

**ALPHARETTA ATHLETIC CLUB
NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE

EAST & WEST COURSE NEWS

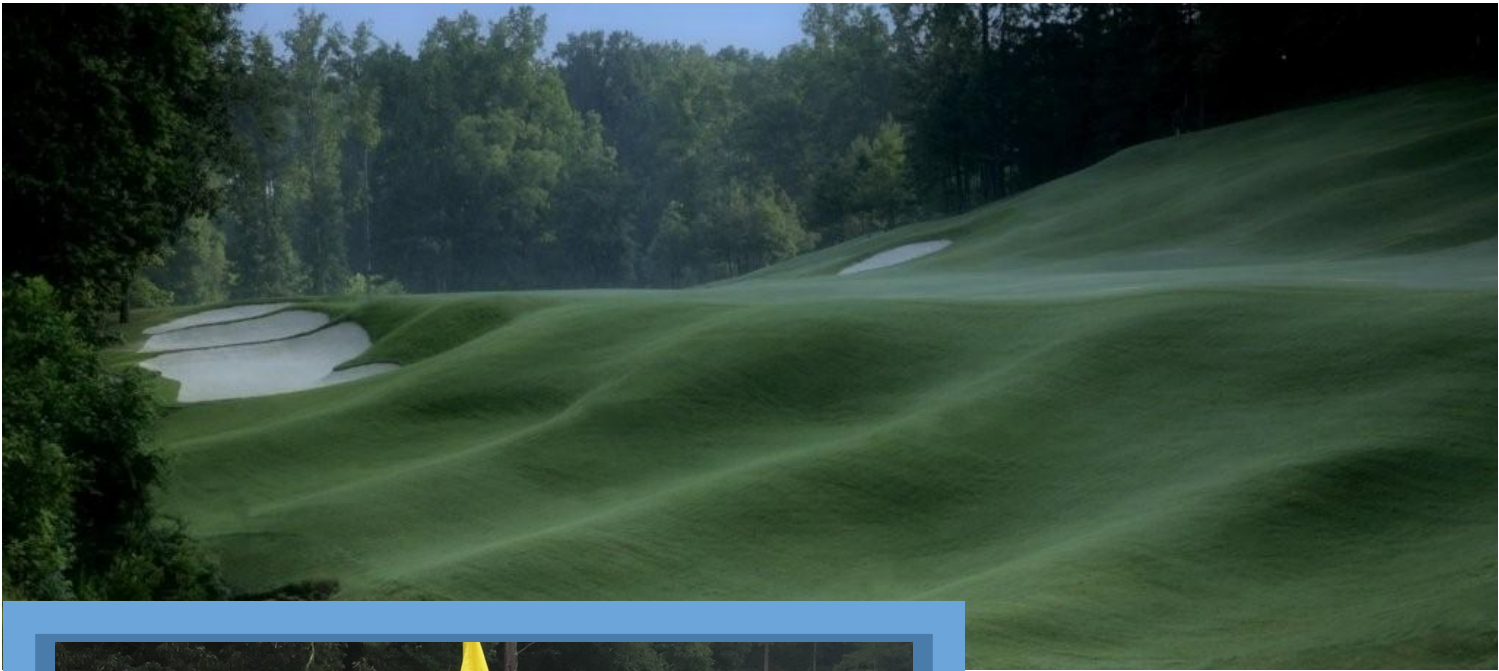
MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT

TOYS FOR TOTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

AND MORE....





**JOIN US IN WELCOMING
OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

- Mike and Annette Higgins
- Art & Dianne McNaughton
- Randy & Melanie Kulamer
- Vuli & Julia Cuba
- Chip Yaggi
- Han & Johe van Leeuwen
- Tareque & Zahra Pirzada
- Sachin & Heeral Patel
- Ashfaq Syed

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EAST COURSE

3430 Highway Nine N.
Alpharetta, GA 30004
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WEST COURSE

1785 Dinsmore Road
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PGA Jr LEAGUE GOLF

Tom Joyce became Director of Player Development at Alpharetta Athletic Club in February. Tom plans to continue his existing junior programs while adding a few new ones. One of those new programs was PGA Junior League Golf. When Tom held registration he was hoping for enough players to field one team. Surprisingly, 30 kids registered which allowed him to create three teams.

Following registration, practices were held to help to determine players' ability. The goal was to pair the more experienced players with lesser experienced players in order to help develop the skills to play competitive golf in a team environment.

