

# Connect with your Clubhouse and Community

All the News from River Strand Golf & Country Club

# COMMUNITY MATTERS

Dan Arens, LCAM

Happy Holidays to one and all! It is always nice getting to see familiar faces around the club!

As we move into the busiest time of year, I would like to take a few moments to remind everyone of some of the rules within the community. If you are an owner that rents their unit, please be sure to inform all tenants of the rules and regulations pertaining to the Association.



Thank you to all the homeowners who have provided a valid lease agreement 15 days prior to the lease beginning. This allows staff to have folders prepared in advance of the renters arrival. Remember also, all leases must run a minimum of 30 days.

Also, remember that your trash cans should not be placed on the curb prior to the day of pick up. Manatee County recently converted to the single stream recycling containers. These trash bins are to be kept inside of

your garage. If you have any questions regarding this new program, please feel free to call myself or Manatee County Utilities at 941-792-8811. Please see page 17 for Manatee County Yard Waste pick up.

As always it is a pleasure to serve you and please let me know how I can help make your experience at River Strand everything you hoped it would be.

## Complimentary Beginner Mah jongg Classes Held in the Community Center

Kathy Martin has offered to host complimentary beginner Mah jongg classes again this season. Classes meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Community Center. Mah jongg also is a great way to exercise your mind and socialize with your neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Martin at 719-238-9964.

# Chicks And Flicks



Wednesday, December 7th at Noon Meet at Half Shell Seafood House 5231 University Pkwy #109, Bradenton, FL 34212

Please Bring a \$5 Christmas Gift for a Gift Exchange.

New Faces & Friends are Always Welcome!

Meet & Mingle with your River Strand Neighbors & Friends at Lunch and Select a Movie from Currently Playing Titles or Simply Enjoy Lunch with the Ladies.

Car Pooling is Suggested!

Chicks And Flicks is Held the first Wednesday of Every Month, the Lunch Location Changes Every Month.

RSVP to LHoppe@ThelconTeam.com by Monday, December 5th





The November Luncheon at Waterlefe Golf & River Club

## **Important Reminders**

- Dinner Service is available Wednesday thru Friday. Tuesday night Dinner Service resumes on Tuesday,
   December 13th. Reservations are recommended. Seating on the 1/2 hour from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. There is no dinner service on Saturday, Sunday or Monday evenings.
- The popular **Lunch Buffet is back!** The Lunch Buffet returned on November 14th and is available weekdays during season from 11am to 3pm. Enjoy different delicious choices daily for \$11.95 plus tax and gratuity.
- **Blue Plate Specials** are available in the Dining Room **EVERY Wednesday Night** in December. See Page 19 for a complete listing of Blue Plate Specials.
- Stop by the Administrative Office and choose a gift tag from the **Giving Tree** for an underprivileged family in the Bradenton Area. All gifts will be distributed locally. **Gifts need to be returned by Friday, December 9th**. See page 8 for more details.
- Get Your Tickets Now for **Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer**, **The Musical** on **Thursday**, **December 22nd** at Ruth Eckerd Hall. For more information see the flyer on page 13.
- River Strand's Holiday Walkabout Progressive Dinner returns on Saturday, December 10th. Don't miss out on this great Holiday event. See page 21 for more information.
- The **River Strand Holiday Buffet** is back this year on **Wednesday**, **December 14th** with children from the Diane Partington Studio of Classic Ballet performing excerpts from "The Nutcracker Ballet". See page 13 for more details.
- The River Strand New Years Eve Extravaganza is not to be missed! Buy your tickets now for "Enchantment Under the Sea". See more information on page 10.
- Coming on January 24th & 25th! **Don't Miss the "Rocket Man" Elton John Tribute Show**. Tickets go on Sale Tuesday, December 27th at Noon in the Grille Room Bar. See page 7 for more information.
- Don't miss your chance to **Be The Thunder! The Tampa Bay Lightning** take on the Edmonton Oilers on **Tuesday, February, 21st** at Amalie Area. Tickets are limited so don't delay! See details on page 13.
- Save the Date for the 2017 Annual Charity Golf Event at River Strand. It will be held on March 13-15,

**2017.** See page 16 for more details.



## RENTAL/LEASE HOMEOWNERS:

Your \$200 Transfer Fee must be submitted with your Transfer/Guest Form in order for the payment to be properly credited to the correct account.



The River Strand Library located in the back of the Card Room has been reorganized with new book shelves, to better locate your favorite books. When returning a book please place it in the bin located just inside

it in the bin located just inside the door, so that the books can be kept organized.



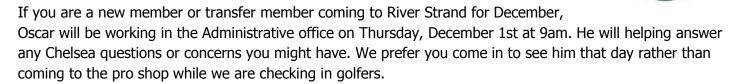
## **GOLF COMMENTS FROM COREY**

## **PGA Head Golf Professional, Corey Pion**



We had a great turnout for this year's "Fall Fling". The weather on Sunday, November 20th truly made it feel like it was Fall, with the high in the mid 60's. Congratulations to the following couples for coming in first place in their flights. Flight 1: Jim & Janet Coathup, Barry & Marsha Woit. Flight 2: Don & Pring & Chapter Turnship, Flight 3: P.1.8 Chapter Paginia, Paul Puglisht 8.

