

The Strand

February 2016

eNewsletter for the Members of River Strand Golf and Country Club



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Clubhouse and Community

Read the latest & greatest from River Strand Golf and Country Club

Complimentary Bridge Classes To Be Held in the Community Center

Free bridge lessons will be available from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm every Monday in the Community Center. Advance sign up is necessary. New players should attend on the first session in January and plan to make a commitment to attend most sessions (or arrange for makeup times in order to learn the game in a few months. Self study can help speed the learning process. Resource materials will be provided and recommended.

Men and women are welcome, as well as couples. You do not need to provide your own partner, even though bridge is played in pairs. There are many players at River Strand who are single or have a spouse who does not play bridge, plus the morning games on Mondays and Fridays are limited to women.

There will be two groups: beginner and intermediate. If you would like to receive more information, Please contact Vivienne at 941-251-7494 for beginner lessons or contact Vicki at 269-579-6127 for intermediate lessons.

Bridge is a lot of fun, a great way to meet more people and, while challenging, is not that difficult for people who like cards and want a terrific way to keep their minds exercised. Why not give it a try?

Complimentary Beginner Mahjongg Classes Held in the Community Center

Resident Kathy Martin has offered to host complimentary beginner Mahjongg classes again this season. Classes meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Community Center. Mahjongg also is a great way to exercise your mind and socialize with your neighbors.

Please bring a personal beverage if you need one and if you wish, a snack to share. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Martin at 719-238-9964.

Please Note: Don't forget to bring your Member Access ID Card (which you will need to access the multi-purpose room and rest rooms), when visiting the Community Center.

Chicks And Flicks



Wednesday, February 3rd at Noon

Meet at Geckos Grill & Pub

Braden River Plaza, 4310 SR 64 E

Visit with your friends and neighbors at lunch and pick your movie from currently playing titles.

New Faces are always Welcome! First Wednesday of every month, lunch location will vary by month.

RSVP to admin@riverstrandgolf.com



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Dan Arens, LCAM



Community safety is a major focus of the River Strand Board of Directors. Please remember to register all guests with Envera or at the front gate. Please use the sidewalks when walking throughout the community, and be alert for bicyclists while driving throughout the Community.

As we are in season, the amenities are being used a lot more. Please be courteous to your fellow members and limit your time on the exercise equipment. Please be sure to wipe down equipment after you have used it.

We have several residents that are dog owners. Please be sure to follow the rules as set forth in the Declaration and keep your dog on a leash. There are no fences, dog runs, or leads allowed in the community. The Heritage Harbour Dog Park is located on Port Harbour Parkway if you would like to allow your dog to run free and meet some other four-legged friends.

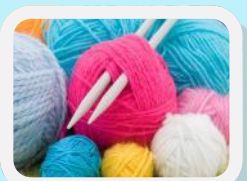
Please remember that trash is picked up on Tuesday and Friday, and recycles are only picked up on Friday's. Please place all trash inside a receptacle. Trash is to be put out the day of pickup and receptacles taken back in before the end of the day.

It is so nice to see so many people utilizing the new community center located at 6835 Willowshire Way! Several card groups have relocated to the multipurpose room, and several people are enjoying the resort-style pool as well! There are still a few more items to get to finish this area, but if you have any suggestions please feel free to let me know.

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

Important Reminders

- Dinner Service is available Monday thru Friday. Reservations are recommended. Seating on the 1/2 hour from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.
- The Lunch at the Oscars Event with the Key Chorale Chamber Chorus planned for February 27th has unfortunately been cancelled.
- Chicks And Flicks Event on February 3rd at Noon Meeting at Geckos Grill and Pub in Braden River Plaza.
- Don't Miss the Spring Arts & Crafts Bazaar on Saturday, March 19th from 9am to 1pm at the Community Center in the Sanctuary.
- The River Strand 4th Annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament is being held on February 22nd and 23rd to benefit the Food Bank of Manatee and Hope Family Services Center.
- Join Mattie Watson for "Birds of River Strand on Wednesday, February 10th at the Community Center for this world famous event!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A KNIT & CROCHET CLUB?

Bring your latest project to the Community Center on the 1st and 3rd Friday of February and March from 2pm to 4pm. Beginners are welcome and teaching is provided.

Contact Shirley Goss at 941-251-6416 to sign up or for more information.

February GOLF EVENTS**9 & Dine-** 2/01 3:30pm**Couples 1 Day Member-Guest-** 02/06 1pm**Couples 18 Holes "Cupid Classic"-** 02/13 1pm**Men's Spring Member/Member (36 Holes)** 2/20-21
Tee times**Ladies' Spring Member/Member (18 Holes)** Tee
Times 21st**Ladies' 18 Holes- 8:30** Shotgun -Tuesday**Ladies' 9 Hole-9:00** Shotgun-Tuesday**Men's 18 Holes – 8:30** Shotgun - Wednesday**Men's 9 Holes-9:00** Shotgun-Wednesday**Saturday Clinics- Adults:** Every Saturday at 10-11am,
11am-12pm (Please call pro shop to sign up)**Juniors:** Every Saturday at 12:00pm-1pm (Please call
pro shop to sign up)**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.

