



# The Strand

February 2017

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

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Clubhouse and Community

All the News from River Strand Golf & Country Club

# COMMUNITY MATTERS

## Shaun Fitzer, LCAM

Welcome Home, the 2017 season is now in full swing. We had a busy first week of the new year introducing new people to the community.

The transitional meeting of the Association is being held on Tuesday February 28th at 6PM at the Bayside Community Church. A second notice of the meeting has been mailed and is available on the river-strandgolf.com web site. Eighteen (18) owners have indicated their intent to run for the seven (7) open positions on the owner controlled Board of Directors. Important information regarding the meeting and election is available so please watch the mail and the website.



With the seasonal influx of people, we are now seeing the parking lots at all recreational facilities at capacity. We ask that everyone be careful when driving in the parking lots and watch your speeds as there are many pedestrians walking through our asphalt areas.

Just as a reminder, all golf carts travelling in the private roads of River Strand are to be registered with the administrative office, and that the rules of the road be followed (keep your lights on at night, and drivers must be sixteen (16) years of age or more).

Enjoy the facilities of this great club.



## 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. No need to register in advance.

**Not a Beginner? Come play anyway!**

## Chicks And Flicks



Wednesday, February 1st at Noon  
Meet at Truman's Tap & Grill  
11161 E State Road 70 #100 (Publix Plaza),  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

**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@TheIconTeam.com](mailto:LHoppe@TheIconTeam.com) by  
Monday, January 30th.



The January Luncheon at Seasons 52.

## Important Reminders

- Dinner Service is available **Tuesday thru Saturday**. Reservations are recommended for the dining room. Seating on the half hour from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. There is no dinner service on Sunday or Monday evenings.
- **Blue Plate Specials** are available in the Dining Room on **Wednesday Nights**. See Page 19 for a complete listing of Blue Plate Specials in February.
- New **Adult Golf School** beginning on **Tuesday, February 7th & Wednesday, February 8th** at River Strand. Stop by the Golf Shop to sign up or see page 4 for more details.
- **The Birds of River Strand Presentation** is back again on **Wednesday, February 8th** at 2pm at the Community Center. If you miss this one don't worry, there is another chance in March. See page 19 for more details. No advanced registration is necessary.
- River Strand residents enjoyed an exciting **New Year's Eve Celebration** held at the Clubhouse on December 31st. For photos of this wonderful events see pages 16 and 17.
- Don't miss your opportunity to **Be The Thunder when the Tampa Bay Lightning** take on the Edmonton Oilers on **Tuesday, February, 21st** at Amalie Area. Tickets are limited! See details on page 13.
- Save the Date for **Motown, Act III!** Performing at River Strand on **Tuesday, March 21st & Wednesday, March 22nd**. See page 10 for more details.
- Save the Date for the **2017 Annual Charity Golf Event at River Strand**. Activities run from **March 10th to March 15th**. See page 9 for more details.
- **Calling All Artists & Crafters!!** Residents can sign up for space at the **Spring Arts & Crafts Bazaar** on **Saturday, March 18th** at the Community Center. Registration forms can be found in the administrative office or online at [www.riverstrandgolf.com/Clubhouse/Upcoming Events](http://www.riverstrandgolf.com/Clubhouse/Upcoming%20Events). See page 7 for more info.
- **Don't Forget your sweetheart on Valentine's Day!** Book a dinner for two at the Clubhouse. See page 17 for more information and menu options.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !

**Beginning the Week of  
Monday, February 6th, the Grille Room  
and Patio will be available on a  
first come, first serve basis.**

**Residents may seat themselves at any  
table at anytime between 11am and 8pm  
Tuesday through Saturday and  
11am and 5pm Sunday & Monday.**

**Reservations will be accepted for the  
Dining Room but not the Grille Room.**

### Slow Roasted Prime Rib Every Friday Night



### Prime Rib Special

10 oz. - \$25.95++ or 12 oz. - \$29.95++

Includes your choice of:

Caesar or House Salad, Whipped or Baked  
Potato & Fresh Vegetable du Jour

**Call 941-708-3837 for Reservations**



# GOLF COMMENTS FROM COREY

## PGA Head Golf Professional, Corey Pion



Congratulations to the following couples for coming in first place in the Nine & Dine held on January 9th. Bob & Rae Palmer and their partners Dan & Margie Nebesio.

Season is definitely upon us and the course is showing some signs of it already. Let's 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. For those who walk in the evening, please make sure you check in the pro shop and get a ticket so we know who is out on the course. We provide sand bottles for you to take out with you. They are located on the drive to the first hole on Sanctuary and by the water cooler, before you cross the street on to the Tributary course.