Teams from Alpharetta Athletic Club played matches against teams from nearby White Columns as part of the PGA Junior League regular season. After the regular season, a 10 player Alpharetta All-Star Team was chosen with players from both AAC and White Columns.

The first test for the Alpharetta All-Star Team was sub-regional tournament consisting of 24 teams from leagues around North Georgia. The Alpharetta All-Stars defeated a team from Hamilton Mill (last year's national second place team) and a team from the Augusta area. The win advanced the team to the regional tournament held in Macon where we faced teams from Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. The team went 3-0 to advance to the PGA Jr League Golf National Championship tournament where they

will compete against 7 other teams from around the United States. The team will be playing in Orlando, Florida on November 5th. The goal is the same as when Tom started the leagues... try their best to win a National championship.

Obviously, winning a national championship would be a major accomplishment for any club's PGA Jr League but would be especially sweet given this is Alpharetta's inaugural season in the PGA Junior League.

The development of PGA Junior League program at AAC has resulted in generating greater interest in the Club's junior program as a whole. Tom has seen significant increases in participation to his after school programs upon creation of the PGA Junior League teams.

Tom is already looking forward to next year!



JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

November 14th & 15th

**Contact Justin Martin in pro shop or
Email: Justin.Martin@alpharettaac.com**



Congratulations to our very own Justin Martin!

Join us as we congratulate Justin Martin.

Justin had the honor of being selected to the 2015 Georgia PGA Assistants Cup team. He and 11 other assistant professionals from around Georgia traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee to compete against 12 assistant professionals from the Tennessee section. And they won!! Justin said, "It was an incredible experience, and one that I will remember for a long time."

Most of you know that he is an active tournament player in the Georgia section, and wants you to know that he works on (and struggles with) the same things in his game that you work on in yours... like hitting every drive straight! He appreciates it when members ask about tournaments he has played in or has coming up. Justin says, "It's really cool and means a great deal to me."

Anytime you want to stop by and see him, he will more than likely have a story from a professional tournament he would love to share with you! In Justin's words, "Thank you and I appreciate all the love and support from qualification for the Assistant's Cup team!!"

**For Private Lessons please contact
Justin at Justin.Martin@alpharettaac.com**



FROM THE EAST COURSE

Greeting AAC Members!

We're almost through football season and the Holidays will be here soon. This usually signals the end of the golf season but so far the weather has been nice and the course continues to be in great shape. David and his crew deserve a TON of credit for the work they have done throughout the year.

We are wrapping up what has been a busy but fun 2015 tournament schedule. The Men's Member Guest was held September 24-26 and while the weather didn't fully cooperate, we were able to increase participation and everyone had a great weekend of golf. Congrats to **Mike and CJ Kozel** who successfully defended their title. Thanks to all that participated and we look forward to growing this event even more next year.

We also crowned a new Men's Match Play champion this fall. **Rob Thornton** successfully navigated his way through the bracket to take the title in what is arguably the most difficult event to win.

The MGA and LGA Seasons are wrapping up and we'll close out the year with our annual Toys for Tots on December 5th. Please feel free to contact the Golf Shop for more details on this great event.

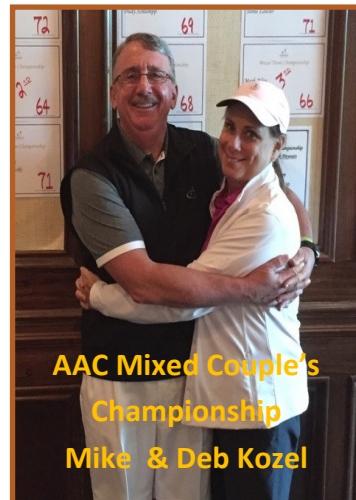
As the holidays near, avoid the busy malls and traffic and let YOUR Golf Shop help with gifts this year. We're gearing up and have whatever you need for the golfers in your family.

