

# Connect with your Clubhouse and Community

All the News from River Strand Golf & Country Club

## **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

## Shaun Fitzer, LCAM

River Strand is a fully functioning country club with multiple facilities, over one hundred dedicated ICON employees and more than 75 licensed and insured vendors who serve the club. There are 21 condominium associations in River Strand, which the ICON team maintains along with its assigned managers Kasey Dick and Matt Koratich along with the support of a full accounting staff. My position covers the River Strand Master Association including the common areas, clubhouse, fitness and



recreational facilities. By having a single source of management, the community not only enjoys economies of scale, but also more importantly has a team working for the community, which communicates and supports one another's functions. Most recently this team has worked together to resolve issues relating to maintenance, security (we respond to security alerts and fire panel alerts at all times), and the smooth handling of the annual members and turnover meeting.

Improvements, which were completed during the last month, included pickleball light repairs, added security to the pedestrian gates, enhancements to the community landscape, replacement and enhancement of the restaurant equipment, repairs to the pedestrian bridge, repairs to the gate and access control systems. ICON Management not only ensures that the utilities function, but also insures that the community gets what it

pays for from its staff and vendors. We at ICON thank you for letting us serve your community.

## 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!



Snowbird Book Club
Next Meeting
Monday, March 13 at 1pm *The Aviators Wife*by Melanie Benjamin

Contact Janice States at (412) 720-3647 or statesjanice@icloud.com for more information or to be added to the list.

## Chicks And Flicks

Admit

Wednesday, March 1st at Noon Meet at River House Reef & Grill 995 Riverside Drive, Palmetto, FL

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, February 27th.





The February Luncheon at Truman's Tap & Grill.

## **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. **Seating in the Grille Room is on a first come, first serve basis. No reservations will be accepted for the Grille Room.**
- **Blue Plate Specials** are available in the Dining Room on **Wednesday Nights**. See Page 19 for a complete listing of Blue Plate Specials in March.
- The Birds of River Strand Presentation is being held on Wednesday, March 8th at 2pm at the Community Center. See page 13 for more details. No advanced registration is necessary.
- 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.
- Make your reservations now for St. Patrick's Day at the Clubhouse on Friday, March 17th. Don't miss
  this wonderful dinner and live entertainment. See page 17 for more details.
- Calling All Artists & Crafters!! Residents can sign up for vendor 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. See page 7 for more information.
- Sign up to participate in the **Spring Walkabout Progressive Party** on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**. See complete details and signup information on page 21.
- The Tony Award Winning Musical "Kinky Boots" is coming to the Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater on Thursday, April 13, 2017. Please reserve your tickets now by calling or stopping by the Administrative Desk at the Clubhouse. See more information on page 16.

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

#### **Irrigation Warning:**

We have found that homes are changing the settings in the irrigation clocks. Please be advised that over watering your plant material will void plant warranties, discolor curbing and sidewalks, and cost your community extra in our water bills.

#### **Personal Cart Warning:**

Due to heavy traffic in the parking lot please park carts in the appropriate locations or in the grass where it won't interfere with pedestrian traffic



## **GOLF COMMENTS FROM COREY**

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



As season continues and the demands for tee times increases, follow these tips and you might be placed on overflow less often.

1. Do not try and book Tuesday or Wednesday before 11:48am as

1. Do not try and book Tuesday or Wednesday before 11:48am as those are our Men's and Ladies' Association Days. You WILL NOT be able to get a tee time before this begins. 2. When you are putting in your requests, increase the window for your times, especially now that

it's getting darker later. 3. You can also call Lakewood National for a special "River Strand" rate at (941) 900-2424.

We had record turnouts in all events in February which is great to see. Congratulations to the following couples for their first place showings in the February 9 & Dine: Richard LeClair & Raylene Baker and their partners, Hank LeMon & Sharon McAvoy.



Our couples "Cupid Classic" on Saturday, February 12th had 128 participants which sold out in 4 days. The following couples came in first place in their respected flights. Flight 1: Ed & Amy Keisel, Rick & Lynn Hotchkiss. Flight 2: Tom & Gisele Savoie, John & Helen Baechler. Flight 3: Paul & Susan Giacomini, Rich & Nancy Falco. Flight 4: Peter & Victoria Hankey, Mark & Gail Dunham. Thank you to all those couples who participated in a fun day of golf.

