

**RIVER STRAND
GOLF AND
COUNTRY CLUB**



**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- Celebrate Easter on April 5th at River Strand by joining us for Easter Brunch.
- We still have a lot going on at the clubhouse, even though we are winding down the winter season. Plan to come over for an event, a meal, golf, tennis, fitness or a very relaxing dip in the pool this month.
- Mr. Terry Lyons is your new member voted in to the River Strand Board of Directors. See more on Page 6.

**MARCH
HOLES IN ONE**

Charlene Lemon-Steiner

#7 Sanctuary - 03/15/15
Amazing achievement Charlene! Congrats!



THE STRAND

E-Newsletter for the Members of River Strand Golf and Country Club

THE STRAND

APRIL 2015

Three Talented Individuals Take Home Top Honors!



**CONGRATULATE
YOUR
36 HOLE CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP
WINNERS!**



Ladies' Club Champion Beatriz Niemeyer, top left, Men's Club Champion Jack McCauley, top right and Senior Club Champion Ralph Dondi, bottom left, pose with Golf Professionals Corey Pion and Oscar Parks while accepting their Club Championship awards. See more details from this event on Page 7 in the Golf Update section.

"50 Shades of Green" Charity Golf Event A Huge Success!

The 3rd Annual Ladies Golf Association Charity Golf Event, billed this year as "50 Shades of Green", was held March 16-17. It was a beautiful day with cooperative weather. Excited Committee Members Carol Budd, Sam Paice, Fran Beauman, Arlene Silverstein and Debbie DiGiannantonio are pleased to announce that they surpassed last years total by raising a whopping \$13,000 to benefit The Food Bank of Manatee! Special thanks to those who were very instrumental in achieving this success: Arlene and Debbie for their expert organization of the silent auction, the many volunteers who did all sorts of little things to help it all come together, the River Strand golf pros (especially Jodi Hooper), the tournament players, the wonderful silent auction donors/item collectors/bidders and food donors. Photographer Mattie Watson and auctioneer Howard Reben's talents are also very much appreciated.

Not only did the event surpass last year in terms of dollars raised, they also grew in size: 100 total golfers participated in the event. What a wonderful way to show support for your fellow members, your club and your community!

More photos to enjoy can be found inside.





"Our growing season is upon us, and the landscapers will start mowing on a weekly basis beginning April 1st."

Community News

Dan Arens, LCAM

As our main season is coming to a close, there are a few items I would like to remind owners. Please remember to keep your AC units on. By doing so you will help prevent the possibility of mold. It is also recommended to shut off the water to your property if you are going to be gone for long periods of time. This will help prevent water leaks while you are gone.

Our growing season is upon us, and the landscapers will begin mowing on a weekly basis beginning April 1st. They have also recently put out a granular fertilizer, which will help with the health of the grounds. Please do not adjust your irrigation clocks.

As discussed in March, there was a recent burglary in the community. Please be on the alert for any suspicious activity. If you leave for the summer, or any other prolonged time, it is recommended that you have someone watch your home.

Beginning April 1, your member swipe card will be necessary to access the Fitness Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Up to now, it was only needed from 6 pm to 6 am. This is for security purposes and to ensure that only our active members are able to enjoy those amenities.

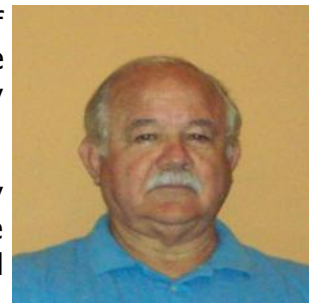
As always, it is my pleasure being your Community Association Manager and if you should ever need anything, please feel free to call or email me!

Congratulate Your First River Strand Board Member, Mr. Terry Lyons!

Mr. Terry Lyons was voted in as your first River Strand member on the River Strand Board of Directors at the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 24th.

Terry has been a full time resident of River Strand since February of 2012 and has maintained a home in Florida for the last 22 years. He has been married to his lovely wife, Nancy, for 33 years and they have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Terry has been operating as Chairman of the River Strand Community Compliance Committee (RSCCC) for the past year, assisting with the development and governance of the compliance guidelines. Terry and Nancy are very active in the club. They can be found here often, whether at a committee meeting of one form or another, dining, playing golf or while attending a club event or activity.



Join us in welcoming Mr. Lyons to the River Strand Board of Directors and this new phase of River Strand development. He can be reached at 941-896-7525 or ternanlyons@aol.com.

**SPRING FLING
HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY**
 Poolside at River Strand
 Saturday April 25th, 4:00pm-7:00pm

SALADS
 Tropical Chicken Salad
 Spinach & Strawberries Salad
 Maui Pasta Salad
 Hawaiian Cole Slaw

ENTREES
 Roasted Hawaiian Pork
 Mahi Mahi with Pineapple Glaze
 Tiki Tiki Chicken
 Hawaiian Shrimp Curry
 Sweet & Sour Meatballs
 Aloha Sweet Potatoes
 Grilled Sweet Corn
 Assorted Tropical Desserts

Live Music **RSVP at:**
 \$26.95 per person **941-708-3837**



These handsome photos are courtesy of River Strand member, Jan Nissen.