Kathy Dixon, Brian & Stacey Zurchin. Flight 3: RJ & Sharon Dominic, Paul Puckett & Angela Simmons.



We still have new merchandise coming in on a monthly basis. Make sure you stop by the shop and check it out. If for some reason we don't have your size, let us know and we can special order it for you. Remember, as members you get 20% off of hats, shirts, bottoms and any outerwear. Make sure to come check out our Holiday Golf Shop Sale with the best deals of the year on December 13th & 14th from 10am-7pm. We will be sending out a flyer soon to showcase all our specials and promotions.

# **Golf Course Reminders:**

- Range balls must be purchased before 4pm and the range closes at 5pm
- 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.

## **DECEMBER GOLF EVENTS**

**36 Hole Member-Member** December 3 & 4—Tee Times

Cobra Custom Fit/Demo Day
December 12—10am to 2pm

Couples 9 & Dine December 12—3pm

Holiday Golf Shop Sale!

December 13 & 14—10am to 7pm

Christmas Eve Day

Tee Times until Noon. Pro Shop Closes at 2pm

**Christmas Day Golf Course & Pro Shop are Closed all day** 

## **Ladies' Day**

Tuesday at 8:30am—Shotgun Start **Men's Day** 

Wednesday at 8:30am—Shotgun Start

## **SATURDAY CLINICS**

**Adults:** Every Saturday at 10-11am & 11-12pm (Please call pro shop to sign up)

Juniors: Every Saturday at 12-1am
(Please call pro shop to sign up)

## BASIC GOLF RULES & ETIQUETTE

## **PGA Head Golf Professional, Corey Pion**

#### **Rules & Etiquette:**

- Turn off your phone or put it on silent
- Stay right behind the group in front of you.
- Eliminate distractions: Banging clubs, be cautious of your shadow in other's field of vision.
- If you don't know a rule, ask your playing partner for assistance.

## Repair the ground you play on:

- Smooth over your footprints and others before exiting all sand traps.
- Knock your shoes off of any excess sand before walking on the putting surface.
- Fill all divots with sand. Don't replace the divot.
- Repair all ball marks on the putting surface.

### Play ready golf whenever you can:

- Ready golf means that the player who is ready first, plays first even if that player is not the farthest away from the hole. Have an agreement with your playing partners to play "Ready Golf" before you tee off.
- Do not spend a lot of time looking for a lost ball. You are by rule only allowed five minutes to find the ball. Golf Etiquette rules require allowing the group behind to play through if you violate this time restriction.

## Golf Ball Thief Captured on Course



Chris Leach, #7 Sanctuary on October 28, 2016

Wayne Haas, #4 Sanctuary on October 29, 2016

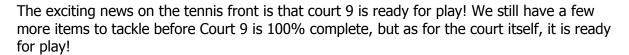
Roy Pavacich, #4 Sanctuary on October 29, 2016



This blue heron was caught by a member on the golf course stealing golf balls (if you look closely you will see a ball in his beak).

## TENNIS NOTES FROM NATE

## **USPTA Director of Tennis, Nate Griffin**





The addition of Court 9 couldn't have come at a better time as we are moving into busy season and the court activity has been very good in October and November, and we expect it to even grow from there in the next few months.

With that in mind, please make sure you are following the policies and procedures of the reservations system so we can plan accordingly each day with our reservations schedule. Please show up 5 minutes early to your reservation so that you can check in with the pro shop and confirm status and court assignments. Please check in your guests and pay your guest fees before play. Please make sure you are following the dress code and wearing appropriate tennis court shoes to protect our clay from deeper divots. Also, make sure if you sign up for any club sponsored events such as morning doubles, men's night, or mixed doubles, that you do so a few days in advance and if you must cancel, please remove yourself from the list 24 hours in advance.

Wondering what we have going on in tennis? Check us out on the River Strand website for current programs and events listing. You can also get on to our reservations system (if you are new, facility code is "river1). You can stay current with upcoming clinics, leagues, events, and social play by staying plugged in on the reservations system. For any questions, please contact me at ngriffin@theiconteam.com. See you on the



River Strand Court 9 construction completed and in use.

# TENNIS TIP OF THE MONTH USPTA Director of Tennis, Nate Griffin

Add the "drop shot" to your arsenal of tactics and skills! If you pay attention to the professional tennis game, you have no doubt noticed the increase of drop shots as a tactic at the highest level of the game, especially on the ATP Tour.

When we talk about strategy, the #1 strategy will always be keep the ball in play and win the majority of your points from the unforced errors of your opponent.