We have had a large number of range ball bags missing from the driving range over the last month. If you have any at home or in your car please return them

to the golf shop immediately.

Last weekend we held the Men's and Ladies' Member/ Member tournament. Congrats to Andrew Grady and Tom Schuster for defending their title by shooting 6 under par for the two day event and winning their third straight Member/Member Tournament. Beatriz Niemeyer & her partner, Marla Flynn won the Ladies' Spring Member/Member by shooting even par for both days! Great playing by all these teams.

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.

#### **MARCH GOLF EVENTS**

Couples 9 & Dine, March 6th—3:30pm

"Jack & Jill", March 12th—1:00pm (Sold Out)

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**



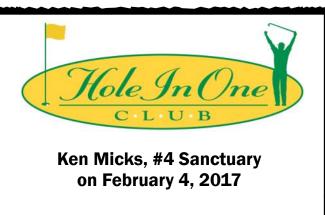
Here's a few little tips to hit more greens: Most golfers come up short because we rarely hit the ball 100% solid every time. Hit one more club than you normally would and you will find yourself hitting more greens.

Avoid the "Sucker Pin". The "sucker pin" is a pin that is placed too close to trouble such as a bunker, water, out of bounds, or tight to the edge of the green. In other words, it will require you to execute a perfect shot in order to get the ball close to the hole.

Don't fall for that trap. Instead, aim for the middle of the green and play the higher percentage shot. Our greens on average are relatively small and are roughly only 30 paces deep so even if you hit the center or back edge you won't have that long of a putt.

One of the factors that make golf such an addictive sport is the unpredictability of what might happen from shot to shot. Practicing different types of shots that you may encounter on the golf course is a show of smart golf. In addition, being familiar with these shots may just increase your confidence enough to give you the competitive edge!





## **Golf Course Reminders:**

- The driving range now closes at 6pm. If you would like to purchase range balls, it must be before 5:30pm. Thanks for your understanding.
- 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 to the right of our parking lot even if you are coming out to practice.
- 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 help keep our course beautiful by filling your divots on the driving range and the course, also raking your tracks in the sand.

## TENNIS TIP OF THE MONTH

USPTA Head Tennis Professional, Abdul Idi

Tips on how to handle teams that stay back & Lob. Some of these teams have little offense and can only win a match if the other team gives it away. Tip #1, Use angled overheads so you do not hit back to this team. #2, Be sure to hit overheads as overheads & volleys as volleys. These teams often win points because players tend to hit overheads on everything they send back. If the ball is flying low, you should hit a volley not overhead. #3, Use drop shot or short angle return to get them off the baseline.

## PICKLEBALL TIP OF THE MONTH

Assistant Tennis Professional, Scott Pothul

The kitchen or the non volley zone (NVZ) is the area on the court between the net and the solid line 3.5 feet in front of the net on both sides of the court. You are not allowed to volley (take the ball out of the air) while stepping in the kitchen or on the kitchen line. You are also not allowed to volley and allow your momentum, your paddle, or anything attached to you to carry into the kitchen area or on to the kitchen line after your shot or even after the ball is declared dead ( it bounces twice on your opponents side). You are however, allowed to step into the kitchen in order to play the ball on a bounce. You are also allowed to play a ball on one bounce from outside the NVZ and allow vour momentum to fall into the kitchen after your hit. Knowing the rules will help us better enjoy and maintain the integrity of the game. Play well, have fun. See you on the courts!



## 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, 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

## 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

1/2 Hour Private: \$35 or 1 Hour Private: \$70 Assistant Tennis Professional – Scott Pothul

1/2 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 Pro Shop Phone: 941-932-8680

Signing up for the 1st time at www.makeclubreservations.com,

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

## UPCOMING TENNIS EVENTS

## Friday, March 17th

Kids Night Out - \$20 per child (tennis, pizza, movie) 5pm - 8pm

## Friday, March 24th

Margarita Night (bring a beginner!) (\$20 per player) 7pm - 9pm

Event Sign up at www.makeclubreservations.com



## **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.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

Regrettably in February we have two key staff members leaving River Strand.

Jodi Hooper from the Golf Operations department and Lori Hoppe, the Lifestyle Director. Both have decided to pursue a different career path. Both have been positive and productive performers during their employment at River Strand.