The Griffin Tennis Leagues Prize \$\$ Tournament, was held on Sunday, March 15th. Results for the Doubles Tournament are as follows:

Men's Open: Nate Griffin/Zach Bessette def. Jeff Tucker/Eric Luxembourg
 Men' 9.0: Jose Tolentino/Dini def. Gary Coulter/Neil Kashdin
 Men's 7.0: Carson Smith/Ron Allard def. Jake Mattraw/Chris Ethesorios
 Ladies Open: Mara Schmidt/Anastasia Kramperova def. Jessica Steck/Anastasia Nefedova
 Ladies 9.0: Megan Donahue/Motoyo Arri won Round Robin flight
 Mixed Doubles 7.0: Mike Stanton/Caitlin Lynch
 Mixed Doubles 9.0: Steve Roberts/Sylvia Sethares def. Sylvio Tanev/Iva Tanev
 Mixed Open: Zach Bessette/Anastasia Kramperova def. Nate Griffin/Jessica Steck



Pictured at left:
 Kevin Cooper and Robin Goldin
 Mara Schmidt and Anastasia Kramperova
 Motoyo Arri and Meg Donahue
 Sylvia Hethares and Steve Robert

Did You Know...?



- The Administrative Offices will convert to summer hours after April 4th and will no longer be open on Saturdays. Regular hours for the summer will be from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.
- We hope you have enjoyed the Line Dancing class this winter! We will say goodbye to Genia for the summer, but she will be back later in the year to start again. Her last class will be on Saturday, April 11.
- Fit4Life and AquaFit will also end for the summer on May 20. Lauren will be back in September.
- If you are not receiving our email correspondence, it may be that we do not have your email address or it is incorrect in our system. Please check with the admin office to ensure our records are accurate so that you can stay up to date.
- The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30 with the peak period from early August through the end of October. Atlantic basin includes the entire Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico. Ways to prepare for this can be found by visiting the Hurricane Readiness Center pages at mymanatee.org.
- Summer season is just around the corner and we are arranging activities that will blend nicely for the residents who remain in the community. Please send an email to tampip@riverstrandgolf.com if there are any activities in particular that you would like to see.
- Your member swipe card will be needed to access the Fitness Center at all times beginning April 1. Remember to bring your card with you each time you visit.

Golf Tip of the Month

compliments of PGA Professional, Scout Miller

If you find you're missing too many short putts, the cause may be the failure to accelerate the putter through impact resulting in a short or abbreviated follow through. It's important to remember that the longer the putter head follows through towards the target on the target line; (1) It allows you to accelerate through impact, (2) It increases the chance of making square contact, which reduces any or all side spin so the ball will hold its line better.

Practice Drill:

Place a golf club perpendicular to the line of the putt so the face is down and the thinner part of the shaft is on the line of the putt. The shaft should lie just at the edge of the cup. From a distance of 3-5 feet, putt to the hole with sufficient speed so the ball will hit the shaft and pop into the air and fall in the hole. If you decelerate through the stroke and produce a short follow through, you'll generate insufficient speed for the ball to overcome the shaft in front of the hole. Work on this and you should make more putts.

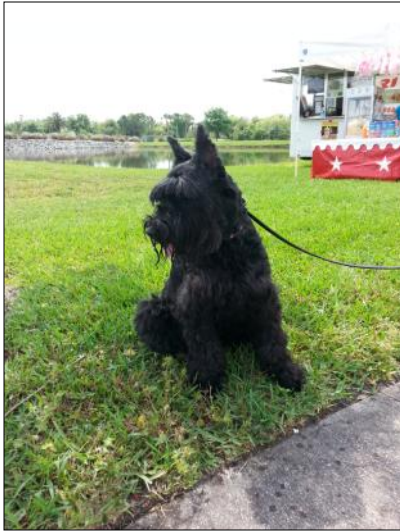
Golf Course Reminders:

- Range balls must be purchased before 6pm and the range closes at 7pm.
- Please remember the golf course is designated for registered golfers only. Please no jogging, walking, biking or your own personal golf carts, etc. This is for your safety.
- Please park your personal golf cart in the designated spots in our parking lot.
- No driving range balls or bags should ever leave the driving range area. Please do not take them home with you. If you see someone taking them please inform the golf shop.
- Please fill your divots on course and on the driving range. Thank you.

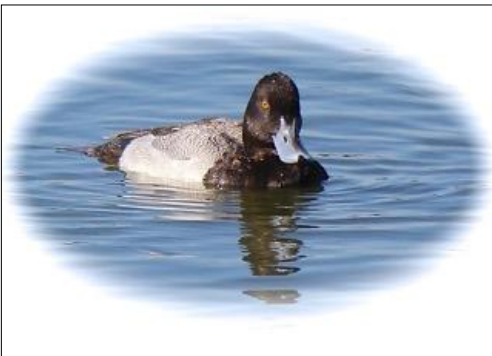
River Strand Clubhouse and Community Views



Four-legged attendees at the Bow Wow and Meow Mixer enjoyed the afternoon at the park. Their moms and dads enjoyed the lemonade, cupcakes and tacos! Thanks to all who participated!



The Tai Chi class at the lighthouse is an active group Sundays at 10am. Learn spiritual and physical fitness.