Once you have mastered that, you want to begin adding ways to set up the points and pull your opponent out of position so that you can finish the point with a shot to an open court. There are two primary ways to do that. One is to move your opponent "east-west" or side to side. The second way is to move your opponent "north-south" or front and back.

Here are a few possible scenarios in which you should use the drop shot.

- Your opponent's ability to move forward is a weakness.
- Your opponent's strength is at the baseline, and their net play is their weakness.
- Your opponent hits a short slice to you or something that is short in the court, so you use a "counter drop shot".
- Your opponent is out of position and off the court.
- Your opponent is getting in rhythm with the groundstrokes and overpowering you.

## RIVER STRAND TENNIS PROGRAMS

## Junior Clinics (sign up at www.makeclubreservations.com)

Pee Wee Clinic (3-5 yrs. old) – Friday, 4:30-5:00pm, \$10 per class Stars Clinic (5-14 yrs. old) – Mon, Wed.& Fri. 5:00–6:30pm, \$20 per class

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

Abdul's 90 minute drill and play – Tues. & Thurs. 8:00–9:30am, \$20 per class Monday Clinic – Monday, 11:00–12:00am, \$15 per class Tuesday's with Abdul Clinic – Tuesday: 6:00–7:00pm. \$15 per class

Thursday's with Nate Clinic – Thursday: 6:00–7:00pm. \$15 per class

Gary's Beginner's 101 Clinic - Wednesday, 5:30–6:30pm. \$15 per class

Gary's Intermediate Clinic - Friday, 5:30–7:00pm, \$15 per class

Shot of the week – Saturday, 8:00–8:30am (Free)

Scott's 3.5-4.0 Clinic - Sunday, 10:00–11:30am, \$20 per class

### Adult Social Play (sign up on www.makeclubreservations.com)

Morning Doubles: Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat., 8:30–10:00am, cost: \$2

Men's Night: Tuesday, 7:00–9:00pm, cost: \$2 Mixed Doubles Night: Thursday, 7:00–9:00pm,

cost: \$2 (sign up with partner)

Men's 4.0/4.5 Day: Sunday, 8:00-10:00am,

cost: \$2

#### **TENNIS STAFF/LESSON FEES**

#### **Director of Tennis - Nate Griffin, USPTA**

½ Hour Private: \$40 1 Hour Private: \$80

(buy 5, get 1 free)

## Head Tennis Professional – Abdul Idi, USPTA

 $\frac{1}{2}$  Hour Private: \$35 1 Hour Private: \$70

(buy 5, get 1 free)

#### **Assistant Tennis Professional – Scott Pothul**

½ Hour Private: \$35 1 Hour Private: \$70

(buy 5, get 1 free)

### Assistant Tennis Professional – Gary Coulter

1/2 Hour Private: \$30 1 Hour Private: \$60

(buy 5, get 1 free)

#### **TENNIS PRO SHOP HOURS**

Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 7:00pm
Saturday and Sunday, 8:00am – 3:00pm
Email: ngriffin@TheIconTeam.com
Pro Shop Phone: 941-932-8680
Signing up for the 1st time at
www.makeclubreservations.com,
facility code: river1, member type: annual

## **COURT HOURS**

All days - 7am - 9:30pm



# Save the Dates

Don't Miss This One! Coming in January!!
Elton John Tribute Show "Rocket Man"
\$50.00 per person (Includes Buffet Dinner)
Two Days Only — January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
Tickets Go On Sale Tuesday, December 27th
at Noon at the Grille Room Bar



Rocket Man Show has been featured at Legends In Concert, Hard Rock Live, House Of Blues, Disney, BB King's, & many more, The Rocket Man Show is the USA's #1 70's & 80's Elton John Tribute and sets the standard for world-class entertainment.

It's the biggest, most flamboyant Elton tribute in the USA. Many of the costumes were owned by Elton and they are GORGEOUS! It is an intense, sincere and magical musical journey. Audiences laugh, cry, sing and dance - not always in that order, whilst having a blast of energy recalling the highs & lows of Elton's career. There are ballads & driving rock songs. It is a trip down the yellow brick road and more!

## **River Strand Tennis Policies**

### **Event Cancellation Policies: (Morning Doubles, Men's Night, and Mixed Doubles Night)**

• All no show's to any of the events will get a written warning for 1<sup>st</sup> offense, the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will be a 2 week suspension from club organized play.

- If you need to cancel Morning Doubles, players must cancel no later than 6:00pm the night before the event. Men's night and Mixed night players must cancel no later than 1:00pm the day of the event.
- Wait list players should be aware of their position on the wait list and check emails accordingly.

#### **Guest Fee Policies:**

- Guest fees are \$10 per player in season (Nov 1-April 30) and \$5 per player (May 1-Oct 31).
- House guest fees are \$5 per player, regardless of season.
- Members are responsible for reminding their guests to pay prior to play.

#### **Court Reservation Policies:**

- Social reservations can be made up to 3 days in advance.
- Club organized reservations can be made up to 7 days in advance.
- League match warm ups can be made 1 day in advance.
- Please check in with the pro shop prior to play to confirm your court reservation.
- Reservations are limited to 1.5 hours.