I'm sure you all have seen the notice about our Couples Member-Guest Tournament that has been moved to Saturday, March 4th due to a scheduling conflict. We hope for a great turn out and a wonderful way to show off our beautiful facility.



## 2017 Adult Golf School

River Strand Golf & Country Club is proud to announce that we will be conducting a series of Adult golf schools beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Because of the demand of our Saturday clinics and the growing number of members who want to start playing the game is at an all time high; we think this is a great opportunity to expand the existing instructional programs that the club offers.

These golf schools are ideal for beginners and first time golfers. Our goal for the program is to get the golfer excited about playing golf and teach you the skills that will enable you to go out on the golf course and play a round of golf. The school will run for five consecutive weeks and will be conducted on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-11:00am. The cost is \$100 per person and sign-up sheets are in the golf shop. We look forward to teaching you the game of golf and hope that you will be able to take part. Schools are expected to fill up fast, so grab a friend and let's get you swinging!



## **FEBRUARY GOLF EVENTS**

**Couples 9 & Dine**, February 6<sup>th</sup>—3:30pm

**Couples 18 Hole "Cupid Classic"**

February 12<sup>th</sup>—1pm

**Men's & Ladies' Spring Member/Member (36 Holes)** February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>—Tee Times

**Ladies' Day 18 Hole**

Tuesday at 8:30am—Shotgun Start

**Ladies' Day 9 Hole**

Tuesday at 9:00am—Shotgun Start

**Men's Day 18 Hole**

Wednesday at 8:15am—Shotgun Start

**Men's Day 9 Hole**

Wednesday at 9:00am—Tee Times

## **SATURDAY CLINICS**

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

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

## GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH

### PGA Head Golf Professional, Corey Pion



Create a tighter coil: One thing nearly every golfer wants to know is, "How can I get more distance without sacrificing accuracy?" Most people don't realize the importance of a tighter coil, in other words, creating more tension in your core. The best way to do this is to keep your front foot grounded and do not allow your left heel to lift off the ground. This will prevent your hips from turning too much on your backswing and will help keep your overall swing more compact. As a result, you will be able to wind up your body with more resistance, creating a tighter coil and a faster release, or unwind, of the body spring during the downswing. Not only will this help increase your distance, but it will help you hit the ball straighter as well.

Drill: Take a ball and step on it, sinking half of it into the ground. Then place the toes of your front (left) foot (or right for lefties) on the half of the ball that is above ground and hit some shots. Placing your toes on the ball will prevent you from lifting your heel which will give you the "feel" for how the swing should work.

Late Day Ranger cell phone number when the Pro Shop is closed. Report incidents out on the golf course. (941) 730-4436

The phone number will be located on the golf cart signs and on your receipt from the pro shop, so make sure you save it in your own personal cell phone.



**Jim Grant, #5 Estuary  
on January 15, 2017**

**Nicole Gauthier, #2 Estuary  
on January 19, 2017**

### Golf Course Reminders:

- Range balls must be purchased before 4pm and the range closes at 5pm, those hours will change as the days become longer.
- 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.

# TENNIS TIP OF THE MONTH

**USPTA Director of Tennis, Nate Griffin**

## Serve and volley!

I'm not saying you have to serve and volley all the time, but you need to add it to your game if you want to move to a higher level of play. At the higher levels of tennis, the game becomes about becoming more athletic. Other than off court strength training and cross training (which I highly recommend) you can improve your athletic skills and sense of court awareness by learning to be brave and aggressive by transitioning to the net instead of waiting at the baseline. It doesn't matter how successful you are in the beginning, it just matters that you put in a high number of serve and volley attempts. By doing so, you will gradually learn when to half volley and when to volley, when to close in and when to fade back. By learning how to serve and volley, you will learn to apply pressure on the other team by taking away the safe crosscourt shot which players will get comfortable with if you allow the 1 up 1 back formation too often. If you are truly serve and volleying, you will find that you will have to walk your way back to the baseline after a missed 1st serve (as this should be a continuous movement from the serve to the forward movement to the net). Also, do not worry so much on how fast you run in to the net. It is much better to come in with balance and control, and to be looking and anticipating the next shot.

I look forward to seeing some serve and volley attempts from our club players in the coming months!

## PICKLEBALL TIP OF THE MONTH

**USPTA Director of Tennis, Nate Griffin**

## Use continental grip in Pickleball!

A continental grip is the preferred grip and most fundamentally sound grip for Pickleball. This is also referred to as a "weak" or "neutral" grip. This allows you to hit a one handed forehand and a one handed backhand without changing the grip and being able to use both sides of the paddle. Players with "strong" grips end up having to use only one side of the paddle and get stuck in awkward positions when the ball is extended from the body, or low, or hit right at the body. On the flip side, remember to use these shots against those players who don't have continental grips. One way you can get the feel of a continental grip is by bouncing the ball up and down and side to side in the air (hitting it to yourself) without letting it bounce. This is also a great hand-eye coordination drill you can do while you are waiting for your playing partners to get to the court.