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Blake Atchley East Course Head Golf Professional



**2015 Super Senior Club
Championship
Congratulations
Bob Burgess
Super Senior Champion
Bill Marett—Low Net**



**AAC Mixed Couple's
Championship
Mike & Deb Kozel**



MGA LOOKOUT

For more information contact the East Course Golf Shop at 770-745-2300 ext.113 or check out the MGA website at www.aacmga.com

LGA LOOKOUT

For information or questions about the LGA contact, President, Joan Hug at jhug1952@att.net or check out the website at www.aaclga.com



HOLE #5

REMOVAL OF FAIRWAY BUNKER



From Wayne Post The Rules Guy Ball Falling off Tee: Rule 11-3



Rule 11-3, Ball Falling off Tee, is short and seems simple enough, but I guess that some readers may find it useful for me to compare the rulings of various similar scenarios that can occur on the teeing ground. First, the wording of Rule 11-3;

If a ball, when not in play, falls off a tee or is knocked off a tee by the player in addressing it, it may be re-tee'd, without penalty. However, if a stroke is made at the ball in these circumstances, whether the ball is moving or not, the stroke counts, but there is no penalty.

Here are six teeing ground scenarios with differing rulings;

A player makes a practice swing close to his teed ball and accidentally hits it, moving it 100 yards down the fairway.

Ruling: The ball was not in play and there was no stroke made at it. No penalty has been incurred and the

player must re-tee a ball anywhere within the teeing ground. Decision 18-2a/19.

A player makes a stroke at his teed ball and completely misses it (a 'whiff', or 'fresh air') but the ball topples off the tee.

Ruling: The stroke counts and the ball is in play. The player must play the ball as it lies. Definition of Stroke.

A player makes a stroke at his teed ball and his club head just touches it knocking it off the tee. The player picks-up the ball and re-tees it.

Ruling: The stroke counted and the ball was in play when it was picked-up, so the player should have played the ball where it lay. When he lifted the ball, he incurred a penalty of one stroke under Rule 18-2a and was required to replace it. However, when the player made a stroke at the re-tee'd ball, he effectively played a ball under penalty of stroke and distance (Rule 27-1a) overriding the penalty under Rule 18-2a.

A player addresses a teed ball and accidentally knocks it off the tee as he grounds his club behind it.

Ruling: The ball was not in play, so there was no penalty. The player must re-tee a ball anywhere within the teeing ground to make their first stroke on that hole. Rule 11-3. A player addresses his teed ball

and completes his backswing for a stroke, but as he begins the forward movement the ball falls off the tee; he is able to abort his stroke, swinging over the ball without touching it.

Ruling: No stroke has been made and no penalty incurred. The ball has not been put in play, so the player can re-tee a ball anywhere on the teeing ground. Definition of Stroke.

A player addresses his teed ball, completes his backswing and as he begins the forward movement of his swing the ball falls off the tee; he tries to abort his stroke, but tops it forward a few yards.

Ruling: The stroke counts, because the player started his stroke with the forward movement and was not then able to check his downswing before his club head reached the ball. The player must play his second stroke from where the ball comes to rest. Definition of Stroke.

If you have any questions about the Rules of Golf, or about any situations on our golf course, please e-mail me at

The RulsGuy@Alpharettaac.com

Low scores and good golfing
Wayne





Alpharetta Athletic Club's very own **Chef Santiago**

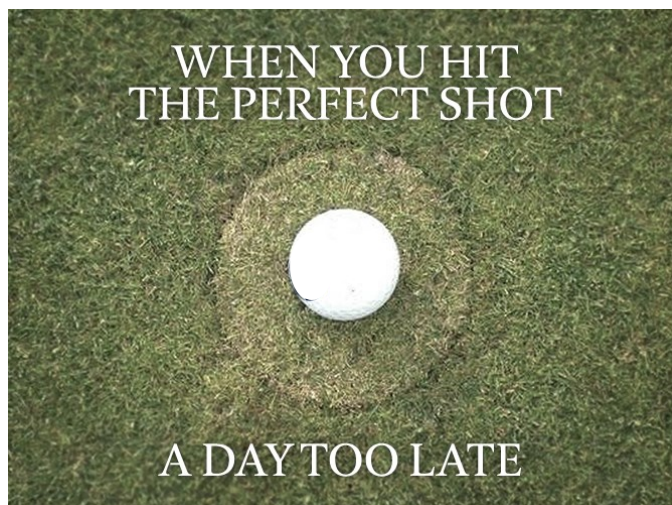
Graduated from the Art Institute of Atlanta?

Was born in Panama and raised in Germany?

Worked for Ritz Carlton hotels in Sarasota and Naples, Florida?