Ray Phaneuf submitted the photo above. Do you know what type of bird this is?



River Strand Sunset above by Carolyn Grinton.



Pileated Woodpecker at right by Jim Henderson.



The Ladies Golf Association Charity Golf Event photos above are compliments of Mattie Watson.

Email your photos to tamp@riverstrandgolf.com for possible inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

River Strand Ladies Bridge

Bridge meets at 9:30am every Monday and Friday and ends around noon. Lunch afterward is optional. To play, contact Pauline Tasler at 941-405-4733 or ptasler@gmail.com or Vivienne Sivak at 941-251-7494 or viviennesivak@msn.com

Bunco

Newcomers are welcome! This is a simple, fun game that anyone can play and is very easy to learn. The Bunco group meets Thursday at 9:30am. Dates may vary. Contact Sharon Pretty 941-840-8441 or email her at sharon.pretty13@gmail.com

Texas Hold-Em Poker

Texas Hold-Em is held every Tuesday from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Group size is limited to 50 players. \$10 to buy-in. Winners receive a gift certificate to River Strand, which can be used throughout the clubhouse. Visit the Golf Pro Shop to sign up each week.

River Strand Ladies Mahjong

Ladies Mahjong plays every Wednesday at 9:00am. Group plays until about noon, followed by lunch (optional). This is a fun, friendly group and players of all skill levels are welcome! Lynne Monnell - 941-201-4253 or email her at: gmonnell@tampabay.rr.com.

River Strand Mixed Bridge (Men and Women)

Experienced players. Singles are welcome as the Group will rotate partners. Intermittent Thursday evenings in the card room from 5:30pm - 8:00pm. Contact Larry Sivak at lesivak@msn.com or 941-251-7494 for schedule and to sign up.

River Strand Employee of the Month - John Christina

What would we do without John Christina from Fall through Spring? John assists us in our River Strand clubhouse maintenance department and has done so since the year after River Strand began.

According to his supervisor, Dan Arens, "John is one of those types of guys that just gets the job done. He even gets jobs done that you never asked to be done. He is never one to look for praise or acknowledgment, just an employee that enjoys his job and we are lucky to have him as a part of our staff".



John works hard with us from September to June and then spends a few months traveling around the country and Canada with his wife to visit their children and grandchildren. Thank you John, for being part of the River Strand family and for giving your best for so many years.

Complimentary Mahjong Classes Offered

MAHJONG—Beginner Mahjong classes are offered on Wednesday evenings in the Card Room from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. No need to sign up ahead of time, just show up a few minutes prior to start. Contact Kathy Martin at 719-238-9964 if you have any questions. Lessons are complimentary.

Veterans Friendship Network



Veterans Network Meeting
First Thursday of Every Month
6:30 PM
River Strand Clubhouse

Join fellow Veterans in the River Strand community for informal conversation. Field trips and activities are possible. No need to pre-register.

NEW MEMBER? HAVE QUESTIONS?

Sign up in the Administrative offices at the clubhouse for a New Member Orientation.

These informative sessions take place in the Board Room at 2 pm on the first Friday of every month.

Meet other new members and get your River Strand bearings.

Golf Update

Corey Pion, PGA Head Golf Professional



A special thanks to all the ladies that helped coordinate and set up this years "Fifty Shades of Green" Charity Event for the Food Bank of Manatee County. We helped raise \$13,000!! We exceeded our expectations again and thank everyone who helped make this happen. All of our golf pros enjoyed participating during the event as well.

Jack McCauley is our new 2015 Men's Club Champion. River Strand definitely showed it's toughness with Jack being the only one in the 70's both days. Jack also shot a 64 with 10 birdies on Men's Day March 18th which is our course record and a fantastic score! We held our first Senior Club Championship ages 65 and up and congratulations to Ralph Dondi as he is this years winner. Beatriz Neimeyer is our Ladies' Club 2015 Champion! Low Gross for Men's Second Flight was Jim Moline and Low Gross for Ladies' Second Flight was Lynn McCauley. See photos of winners from this event on the cover.

We had to cancel our Member Guest this year due to lack of participation. This a first for me and for my staff as well. We had less than 20 people signed up in what is usually one of the best events that a club can hold. With over 1200 members, it is very disappointing to have the turnout that we had. We are open to suggestions to hopefully give you as members what you would like to see for this event.

As most of you probably have noticed we now have Hole In One plaques in the hallway to the grille room. If you have made a hole in one, first of all Congrats, secondly please send me an email with the course, hole and date and I'll make sure to get your name on the board. You can send the information to me at corey@riverstrandgolf.com.

The area left of #1 Sanctuary is marked OUT OF BOUNDS. It defines the boundary between the golf course and resident back yards. Please do not drive your golf carts or hit your shots left of the white stakes there or anywhere on the golf course.



A TINY
LITTLE
BIT OF
EASTER
HUMOR!

