

# Golfer's Glance

We are back and ready for action!! Here we go folks, after six months of blood, sweat, and sprigs we are ready to unveil the new greens and tees. The staff is certainly ready to get the season going with a new EZ GO golf cart fleet and the new "Shank Shack" food service.

A few new changes we will be implementing this fall, the first will be starting on hole number 10. The cart path leading to the first tee had to be removed for the clubhouse expansion and starting on the tenth hole will help the traffic flow and ease play heading to the first hole. Please take extra care heading to the first hole by the practice putting green. Directional signs will be posted for assistance.

This year the golf staff will be using a brand-new tee sheet handicap peer review program called Cap Patrol. This program will send an email to each player in your foursome the next day verifying scores. Cap Patrol will also measure a player's "hot" or "not" status heading into club events. This new program will be a great way to keep all players posting accurate scores and in a timely manner. The Cap Patrol program has been installed in many clubs with tremendous success rate of player posting. Many hours of planning and prepping go into our schedule. We are very proud of our events and fellowship with all members. Remember to post all your scores and use the Golf Genius app when possible.

Thank you for all your summer support!! The staff has done a great job of preparing and we still have much to do as the clubhouse goes through its transformation. Please be patient as we navigate through the Pro Shop/ cart barn check in process. Things will be changing every week. Keep it in the fairway because they are perfect!!

All the best,  
Mark Trotter, Director of Golf

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & HOURS OF OPERATION

### PRO SHOP HOURS

7 Days a week, 7AM-6PM  
(941) 744-9771

### SHANK SHACK HOURS

7 Days a week, 8AM-5PM  
(941) 744-9771

### GENERAL MANAGER

CDD & GOLF CLUB  
Steve Dietz (941) 718-4842

### DIRECTOR OF GOLF

Mark Trotter (941) 744-9771

### MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING

Sasha Jarquin (941) 718-4848

### GATE ATTENDANT

(941) 708-6866

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GOLF & RIVER CLUB



Dear Waterlefe Golf Club Members & Residents:

I would like to first thank everyone for your patience this summer. The staff has heard the comment many times about missing Waterlefe and I assure you, the staff has missed you too! Now is the time to play at your home course again and I am confident you will quickly realize why you have missed playing Waterlefe so much.

Over the past month, the maintenance staff has also increased cultural practices to improve the smoothness of the putting surface. The goal has always been to have complete turfgrass coverage and a smooth putting surface when we re-open. We will continue to push turfgrass growth through October and until dormancy begins. This means the green speed will not be as fast as you normally see in the winter but it will be comparable to what our green speed is normally at this time of year. The green speed will pick up as the cooler temperatures arrive. It also needs to be acknowledged that the greens will be very firm, which will be the biggest change from last season. New greens are always firm and there is no way around it. You will quickly notice that you will need to adjust your yardage to accommodate for the firm greens. The greens will become more receptive to approach shots as time goes on, but it will be 1.5 to 2 years until the greens are fully mature.

Work still continues on the Golf Clubhouse and Cart Barn.





With work continuing on the Golf Clubhouse and Cart Barn, we will require changes to normal traffic patterns. Below is a map showing you what to expect when you arrive at the club. We ask for everyone's assistance to promote a safe and smooth traffic pattern.



I would also like to remind everyone that we will require all golfers to pair up in club carts. Additionally, I would ask that those in private carts allow golfers to pair up in your carts as well. Owners of private carts are not required to pair up at this time but doing so is best for the golf course. Pay attention to the condition of the fairways the next time you play and you will see how the quality of the turfgrass has improved with no traffic. The more we can reduce traffic on the course the better the overall conditions will be.

Best Regards,  
Steve Dietz, PGA  
General Manager  
Waterlefe CDD & Golf Club





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

Michael Nikolich 10/17

Maria Ferraro 10/18

Robert Blazak 10/19

Mike Graham 10/20

John Clark 10/21

Beth Lilley 10/21

Jean Paddison 10/21

Diana Cella 10/22

Tony Gaeta 10/25

John Owens 10/25

Jeff Charne 10/26

Mary Luna 10/26

Stephanie O'Donnell 10/26

David Ingle 10/27

Steve Cullen 10/28

Donald Reaves 10/28

Tom Wright 10/30

Chris Klein 10/31

Robyn Drourr 10/1

Jeff Thibodeau 10/1

Larry Colton 10/2

Harold Keyser 10/2

Leslie Carroll 10/3

Norm Ayoub 10/5

Tom Gauld 10/6

David Olson 10/6

Anne Walters 10/6

Dean Weich 10/7

Kent Howell 10/9

Brandyn Hall 10/11

Hank Young 10/11

Matt Brown 10/13

Audrey Bilotti 10/14

Scott Ellsworth 10/15

Linda Gratsch 10/16

David Parraga 10/16

Russ Bergeman 10/17

Yamen Elsaid 10/17

*Congratulations!*

Please join us in congratulating Juan Garcia and Belem Nunez on 20 years of service here at Waterlefe!