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 park your personal golf cart in the designated spots in our parking lot.

Recent Shootout Golf Outing



Shootout Golf Outing Attendees

GOLF UPDATE

PGA Head Golf Professional, Corey Pion



Season is definitely upon us and the course is showing some signs of it already. Lets take pride in our course by doing a better job of filling our divots, raking our tracks in the sand and fixing our ball marks, or better yet, fix 2 or 3. For those who walk in the evening, please make sure you check in the pro shop and get a ticket so we know who's out there. We now have sand bottles for you to take out with you, the starter will provide them for you.

We had one of our largest 9 & Dine to date on January 11th with 46 couples and had 2 separate events on two different nines. Congratulations to the following couples on their first place showings in this months 9 & Dines: Ron & Susan Honeycutt and their partners Chris & Pat Clavin. Dave & Nancy White and their partners Brett & Maureen Geiser. Please sign up in advance for these events as they are filling up extremely fast.



GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH

PGA Asst. Golf Professional, Jay Blackwell

A tricky, yet common, rules question we are asked has to do with the correct procedure to follow when your ball comes to rest against a rake inside of a bunker.

The first question we are asked is; "Am I allowed to move the rake?" The answer is YES! A bunker rake is a "movable obstruction," outside of lateral hazards or water hazards you may always move a "movable obstruction." That's the easy part. The tricky part is the follow-up question; "What if the ball moves?"



If the ball moves it must be replaced and if it will not come to rest on the spot where it originally was resting, it must be placed at the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where it can be placed at rest.

Here's a bonus question for the rules aficionados out there; Are you allowed to clean the ball after lifting from the BUNKER and placing it back in the BUNKER?

Surprise, the answer is YES you can clean the ball! Once again, knowing the rules of the game can help you.



RIVER STRAND TENNIS PROGRAMS

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

Pee Wee Clinic (3-4 yr old) – Friday, 4:30-5:00 p.m. \$10 per class

Stars Clinic (5-14 yr old) – Mon, Wed.& Fri. 5:00-6:30 p.m. \$20 per class

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

Scott's 3.0-3.5 Clinic - Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. \$20.00 per class

Abdul's 90 Minute Drill and Play – Tues. & Thurs. 8:00-9:30 a.m. \$20.00 per class

Tuesday's with Tiffany Clinic – Tuesday: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. \$15 per class

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

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

Tiffany's Mixed Doubles Clinic – Thursday: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. \$15 per class

Shot of the Week – Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. (Free)

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

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

Morning Doubles: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:30-11:00 a.m., \$2.00

Men's Night: Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. cost: \$2.00

Mixed Doubles Night: Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. cost: \$2.00 (sign up with partner)

8.5/9.0 Mixed Doubles Night: Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. \$2.00 (sign up with partner)

Men's 4.0/4.5 Day Sunday 8:30-10:00 a.m. cost \$2.00

TENNIS PRO SHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Email: tennispro@riverstrandtennis.com

Pro Shop Phone: 941.932.8680

COURT HOURS

All days - 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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

½ 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)

Asst. Tennis Professional–Tiffany Davis, PTR

½ Hour Private: \$35, 1 Hour Private: \$70
(buy 5, get 1 free)

Assistant Tennis Professional – Gary Coulter

½ Hour Private: \$30, 1 Hour Private: \$60
(buy 5, get 1 free)