#### **Ball Machine Policies:**

- Ball machine reservations can be made 48 hours in advance.
- Ball machine reservations are limited to 1 hour.
- Ball machine may not be reserved outside of Pro Shop hours.
- Court 3 is the preferred court for ball machine reservations, courts 1,2,4, and 5 are available as well.

#### **Court Rules/Etiquette:**

- Soft/clay court shoes are required. No cross trainers, walking shoes, or running shoes.
- Please wear appropriate tennis clothing, no cut offs, running shorts, midriffs, jerseys, cargo shorts or bathing suits. Men - shirts are required.
- Please refrain from loud conversations that distract the adjacent courts
- Please close the gates and turn off the lights after play.



The Holiday Season is a joyous time of year filled with gifts, fun and family. For many this time of year falls short. Why not make this a memorable Christmas for a child in need?

The River Strand Giving Tree holds names and wishes from local underprivileged children. Tags will be available beginning Tuesday, November 22nd.

Please stop by the giving tree located in the Clubhouse Administrative Office and select a gift tag.

Then return the unwrapped gift with the tag no later than Friday, December 9th.

## NATE'S PICKLEBALL UPDATE

**USPTA Director of Tennis, Nate Griffin** 

Pickleball is back in full swing again! Due to the high activity level of pickleball play, we have brought back the Pickleball reservations system. To make your pickleball reservations, go to www.makeclubreservations.com. If you have not signed up for an account yet, sign up as a new member to the website and the facility code is "river1". Please contact Nate in the Tennis Pro Shop if you have any questions (ngriffin@theiconteam.com).

Looking for a game? Come on out and meet some people at the "Just Show Up" times on Monday and Wednesday evening from 6-7 p.m., and/or on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 9-10 a.m.

Want to take a beginners clinic? I teach a class on Monday's from 3:30-4:30 p.m., cost is \$10 and I will

## PICKLEBALL TIP OF THE MONTH

USPTA Director of Tennis, Nate Griffin

Get to the net! Well....almost! Those of you who have played Pickleball know that you want to try and work your way up to the net, but not quite all the way! In Pickleball, you are not allowed to hit the ball in the air before it bounces while standing inside of the "kitchen" or the non volley zone. Similar to tennis, getting closer to the net puts some pressure on the opposing team. The other major advantage of moving off of the baseline and positioning yourself right behind the kitchen is that it takes away the danger of having a ball bounce twice in front of you. This will also help in preventing possible injuries as many injuries in both tennis and pickleball occur when reaching and lunging forward for a short ball, and making a quick move which can cause a pulled muscle to the calf, hamstring, or lower back.

The only player in doubles that can start out at the "just behind the kitchen" position, is the receiver's partner. This is because the server and the server's partner need to wait for the returners shot to bounce before they are allowed to come in and play the next ball out of the air.

The other advantage of going forward in the court is it makes for a faster style of game which can be very enjoyable and entertaining! Pickle! Pickle! Pickle! provided paddles and balls. We will go over all the rules and regulations of the sport, as well as technical and tactical aspects of Pickleball. You can sign up for this class on the reservations system.

Come on out and see why Pickleball is the fastest growing game in America!



Weekly Pickleball Clinic
Monday's from 3:30 - 4:30pm
Meet at the Pickleball Courts Next
to the Community Center

Cost is \$10 per person, Cash Only.
(Paddles will be provided, but please bring your own if you have them.)

No Sign-up Necessary, this is a just show up Event. All ages and abilities are welcome, especially beginners.

If you have any questions contact the Tennis Shop at 941-932-8680 or email: ngriffin@TheIconTeam.com

## GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT Renze Berg, GCSA

November has been a very dry month at River Strand, so we have needed to do some extra watering to encourage fertilizer nutrient uptake. We will continue to add sand to greenside bunkers and then to fairway

bunkers. The application of the pinestraw went well and should be compressed enough for a descent lie if your ball should land in one of the beds. During the next three months, please be aware of worn down areas in the rough and try to remain in the fairway until exiting onto the cart path. This will help to keep a good fairway/ Rough definition. During the months of December and January, we will be trimming the landscaping along preserves near all greens and tees to improve visibility on the courses. Enjoy the golf course and great Florida weather.



Ladies Bunco will meet on Thursday, December 1st in the Parking Lot by the tennis courts between 11:00am and 11:30am to go to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino. The next bunco game will be Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 9:30am at the River Strand Clubhouse.

# Ring in 2017 with Music and Dancing to "Sky Way" at River Strand's "Enchantment Under the Sea" New Year's Eve Extravaganza!

Festivities begin at 7:00pm with delectable hors d'oeuvres and specialty cocktails as you mingle with friends. The Chef's elegant three course dinner will be served beginning at 8:30pm and an elaborate dessert display will tempt you until the new year arrives at midnight. Everyone will have a chance on a raffle for a classic luxury, a bottle of Dom Perignon!