### Pickleball Play Open Play

**All levels Group**

**Monday & Wednesday: 6:00-7:00pm**

**Intermediate-Advanced Group**

**Sunday through Saturday: 9:00-10:30am**

**Beginner Group**

**Sunday through Saturday: 10:30-11:30am**

**Sign up at [www.makeclubreservations.com](http://www.makeclubreservations.com),  
facility code: river1, member type: annual**

**Beginner Pickleball Clinic, \$10 per player  
Mondays: 3:30-4:30pm**

**If you have any questions contact the Tennis Shop  
at 941-932-8680 or email: [ngriffin@TheIconTeam.com](mailto:ngriffin@TheIconTeam.com)**



## RIVER STRAND TENNIS PROGRAMS

### Junior Clinics

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

Abdul's 90 minute drill and play – Tues. & Thurs. 8:30–  
10:00am, \$20 per class

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

Thursday's 3.5-4.0 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

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, 8:30–10:00am, cost: \$2

### TENNIS STAFF/LESSON FEES

(buy 5 Lessons, Get 1 Free)

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

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

**Head Tennis Professional – Abdul Idi, USPTA**

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

**Assistant Tennis Professional – Scott Pothul**

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

**Assistant Tennis Professional – Ben Zink, USPTA**

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

**Assistant Tennis Professional – Gary Coulter**

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

### TENNIS PRO SHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, 8:00am – 3:00pm

Email: [ngriffin@TheIconTeam.com](mailto:ngriffin@TheIconTeam.com)

Pro Shop Phone: 941-932-8680

**Signing up for the 1st time at**

**[www.makeclubreservations.com](http://www.makeclubreservations.com),**

**facility code: river1, member type: annual**

**COURT HOURS** All days – 7am – 9:30pm



## **TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT OPEN REGISTRATION**

**Sign-up is now open to Friends or Guests  
of River Stand Residents.**

**Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 5:20pm at the  
Community Center**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament held on  
Saturday, February 25th in the Main Dining Room  
of the River Stand Country Club**

**The Tournament is limited to 80 Players – Cash Only  
\$80.00 per player (includes Tournament entry \$50,  
and Buffet from 4:30pm to 5:30pm \$30.00)  
additional Dinner tickets are available for your  
Wife, Husband, Friend, etc.**

**Currently 46 players are signed up.  
There are only 34 entries remaining! Don't Delay!**

## *Spring* **Arts & Crafts BAZAAR**

### **New Vendors Needed!**

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 or found on the River Strand website  
at [www.riverstrandgolf.com](http://www.riverstrandgolf.com). Registration deadline is  
Thursday, March 2nd. Space is available on a first come,  
first serve basis. Space is Limited!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH  
9AM TO 2PM  
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**



# 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.



## River Strand ladies gather for fun after tennis matches



River Strand Ladies Sunshine League get together for some fun after their tennis matches on Friday, January 20th.



## River Strand Golf and Country Club Annual Charity Event "Let's Have a Ball"



March 14: Ladies Golf      March 15: Men's Golf



Special Events March 10, 11, 12 & 13th

All River Strand Residents and Guests are Welcome!

Hole  
In  
One  
Contests

Proceeds Benefit  
The Food Bank of Manatee  
and  
Hope Family Services

Putting  
Contests

\$100.00 Donation  
Includes Golf Tournament/Lunch/Prizes  
Applications are available at the River Strand Pro Shop

### Schedule of Events

Friday (March 10) thru Sunday (March 12):  
Preliminary Rounds for Hole-In-One and Putting Championships

Monday Afternoon (March 13):  
Championships for Hole-In-One and Putting Contests  
Hole-In-One Champion Wins a Custom Golf Cart  
(Multiple Golf Carts Can Be Awarded)

Monday (March 13) 5-7 P.M.  
Live and Silent Auctions at the River Strand Clubhouse. Come!  
Bring family and friends. Fabulous items for all.

Tuesday March 14th: Women's Golf Tournament (8:30 Shotgun)  
Wednesday March 15th: Men's Golf Tournament (8:30 Shotgun)



### Sample Auction Items

- \*Private Parking Space by the Clubhouse\*
- \*Fairmont Hotel Certificate\*
- \*Benderson 2017 World Rowing Gift Basket\*
- \*Steve Shutt Autographed Jersey\*

Buy a  
Shot From  
a Pro!