FEBRUARY TENNIS EVENTS

February 12th -

Family Night Parents and Kids

Tennis clinic and play 5:30-6:30pm. FREE

Event Sign up at

www.makeclubreservations.com

February 20th -

Griffin League Doubles Tournament,

Sign up at

www.makeclubreservations.com

TENNIS TIP OF THE MONTH Assistant Tennis Professional, Gary Coulter

Ask any avid tennis player whether they'd rather watch a really great match or just go play and I believe they'll say "play" every time. Not that attending a big tournament or just watching on TV is anything less than exciting and lots of fun, it's just that the urge to get out and strike a ball and try to out stroke or out strategize your best tennis buddy is one that simply can't be repressed! But now that we're beginning a new year of major tour tournaments, not to mention the near-majors like Indian Wells, Miami, and a few others, it's time to get inspired and see if we can learn something from the pros. Granted, we're not going to duplicate the top ranked players in any way near their level, but we can mimic a lot of the things we see and incorporate many of their techniques into our own style. Pick out some of the trademark aspects of players such as Nadal, Djokovic, Murray, Federer, etc., and see what you can do to be like them. For instance, ever notice how Nadal jogs to the baseline on changeovers, even in a five-set match? Or how Djokovic slides a "mile" to retrieve a drop shot on a hard court and ends up doing the splits? (don't try that one!) My favorite, one that I remind over and over again, is the way Roger Federer focuses on the point at which the ball meets the racquet. In nearly every match you'll see a slow motion or still frame shot of Roger with his racquet extended in the follow-through, his head down, eyes fixed on the spot where contact was made. The ball is well on its way before he lifts his gaze to track its flight! Next time you're on the court, give it a try. In the meantime, see if you can pick up on some of the other traits and techniques that make the pros able to compete at the top of the game. You won't get paid the way they do, but you'll have the satisfaction of knowing in some small way you just might be a little bit like them!



River Strand Ladies Bridge

Bridge meets at 9:30am on Monday and Friday and ends around noon. To play contact Pauline Tasler: 941-405-4733 / ptasler@gmail.com 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 in the Community Center. 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 Mahjong

Ladies Mahjong meets Wednesday at 9:00am in the Community Center. Group plays until about noon, followed by lunch (optional). This is a fun, friendly group and players of all skill levels welcome! 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 le-sivak@msn.com / 941-251-7494.

RIVER STRAND PICKLEBALL INFORMATION

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

Scott's Beginner Clinic: Wednesday 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. cost (\$10.00 per player)

(This clinic will cover scoring, rules, match play strategy, fundamentals, positioning, and fun, fun, fun!)

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

Morning Pickleball: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (all levels)

Afternoon Pickleball: Monday 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (all levels)

Evening Pickleball: Wednesday 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (all levels)

Adult Competitive Play (sign up on www.makeclubreservations.com)

TBA – Adult Leagues

TBA – Adult Tournaments



Pro Shop Info (Pickleball equipment and information located in Tennis Shop)

Pro Shop Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 am– 3:00 p.m..

The Tennis Shop does have Pickleball paddles and balls for purchase.

Pickleball Court Reservation System Information

Go to www.makeclubreservations.com.

The facility code is “river1”.

All residents please choose member type “annual”.

This system is a great way to meet other Pickleball players and get games.

Pickleball Court Hours and Information

The courts are open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The lights are located next to the entrance gates and are four hour timers, please shut off after you leave. Players always welcome to play as “walk on’s” but the online reservation system will guarantee you your court reservation.

Any questions regarding Pickleball can be answered by our Director of Tennis, Nate Griffin.

Golf Course Maintenance Report

Renze Berg, GCSA

I would like to thank the staff and members for the warm welcome to River Strand. Jamie has made it a very smooth transition for me and I will continue to provide the same great playing conditions he has set forth. As you have noticed, we have had some thin spots in the fairways due to disease, we have treated and are re-seeding them, which will take a few weeks to germinate and fill in. We have had some up and down weather thru January, going from warm and dry to cloudy, cold and rainy, which is perfect disease weather. We will be changing out flowers in the middle of February and touching up pine straw beds throughout the courses. Please feel free to contact me or stop me out on the courses with any concerns. Also, please repair ball marks and fill divots for your fellow members, Thank You.

Condo Corner

Matt Koratich, CMCA

Greetings Condo Owners,

Responsibility for the fire safety of your building lies with each and every resident. That's why it is so important that you plan together to keep your building as fire safe as possible and learn the right thing to do should fire break out. The first place to start is to learn the facts.

- Smoking is the #1 cause of all fatal multi-family fires. And, nearly a third of them are caused by someone smoking in bed.
- Most residential fires occur at night when condos are most heavily populated.

Know every possible exit. If hallways become smoky in a fire, your memory can help you find a way out. Remember never to use elevators in a fire. Keep exits clear of debris and storage. An ounce of prevention can save your life. Prevention is your best insurance against fire. Take these simple fire safety precautions in your own unit to prevent fire from starting.

- Check regularly for electrical hazards, such as worn electrical cords, overload extension cords and outlets, and broken appliances.
- Don't store flammable liquids in your home, car, or anywhere else inside your building.
- Don't use balconies or porches for storage. Fire starting in these areas can burn undetected.

As a reminder, barbeque grills are prohibited on all Condominium property in River Strand (Coach Homes, Verandas, and Terraces). The Fire Code defines barbeque grills as a cooking device that uses combustible material as fuel or has an open flame. This excludes electric cooking devices. Be Prepared! Plan Ahead for Everyone's Safety! For more information on fire safety please visit <http://www.nfpa.org>.