Juan and Belem are part of our Maintenance team and their dedication to keeping the course and amenities in pristine condition is invaluable! Thank you for being such valuable members of the team and for 20 years of dedicated service!





# Member Preview Day



We had the pleasure of welcoming back our members a day before our official opening date for a Member's Only Preview Day! We started the morning with a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a fun scramble event and regular member play. It was great to see our members back on the course and we look forward to another great season!





**WATERLEFE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION  
INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**2 person teams**

**9 HOLE SHAMBLE - 9 HOLE SCRAMBLE**

**Tuesday - October 31, 2023**

**7:30 Registration - 8:30 Shotgun Start**

**Lunch and awards immediately following at the River Club**

**\$85.00 each - WWGA Members**

**\$95.00 each - Passport Members**

**\$100.00 each - Non-Members**

**Maximum handicap 36  
with 10 stroke maximum  
between partners - handicaps  
will be adjusted accordingly.  
Must have 5 verifiable  
rounds posted between  
Nov 1, 2022 to October 1, 2023**

**RAFFLE TICKETS AND MULLIGANS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**



**COSTUMES WELCOME**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT 15, 2022**



**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR PASSPORT MEMBERS' EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER**

Wednesday, November 1 - Niners Shotgun

Friday, November 3 - WMGA Member-Member Match Play Series Begins

Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5 WMGA - 1-Day Member-Member

Monday, November 13 - 9 & Dine

Tuesday, November 14 - WWGA Semi-Annual Meeting





# OCTOBER WEEKLY SPONSORED EVENTS

## MEN'S DAY

TEE TIMES START AT 8:04AM

Wednesday, October 4

Team Game — 1 BB or More Front, 2  
BB or More Back

Wednesday, October 11

Individual Game — 9 Ball

Wednesday, October 18

Individual Game — Net Skins

Wednesday, October 25

Team Game — 1 BB Odd, 2 BB Even

## LADIES' DAY

TEE TIMES START AT 8:04AM

Tuesday, October 3

Team Game — 2 BB or More Net  
Skins

Tuesday, October 10

Individual Game — 9 Ball

Tuesday, October 17

Individual Game — Net Skins

Tuesday, October 24

Team Game — 1 BB Odd, 2 BB Even

## MIXED EVENT

TEE TIMES START AT 8:04AM

Sunday, October 8

Team Game — Step Aside Scramble

Sunday, October 22

Team Game — 2 BB or More

## 9-HOLE LEAGUE

TEE TIMES START AT 2:20PM

Wednesday, October 4

Wednesday, October 11

Wednesday, October 18

Wednesday, October 25

## Employee Spotlight

Please join us in welcoming our new Assistant Professional, Kole Maytum! Kole is a graduate from California University of Pittsburg with a degree in Sports Management with a concentration in Professional Golf Management. He comes to us from The Country Club of North Carolina where he was the Assistant Golf Professional.

*Favorite Movie?*

**Water Boy**

*Favorite Food?*

**A Medium Steak**

*Favorite Place to  
Vacation?*

**Florida-So I'm living the  
dream!**



## Waterlefe Veteran's Golf

Veterans Golf and Gathering will run Every 1st and 3rd Thursday, starting in October through May. We play a 9 hole scramble followed by a gathering at the Shank Shack tables to share stories of our service. All veterans in the Waterlefe community or golf members are welcome to join us. Handicap does not matter. We are out to have a fun time and get to know each other. If you don't golf, join us after the round for our "After Glow" gathering. Contact Dick Schmidt at [rk\\_schmidt@comcast.net](mailto:rk_schmidt@comcast.net) or call 616-283-1013 for more information.





# OCTOBER

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1  Opening Day!	2	3  Ladies' Day	4  Men's Day  Ladies' 9 Hole League	5	6	7
8  Mixed Event	9	10  Ladies' Day	11  Men's Day  Ladies' 9 Hole League	12	13	14
15	16	17  Ladies' Day	18  Men's Day  Ladies' 9 Hole League	19	20	21  WMGA Kickoff Tournament  Open Tee Times in PM
22  Mixed Event	23  Member Management Scramble & Hole-In-One Party	24  Ladies' Day	25  Men's Day  Ladies' 9 Hole League	26	27	28
29	30	31 WWGA Spooktacular  Open Tee Times in PM  				