# WENDY'S WORLD OF FOOD

## Wendy Wallis, Food & Beverage Manager

We are excited to bring a fantastic variety of Friday night entertainment in February! Due to Member request the entertainment will be re-located in the dining room from 6pm to 9pm. Here is the lineup for the month of February:

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| • Friday, February 3rd  | Peter Solomin |
| • Friday, February 10th | Sarah Combs   |
| • Friday, February 17th | Broadway Baby |
| • Friday, February 24th | Eddie Cooper  |

By popular demand, Trivia Night is back in February! Check out our advertisement on page 13. See you then. Coming in March...Two Nights of Motown!! Tuesday, March 21st & Wednesday, March 22nd. Tickets will go on sale Saturday, March 4th in the Grille Room. \$60.00 per person includes buffet dinner and show.

# RENZE'S MAINTENANCE REPORT

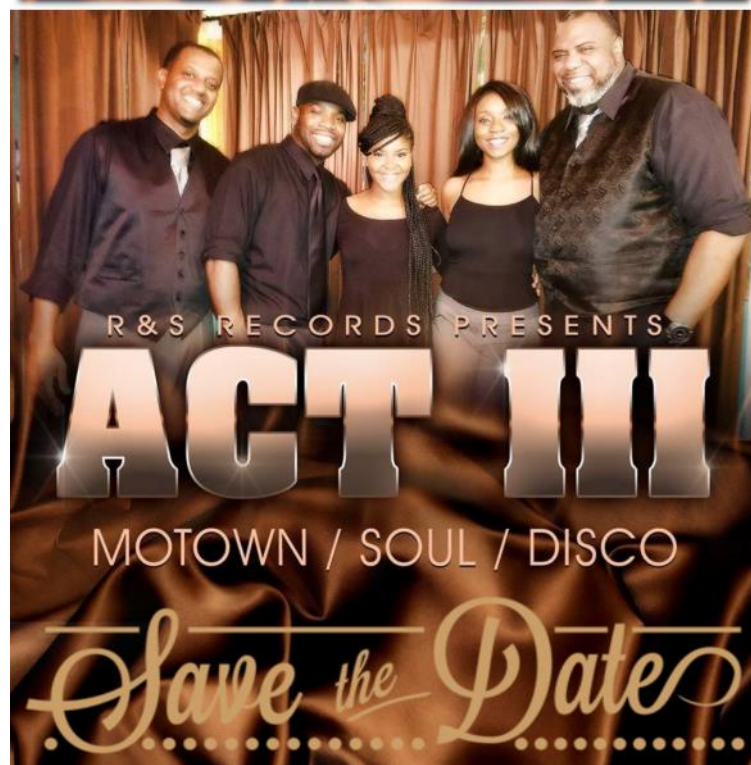
## Renze Berg, GCSA

We have had some really good weather in January so hopefully it will continue through February. I know there are some tighter lies out there on the fairways but they seem to be handling the heavy amount of play rather well for this dormant time of year. By not overseeding, we will really see the payoff in March and April and have a very nice, full stand of turfgrass for good playability. We will continue to pull out the torn bunker liner in many traps and add more sand for better playability. Last month we had the Washingtonian palms trimmed on all three nines and plan to do the cabbage palms around the green and tee areas sometime in April and May. Thank you for the positive feed back on course conditions, as it is our desire as well to bring this great course to another level.

Two Nights of Motown — March 21st & 22nd  
Tickets Go On Sale: Saturday, March 4th  
in the Grille Room  
\$60 Per ticket includes Buffet & Show

## FROM THE KITCHEN:

**Please Note:**  
**Take-Out Orders**  
**May Take Longer on**  
**Wednesday & Friday**  
**Nights due to High**  
**Business Volume**



# COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE UPDATE

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

We'd like to welcome you to our first news article of 2017 as we are hot for the cold winter. As we commence what we Floridians consider the peak of our winter season, January and February, our team is mindful of the threats this time of the year poses to the plants when servicing your properties to prevent plant and turf damage, should we be impacted by a freeze.

During this first quarter (January – March) you will notice we will continue mowing every-other-week not only because your turf is growing at a slower rate but because we want to leave enough turf tissue should we experience a freeze. In doing so should a freeze occur at some point only the top layer of turf will be affected and damaged by the small layer of ice allowing the roots to stay healthy and unaffected helping our turf areas bounce back in color and overall appearance as quickly as possible and ultimately prevent turf loss due to freeze damage.

We will begin bed edging every-other-mowing event, this keeps ornamental beds from growing larger and keep the garden bed size pleasant to the eyes. Our ornamental bed weed crews will continue to keep the undesired ornamental bed weeds under control using minimal chemistry as the cooler temperatures will retard the weed development and the recently applied mulch will serve as a barrier and help us suppress the weed population.