Cocktail Attire Requested \$120 Per Person Inclusive (Price does not include alcohol)

Black eyed peas and cornbread will be served for good luck at midnight along with gourmet flatbreads and a champagne toast for all.

Please Note: The Clubhouse will close at 3pm on Saturday December 31st to prepare for the New Year's Eve Extravaganza.

## COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE UPDATE Llomell Llorca, President & CEO, TruScapes Industries, Inc.

The smell is in the air telling us autumn is around the corner and with that TruScapes Industries, Inc. wishes to welcome everyone to our fourth quarter news article. As our plants are preparing for the cooler drier weather quickly approaching our team members are also preparing and below we explain what everyone can expect concerning our services during the fall months and start of winter.

This quarter (October – December) most will notice that we go from weekly mowing events to every-other-week mowing event throughout St. Augustine and Bahia turf areas around the community. The bed edging frequencies will also be reduced to keep from enlarging your plant beds further than desired during the slow growing patterns of the turf. Our ornamental bed weeding frequency will remain the same at monthly service intervals of mechanical means and herbicide applications for the smaller less noticeable weeds.

Our trimming technicians will be more nurturing of the ornamental plants being a bit more selective and less aggressive during the pruning events. We want to make sure we leave enough leaf tissue on the plants to help preserve them during the cooler months and start of the winter later this quarter. We will also be allowing for some blooms to be enjoyed by many residents returning to their winter homes. All that in mind plays a huge role for the curb appeal of the community combined with a fresh coat of mulch historically applied during the month of November/December to really freshen the look of all the yards.

The irrigation technicians will be preforming the usual monthly inspections of the watering system and cleaning the VU flow filters where it applies. They will also make adjustments to the seasonal settings on the timer as we move deeper into the drier and cooler season. For most, there will not be a noticeable difference in the shorter irrigation run times and weeks of skipped irrigation cycles depending on the amount of precipitation experienced and or cool temperatures. We all know the cooler the temperature the less likely we would need to water for long periods of time. As I am sure we've read before, we want to be mindful that too much water can be as bad as not enough water as this contributes too many aquatic lawn weeds and can lead to fungus in the following months especially if we experience a very cold winter.

As we leave the heavy rains and hot weather in our rearview mirror we come out of our fertilizer black out period also known as the nitrogen fertilizer ban months in our county. Many will notice our techs busy at work the month of October making granular applications of turf fertilizer followed by the ornamental plant bed fertilization. This process will be repeated in December. By doing this, it will preserve the green appearance of the already established lawns and provide the energy and color to the younger lawns are in need of by also driving roots deep into the ground. It is critical and important to us that we strengthen the turf grass for any potential freeze we may experience before the end of the year. Our trained technicians will also be looking for any fungus activity in the lawns following fertilization applications when it's more common to occur.

In walking, driving and meeting with residents on occasions I know that there are allot of green thumbs in the community that like to keep busy around their gardens digging their seasonal flower beds. With that in mind, you may wish to look into planting Geraniums, Impatiens, Begonias, Pansies and or Petunias...winter for us in Florida gives us a wide range of annual flowers to splash lots of color around our gardens.

We wish everyone in the community a joyful fall and winter surrounded by friends and family as the holidays quickly approach.

# FOOD & BEVERAGE CALENDAR DECEMBER 2016

Dinner Reservations Accepted from 5:30pm to 8:00pm

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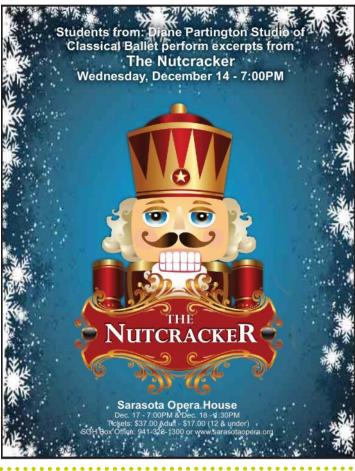


Thursday, December 22, 2016 At Ruth Eckerd Hall \$85 Per Person

Performance begins at 7:30pm **Bus Departs River Strand at 3:30pm sharp** Tickets are limited!

Price includes coach bus trip to performance and a dinner buffet with your choice of two entrees and one beverage at 5:30pm.

For Reservations Call 941-708-3837 or email LHoppe@theiconteam.com





Presented By A FLORIDA HOSPITAL

YOU'RE INVITED TO RIVER STRAND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB NIGHT

WITH THE TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING





TUE, FEB 21 | 7:30 PM

Join the RiverStrand Golf and Country Club Community when the Tampa Bay Lightning welcome the Edmonton Oilers to town.

We will enjoy the game from the Verizon Loft that includes an All You Can Eat Buffet along with beer, wine and soda.

Ticket and Bus Ride: \$160.00

Bus departs at River Strand at 5:00pm Sharp!