Chef's unique and exquisite cuisine inspirations come from his extensive travels and experiences with people he has met from all over the world to enthrall his tastes. He takes into consideration what people tell him they enjoyed when they were younger and turns that into a modern cuisine.

When interviewed, Chef Santiago was asked what he felt the best part of his job; without hesitation, Chef responded, "I really like exceeding people's expectations. People should leave here happier than when they entered." Chef Santiago does just that and he loves to hear suggestions and feedback from the members to keep you coming back for clubhouse dining and social events.



CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**It's an exciting time at Alpharetta Athletic Club...
And, perfect time to build our membership!**



2 FREE MONTHS DUES FOR EACH NEW MEMBER YOU SPONSOR!

Please ask your friends, family, business associates or former members to consider application for membership. And, we will waive the Initiation Fee for every new member application sponsored by current golf members through November 28, 2015. (Some restrictions apply) For details or to obtain a sponsor form contact :

PHILIP HERTERICK, Membership Sales Director 770.475.2300 x119

Alpharetta Athletic Club... offers unparalleled service to ensure your event is flawlessly-executed! Please contact Robin Jones to arrange your next event from small, intimate dinners to business meetings to weddings to golf tournaments, and any other special occasions. Contact Robin at 770-475-2300 extension 104 or robin.jones@alpharettaac.com



Featured Recipe from AAC Executive Chef, Santiago Echavarria

Do you plan on entertaining during the Holidays? Or, just in the mood to make a chutney? Here's a traditional, yet unique **Grape Chutney** recipe.

Ingredients:

1/2 Cup Olive Oil
1 1/2 Cups Shallots
Minced
1/4 Cup Garlic, Minced
1 Tbls. Cumin Seed
1 quart Red Seedless
Grapes split
1 quart Red Bell Pepper,
small diced
2 Cups Golden Raisins
2 Cups Cider Vinegar
3 each Jalapenos, small
1/2 Cup Ginger, Peeled
2 cups White Grape Juice
1/2 cup Brown Sugar
1 tsp Salt

Instructions:

1. In heavy bottom sauce pan heat oil over medium high heat. Add shallots, Garlic and Cumin Seed and sauté until fragrant, about 2 minutes.
2. Add grapes, red bell peppers, jalapenos, ginger root and raisins. Reduce heat to medium.
3. Cover and allow to simmer for 10-15 minutes.
4. Add grape juice and brown sugar and continue to simmer stirring often until most liquid has evaporated, about 15 minutes.
5. Remove chutney from heat, season with salt and chill.



We are pleased to announce some exciting NEW events for the Fall! Please keep these events alive and join us as we welcome Pasta Night, Cigar Night and much more!

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Happy Holidays!

Nichole DeVane

FROM THE WEST COURSE

Don't be afraid to move up!

Pace of Play is always a hot issue in the game of golf.

Whether playing one of our courses or anywhere really, nobody enjoys waiting on every shot. There are several things we can do as players to speed up play. Be ready when it's your turn, take only one practice swing, practice good cart etiquette, and write down your scores on the next tee box, not at the green.



These are just a few of many helpful pace of play tips. Perhaps the best one is, don't be afraid to move up a tee or two. Golf is a lot more fun when you are routinely putting for birdies and pars instead of bogeys and doubles. It seems that most golfers play a tee box that is too far back for their skill level just because that's what you're supposed to do.

So, if you're not living Under Par when you're on the course, next time you tee it up try moving up a tee box. I think you'll have more fun, score better, and play faster!

It's a win, win, win!

See you on the Course,

Michael Lane
Head Golf Professional

Fridays

at the West Course

\$35 Guest Fees

Includes 18 Holes & Cart Fees



Specials From the Grille:

\$3 Miller Lite & 50C Wings



Hold Your Holiday Parties at the West Course



Take advantage of the quaint setting of the West Course this holiday season to plan your smaller sized luncheons and dinner parties. The West Course dining room provides the perfect setting for smaller groups of 6-12 people and as many as 40-50 people. We will be happy to work with you to create the perfect menu and no room fees for member parties.

Let the culinary experience of Chef Brent Pitts take care of your menu needs and our wait staff take all the pressure of preparation, seating and cleanup off your shoulders. To make your West Course reservation contact Betty Smith at betty.smith@alpharettaac.com or call 470-395-5000.

We are currently working on managing our web presence as well as keep our Members engaged. We would love to hear from you!