VALENTINE'S DAY

Dinner & Dance

February 14th 2016

6PM-8PM Dinner

Dancing till 10pm

Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance
February 14th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

First Course
Hamachi
Radish, Sriacha, Apple, Mint, Ponzu

Second Course
Smoked Tomato Soup
Buratta cheese, Artichoke, Caramelized Parmesan

Fennel and Ricicci Salad
Toasted Marcona Almonds, Grapes, Baby arugula,
Nine year old Maple Sherry Vinegar

Entrees (choose one)
Prime Beef Tenderloin Chateaubriand
Confit Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus, Roasted Tomato Hollandaise
~or~
Black Cod
King Crab, Jasmine Rice, Bok Choy, Lemon Aioli, Soy Reduction
~or~
Lobster Bolognese
Lobster Cognac Cream Sauce, Black Truffles, Pappardelle
~or~
Crispy Tofu
Grilled Asparagus, Oyster Mushrooms, Tamari, Sweet Chili

Dessert:
Giaduja Chocolate Mouse, Strawberry Consommé

\$75.++/Person


For reservations call 941-708-3837
7155 Grand Estuary Trail, Bradenton, FL 34212

RIVER STRAND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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SUPER BOWL PARTY!

FEBRUARY 7TH 2016



5:30 PM START TIME

RESERVE YOUR TABLE | 941-708-3837

SUPER BOWL TAILGATE PARTY MENU



River Strand
Sunday, February 7th at 5:30pm
Food service till half time!!!!

Hot and barbeque wings
Pulled pork
Nachos
Brats and kraut
Bacon wrapped hotdogs
Caramelized baked chicken
Korean style short ribs
Baked macaroni
Potato salad
Cole slaw
Potato skins

\$24.00 ++



A special
Thank you to
Jeff Underwood




Draft Beer & Pitcher Specials
Beer Bucket Special
2 for 1 House Pour Cocktails

To reserve a table, call 941-708-3837.

SAVE THE DATE

The Armchair Traveler

56 Days of National Parks & Monuments
Thursday, February 4th—6:00 pm—Community Center




• NATIONAL PARK MAP •

In the summer of 2007, River Strand residents Jim and Mattie Watson made a "bucket list" trip from the Midwest to the California coast and back again. While the main objective of the trip was seeing as many National Parks and Monuments as possible, Jim and Mattie drove mostly on registered Scenic Drives and less traveled byways - seeing the country up close. Please join us as Mattie shares their experiences during the 56 days (and 12,146 miles!) of their journey.

LINE DANCING

CLASSES RESUME SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND!!
SATURDAY'S AT 2:00 PM
FITNESS CENTER AEROBICS 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.

Hope to see you all here!

COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Llomell Llorca, President & CEO, TruScapes Industries, Inc.

We thank all of the homeowners who made 2015 a great year for our team. Our crews, who's main focus is providing lawn maintenance services in the River Strand community, very much appreciated the positive comments many residents shared with them throughout the year being something that was encouraging to many of them helping keep the focus and the level of service quality each resident has come to expect from us.

During the first quarter of 2016 our team will continue mowing every-other week as the growing habit of the vegetation normally slows down with the cooler and dryer weather patterns. We will also be pruning the entire community at least twice by the end of this first quarter to include raising of the Oak tree canopies and trimming those palms below the height of 15'.

Our irrigation team will be cleaning irrigation filters and testing your system among adjusting the settings to what is appropriate this time of the year to help conserve the precious resource and help keep your vegetation as healthy as possible, many of us know that too much water can be as harmful as not enough water.

Our fertilization and pest control division will be making a lawn fertilization application just before the month of March to include the ornamental shrubs shortly thereafter. At least three times during this first quarter they will also keep an eye out for lawn weeds and spot treat as needed with selective herbicide, they will also spot treat as needed any insects we may see in the lawn and or shrubs during our inspections.

Last winter and so far this winter have been very mild, this can be conducive to larger than number lawn and ornamental weeds to include a more active insect season since the temps are warmer. Our team will be making adjustments to compensate for this climate change in an effort to keep providing a satisfactory level of service for the residents. If anyone notices any areas that may appear to be problematic, we encourage them to communicate this to the management company in case any of this may have accidentally slipped the sights of the service techs and managers doing their inspections. Vegetation growing habits are also slightly faster than normal for this time of the year, we thank everyone for their patience through this rather unusually warm record setting winter.