How is the Easter Bunny like Shaquille O'Neal? They are both famous for stuffing baskets!
What would you get if you crossed the Easter Bunny with Chinese Food? Hop Suey!
Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road? Because a chicken had his Easter eggs!
Why do we paint Easter eggs? Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

April Golf Events, Leagues and Clinics:

9 & Dine - 04/06 4pm

Heritage Harbour Cup - TBD

Ladies' 18 Holes - 8:30 Shotgun - Tuesday

Ladies' 9 Hole - 9:15 Shotgun - Tuesday

Men's 18 Holes - 8:30 Shotgun - Wednesday

Men's 9 Holes - 9:15 Shotgun - Wednesday

Saturday Clinics

Adults: Every Saturday at 10-11, 11-12

(Please call pro shop to sign up)

Juniors: Every Saturday at 12:00

(Please call pro shop to sign up)



Photo Compliments of Carole Findlay



"We begin our course closings at the end of April and start with Tributary on April 27th."

Golf Course Maintenance Report

Jamie McCrosky, GCSA

I think we can say our cooler days are behind us now. During most of March we went from cool and wet directly to very hot. We seem to miss seasonality in Florida normally as we typically experience these patterns. For us in particular as far as affecting the golf course we oversee the tees and fairways and the ryegrass is not suited for the hot temperatures. So we will start to see our transition period as we move through April and May. Normally in the past when we overseeded roughs we experienced poor transitions back to the Bermuda grass. This was due to the rough grass being maintained at a higher height and the rye canopy shaded out the Bermuda grass. We also experience very high traffic in winter, therefore the trampling effect adversely affected the Bermuda grass covered by the rye.

Now the fairways and tees have shown to do a little better with this, because the Bermuda canopy is exposed to more sunlight and the ryegrass mowed at that height during higher temperatures can't cope and dies out sooner granting the Bermuda more growing time in late spring/early summer. The collars have had some issues in previous seasons and we have done some sod replacement there. It can be attributed to the heavy foot traffic we experience in season around the greens and the fact that we fertilize greens and collars weekly in our spray program. What happens is the rye gets so healthy to a point that it gets difficult to get rid of it. We are going to eradicate it chemically this year on the collars at a real light rate to kill off the rye slowly to give the Bermuda a chance to fill in instead of killing off the Rye abruptly while the Bermuda is not ready to take off.

We begin our course closings at the end of April and start with Tributary on April 27th. Our greens are getting to be almost 10 years old. They are developing an organic layer that we want to try to control. Our first aerifications for each course this year will include a deep tine process. The machine will go down about 10 inches which will help break through this organic layer and aid in better drainage and give us more pore space to incorporate more fresh sand in the green profile. This will help displace organic layer and thatch build up. As we did last year we are going to double aerify all greens while closed again to displace more organic layering and incorporate more sand.

We are changing gears on the golf courses now to include our programs for weed and insect control as well as fungus prevention on greens.

Upcoming events:

- Topdressing and grooming of greens 2x monthly: TBA to Pro shop week prior
- April 27th through May 17th: Tributary closed for aerifications



A Very Warm Welcome To Our New River Strand Golf and Country Club Members!

Stephen & Delores Yuras III
 Michael & Lynn Friedman
 Donato Pietrangelo & Catherine Fraser
 Corby Decker & Susan Boyer
 George & Janet Perseghin
 Michael & Tara Duarte
 Don & Nicolette Marks
 Paul & Pamela Plunkett
 Ana Brian
 David & Ali Dunlop
 Mike & Margie Brinales
 Robert Pilon & Monique Patenaude
 John & SRadell
 Gusan Bell
 Michael Radell

Glen Shulfer
 Lucy G. Rhoda
 Scott Anderson
 Kimberly Yagelski
 Michael Ryerson
 Linda Muller
 Wayne Anderson
 Carolyn Giambrone & Tracey Weltzien
 Sheila Nehring
 Richard Dunbar & Sandra Wisler
 Nazir & Shaffin Haji
 Tejal & Catherine Metha
 Jane Morris & Loretta Pesciotta
 Freddie Lynn Housman
 Michael & Beth Wergelis

Mark Cook & Susan Nersinger
 Charles & Linda Graves
 Catherin & Tejal Mehta
 Faith Michael
 Donna & Dave Duwe
 William Shi & Xu ping Qui
 James Flaherty
 Stephen Cerven
 Ronald & Christine Hominick
 Rodney & Janet Miller
 Stephen & Linda O'Brien
 Victor & Mary Milana
 Ahmed Aburahmah

Drop Shots

Nate Griffin, USPTA Director of Tennis

It has been a very busy month for River Strand Tennis. Our ladies Tri Cities season came to a conclusion this month, with all 5 teams competing well all season. A big congratulations to captain Pam Tatsak with a 1st place finish at the 3.5 American Division and to captain Jodi Esteban for a 3rd place finish in the 3.0 American Division. Also, a big thank you to all of our ladies' teams captains (Pat Springer - 3.5 Continental, Linda Tosi - 3.5 National and Kara Beene - 4.0 American)

Our social doubles continues to be the most popular activity in our program, which includes (Monday-Saturday) Morning Doubles from 9:30-11:00 am, Tuesday Night Men's Doubles (7-9 pm), and Thursday Night Mixed Doubles (7-9 pm). Most of these programs fill up a few days in advance, so make sure you go to makeclubreservations.com and sign up as early as possible for these weekly events so you don't miss out!! Cost is \$2 per person and all events are organized by the Tennis Pro Staff. A special thanks to our Pro's, Gary Coulter and Abdul Idi, for helping me organize these events and make them a success.