To purchase your tickets please contact the Administrative Office at 941.708.3837 or email Lori Hoppe at lhoppe@theiconteam.com

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# FITNESS & SOCIAL CALENDAR DECEMBER 2016

\*Denotes Clubs/Classes Meeting at the Community Center

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## December Fitness and Social Activities

#### **FITNESS**

AQUA FIT: 9:15am on Monday and Wednesday at the Clubhouse Pool. Classes are \$7

BANDS & BUTTS: No classes scheduled for December.

FIT 4 LIFE: 8:00am on Monday and Wednesday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$7.

FITNESS 101: No class scheduled for December.

Learn the Basics of Exercise. See page 19 for more information.

GOLF YOGA 9:30am on Monday & Wednesday. 11:15am on Saturday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room.

Classes are \$15. (Attendees must register in advance at sagejohnson@comcast.net)

MOMMY & ME FITNESS: 9:30am on Every other Saturday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$10. RIVER STRAND STRIDERS: 9:00am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the Pavilion in Central Park. TAI-CHI: 9:00am on Tuesday & Thursday at the Pavilion in Central Park. Classes are \$5.

YOGA: 4:00pm on Thursday & 9:00am on Friday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room with Kathy Rome

YOGA STREACHING: 9:00am on Thursday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room with Denise Paska.

ZUMBA: 10:30am on Monday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$5 or \$7 for 1st time.
 ZUMBA-AQUA: 10:30am on Tuesday & Friday at the Clubhouse Pool. Classes are \$5 or \$7 for 1st time.
 ZUMBA TONING/STEP MIX: 10:30am on Wednesday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$5 or \$7 for 1st time.

#### **SOCIAL**

#### \*PLEASE NOTE SOME SOCIAL GROUPS MEET AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

BEGINNER MAH JONGG: 6:00pm till 8:00pm on Monday. Group meets at the Community Center. Call Kathy Martin at

719-238-9964 if you have questions.

BIBLE STUDY 10:00am on Tuesday at the Community Center. "Journey Thru the Bible" w/Dr. J. Michael Ramage.

BOOK CLUBS: 5:30pm-8:00pm at the Community Center meets first Thursday of the month. (Full)

5:30pm-8:00pm at the Community Center meets third Thursday of the month. (Full)

BRIDGE: 9:30am on Monday and Friday. Group will play at the Clubhouse.

BUNCO: This month will meet between 11 & 11:30am in parking lot to go to the Seminole

Hard Rock Casino.

CHICKS AND FLICKS: First Wednesday of every month. This month Wednesday, December 7th meet at Half Shell

Seafood House at Noon followed by a movie of your choice. See page 2 for more information.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: No Meeting will be held in December.

GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING: Will meet on an as needed basis in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

KNITTING & CROCHET CLUB: 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Community Center meets first & third Friday of the month. **If you are** 

interested in Free Beginner Knitting Lessons, please call Shirley Goss at (941)251-6416 to

schedule a time.

LADIES MAH JONGG: 9:00am till Noon on Wednesday. Group will play at Community Center. This is a fun, friendly

group for intermediate to experienced players. Contact Lynne Monnell (941) 201-4253

or gmonnell@tampabay.rr.com.

MIXED BRIDGE: 5:30pm on Wednesday. Group will play at the Community Center.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: No Meeting will be held in December.

**RIVER STRAND TRANSITION** 

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6:30pm on the Fourth Thursday of the month in the Community Center.

RSCCC MEETING: 4:30pm on December 20th this month in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

TEXAS HOLD-'EM: 5:20pm-8:00pm on Tuesday. Group will play at the Community Center.

VETERANS NETWORK: 6:30pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Clubhouse Conference Room.





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In the River Strand September Newsletter, an announcement was posted regarding a change in policy respective to the food minimum at River Strand. The newsletter stated that the end date for use of your food minimum was being moved.

## KEY POINTS FOR RESIDENT TO KNOW REGARDING THE CHANGE IN POLICY FOR THE FOOD MINIMUM

- If you have not used all of your required food minimum for 2016 by December 31, 2016, your remaining balance for 2016 will need to be used by March 31, 2017.
- All River Strand resident accounts will have a one time food minimum of \$125, that covers the 1st quarter (Jan.— March 2017). This minimum should be used by March 31, 2017.
- If there is a food minimum balance remaining from either 2016 or the 1st quarter of 2017, that remaining balance will be charged to the unit owners account on March 31, 2017.
- The new food minimum requirement of \$500 will run from April 1, 2017 thru March 31, 2018.



## **Yard Waste**



Yard waste is vegetative matter resulting from yard and landscaping maintenance of your own property. This includes materials such as tree branches, leaves, grass clippings and palm fronds. The amount of yard waste collected at the curb is unlimited if properly prepared.

Yard waste must be properly prepared for expeditious pick-up. All yard waste curbside pick-up is on Wednesday only (except for holiday make-up schedule).

## Three (3) Ways to Properly Prepare Yard Waste:

Can it. Put yard waste in a 32 gallon container.