CAJUN BUFFET
Wednesday, February 24th
5:30 pm-8:00pm

SOUP & SALAD
Seafood Creole New Orleans Style
Red Remoulade Shrimp Salad
Crab Maison
Peel & Eat Shrimp Sauce Louise
Salad of Marinated Tomatoes, Asparagus, Cucumbers, and Mushrooms

ENTREES
Peach Crusted Catfish with Dirty Rice
Chicken Gumbo with Andouille
Grillades and Grits
Jambalaya
Grilled Oysters on the Half Shell

DESSERT
Bourbon Bread Pudding

\$32++

There will be no other menu available for this evening.
 Reservations
 Call: 941-708-3837

ITALIAN NIGHT BUFFET
Wednesday Night February 10th
5:30 pm-8:00 pm

Soup & Salads
 Misestrone Soup with Pesto
 Traditional Caesar Salad
 Antipasto
 Prosciutto, Genoa Salami, Capicola, Grilled Vegetables, Olives,
 Provolone and Parmesan Cheese

Entrees
 Sausage and Pepper Mostaccioli
 Vegetable Lasagna
 Manicotti
 Chicken Piccata with Four Cheese Risotto
 Basil and Parmesan Crusted Grouper
 Veal Scaloppine with a Roasted Mushroom Cream Sauce

Desserts
 Assorted Biscotti, Cannolis, Tiramisu,
 Lady Fingers soaked in Espresso
 Mascarpone
 \$28.~

There will be no other available menu this evening
 For reservations call 941-708-3837
 Dress code is country club casual, no blue jeans or t-shirts, please.



REGISTRATION REMINDER
River Strand Country Club
2nd ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD'em TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 20, 2016
(Buffet 4:30 till 5:30 PM)
\$75.00 (INCLUDES Buffet Dinner)
Cash Only, No Refunds
Limited to 80 Players Maximum

(Reservations now also being taken for buffet dinner only, for non-tournament players, friends and spouses \$25.00 each - includes taxes, tip and unlimited soft drinks)

Member Registration must be paid in full no later than Tuesday, February 9, 2016 then Tournament Registration will be extended to Member's Guests

Get your tickets Tuesday Night Jan. 19th in the Clubhouse Card Room, and effective Tues., Jan. 26 thru Feb. 9, 2016, in the New Community Center from 4:30 PM till 5:15 PM.

Your Poker Committee,

Margie Brinales
 Joe Lemieux
 Rich Pirozzolo
 Chet Rome
 Blake Sanderson







**KEEP
CALM
AND
MAKE A
RESERVATION**

**DON'T FORGET TO CALL IN ADVANCE FOR DINNER
RESERVATIONS TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY!
941-708-3837**



FOOD & BEVERAGE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	2 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	3 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	4 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	5 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	6 Lunch 11am-6pm Bar 11am-7pm
7 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-5pm SUPERBOWL PARTY 5:30pm (Reservations Suggested)	8 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	9 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	10 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	11 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	12 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	13 Lunch 11am-6pm Bar 11am-7pm
14 Lunch 11am-4pm Bar 11am-4pm VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE 6:00pm (Reservations Suggested)	15 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	16 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	17 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	18 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	19 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	20 Lunch 11am-6pm Bar 11am-7pm
21 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-6pm	22 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	23 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	24 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	25 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	26 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	27 Lunch 11am-3:30pm Bar 11am-7pm
28 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-6pm	29 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm					



The First Annual River Strand Spring Walkabout

Saturday, April 2, 2016

starting at 4:30 in the afternoon

Register Now

This past December, 149 River Strand residents participated in the Holiday Walkabout. Given all the comments and kudos, we want to do it again this spring. The event will begin at 4:30 on Saturday afternoon, April 2. It's a day-into-evening affair. If you want to participate, please email Stan / Patti Zimmer (rswalkabout@gmail.com) or you may phone them (941-405-4321).

***Sign-up will begin now, January 25, 2016
and end on Saturday, March 12, 2016***

We expect even more participants. So, please, if you can, it would be very helpful if you could sign up early. 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 and please try to be generous in this regard because we expect to need at least 40 host homes. Shortly after March 23th, you will receive more information about where you will be enjoying your appetizers and desserts and what you will be asked to contribute—appetizer or dessert. If you have any questions about this event or special circumstances that are important to you, please contact Stan or Patti Zimmer by email (rswalkabout@gmail.com) or by phone (941-405-4321).

Register now: deadline March 11 for all registrations. Send registrations using email at rswalkabout@gmail.com Include:

Participant(s):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Host: Yes or No

HOST HOMES


- The primary function of the host home is to provide a place for 12 to 14 people to gather for ninety minutes.
- Participants from 2 or 3 households (including the host home) will be assigned to bring enough food (appetizer or dessert) for the whole group of 12 to 14 people.
- 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.

