little, if any impact on putting quality.

Conclusion:

During my duration as Superintendent we have sod cut and removed existing encroachment with viable Mini Verde sod from our nursery green located between #8 and 9 with little success. The areas addressed were quickly inundated with the Bermuda grass from the collars. Over the years we have plugged out many mutated areas during the late winter/early spring when the spots seem to be the most visible. As of right now the putting green is the most effected green when it comes to the mid section of the green. We have not spend nearly as much time plugging this green as the others since it is not in regulation play. Our golf course has many moving parts and our greens are our top priority, but our focus gets spread over the property during different times of the year. We will continue to monitor and address these areas in order to keep our golf course in the best playing conditions.

I hope this will answer some of your questions. As always, I am more than happy to answer any further questions or concerns regarding this matter. Please, feel free to stop me on the course or contact me via cell phone or e-mail.

Respectfully,

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Kid's Movie Night

Pizza served at 6:30pm

Movie starts at 7pm

Come watch a designated movie on Kid's nights with your friends or play some Wii games! We will serve pizza, popcorn and lemonade. Cost is \$10.00 per child.

Children must be bathroom independent to attend.

July 20th

5pm-10pm

"Finding Nemo"

Dive-In Movie 6-9pm

July 7th- "Coco"

Dive-In Movie 6-9pm

July 21st- "Finding Dory"

Pizza, Popcorn and Lemonade

\$7.00

Movie will start at Dusk

Children must be able to swim on their own to attend without adult supervision.



Sunday, July 15th

BINGO 6-8pm

Bring the whole family out Sunday, July 15th at 6pm to play BINGO by the Pool! Jay McCellen will be the host again. Come win cash and prizes. Cost will be \$2.00 cash per card which will cover the card all night! Our poolside winners for June were Henry Johnson and Courtney Paison

National Ice Cream Day

Sunday, July 15th

In celebration of National Ice Cream Day we will be giving away free ice cream cones at the pool snack bar from 2-5pm! Come by and get yours and say hi to the pool staff.

**Adult-Child Golf
Saturday, July 21st**

Child, grab the nearest adult and bring them out to the course on Saturday, July 21st for a round of golf. You can be competitive with them or have a leisure game. All we ask is that you have FUN!



Eat. Drink.

Think. Win.

Pub Trivia

Saturday, July 21th

7-9pm in Grill 1924



June Pub Trivia winners: O'Dell's, McKay, and Horgers.
Congratulations!