You can assist us with this endeavor by submitting pictures, milestones, suggestions to Eeryn Lubicich at

Eeryn.Lubicich@alpharettaac.com Also, please contact us if are not receiving weekly emails.

We look forward to hearing from you!



JOIN US

8th Annual MGA Toys For Tots Holiday Golf Charity Tournament December 5th East Course. 9:30am Shotgun

All AAC Members, Guests and Crooked Creek Residents are invited to participate in this tournament. Format will be a Four-Person Scramble with 50% handicap.

Prizes: Payouts to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams

Donations: \$75 Turning Point Donation & Toy (s) with \$25 value or more. Includes: Entry Fee covers all fees & course contests. There will be multiple on-course contests throughout the day!

Plus, a Silent Auctions and Raffle!



SIGN UP NOW!!! EAST COURSE GOLF SHOP

770-475-2300 EXT: 113

**Proceeds Benefiting Atlanta Toys For Tots &
Turning Point Women's Healthcare**



We wish our entire membership a happy and safe holiday season.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

East Course There will be a 10am shotgun on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve. The Clubhouse will be open until 3:00pm with Bar Service Only.

West Course will be closed

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25.

East and West Courses will both be closed

AAC Canned Food Drive November 14-21

Every year the members of AAC have shown their support for local food pantries by contributing non-perishable items. This holiday season the need is no less than past years so, your support is greatly appreciated.

Please consider donating non-perishable items as local food pantries serve an extra 50% of people in need during the holiday season. Drop off locations are the lobby areas at the both the East and West Courses.

Contributions from AAC are annually received by the food pantries of St. Brennan's Catholic Church and Canvas Christian Church of Cumming.

Don't forget the Annual MGA Turkey Shoot event! 10am Shotgun November 21st. Please contact the East Course Golf Shop for more information.



**Thanksgiving
Food Drive**



LGA
AAC Ladies Golf Association



Celebrating Shelby Stanfield's birthday after LGA Tuesday League Play in September 2015

Team Play

It's hard to believe the 2015 Team Play season is drawing to a close. The year-end event will be held at Laurel Springs on Wednesday, November 4. After golf, there will be a lunch and the presentation of this year's Team Play winner to the top team !

THINK PINK



The LGA Think Pink Tournament was held on October 9th and was a lot of fun. We had 86 players participate consisting of all ladies, mixed, and all men teams. Proceeds for **Turning Point** will be a little over \$3000! Thanks to everyone who participated and a heartfelt "shout out" to the many others 'off the course' who helped make this event a success.



Hole in One

Congratulations to **Laura Seibert** who aced the 16th hole at the Alpharetta Athletic Club East Course on September 15, 2015. She used a driver from 148 yards, making a great shot on the most difficult par 3 on the course. The hole in one was witnessed by Joanne Roth and Peggy Higginbotham.

LGA UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 31st and Tuesday, November 3rd

November Queen Competition

November 14th

Queen shootout AND Closing Brunch

CONGRATULATIONS QUEENS

March:	Peggy Higginbotham
April:	Linda Marett
May:	Trudy Schlampp
June:	Cary Schlenke
July:	Laura Seibert
August:	Melissa Cohen
September:	Pat Fitzgerald

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

2015 Member/Guest Tournament

What a great event!



UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBERS HAPPY HOUR AND DINNER SPECIALS

**NOVEMBER
20TH & 27TH**

DECEMBER 4TH & 11TH
HAPPY HOUR 5-6:30PM
DINNER 8:00PM

HALF OFF DRAFTS, HOUSE WINES, WELL
& HOUSE LIQUORS



CIGAR NIGHT

November 19th & December 17th
6pm East Course \$15.95 ++



Sponsored by Eddie from Blue Havana!
Everyone receives one cigar and a special glass
Featuring unique wines, Pinot Noir and Red Zinfandel

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres Buffet
Oyster Florentine
Teriyaki Chicken pineapple skewers
Southwest black bean chicken tortillas



COME OUT FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT OF BINGO!!!

East Course Family BINGO Friday, November 13th 6-9pm
\$12.95 Adults, \$6.95 Kids

Pork BBQ, Chicken Fingers, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, French Fries, House Salad & Rolls, Ice Cream Bar

West Course Dinner + Adult BINGO Friday, November 20
\$12.95

Adult BINGO you may leave a \$100 or more ahead of when you left home!