Director of Tennis - Nate Griffin, USPTA
 ½ Hour Private: \$40, 1 Hour Private: \$80
Head Tennis Professional – Abdul Idi, USPTA
 ½ Hour Private: \$35, 1 Hour Private: \$70,
 1 hour Hitting/Playing session \$50.00
Assistant Tennis Professional – Scott Pothul
 ½ Hour Private: \$35, 1 Hour Private: \$70
Assistant Tennis Professional – Jessica Steck
 ½ Hour Private: \$35, 1 Hour Private: \$70,
 1 hour Hitting/Playing session \$50.00
Assistant Tennis Professional – Gary Coulter
 1/2 Hour Private: \$30, 1 Hour Private: \$60

River Strand Tennis Programs

Junior Clinics: (sign up: www.makeclubreservations.com)

Stars Clinic (Ages 6-14): Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 5:00-6:30pm, \$20 per class

Future Stars (Ages 4-5): Wednesday and Friday, 4:30-5:00 pm \$10 per class

Adult Clinics: (sign up on www.makeclubreservations.com)

Scott's Intermediate Doubles Clinic: Monday, 6:30-8:00 pm \$20 per class

Abdul's 90 Minute Drill & Play: Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm \$20.00 per class

Nate's Men's 3.0-3.5 Clinic: Wednesday, 2:00 -3:30 pm \$20 per class

Gary's Beginner's 101 Clinic: Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 pm \$15.00 per clinic

Gary's Beginner's 102 Clinic: Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 pm \$15.00 per clinic

Shot of the Week: Saturday, 9:00 am - 9:30 am (Free)

Jessica's 2.5-3.0 Clinic: Saturday, 11:00 am – 12:30pm \$20.00 per class

Scott's 3.5-4.0 Clinic: Sunday, 10:00 am – 11:30 am \$20.00 per class

Adult Social Play: Sign up on www.makeclubreservations.com

Morning Doubles: Monday through Saturday, 9:30 am-11:00 am, Cost: \$2.00

Men's Night: Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 pm Cost: \$2.00

Mixed Doubles Night: Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm Cost: \$2.00 (sign up with partner)

8.5/9.0 Mixed Doubles Night: Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm Cost: \$2.00 (sign up with partner)

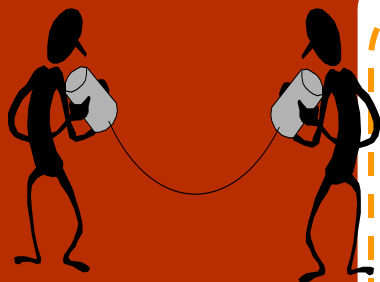
TENNIS PRO SHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday - 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday - 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Email: tennispro@riverstrandtennis.com
Phone: 941.932.8680

River Strand Jr. Summer Tennis Camps 2015

River Strand Tennis 7135 Grand Estuary Trail Bradenton, FL 34212 941-932-8680	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Daily Schedule:</u></p> 9:55 a.m. Arrival—Check-in 10:00 -11:45 a.m. Tennis instruction, games, match play 10:00-12:00 p.m. Tournament training 11:45-1:30 p.m. Lunch and Swim 1:30 p.m. Pick-up at swimming pool
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>USPTA Tennis Professionals</u></p> Nate Griffin—Director of Tennis Abdul Idi—Head Tennis Pro Tiffany Davis—Assistant Tennis Pro Jessica Steck—Assistant Tennis Pro Scott Pothul—Director of Junior Tennis	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fees</u></p> \$150 per week -member/\$160 per week-non member \$40 per day-member/\$45 per day-non-member This is a fun filled week of tennis instruction where students will learn how to play the game of tennis in a friendly and fun learning environment. Ages 5-15 welcome, students will be placed in age/ability appropriate groupings.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CAMP SESSIONS</u></p> MONDAY THRU THURSDAY RAIN DATE FRIDAY <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUMMER CAMP DATES:</u></p> JUNE 8-11 JUNE 15-18 JUNE 22-25 JUNE 29-JULY 2 JULY 6-9 JULY 13-16 JULY 20-23 JULY 27-30 AUGUST 3-6 AUGUST 10-13	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>• THINGS TO BRING:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis Racquet, water bottle • Small bag with sun screen, hat, swimsuit, and towel • Bring your own lunch, refrigerator and microwave on site.
Phone: 941.932.8680 www.riverstrandcountryclub.com E-mail: spothul@hotmail.com	



"Safe travels to all of our members who are leaving the community for the summer; we look forward to seeing you again in the Fall/Winter!"

Club Connections

hosted by Tami Prince

This month's column is dedicated to the many River Strand members who donate their time to keep our social, fitness and activity calendars hustling and bustling. Without those volunteers who organize, sign up, schedule and carry out the many demands of these activities we would not be able to keep such a robust and well-rounded social calendar going so splendidly. Thank you kindly!

Save the dates for Easter Brunch on the 5th, the Pinot Picasso Painting Class on the 11th, Act III Motown on the 16th, Trivia Night on the 23rd, Van Wezel Field Trip also on the 23rd and Sunday Brunch on the 26th. Come over for the last two Line Dancing classes for the winter season and join the two new fitness classes: Aero-Pump and Seated Strength. Participating in club events keeps you connected to your club and allows wonderful chances to mingle with friends as well as make some new ones.