As with the turf, ornamental bed pruning is kept light and to a minimum as recommended by the University of Florida for this time of year. This practice will help protect and keep the plants warm during the cold nights expected ahead. In the second quarter news article we will communicate what our goal is regarding the rejuvenation pruning and removal of excessive vegetation during that season.

Please do expect for yellow and brown fronds to be cut off and removed from palms below the height of 15' during our pruning visits, we want to make sure we keep the community looking fresh for everyone to enjoy even post holidays. Our irrigation crews will be performing their monthly irrigation inspections and cleaning the irrigation filter cartridges. During the months of January and February we do our best to maintain irrigation watering to a minimum so don't be surprised if you notice the system run a day less per week or for a shorter periods of time. With cooler weather approaching the supplemental irrigation water is not needed as much and many local municipalities even launch campaigns like "skip-a-week" this is suggesting that homeowners and contractors, like us, skip one week of irrigation water during these cooler months. Overwatering can be just as bad as under watering as many of us already know. If we saturate or lawns and ornamentals with water, we open the window to undesired aquatic weeds and increase the possibility of fungus which can result in plant/turf loss due to the lack of oxygen to the roots, which we want to avoid.

In preparation for this possible threat, our lawn and ornamental pest control department will be making necessary fungicide applications and selective weed control applications. The fertilization department will start preparations for ornamental bed fertilization and prepare your plants nutritionally during February for the month of March when temperatures start to creep up and nutrition uptake increases.

In the meantime, for homeowners that like to add a splash of color to their landscape during this season which is lacking in colorful bloom, as we normally would see in the spring months, you may wish to add annual flowers to your landscaping. Consider installing Geraniums, they love the cool weather and come in all kinds of colors. Pansies and Petunias are another good choice of flower but keep in mind annuals are delicate and they may need to be protected from a potential freeze with landscape freeze blankets. This will keep them out of harm's way and prevent cold damage. We wish all of the residents a Happy New Year and want to thank everyone for allowing us to service their property with love and compassion yet another season.





# FOOD & BEVERAGE CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2017



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

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 Live Entertainment 6:30pm - 8:30pm	4 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm
5 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm Super Bowl Tailgate Party 6pm	6 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm Couples 9 & Dine Golf Outing 3pm	7 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	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 Live Entertainment 6:30pm - 8:30pm	11 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Valentines Dinner 5:30pm-8:30pm Reservations Required (No Regular Dinner Menu) Clubhouse is Closed for this Event
12 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm Cupid Classic Golf Outing 1pm	13 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm	14 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Valentines Dinner 5:30pm-8:30pm Reservations Required (No Regular Dinner Menu) Clubhouse is Closed for this Event	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 Live Entertainment 6:30pm - 8:30pm	18 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm Spring Member/ Member Golf Outing
19 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm Spring Member/ Member Golf Outing	20 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm 	21 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Bar 11am-7pm	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 Live Entertainment 6:30pm - 8:30pm	25 Lunch 11am-8pm (Grille Room Only) Texas Hold'Em Annual Banquet 4:30pm Clubhouse is Closed for this Event
26 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm	27 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm	28 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm Turnover & Annual Meeting 6pm at Bayside Community Church	<div> <p><b>BLUE PLATE SPECIAL</b>            Wednesday Nights 12.95++</p> <p>See Page 19 for a complete listing            for the Month of February</p> </div>			

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, February 18th**

Dinner Buffet Begins at 5:30pm  
Trivia Game Begins at 6:30pm

Buffet Dinner & Trivia - \$25 per person inclusive

Teams of 8 are the maximum number recommended.  
If you do not have a team, you can be paired with one.  
Individuals are always welcome to attend fun event.

**Call (941) 708-3837 to Make Your Reservations**

## BUFFET MENU

Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings,  
BBQ Flank Steak with Fried Onions, Roasted Vegetables  
& Red Bliss Mashed Potatoes

**No Regular Dinner Menu,  
Reservations Required with Credit Card**

# River Strand's Super Bowl Tailgate Party



**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY  
5th  
6pm**

## Tailgate Buffet Menu

Potato Salad, Cheddar Bacon Dip, Charred Corn Guacamole, Chicken Wings, Chili, Hot Dogs, Fried Mac & Cheese, Beef Brisket Nachos, Grilled Sausage with a Spicy Tomato Sauce, Baked Ziti and Beer Brats with Caramelized Onions

**Food Served Until Halftime \$25.00pp inclusive  
Make Your Reservations Today!  
Call 941-708-3837**

**FOOD ♦ DRINK SPECIALS ♦ FRIENDS ♦ FUN**

RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET THEATRE PERFORMS  
"SWAN LAKE"



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

**AT THE VAN WEZEL PERFORMING ARTS HALL  
\$100 PER PERSON**

MATTISON'S DINNER BUFFET AT 6:15PM AND THE BALLET STARTS AT 8:00PM. THERE WILL BE A COACH BUS LEAVING FROM THE CLUBHOUSE TO THE EVENT AT 5:30PM. ALL TAXES AND GRATUITIES ARE INCLUDED. ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO  
**RIVER STRAND GOLF AND  
COUNTRY CLUB NIGHT**  
WITH THE TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING



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**TUE, FEB 21 | 7:30 PM**

Join the River Strand 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.