Chicken Parmesan, Old Country Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Apple Cobbler and ice cream

Games start at Approximately 7pm

Group seating and Dress Code reminder

Fee of \$10 cash per person. Additional cards available.

Reservations requested; can be made thru Clubster, or emailing either Eeryn Lubicich at eeryn.Lubicich@alpharettaac.com or for the West Course Betty smith at betty.smith@alpharettaac.com

Steak Night

**East Course
November 12
& December
10th**

6-9pm

\$18.95++

Salads, loaded baked potatoes



NEW at the East Course

**November 6th & December
3rd 6-10pm**

Live Pasta Station \$16.95++

COME JOIN US!!

Marinara, Alfredo, Pesto Rose, Tri-Colored Fettuccine, Cheese Tortellini, Grilled Sliced Chicken Breasts, Meatballs, Italian Sausage, Caesar Salad, Onions, Bell Peppers, Spinach, Mushroom, Artichokes, Capers, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Garlic Sticks and Cannoli

Pictures & Brunch with Santa Sunday, December 6th - East Course

Two Seatings: 11:00am and 1:30pm

Prices: Adults \$25++

Children (4-10) \$15 ++

3 & Under Free

Santa will take pictures between 10:30am and 1:30pm

**Reservations Required. Please contact Nichole DeVane at
Nichole.DeVane@alpharettaac.com or 770-475-2300 xt:102**



ANNUAL SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, December 12 6 PM West Course Clubhouse

The annual senior Christmas dinner with appetizers and cocktails.

Chef Brent will be at the roast beef carving station that is backed up by a buffet including roasted garlic sweet potatoes, Brussel sprouts, mixed vegetables and chocolate mint mousse for dessert. Cost is \$17 per person plus tax and gratuity. All beverages are additional.

For reservations contact Bob Volz at bvolz_atl@yahoo.com or Betty smith at betty.smith@alpharettaac.com.



Mark Your Calendars For Pulled Pork BBQ

Saturday, December 19 6—8 PM

Find a date, pack up the kids, call your neighbors. You'll definitely want to join us for a BBQ dinner at the West Course. Chef Brent will be warming you up with a pulled pork BBQ dinner featuring Cole slaw, corn bread, baked beans and potato salad. The perfect meal before turkey leftovers become the norm! Cost is \$9.95 for adults and \$6.95 for kids age 12 and under.



Reservations are requested thru Clubster, or email either Eeryn Lubicich at Eeryn.lubicich@alpharettaac.com or Betty Smith at betty.smith@alpharettaac.com.

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR of events

6 FRIDAY

Pasta Night– East Course

12 THURSDAY

Steak Night– East Course

13 Friday

Family Bingo– East Course

14 SATURDAY

Canned Food Drive begins

19 THURSDAY

Cigar Night– East Course

20 FRIDAY

Dinner & Bingo– West Course

DECEMBER

CALENDAR of events

3 THURSDAY

Pasta Night—East Course

5 SATURDAY

Toys 4 Tot's Tournament—East Course

6 SUNDAY

Santa Brunch—East Course

10 THURSDAY

Steak Night—East Course

12 SATURDAY

Senior Holiday Dinner— West Course

17 Thursday

Cigar Night— East Course

19 SATURDAY

Pulled Pork BBQ - West Course

EAST COURSE

Hours of Operation

WEST COURSE**◆ KITCHEN**

Monday	Closed
Tuesday & Wednesday	11am - 6pm
Thursday	11am - 9pm
Friday	11am - 9pm
Saturday	11am - 5pm
Sunday	11am - 5pm

◆BAR

Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Thursday	8:30am - Dark
Friday	7:30am - Dark
Saturday & Sunday	1 hr. prior 1st Time - Dark

◆GOLF SHOP

Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Friday	7am - 6:30pm
Saturday & Sunday	6:30am - 6:30pm

◆GOLF RANGE

Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Sunday	1st T-time - 1 hour before dark

GRILLE

Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday - Monday	11am - 6:30pm

◆BAR

Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday - Monday	11am - 6:30pm

◆GOLF SHOP

Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday - Monday	7:30am - 5:30pm

◆TENNIS COURTS

Open	Dawn- 10pm
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◆FITNESS CENTER

Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday - Monday	7am- 6:30pm

NAME**POSITION****CLUB EXT.**

Larry Hayes	General Manager	110
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Philip Herterick	Membership Director	119
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