Summertime will be here before you know it. Please let me know if you become aware of any singles, couples or family activities that you would like to get involved in. Many can be found on the Sarasota and Manatee County websites, local newspaper or by word of mouth. I would be happy to help arrange a group outing if it is something our members might like!

Safe travels to all members who are leaving the community for the summer; we look forward to seeing you again in the Fall/Winter!



KITCHEN CONNECTION

RECIPES FROM RIVER STRAND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
CHEF DE CUISINE, ESTEBAN HERRERA

Oysters Casino

Serves 6, 6 Oysters Each

Ingredients:

3 dozen oysters, shucked
3 slices of bacon
4 green onions, finely chopped
1/4 cup green bell peppers, chopped
1/4 cup red bell peppers, chopped
1/4 cup celery, finely chopped
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
3 drops Tabasco hot sauce
Lemon wedges for garnish

Arrange oysters on a layer of rock salt in a large baking pan.

In a skillet, cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon then crumble.

To the bacon drippings in skillet add onions, peppers and celery. Cook until tender.

Stir in lemon juice, Worcestershire and Tabasco sauce.

Spoon the mixture on the oysters then sprinkle with crumbled bacon. Bake for 15 minutes at 400*. Serve with lemon wedges.

Introducing Two New River Strand Fitness Classes
by Certified Fitness Instructor Susie McElroy!



AERO-PUMP

Thursdays at 11:30 AM

Come and join Susie for this fun class on Thursdays for 25 minutes of low impact, fat burning, cardio and aerobic activity followed by 25 minutes of muscle and bone building strength and flexibility training, finished with a relaxing stretch.

All major muscle groups will be worked using bands, dumbbells and body weight. Form and injury prevention will be addressed in this class.

Intermediate fitness level. Appropriate footwear required. \$5.00 Per Class.

SEATED STRENGTH

Fridays at 11:45 AM

This 30 minute workout is a strength building class performed entirely while seated.

Don't feel left out of group fitness! Start building muscle and strengthening your bones with Seated Strength. This class will work all major muscle groups using elastic bands and dumbbells, and will finish with a relaxing stretching segment at the end, all while sitting down.



Suitable for beginners, seniors, or for people who may not be able, or want to stand for 30 minutes of exercise.

Appropriate footwear required. \$5.00 Per Class.

No need to register in advance. Just show up a few minutes prior to either class to check in. Questions? Please contact Susie at susiejmcelroy@gmail.com.

River Strand Golf & Country Club

DINNER & DANCE
April 16, 2015

COME DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO YOUR FAVORITE MOTOWN CLASSICS PERFORMED BY ACT 3...

DINNER 5:30PM-8:00PM
ACT 3 6:00PM-10:00PM

Purchase tickets @ the Grille Room Bar
\$10 TICKET WILL BE ON SALE 3/30/15
Does not include Dinner Service

Call 941-708-3837 or e-mail: admin@RiverStrandGolf.com.
7155 Grand Estuary Trail, Bradenton, FL 34212



River Strand Golf & Country Club

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 05, 2015
10:30am, 12:00pm & 1:30pm

- Breakfast Items:*
Hash Brown Potatoes
Bacon & Sausage Links
Buttermilk Biscuits
Sausage Gravy
Pancakes
Waffles
Eggs Benedict
Cheese Blintz
Omelet Station

- Butternut Squash Soup*
Ambrosia Salad
Caesar Salad
Mixed Greens Salad
Broccoli Walnut Salad
Caprese Salad
Shrimp Cocktail
Assorted Pastries
Muffins & Breakfast Breads
Fresh Fruit Display

- Lunch Items:*
Chicken Marsala
Roasted Eggplant Ravioli
Baked Salmon with a Mango Salsa
Mixed Vegetables
Potatoes Delmonico
Rice Pilaf

Carving Station:
Prime Rib
Honey Baked Ham

Dessert Station
Coffee
Orange Juice

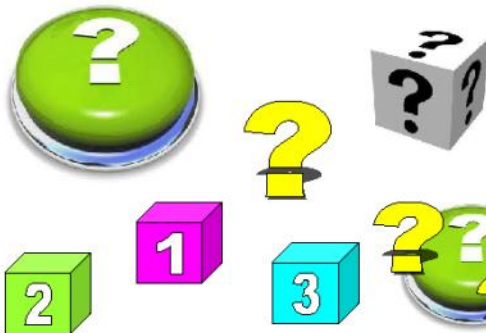
\$34.95/Person
\$15.95/Children 11 and under
Call 941-708-3837 to Reserve



TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday
April 23rd
6:00pm-
9:00pm

at
River Strand Golf & Country Club



FITNESS & ACTIVITY CALENDAR APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 <u>Fit 4 Life</u> 8:00 am <u>Mahjong</u> 9:00 am <u>Aqua Fit</u> 9:15 am <u>Zumba Toning</u> 11:30 am</p>	<p>2 <u>Walking Club</u> 9:00 am <u>Yoga</u> 9:00 am <u>Bunco</u> 9:30 am <u>Aero-Pump</u> 11:30 <u>Mixed Bridge</u> 5:30pm <u>Veterans</u> 6:30 pm</p>	<p>3 <u>Yoga</u> 9:00 am <u>Bridge</u> 9:30 am <u>Seated Strength</u> 11:45 am <u>Zumba</u> 4:00 pm</p>	<p>4 <u>Walking Club</u> 9:00 am <u>Line Dancing</u> 2:00 pm</p>
<p>5 <u>Tai-Chi</u> 10:00 am <u>Lighthouse</u> 11:15 am <u>Aerobics Room</u> EASTER BRUNCH</p>	<p>6 <u>Fit 4 Life</u> 8:00 am <u>Aqua Fit</u> 9:15 am <u>Bridge</u> 9:30 am <u>Zumba Gold</u> 11:30 am <u>FLOW Yoga</u> 6:00</p>	<p>7 <u>Walking Club</u> 9:00am <u>Zumba Step</u> 11:30 am <u>Zumba</u> 5:00 pm <u>Texas Hold-Em</u> 5:00 pm</p>	<p>8 <u>Fit 4 Life</u> 8:00 am <u>Mahjong</u> 9:00 am <u>Aqua Fit</u> 9:15 am <u>Zumba Toning</u> 11:30 am</p>	<p>9 <u>Walking Club</u> 9:00 am <u>Yoga</u> 9:00 am <u>Aero-Pump</u> 11:30 <u>Mixed Bridge</u> 5:30pm</p>	<p>10 <u>Yoga</u> 9:00 am <u>Bridge</u> 9:30 am <u>Seated Strength</u> 11:45 am <u>Zumba</u> 4:00 pm</p>	<p>11 <u>Walking Club</u> 9:00 am <u>Line Dancing</u> 2:00 pm PINOT PICASSO PAINTING CLASS</p>
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<p>19 <u>Tai-Chi</u> 10:00 am <u>Lighthouse</u> 11:15 am <u>Aerobics Room</u> COUPLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP</p>	<p>20 <u>Fit 4 Life</u> 8:00 am <u>Aqua Fit</u> 9:15 am <u>Bridge</u> 9:30 am <u>Zumba Gold</u> 11:30 am <u>FLOW Yoga</u> 6:00 pm</p>	<p>21 <u>Walking Club</u> 9:00am <u>Zumba Step</u> 11:30 am <u>Zumba</u> 5:00 pm <u>Texas Hold-Em</u> 5:00 pm</p>	<p>22 <u>Fit 4 Life</u> 8:00 am <u>Mahjong</u> 9:00 am <u>Aqua Fit</u> 9:15 am <u>Zumba Toning</u> 11:30 am</p>	<p>23 <u>Walking Club</u> 9:00 am <u>Yoga</u> 9:00 am <u>Aero-Pump</u> 11:30 VAN WEZEL TRIVIA NIGHT</p>	<p>24 <u>Yoga</u> 9:00 am <u>Bridge</u> 9:30 am <u>Seated Strength</u> 11:45 am <u>Zumba</u> 4:00 pm</p>	<p>25 <u>Walking Club</u> 9:00 am HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY</p>
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STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CLUB. VISIT CLUB CONNECTIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND READ YOUR RIVER STRAND EMAIL REGARDING UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. SOME MAY NOT BE ARRANGED IN TIME FOR PROMOTION IN YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

APRIL FITNESS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

FITNESS

AERO-PUMP (NEW!):	11:30 am on Thursday. Aerobics and strength exercises.
AQUA FIT:	9:15 am on Monday/Wednesday. Ending for summer May 20.
CARDIO TENNIS:	6:30 pm on Wednesday and Friday. \$15 members
FIT 4 LIFE:	8:00 am on Monday/Wednesday. Ending for summer May 20.
FLOW YOGA:	6:00 pm Monday. Intermediate practice.
LINE DANCING :	2:00 pm on Saturday. Last class for the summer on April 11.
SEATED STRENGTH (NEW!):	11:45 am on Friday. Performed entirely while seated.
TAI-CHI:	10:00 am at Central Park and 11:15 in Aerobics Room on Sunday
WALKING CLUB:	Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 9:00 am at Pavilion.
YOGA:	9:00 am on Thursday & Friday
ZUMBA:	5:00 pm on Tuesday and 4:00 pm on Friday
ZUMBA GOLD (Beginner):	11:30 am on Monday
ZUMBA STEP:	11:30 am on Tuesday
ZUMBA TONING:	11:30 am on Wednesday

SOCIAL

ACT III MOTOWN DINNER:	Thursday, April 16
BRIDGE:	9:30 am on Monday and Friday
BUNCO:	9:30 am - April 2 and 16
EASTER BRUNCH	Seatings at 10:30, Noon and 1:30 on Sunday, April 5
HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY:	Saturday, April 25.
MAHJONG:	9:00 am on Wednesday
MIXED BRIDGE:	5:30 pm on April 2, 9 and 30.
PINOT PICASSO PAINTING:	Class from 9:00 am to 11:30am on Saturday, April 11
RIVER STRAND STRIDERS:	9:00 am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, start at pavilion.
TEXAS HOLD-'EM:	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Tuesday
TRIVIA NIGHT:	Thursday, April 23 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Singles welcome.
VAN WEZEL FIELD TRIP:	Thursday, April 23. Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles.
VETERANS NETWORK:	6:30 pm on the First Thursday of every month.