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

**Ticket and Bus Ride: \$160**

**Tickets are going fast!  
Deadline to purchase tickets is Feb 6!**

To purchase your tickets please contact the Administrative Office at 941.708.3837 or email Lori Hoppe at [lhoppe@theiconteam.com](mailto:lhoppe@theiconteam.com)

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# FITNESS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2017



\*Denotes Clubs/Classes Meeting at the Community Center

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <a href="#">Fit 4 Life</a> 8am <a href="#">Mah jongg</a> 9am* <a href="#">Aqua Fit</a> 9:15am <a href="#">Zumba Tone/Step</a> 10:30am <a href="#">Chicks and Flicks</a> 12pm <a href="#">May I? Game</a> 1:30pm* <a href="#">Line Dancing</a> 2pm <a href="#">Neighborhood Watch</a> 3pm <a href="#">Mixed Bridge</a> 5:30pm*	2 <a href="#">Tai-Chi</a> 9am <a href="#">Walking Club</a> 9am <a href="#">BUNCO</a> 9:30am <a href="#">Butts &amp; Abs</a> 10:30am <a href="#">Golf Yoga</a> 11:30am <a href="#">Men's Asian Cards</a> 3pm* <a href="#">Book Club</a> 5:30pm* <a href="#">Veterans</a> 6:30pm	3 <a href="#">Yoga</a> 9am <a href="#">Bridge</a> 9:30am <a href="#">Zumba-Aqua</a> 10:30am <a href="#">Fiber Arts Club</a> 2pm* <a href="#">New Member Orientation</a> 2pm	4 <a href="#">Walking Club</a> 9am - Pavilion <a href="#">Mommy &amp; Me Fitness</a> 9:30am <a href="#">Golf Yoga</a> 11:15am
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# February Fitness and Social Activities



## FITNESS

AQUA FIT:

BANDS & BUTTS:

BUTTS & ABS

FIT 4 LIFE:

FITNESS 101:

GOLF YOGA

MOMMY & ME FITNESS:

LINE DANCING:

RIVER STRAND STRIDERS:

TAI-CHI:

YOGA:

YOGA STREACHING:

ZUMBA:

ZUMBA-AQUA :

ZUMBA TONING/STEP MIX:

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

10:30am on Tuesday at the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Bands & Butts is a full body strength training for a stronger, leaner, fit body. Classes are \$10.

10:30am on Thursday at the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$5 or \$7 for 1st time.

8:00am on Monday & Wednesday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$7.

10:00am on Wednesday, January 18th in the Community Center fitness room. Learn the Basics of Exercise. See page 19 for more information.

9:30am on Monday, 9:15am on Tuesday, 11:30am on Thursday or 11:15am on Saturday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$15. **(ALL Attendees must register in advance at [sagejohnson@comcast.net](mailto:sagejohnson@comcast.net))**

9:30am on Every other Saturday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$10.

2pm on Wednesday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$5.

9:00am on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at the Pavilion in Central Park.

9:00am on Tuesday & Thursday at the Pavilion in Central Park. Classes are \$5.

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

9:00am on Thursday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room with Denise Paska. **Class will not meet Feb. 2nd or 9th.**

10:30am on Monday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$5 or \$7 for 1st time.

10:30am on Tuesday & Friday at the Clubhouse Pool. Classes are \$5 or \$7 for 1st time.

10:30am on Wednesday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$5 or \$7 for 1st time.



## SOCIAL

BEGINNER MAH JONGG:

BIBLE STUDY:

BOOK CLUBS:

BRIDGE:

BRIDGE LESSONS:

BUNCO:

CHICKS AND FLICKS:

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FIBER ARTS CLUB:

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT:

GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING:

LADIES MAH JONGG:

MAY I? GAME

MEN'S ASIAN CARDS GROUP

MIXED BRIDGE:

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

RS BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

RSCCC MEETING:

TEXAS HOLD-'EM:

VETERANS NETWORK:

6:00pm till 8:00pm on Monday. Group meets at the Community Center. No Registration Needed. Not a Beginner? Come Play Anyway!

