

# **SEPTEMBER 2023**



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & HOURS OF OPERATION

**PRO SHOP HOURS** 7 Days a week, 8AM-4PM (941) 744-9771

GRILLE ROOM HOURS Currently closed during renovations

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

**DIRECTOR OF GOLF** Mark Trotter (941) 744-9771

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HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL Matt Primrose (941) 744-9771

> GATE ATTENDANT (941) 708-6866

The summer months have flown by and we are about to reopen the golf course in a few short weeks! Some of the recent major work includes cart paths, clubhouse renovations, and the food trailer prep. We certainly are looking forward to our great new greens and wonderful facility. The new practice area behind the tenth tee box which includes a putting green and bunker are also taking shape.

The lady's and men's groups continue to hit the road this summer and enjoying many of our local reciprocals. Matt and I have thoroughly enjoyed the road trips and spending time with our members. We will have two more weeks planned in September so please signup and enjoy the competition.

As October approaches please remember that our tee time reservation procedures will start **two weeks prior.** Make sure you have your "game" on and plan accordingly. Please make adjustments so all our members have the opportunity to maximize their playing potential. The excitement will bring out everyone including our loyal local patrons. Be prepared for firm greens that will test your short game!



The staff would like to thank everyone who has come by to check on us. It has been a very warm summer and we are ready to get back in the swing of things.

**All the best,** Mark Trotter Director of Golf



# WATERLEFE YOUTH GOLF PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2023 UPDATE

We have been taking our **"Taste of Golf"** to local organizations to introduce kids to the "swing of golf". We have the kids hit wiffle balls off of Astro turf matts using drivers and chipping irons. We have gone to the Boys and Girls Club of Palmetto twice and to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Manatee County for their back-to-school event. Thanks to Matt Primrose, Janis Bumgarner, Sandy Buchanan and Gerald Jones for their assistance at these events.



All of our 11 kids now have US Kids golf sets, shirts and hats/visors to wear to practice. Even through the heat of this past summer, we have held lessons 4 out of every 5 weeks. We have started additional lessons for 4 of the kids that we believe will be able to participate in PGA Jr League in the near future. Matt is giving semi-private lessons to these kids on Friday afternoons.

WYGP CONTACT

Bob Buchanan at 813-340-9233 or email at bobansandy@gmail.com

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS CONTACT** 

Jessica Swift at 941-746-7000 or at email at jswift@bbbssun.org

# MENTORING PROGRAM

We looking for Mentors for each of the kids to enrich their golfing experience. We have 3 girls and 5 boys and their parent(s) interested in having a golfing Mentor. Our Mentoring program is in conjunction with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Sun Coast. Here is an overview of the Program:

#### Purpose:

- Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth
- To enrich the golfing experience for the boys and girls enrolled in the WYGP
- To encourage continued involvement in learning golf
- To have "fun" with golf, as well as, reinforce US Kids lessons and the values of the WYGP (go to WaterlefeYouthGolfProgram.com for additional information)

### What's required:

- Meeting the parents and kids in the WYGP program (profile for each kid will be provided ahead of time)
- Matching with compatible parent(s) and kid
- Completing the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BB/ BS) process and complying with their program requirements
- BB/BS process takes 6 to 8 weeks to complete, process includes interviews, background check, finger printing and references
- Spending a minimum of 4 hours/month (BB/BS requirement) with your kid playing golf, as well as, other activities

#### **Opportunities:**

• Currently, River Run Golf Links in Bradenton provides access to their course, after 5pm, to play up to 9 holes for free, when available (including cart)

#### WYGP Support:

- Diane DeGennaro will be the Mentoring coordinator
- WYGP golf shirts and US Kids booklets will be provided for Mentor
- Kids have clubs, shirts and hats and we will provide golf balls and tees
- For kids that are participating in PGA Jr League, we will cover the cost of the program and provide any additional equipment

## Sign Up and Additional Information:

- WYGP contact is Bob Buchanan at 813-340-9233 or email at bobansandy@gmail.com.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters contact is Jessica Swift at 941-746-7000 or at email at jswift@bbbssun.org.



# We hope your birthday blows you away!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	<b>FRIDAY</b> 1	<b>SATURDAY</b> 2
MEN AND LADIES' DAYS TIMES AND COURSE TO BE DETERMINED						
3	4 ******* Jabor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 NEVER FORGET	12 Ladies' Day	13 Men's Day	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Ladies' Day	27 Men's Day	28	29	30