***We expect to need at least 40 host homes this year.
Please, consider opening your home to your neighbors for this event.***

FITNESS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2016

Denotes Clubs Meeting at the Community Center

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Fit4Life 8:am Aqua Fit 9:15 am Bridge 9:30 am Sports Yoga 10am Zumba 11:30	2 Tai-Chi 9:00 am Walking Club 9:00 am Sports Yoga 9am Zumba Tone/Step 11:30 am	3 Fit4Life 8:00 am Mahjongg 9:00 am Aqua Fit 9:15 am Zumba Tone 11:30 am Chicks and Flicks 12pm Mixed Bridge	4 Walking Club 9:00 am Yoga 9:00 am Bunco 9:30 am Sports Yoga 5 pm Veterans 6:30pm	5 Yoga 9:00 am Bridge 9:30 am Knitting Club 2:00 pm	6 RS Striders Walking Club 9:00 am - Pavilion Line Dancing 2:00 pm
7	8 Fit4Life 8:am Aqua Fit 9:15 am Bridge 9:30 am Sports Yoga 10am Zumba 11:30 FLOW Yoga 6 pm	9 Tai-Chi 9:00 am Walking Club 9:00 am Sports Yoga 9am Zumba Tone/Step 11:30 am Texas Hold-Em 5:20 pm	10 Fit4Life 8:00 am Mahjongg 9:00 am Aqua Fit 9:15 am Zumba Tone 11:30 am Birds of River Strand 2pm Mixed Bridge 5:30 pm	11 Walking Club 9:00 am Yoga 9:00 am Bunco 9:30 am Sports Yoga 5 pm Veterans 6:30pm	12 Yoga 9:00 am Bridge 9:30 am	13 RS Striders Walking Club 9:00 am - Pavilion Line Dancing 2:00 pm
14	15 Fit4Life 8am Aqua Fit 9:15 am Bridge 9:30 am Sports Yoga 10am Zumba 11:30 FLOW Yoga 6:00 pm	16 Tai-Chi 9:00 am Walking Club 9:00 am Sports Yoga 9am Zumba Tone/Step 11:30 am Texas Hold-Em 5:20 pm	17 Fit4Life 8:00 am Mahjongg 9:00 am Aqua Fit 9:15 am Zumba Tone 11:30 am Mixed Bridge 5:30 pm	18 Walking Club 9:00 am Yoga 9:00 am Sports Yoga 5 pm	19 Yoga 9:00 am Bridge 9:30 am Knitting Club 2:00 pm	20 RS Striders Walking Club 9:00 am - Pavilion Line Dancing 2:00 pm
21	22 Fit4Life 8:am Aqua Fit 9:15 am Bridge 9:30 am Sports Yoga 10am Zumba 11:30 FLOW Yoga 6:00 pm	23 Tai-Chi 9:00 am Walking Club 9:00 am Sports Yoga 9am Zumba Tone/Step 11:30 am Texas Hold-Em 5:20 pm	24 Fit4Life 8:00 am Mahjongg 9:00 am Aqua Fit 9:15 am Zumba Toning 11:30 am Mixed Bridge 5:30 pm	25 Walking Club 9:00 am Yoga 9:00 am Bunco 9:30 am FITNESS 101 10am Sports Yoga 5 pm	26 Yoga 9:00 am Bridge 9:30 am	27 RS Striders Walking Club 9:00 am - Pavilion Line Dancing 2:00 pm
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February Fitness and Social Activities

FITNESS

AQUA FIT:	9:15 am on Monday and Wednesday.
CARDIO TENNIS:	6:30 pm on Wednesday and Friday. \$15 members.
FIT 4 LIFE:	8:00 am on Monday and Wednesday.
FITNESS 101:	Thursday, January 21st. 10 am Equipment, 10:30 am Weights.
FLOW YOGA:	6:00 pm Monday. Intermediate practice.
LINE DANCING:	It's back! 2:00 pm on Saturday, beginning January 2nd. Clubhouse fitness room.
RIVER STRAND STRIDERS:	9:00 am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Pavilion at Central Park.
SPORTS YOGA:	Monday at 10 am, Tuesday at 9 am, Thursday at 5 pm. Classes are \$15.
TAI-CHI:	9:00 am Tuesday. Pavilion at Central Park.
YOGA:	9:00 am on Thursday & Friday.
ZUMBA:	11:30 am on Monday.
ZUMBA TONING/STEP MIX:	11:30 am on Tuesday.
ZUMBA TONING:	11:30 am on Wednesday.