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

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)

10:00am in the Clubhouse Conference Room meets first Tuesday of the month.

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

1:30pm on Tuesday at the Community Center.

9:30am on the first and third Thursday of the month in the Clubhouse Card Room. On February 2nd the group will go to lunch after BUNCO at the Brio Tuscan Grille at UTC Mall.

First Wednesday of every month. This month Wednesday, February 1st meet at Truman's Tap & Grill at Noon followed by a movie of your choice. See page 2 for more information.

6:30pm on Sunday (except the third Sunday of the month) at the Community Center.

2:00pm-4:00pm at the Community Center meets first, third & fifth (if possible) Friday of the month. All are welcome: Knitters, Crocheters, Quilters etc.. **If you are interested in Free Beginner Knitting Lessons, please call Shirley Goss at (941)251-6416 to schedule a time.**

6:00pm on the third Sunday of the month at the Community Center. See flyer on page 19 for more information.

Will meet on an as needed basis in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

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](mailto:gmonnell@tampabay.rr.com).

1:30pm on Wednesday at the Community Center. (Except Feb 8th, held in Clubhouse Card Room)

3:00pm on Thursday at the Community Center. (Taking a break from Feb 3rd to March 8th)

5:30pm on Wednesday at the Community Center.

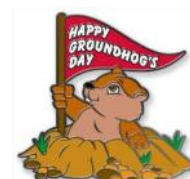
3:00pm in the Clubhouse Card Room on the first Wednesday of the month.

4:00pm on Wednesday, February 22nd in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

4:30pm on second Tuesday of the month in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

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

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



## Under the Sea at River Strand New Years



River Strand residents were met with "Under the Sea Enchantment" at the 2017 New Years' Eve Extravaganza celebration.

Illuminated ice sculptures were visible on every table with a larger ice sculpture that housed the fresh seafood bar and another decorative display which read 2017 River Strand, pictured above. At midnight the attendees enjoyed a Champagne toast, black eyed peas, collard greens and cornbread for good luck in the new year.



# New Years' Eve celebration enjoyed by all



## *Valentine's Day Dinner for Two*

**Saturday, February 11th & Tuesday, February 14th**

**\$110.00 Per Couple Inclusive**



**Reservations Required. No Regular Dinner Service is Offered**

### *Appetizer*

**Lump Crab Salad with Avocado, Cucumber,  
Tomato, Lemon and Fresh Herbs**

**or**

**Beef Tataki, Ponzu, Daikon Salad,  
with Sriracha Aioli**

### *Salad*

**Roasted Beets, Arugula, Strawberries,  
Candied Walnuts, and Goat Cheese  
with a White Balsamic Vinaigrette**

### *Entrées*

**Roasted Chateaubriand with Red Wine  
Mushroom Sauce & Fingerlings Potatoes  
Or**

**Stuffed Lobster Tails with Lemon Herb Orzo  
or**

**Crispy Duck Breast with Sun Chokes and  
a Raspberry Demi Glaze**

### *Dessert to Share*

**Special Valentine Dessert**



**Enjoy Dancing all Evening to the  
Vida Loves Donnie Duo**

**Roses, Chocolates, Fine Food & Music. The Perfect Romantic Evening!**

*Call the Clubhouse at (941) 708-3837  
to Make Your Reservations Today!*





### 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 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.

## 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 are now underway on Wednesday's starting at 1:30pm at the Community Center.**

**If anyone is interested in joining just come by and play. There is no need to register in advance. If you have a question, please email me at walsh.elaine@outlook.com**

## TRANSITION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN INFORMATION

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Food & Beverage	Phil Lahm
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Meetings held on a	as Needed Basis.

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Meetings held on a	as Needed Basis.

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Meetings held on a	as Needed Basis.

Property Management	Eddie Hicks
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Meetings held on a	as Needed Basis.

Budget/Financing	Alan Sukoneck
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Meetings held on the 4th Thursday of the Month	at 4:00pm in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

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.

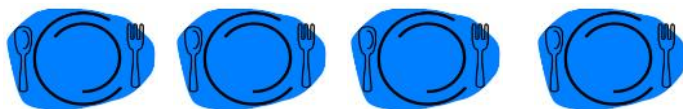
**BLUE PLATE SPECIAL****Wednesday Nights 12.95++****February Specials**

February 1st - **Roasted Turkey**  
with **Mashed Potatoes,**  
**Vegetables & Cranberry Sauce**

February 8th - **Meatloaf with Green**  
**Beans & Red Bliss Potatoes**

February 15th -  
**Chicken Marsala over Pasta**

February 22nd - **Seafood Pot Pie**

**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!**

Have you ever seen an unfamiliar bird here at River Strand and wondered, "What IS that?"