GOLF

9 & DINE:	3:00 pm on March 2. Couples sign up in golf shop.
COUPLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:	Sunday, April 19. Sign up in the golf shop.

TENNIS

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY:	Saturday, April 18, 9 am to 1 pm
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FOOD & BEVERAGE CALENDAR APRIL 2015

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5 EASTER BRUNCH 	6 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-6pm	7 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Tues. Dining 5:30pm-8pm	1 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	2 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Thurs. Dining 5:30pm-8pm	3 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Friday Dining 5:30pm-8pm	4 Lunch 11am-6pm Bar 11am-7pm
12 Breakfast 10am-12:30pm Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-6pm	13 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-6pm	14 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Tues. Dining 5:30pm-8pm	15 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	16 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Thurs. Dining 5:30pm-8pm ACT III Dinner Happy Hour Ends 4:30pm	17 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Friday Dining 5:30pm-8pm	18 Lunch 11am-2:30pm Bar 1am-2:30pm PRIVATE EVENT
19 Breakfast 10am-12:30pm Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-6pm	20 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-6pm	21 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Tues. Dining 5:30pm-8pm	22 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	23 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Thurs. Dining 5:30pm-8pm TRIVIA NIGHT 6pm-9pm Happy Hour Ends 4:30pm	24 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Friday Dining 5:30pm-8pm	25 Lunch 11am-6pm Bar 11am-7pm HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY
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**JOIN US FOR BRUNCH TWICE THIS MONTH!
EASTER BRUNCH ON APRIL 5TH AND SUNDAY BRUNCH ON APRIL 26TH!**

APRIL WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU'S

Prime Rib Night—Buffet April 1st

Soup: Chicken Tortilla
 Salad: Caesar with Garbanzos, Tossed Garden Salad,
 Tomato Cucumber Salad, Arugula and Pear Salad
 Entrees:
 Carved Prime Rib
 Baked Tilapia with Roasted Fennel
 Stuffed Chicken Florentine
 Gluten Free Pasta Provencal
 Whipped Potatoes
 Redskin Smashed Potatoes
 Dessert:
 Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing
 \$27.95++

Italian Night—Plated and Served April 8th

Soup:
 Chicken Orzo
 Salad:
 Italian Garden Salad or Tomato Mozzarella Salad
 Choose One Entree:
 Pork Loin Roulade with Roasted Peppers, Prosciutto, Sage
 OR Chicken Saltimbocca
 Herb Roasted Vegetables,
 Asiago Potato Cakes
 Dessert:
 Tiramisu
 2 for \$40++

We welcome back our summer "2 Fors"

Western Night—Buffet April 15th

Soup:
 Beef Vegetable with Potatoes
 Salads:
 Three Bean Salad, Potato Salad, Broccoli Slaw Salad
 Entrees:
 Sliced Marinated Flank Steak with Onion Au-Jus
 Jack Daniels BBQ Chicken
 Baked Red Fish with Smoked Tomato Relish
 Baked Beans, Wild Western Rice, Buttered Corn on the Cobb
 Dessert:
 Cheesecake with Fresh Berries
 \$21.95++

Pasta Night—Plated and Served April 22nd

Soup:
 Beef Minestrone
 Salad:
 Cold Pasta Salad or Marinated Italian Vegetable Salad
 Choose One Entree:
 Chicken Scampi with Potato Gnocchi OR Vegetable Lasagna
 OR Seafood Pomodoro with Rigatoni Pasta
 Dessert:
 Double Layer Chocolate Cake
 2 for \$40++

We welcome back our summer "2 Fors"

Family Night—Buffet April 29th

Soup:
 Navy Bean & Ham
 Salads:
 Garden Salad, Broccoli Walnut Salad and Ambrosia Salad
 Entrees:
 Beef Stew
 Chicken & Dumplings
 Baked Salmon with Tomato Corn Salsa
 Rosemary Roasted Potatoes
 Green Bean Casserole
 Dessert:
 Banana Split
 \$21.95++

Sunday Brunch Buffet—April 26th—10 am-2 pm

Brunch Buffet-Cold Items:	Brunch Buffet-Hot Items:
Assorted Pastries & Muffins	Potatoes O'Brien,
Fresh Fruit Display	Bacon & Sausage
Ambrosia Salad	Grilled Ham Steak
Breakfast Breads	Cheese Biscuits
Smoked Salmon Display	Sausage Gravy
Shrimp Cocktail	Eggs Benedict
Salad du Jour	Waffles with Fresh Berries
	Bananas Foster French Toast
	Pancakes
\$3 Mimosas	Omelet Station
and Bloody Marys	Chef's Choice of Two Hot Entrees
Adults \$16.95++	Chef's Selection of Desserts
Children 10 and under	
\$8.95++	

****Reservations Required****

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Golf Shop Hours
Every Day, 6:00am-6:00pm
Phone: 941-708-3617

Tennis Shop Hours
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-7:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Grille Room
941-932-8667
Check calendar for hours

Fitness Center Hours
24 Hours, every day
Gate card needed for access from 6:00pm-6:00am

Swimming Pools
Open from dawn until dusk

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