SOCIAL

***PLEASE NOTE SOME SOCIAL GROUPS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY MET AT THE RIVER STRAND CLUBHOUSE, WILL RELOCATE TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER. PLEASE REVIEW THOSE AND THEIR START DATE BELOW:**

BIRDS OF RIVER STRAND:	2:00 pm on Wednesday, February 10th. Join Mattie for this world famous event at the Community Center
BRIDGE:	9:30 am on Monday and Friday. Group will play at the Community Center on Mondays and at the Club house on Fridays
BRIDGE LESSONS:	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Complimentary. Community Center
BUNCO:	9:30 am the first and third Thursday of the month. River Strand Clubhouse.
CHICKS AND FLICKS:	First Wednesday of every month. This month meet at Geckos at Noon followed by a movie of your choice. See flyer on page 7.
MAHJONGG:	9:00 am on Wednesday. Currently playing at Community Center.
MAHJONGG LESSONS:	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday. Complimentary. Community Center. See page 2.
MIXED BRIDGE:	5:30 pm on Wednesday. Group will play at Community Center.
TEXAS HOLD-'EM:	5:20 pm-8:00 pm on Tuesday. Group will play at the Community Center.
VETERANS NETWORK:	6:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the conference room. Meet at the River Strand clubhouse.
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH	3:00 pm at the Community Center on first Wednesday of the month.
KNITTING CLUB	2:00 pm on Friday. First and Third of the month at the Community Center.
BOOK CLUB	5:30 pm-8:00 pm at the Community Center meets first Thursday of the month. Contact Paulette Gandel for more information. 5:30 pm-8:00 pm at the Community Center meets third Thursday of the month. Contact Kathy Rome for more information.



The River Strand Transition Budget and Finance Committee will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Community Center at 6:30 pm.





A Owl on the 7th hole of Estuary. Photo by Dave Redinger

Birds of River Strand



A Blue Heron in River Strand. Photo by Rodney Grubiak

Club Connections

Lifestyle Director, Lori Hoppe

Welcome to our newest members! Sign up in the Administrative Offices at the clubhouse for our New Member Orientation. These informative sessions take place in the clubhouse board room at 2 pm on the first Friday of every month.

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

Janet Lucas

Joan Greco

David Tollis & Tammie Pickard

Steven Kriegshaber & Annette Aldridge

Monty & Donna Messersmith

Federic & Karen Lamb

Anthony Douglas & Irina Zaremba

Bruce & Claudia Embree

Andrew Makkawy

David Phaneuf

Al Ambrosino & Ida Savello

Shirley & Donald Wild

Robert & Sandi Pasqualucci

Sean Williams & Taylor McLauhlin

Christine Broomfield & Michael LoPresti



A Spoonbill in a River Strand Lake. Photo by Rodney Grubiak

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

Please Join Us In Welcoming Our New River Strand Chef Radames Febles



Radames brings his passion for combining the freshest locally sourced produce and products available, back to his adopted hometown, Bradenton, FL. Radames was born in Connecticut, but moved to Bradenton, FL at a very young age. He spent summers in Puerto Rico with his grandparents, helping out on the farm, and eventually moving there for a couple of years. It was during his time there that he developed his love of cooking, while watching his grandmother make her creations in the kitchen.

Later, Radames took his love of cooking and hardcore sensibility to New York in order to study at the Culinary Institute of America. After departing CIA, he moved to the Hudson River Valley where he cooked at the Quail Hollow Res-

taurant and the historic Beekman Arms.

His travels next took him to Los Angeles where he worked for Norman Van Aken, described as "The Culinary Titan of Florida." Many credit Van Aken with the introducing the concept of "Fusion" to the culinary world.

Radames became an integral part of the creative team who opened Zengo, a new restaurant in Santa Monica, CA. Zengo's menu featured Asian fusion and new Latin cuisine of Radames' creation.



The next stop on Radames' culinary Tour of Duty landed him alongside internationally renowned chef and restaurateur Ricard Sandoval. Radames spent the next five years as Head Chef for Sandoval at Cima, and then

its sister restaurant, Maya, Beaver Creek, Colorado.

Chef Radames is now back in Bradenton, with lovely wife Amber. He enjoys fishing in his spare time, when he is not out searching for the perfect local produce and products for his amazing creations.



SAM PuttLab Putting Analysis Tuesday, February 2nd River Strand Country Club

The Best In Tour Level Information

Stephen Arnold of the Florida Golf Performance Center is happy to offer River Strand Country Club members the opportunity to learn the way the Pro's do. With the support of Corey Pion, he will be offering a learning day on Tuesday, February 2nd.

Stephen Arnold is a SAM Level II instructor. He will be set up all day with SAM PuttLab technology, giving members the chance to learn about their own game and put together a plan for improvement moving forward. Sessions will start at 8am and run through 5pm. Sessions can be booked through Corey or in the pro shop and are just 85\$.

Understanding Your Game

The only true way to develop as a player is to understand your game and your tendencies. Through analysis with SAM PuttLab Stephen is able to give players a better understanding of how their stroke works. The data measured is used by the majority of touring pro's so that they can see with precision what they do and then how to improve.

You Can't Manage What You Don't Measure

The best way to begin improving is to know where you are. Every student is emailed a summary of the data, along with an analysis of the work that was done and a plan for improvement. This can then be printed and brought back to your professional to check up on during regular lessons.



