



# Tee 2 Green

## President's Message

*Bob Pacheco*

As I step into this leadership role, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the members and the Bonita National Golf Board of Directors for granting me the opportunity to further develop our golf community. For the past 6 years, the BN Community has grown and developed into a thriving and wonderful place to call home. As the Golf Community's incoming President, I look forward to building the value of Bonita National while continuing to strengthen that foundation and moving our initiatives forward.

Helping achieve my goals is a board powered by strong and committed volunteers. Each one brings a diversity of thought, talent, and passion to the board. They dedicate countless hours to our community and approach their service with a passion and sense of doing what they feel is right. As our new board gets acclimated into their positions, we will work diligently through our transition.

It is also important to the board that we earn your trust and have full transparency of actions taken on your behalf. We are excited to announce that we will return to an open-door policy to all regularly scheduled board meetings. The board has scheduled its regularly scheduled meetings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 4:00pm in the Clubhouse. If you plan to attend the April 19 board meeting, you will need to register using the Chelsea reservation system. Attendance will be limited to 40 members to attend in person and you are required to wear a mask. Members who are not able to attend in person, we will continue to utilize zoom technology.

At our March 16, 2021 board meeting, the board approved a number of items pertaining to reciprocal play, Covid Impact, shotgun starts and Pro Shop credits. These and much more are detailed in this newsletter.

Another item of discussion was a special request from Palmira Golf & Country Club. Palmira has closed their course for major renovation for the next six months and requested the Board give special consideration by allowing their members to play here at BNGC during the month of April. The BNGC board members agreed it's the neighborly thing to do as we will be in the same position in the future and we'll be looking to other clubs to accommodate our members. Starting April 5<sup>th</sup>, Palmira members will have the opportunity to book a tee time 48-hours in advance and after 1:00 pm. We are confident the Pro Shop will manage the limited available tee times while having minimal impact to our members. Thank you for understanding and support.

As always, if you have questions on any subject do not hesitate to email the Board at [bngcgolf34135@gmail.com](mailto:bngcgolf34135@gmail.com).

## Message from the Pro

*By Michael Raber, Golf Professional*

My first three months at Bonita National have been busy and fun filled. We have gotten through the bulk of our season schedule and look to wrap things up in April with our "Championships" and Season Closing Scramble.

We've experienced some of the best that Florida's weather has to offer and some amazing golf conditions. Let's hope it continues.

One more piece of great news is our recent addition to the professional staff. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to stop by the Golf Shop and say hello to our new merchandiser, Gabbi Pranger. We will begin our fall buying process shortly and she would love to hear your ideas on what lines you would like to see in the shop. As a reminder, all credit earned before December 31, 2020 will expire on April 30, 2021. To help you spend your credits, we will be having an END OF THE SEASON SALE the last week of April. Watch for more details.

## Golf Course Update

*By Jesse Metcalf, Course Superintendent*

The golf course continues to hold up very well to the high volume of rounds. We look forward to more great weather and great course conditions for the remainder of the season.

As the season draws to a close, the Golf Maintenance Staff will begin preparing for our summer cultural practices. The work that is performed during the summer is essential in order to provide the course conditioning during the winter months. The 2021 closure dates are May 31-June 4, July 19-July 23, and September 7-September 11.

It has been brought to my attention that there is concern about having sand bottles on the tee boxes. The Golf and Greens Committees decided to remove the sand bottles. As part of our morning course set up a staff member goes through all of the tees on the course and adds sand to the divots. This ensures the divots are repaired properly and reduces excessive wear and tear on mowing equipment used on the tees due to sand not being leveled after being placed in a divot.

## **"CHECK-IN" PROCESS CHANGE**

Effective **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, as part of our easing of covid restrictions, we will be returning to the in-person check-in process. All members and guests are **required** to check into the Golf Shop before their round. As we head into reciprocal season, we need to ensure accurate accounting of our golfers. Our goal is to make this a temporary process as we explore all capabilities of the new NorthStar IT system and streamline the check in process once it's implemented.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## ***Ladies Golf Association***

Solheim Cup on March 23. The ladies gathered the night before for the Pairings Party. Two teams were picked; Team Margie (BN LGA President) named their team Chix with Stix vs Team Donna (BN LGA Vice President) named their team Bonita Babes. On Tuesday, Chix with Stix won the battle with a 2-point lead. It was a great day. Congratulations to all who participated.

The LGA's Closing Day and Meeting will be held after golf on Tuesday, April 20. At that time, the new officers for the LGA will be confirmed. The officers are Diane Long, President; Joanne Sadowsky, Vice President; Kathy Innvar, Secretary; Jane McQuaid, Treasurer, and Marci Williams, 9-Hole Representative.



Many thanks to the outgoing board Margie Steller, President; Donna Pacheco, Vice President; Diane Szymanski, Secretary; Maxine Novak, Treasurer, and Gail Doblar and Debbie Childress, 9-Hole Representatives. We appreciate the commitment everyone made to begin the LGA two years ago. Their experience and the time they gave the LGA helped make the LGA a great experience.

### **COVID Impact**

Carts will be 2 players per cart and staged without partitions; however, carts and partitions will be readily available for use and installed upon request. Just let the Pro Shop or bag staff know you want one.

#### **Effective 4/1/21**

We will return to the following:

- Flagsticks may be removed by the players
- Bunker rakes returned to the course
- Divot sand bins reinstalled at Hole 1 and Hole 10 tee boxes
- Sand bottles for walkers put back out

### **Shotgun Starts**

Effective 4/20/21 we will return to shotgun starts. This will include Ladies League finale on 4/20/21 and Men's League Shamble on 4/21/21. Shotguns will be staged with increase spacing between carts pre-tournament. Scoring and reporting after each round will be managed to discourage large clusters of players.

### **April Events**

4/9 & 4/10 - Men's Club Championship  
4/16 & 4/17 - Ladies Club Championship  
4/20 - Ladies League Final Event  
4/24 - Season Closing Scramble  
4/27 - LGA Fun Day

### **Reciprocal Play**

Reciprocals, PGA Pass and Social Residents may begin play on May 1 as per the 2021 Rate Sheet. Look for the updated reciprocal list toward the end of April

### **Committee Liaisons**

Communications – Peggy Hanson  
Finance – Rick Laboda  
Golf – Sean Hayward  
Greens – Jack Ridge  
Legal/Governance – Jim Zyskowski  
Strategic Planning – Danny Fisher



### **Credit Book**

*All Credits earned before December 31, 2020 will expire on April 30, 2021.*

Be sure to check out the Pro Shop for great deals on bags, clothes and more.

### **Board of Directors Meeting April 19**

4:00pm  
Clubhouse  
Registration required  
(use Chelsea Reservation System)



Couples Club Championship – John and Nancy Meyer  
Men's Classic – Steve Mason and Steve Kring  
Play with the Pro Shoot Out – Nancy Farinella, Dixie Grillo,  
Christine Lenhard, Kristi Wadhams  
**Congratulations** Paul Staroneck – Hole-in-One on #15



The website is full of information on the Golf Club, golf events, rules and regulations, governance documents, Chelsea tutorial, etc. Take the time to review and check back often for updates – [www.bonitanationalgolf.com](http://www.bonitanationalgolf.com)

Have a question for the board, email your question to: [bngcgolf34135@gmail.com](mailto:bngcgolf34135@gmail.com)