Bag it. You can use a study 32 gallon plastic trash bag.

Bundle it. Bundle limbs and branches.

- Bundled yard waste must be no longer than four (4) feet.
- · Branches need to be six (6) inches or less in diameter.
- · Tie bundles with heavy string.
- Each can, bag or bundle must be 50lbs. or less.

Too much waste to bundle? Call Utilities Department Customer Service for assistance and options at (941) 792-8811 or www.mymanatee.org/garbage

## **Yard Waste Tips:**

- Label a trash can for yard waste only.
- Remove fruit from branches. Fruit goes in the trash.
- No cardboard boxes as containers for yard waste.
- You may also bring your yard waste out to the Landfill for a fee.
- Real Christmas trees will be picked up during the month of January on your yard waste collection day.
   All tinsel, ornaments, lights and tree strands must be removed. Do not put trees in large plastic bags.





### River Strand Ladies Bridge

Bridge meets at 9:30am to Noon on Monday and Friday and ends around noon. To play contact Kathy Merucci at 248-361-6409 /or Vivienne Sivak at 941-251 -7494 or viviennesivak@msn.com.

#### Bunco

Newcomers are welcome! This is a simple, game that anyone can play and is very easy to learn. The Bunco group meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:30am at the Clubhouse. To play contact Judi Aharon at 336-407-7625. Sign up recommended.

#### Texas Hold-Em Poker

Texas Hold-Em is held Tuesday from 5:20pm to 8:00pm in the Community Center Space is limited. \$10 Buy-In. Winners will receive a gift certificate to River Strand, which can be used throughout the clubhouse. Visit the Golf Pro Shop to sign up each week. Sign up recommended.

#### River Strand Ladies Mah jongg

Ladies Mah jongg meets Wednesday at 9:00am in the Community Center. Group plays until about noon, followed by lunch (optional). This is a fun, friendly group for intermediate to experienced players. Lynne Monnell: 941-201-4253 or gmonnell@tampabay.rr.com.

## River Strand Mixed Bridge

#### (Men and Women)

Experienced players. Singles are welcome as the group will rotate partners. Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm -8:00pm. Contact Larry Sivak at lesivak@msn.com / 941-251-7494.

## Save the Date



The 3<sup>RD</sup> Annual River Strand Texas Hold 'em Tournament Saturday, February 25, 2017 More Information to Follow

## TRANSITION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN INFORMATION

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Meetings held on a as Needed Basis.

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Property Management Eddie Hicks Email Address: jeh0100@aol.com Meetings held on a as Needed Basis.

Budget/Financing Bill Moritz
Email Address: number1nole23@gmail.com
Meetings held on the 4th Thursday of the Month
at 6:30pm in the Community Center.

Compliance Bob Walsh Email Address: RTW967@gmail.com Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 4:30pm in the Clubhouse Conference Room.



## **December Specials**

December 7th - Chicken Alfredo

December 21st - Salisbury Steak

December 28th-Chicken & Dumplings



## Food & Beverage News

**Member Charge Accounts:** 

To insure accurate billing and application of your food minimum, please present your member identification card at all outlets, when charging to your member account.

Thank you!





Fused Glass Jewelry Workshop with Liana Martin from Firebug Designs

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 10:00am to 12:30pm at the Community Center

\$25 Per Person

Learn to create a pendant and/or earrings using frits,

stringers, rods, dots, as well as pieces of glass that you cut yourself. This is a great class for someone looking for a fun way to be creative while learning the art of fused glass. No experience necessary. All materials included.

Please register with the administrative office and pay your registration fee by <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 10</u>, <u>2017</u>. Spaces are <u>limited!</u> The class is limited to 16 participants.

For Reservations Call 941-708-3837 or via email LHoppe@theiconteam.com



WEDNESDAY'S AT 2:00 PM
CLUBHOUSE FITNESS CENTER ROOM

If you have always wanted to learn to line-dance, this is your chance! All levels of experience are welcome.



This is a great source of exercise, a whole lot of fun and just \$5 per class!

To participate, just show up a few minutes before the class begins each week to sign in. Please wear shoes that will not mark the fitness center floor. The instructor plans to cover many dance styles and genres of music.





## Halloween Costume Contest Winners



Pictured Left to Right: Funniest Costume: Lawrence Littman, Santa; Best Dressed Female: Tammy Janezic, Flapper Girl; Best Dressed Male: John Caracciola, Mad Hatter; Most Original Costume: Mike Fisher, Drag Queen.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING NEW CARD GAME GROUP??

"May I?" is an amusing and sociable card game. Technically, it's a form of Progressive Rummy (you make sets and runs). In practice it's a fun and rewarding way to spend a couple of hours on a game that is easy to learn and where success depends on a good balance of skill and luck.

We will be starting a social "May I?" group on Wednesday's from 2:00pm to 4:30pm beginning January 4th at the Community Center. If anyone is interested in joining, or just have a question, please email at walsh.elaine@outlook.com

## Club Connections

Lifestyle Director, Lori Hoppe

### **Welcome to our newest members!**

Stop by the Conference Room at the clubhouse for our New Member Orientation.