- Full stroke analysis and explanation.
- Putter fitting.
- Test different putters and styles.
- Full printout and improvement plan.

Performance Profile				
Player	Session	File	Description	Date
Player Name	101	101	Session 101-101	10/10/11
Face Angle	closed	1.2°	bad	85%
Face Impact	open	1.2°	bad	75%
Path	left	1.2°	bad	75%
Face to Path	open	1.2°	perfect	92%
Position Impact Zone	center	1.2°	bad	85%
Impact Spot	low	4.5cm	high	75%
Backswing Tempo	slow	170ms	fast	85%
Impact Tempo	slow	300ms	fast	85%
Summary				
Swing	75%	75%	85%	85%

SAM PuttLab-

The SAM PuttLab is a very sophisticated ultrasound computer setup that will tell you everything you ever wanted to know about your putting stroke. Each participant receives a complete evaluation with suggestions regarding proper technique, putter and fit. Students receive a multi-page report with views of their putting stroke via email with a further fresh review.



Spring Arts & Crafts BAZAAR

River Strand Resident Artists and Crafters are invited to participate as vendors in the Spring Arts and Crafts Bazaar.

Registration forms can be picked up in the Administrative Office.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 1st.

Space is limited!

Some of River Strand's finest member artisans will showcase their handcrafted pieces.

Residents can view and purchase the works of these talented artists and crafters of all types. Just in time for Spring!

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

9 AM TO 1 PM

THE COMMUNITY CENTER
IN THE SANCTUARY

Save the Date for a Ladies' League Charity Golf Event: Putt'n on the Ritz...Black and Bling !

The planning committee has begun to get things organized for our **4th Annual Charity Golf Event** which will take place on **February 22nd and 23rd**. We will once again sponsor the **Food Bank of Manatee** but are very pleased to announce that we will also include **Hope Family Services** which aids domestic violence survivors in Bradenton and the surrounding area.

The event will be launched with a Silent Auction the evening of February 22nd in the clubhouse, open to the entire River Strand Community and will continue until about 1:00 p.m. the following day. It will feature a variety of items to bid on including Restaurant vouchers, Art Work by local artists, and articles from various merchants in the community, to name but a few.

Continuing on Tuesday February 23rd **all ladies** of River Strand, their friends and family members are welcomed to participate in the golf tournament. It will be an 18 hole Scramble with lots of fun games on the course. A prize will be awarded for the best dressed group, so put on your bling and come have some fun.

Last year we raised over \$14,000 and are looking forward to making it an even better event this year. In addition to raising money, we have a Wish List from the Shelter which includes blankets, personal hygiene products, diapers, and much more. Even if you don't golf, it's easy to make a contribution to this worthwhile cause by knitting or crocheting a blanket, picking up a case of paper towel or tissue when you are out shopping or dropping off a check so they can get what they need.



www.hopefamilyservice.org

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941-747-8499

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941-749-1796

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941-755-6805

Hope Chest
Thrift Store

HOPE Shelter Wish List

- Gift Cards: gas cards, fast food franchises, Wal-Mart, Target, Publix, calling cards
- Twin Sheet Sets/ Twin Mattress Pads /Blankets/Pillows: for shelter beds
- Pajamas/Robes/Comfy Clothes: for both adults & children
 - Towels: Bath /Hand/Facecloths
- Personal Hygiene Items: family sizes of shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and toothpaste. Toothbrushes, box tissues, feminine products, etc.
- Diapers/Pull-ups/Wipes: for babies: all sizes
- Sippy Cups/Bottles/Pacifiers: for babies
- Underwear/Socks: for adults & children
 - Flip flops: for adults & children
 - Cell Phones with Chargers
- Alarm Clocks: for working women
- Adult Bicycles: for working women
- Bus Passes: for clients to get to appointments
 - Journals/JR. Size Legal Pads
 - Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent & Laundry Baskets/Bags
 - Pots & Pans
- Non-Perishable Food Items: such as peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, etc.
 - Baby Formula



River Strand Annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament

February 23, 2016

Golf Tournament Open to All Ladies

\$100 - Lunch - Prizes

Show your
BLING/
Prize for the
best dressed
team!!



Silent Auction

Open to All

Monday, February 22 (5 - 7)
and

Tuesday, February 23 (9 - 2)
River Strand Clubhouse

Music & Cash Bar

Great Items to Bid On!!



Donate
items on the
Hope Family
Wish List in
the Admin
Office

Benefitting
Food Bank of Manatee and
Hope Family Services

Donate
items for the
Manatee
Food Bank
in the Pro
Shop

for more information contact cbudd0752@gmail.com

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

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

Fitness Center
24 Hours, every day
Member photo id card needed for access.

Swimming Pools
Open from dawn until dusk.

Gate Attendant
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