If so, you are invited to attend this presentation on bird recognition.

**The Birds of River Strand**

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 2:00 PM  
at the COMMUNITY CENTER



Many of the birds we have in our community will be identified and some simple tips and a handout to help identify unfamiliar birds will be provided.

The presenter is River Strand Resident, **Mattie Watson**, who has identified 64 birds here in River Strand and Heritage Harbour.

**FITNESS 101****Learn the Basics**

Take a guided tour through the fitness center with a certified fitness instructor and learn proper equipment use and technique. No need to pre-register, just get here!

**EQUIPMENT 101**

Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00pm  
**Fitness Room at the Community Center**

Learn the proper form and technique for using hand weights to strength train and improve each area of your body.

Hand Weight	Recumbent Bike
Barbell	Leg Press
Weighted Ball	Stretch Cage
Foam Roller	Abdominal
Stability Ball	Hip Abductor/Adductor
Bosu Ball	Leg Extension
Ab Roller	Seated Leg Curl
Bands	Lat Pull
Kettlebell	Overhead Press
Elliptical	Chest Press
Treadmill	

# “Rocket Man” Rocks River Strand



“Rocket Man” an Elton John Tribute Show played two sold out nights on Tuesday & Wednesday, January 24th & 25th. There were ballads and driving rock songs while residents recalled the highs and lows of Elton John’s career and many hits.



Residents from the Nebisio party enjoy the performance and glow sticks while listening to “Rocket Man” belt out hit after hit.

## 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 February 3rd.

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

Victor Eilau
David & Janice Cutshall
Bernard Adler
Garland Maria Lowe
Robert & Michelle Dean
Randy & Anne Mazurkiewicz
Vincent & Alanna Schoonmaker
Marie Lowe
Pence Roth
Geraldine Hartley
Ross & Rose Hammill
Norman & Jennifer Steele
Brian & McKenzie Hurley
Kelly & Michael Corbett
Roland & Deborah Delaney
David & Kimberly Dolch
Todd & Jessica Boylan
William & Mary Robb
Antonino Panno & Nancy Kane
Lenore & Karl Wirtz
Jane Gibbons
Diane Mahadeen
Dennis & Traci Pannenback
Rodney Kellam & Janet Gonzalez



# STRAND POND REPORT

## George Colbath, Biologist, Pond Professional, LLC

We at Pond Professional, LLC hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! As we get ready for the New Year, I would like to reach out to every homeowner be aware of what to expect from our retention ponds for the coming year.

We are currently in dry winter months and will have low water and some bare banks for the next couple of months. 2016 saw record high temperatures every month of the year and this winter is no different. As some of the littoral areas dry up, you can expect some increase in algae in these low lying planted areas until they dry up completely. Aggressively treating within the littoral shelves can be minimal in order to not overly stress the beneficial plantings. As next spring approaches, be wary of alligator mating season which begins in the spring and goes through June. Some of the littoral areas may become nesting ground for mature breeding females. Please be cautious with small dogs and small children. Also, DO NOT feed alligators as this can cause them to lose their fear of humans.

As construction also nears completion, established preserve and pond littoral areas have seen a drastic increase in wildlife such as Sandhill Cranes, Bald Eagles, Water Fowl and other aquatic animals. Please do not consume fish caught or swim in the "retention ponds" as the high water temperatures and street runoff can lead to a higher risk of Giardia, and other water borne illnesses.

For further questions, please feel free to contact us at (941)447-6030 or support@PondProsFL.com. You may also contact Florida Fish and Wildlife Nuisance Alligator Hotline @ 866-FWC-GATOR (866-353-4286).



## Girl's Night Out

**Sunday, February 19th**  
6pm to 9pm  
Community Center  
6835 Willowshire Way



**Please bring six one dollar bills for a variety of games.**

**Bring a hearty appetizer or small covered dish to share and a drink of choice, if desired. Water and tea are provided.**

**New to River Strand or been around awhile and looking for a chance to meet other women in the neighborhood? Leave your men at home and come check us out!**

**A River Strand Resident Event!**



October Girl's Night Out Event.



**Fused Glass Jewelry Workshop**  
*with Liana Martin*  
*from Firebug Designs*

**Thursday, February 23, 2017**  
from 9:00am to 11:30pm  
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 Friday, February 10, 2017. Spaces are limited! The class is limited to 16 participants.**

**For Reservations Call 941-932-8671 or via email [LHoppe@theiconteam.com](mailto:LHoppe@theiconteam.com)**

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866-226-4057

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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)  
E-Mail: [gatehouse@riverstrandgolf.com](mailto:gatehouse@riverstrandgolf.com)  
Envera (Gate Company): 941-556-0732 (24-hours)  
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