These informative sessions take place at 2pm on the first Friday of every month. This month it will take place on December 2nd.

Attending the Orientation is a great way to meet other new members and get your River Strand bearings.

your River Strand bearings.
Alexander Lodi
Gregory & Jamie Therkalsen
Elvira Kozharskaya
Ulderico Cianfaglione
John & Susan Torrence
Susan & Willard Reavis
John Drysdale
Kenneth & Robin Howard
Jeffrey & Cynthia Boartight
Dean & Kim Visaggio
James & Susan Clark
Jospeh Jarvie
David Hurwitch & Anna Marques
Mel & Donna Bond
Randall Repchuk
Dennis & Cheryl Rambo
Salman Ahmad
Leah Dubant
Richard & Tina Biller
Kenneth & Karen Friesen
April Habich
Barry Sidebottom
James and Diane Dupuis



Are you looking for some fellow euchre players? We are! Please contact Rosie Farrell by email at rosiefarrell@charter.net

## STRAND POND REPORT

George Colbath, Biologist, Pond Professional, LLC

We would like to update the residents regarding the record high temperatures we have experienced this summer and what that may mean for the community retention ponds and options we have for successive summers. First of all, we have experienced 13 straight months of record highs and in the course of our activities through August, I have taken water samples in excess of 85-90 degrees F. What does that mean for the pond health? First of all, as air temperatures rise so to does the water temperatures. When they get above about 80 degrees Fahrenheit, numerous species of algae and cyanobacteria thrive and exponentially multiply and release. As water tempera-



tures exceed 87 degrees, numerous species of bacteria begin to increase and thrive. High water temperatures also mean that the water holds less dissolved oxygen as well, making for a more stressed environment for the fish. Algae further reduces the dissolved oxygen as well.

With worsening weather conditions within the state and our water bodies, it is ever more crucial that we try and limit our fertilizer usage, debris runoff and try and maximize the aquatic plant health and propagation. Aeration is another way we may enhance the overall water quality and dissolved oxygen levels and minimize fish kills. This will keep fish kills such as we are currently seeing at our beaches to a minimum. Monitoring the fish populations over successive years is also another way to limit stress and minimize fish kills. native aquatic plants can help shield the shallow areas from the heat and list where algae can thrive as well as utilize nutrients that may otherwise be used by nuisance weeds or algae.

When we are experiencing high temperatures above 90 degrees, please avoid submerging any mucus membrane within the water of a retention pond so as to avoid any bacterial infections. While we have not documented any reported incidents such as this in the area, they are increasing statewide and we will keep you updated on further occurrences. As fall approaches and temperatures more normalize, we should see a decline in algae and bacterium throughout Manatee County.



## The Second Annual River Strand Holiday Walkabout

Saturday, December 10, 2016
starting at 430 in the afternoon

Residents of River Strand are invited to the second annual Holiday Walkabout. On this very special occasion, many residents open their homes to share appetizers and desserts with other residents of River Strand. The event will begin at 4:30 on Saturday afternoon, December 10th. It's a day-into-evening affair. If you want to participate, please sign up at email <u>rswalkabout@gmail.com</u> with your name(s), address, phone and host-yes or no.

## FINAL Sign-up on Monday, November 28th.

Already over 150 have signed up. So, sign up by November 28. This event is open to residents only. However, singles are welcome to invite a guest. Also, if two singles want to be assigned together, please be sure to sign up together. When you sign up, please indicate whether you want to be a host home. We need at least 60 host homes again this year. Shortly after Thanksgiving, you will receive more information about where you will be enjoying your appetizers and desserts and what you will be asked to contribute to one of the homes — appetizers or desserts. If you have any questions about this event or special circumstances that are important to you, please contact Stan Zimmer by email <a href="mailto:rswalkabout@gmail.com">rswalkabout@gmail.com</a> or call 941-405-4321.



### **HOST HOMES**

- The primary function of the host home is to provide a place for 10 to 14 people to gather for ninety minutes.
- Participants from three households (including the host home) will be assigned to bring enough food (appetizers or desserts) for 14 people at one of the homes.
- Each guest supplies his/her own beverage of choice throughout this event.
- A host home needs to make available glasses, small plates, napkins, forks and spoons, as needed. Paper goods are very acceptable.

We expect to need at least 60 host homes again this year.

Please, consider opening your home to your neighbors for this event.

## RIVER STRAND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

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Icon Management Services 941-747-7261 Phone 941-526-3283 After Hours

Clubhouse General Office Mon-Fri, 9:00am-5:00pm Phone: 941-708-3837

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

Tennis Shop Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-7:00 pm Saturday & Sunday, 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Grille Room
941-932-8667
Check calendar for seasonal hours of operation.

Swimming Pools
Open from dawn until dusk.

Gate Attendant
Phone: 941-746-2167 (gatehouse)
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