The Golf Operations department has elected to promote Kristina Wagner into the role of the Lady's Golf Group Administrator.

Angela Duncan will be moving from the Administrative Desk to the position of Lifestyle Director. The Tennis department would also like to welcome their new staff member, Ben Zink, as an Assistant Tennis Professional.

We thank both Jodi and Lori for their contributions made during their employ and wish them every success in their new endeavors.

To Kristina, Angela & Ben we look forward to their contributions as we move forward toward the future.

## 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!



Proceeds Benefit
The Food Bank of Manatee
and
Hope Family Services



\$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.

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



## Sample Auction Items



Page 10 The Strand

## **WENDY'S WORLD OF FOOD**

## Wendy Wallis, Food & Beverage Manager

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

Friday, March 3rd Peter Solomin Friday, March 10th Sarah Combs Friday, March 17th **Broadway Baby** Friday, March 24th An Evening with Vida

Friday, March 31st Eddie Cooper

Don't forget the last day to fulfill your \$125 first quarter minimum is Friday, March 31st. Chef Radames will order Chairman's Reserve New York Strip Steaks for purchase. Each steak is a cryovaked

## FROM THE KITCHEN:

## Please Note:

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

To-Go Orders will be accepted until 4pm on Friday, March 31, 2017

**Food Minimum** The 1st quarter food minimum and the remaining 2016 food minimum balances are to be used by March 31, 2017

fresh 12oz. strip ready for immediate use or put in the freezer for another time. Order individually at \$12.89 per steak or by the case of 14 at \$180.46. Your order will be available for pick up at the Club within 2 to 3 days of placing your order. Call Wendy at (941) 932-8664 for assistance.

## RENZE'S MAINTENANCE REPORT

## Renze Berg, GCSA

We have had some great weather in February, hopefully it will continue for a few more months. My team and myself will continue to remove bad liners and add "G" angle sand to the course bunkers. New flowers will be installed throughout the community common areas. We will be applying a pre-emergent weed control/fertilizer combo on all three of the courses. As the weather warms up a bit more, we will start light verticutting to the greens to help smooth out some grainy areas, which will improve ball roll. I hope you're enjoying some good golf and please feel free to stop us when you see us out on the course with any concerns that you may have. Thank you for your support.

## **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 preforming 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.

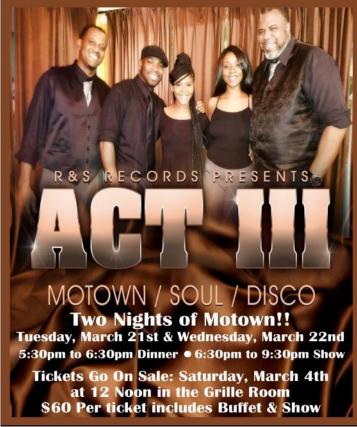
In the meantime, for homeowners that like to add a splash of color to their landscape during this season which is lacking in colorful bloom, as we normally would see in the spring months, you may wish to add annual flowers to your landscaping. Consider installing Geraniums, they love the cool weather 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 MARCH 2017

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

		ı	ı	i e	vacions Accepted non	1
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wednesday I	LATE SPECIAL Nights 12.95++ complete listing		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 6pm - 9pm	4 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm
5 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm	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	Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm  Live Entertainment 6pm - 9pm	Lunch 11am-4:30pm Trivia Night 5:30pm-8:30pm Reservations Required (No Regular Dinner Menu Clubhouse is Closed for
Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm  Jack & Jill Golf Tournament 20utleft Sauleg Tournament 1pm	Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm Charity Golf Outing Silent Auction 5pm-7pm Clubhouse is Closed for this Event	14 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Bar 11am-7pm	Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	16 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	17 Lunch 11am-4:30pm  St. Patrick's Day Buffet Dinner 6pm-9pm Reservations Required (No Regular Dinner Menu) Clubhouse is Closed for this Event	18 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm
19 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm	Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm	Lunch 11am-4:30pm Motown Act III 6pm-9pm Reservations Required (No Regular Dinner Menu) Clubhouse is Closed for this Event	Lunch 11am-4:30pm Motown Act III 6pm-9pm Reservations Required (No Regular Dinner Menu) Clubhouse is Closed for this Event	23 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm  Live Entertainment 6pm - 9pm	25 Lunch 11am-8pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm
26 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm	27 Lunch 11am-5pm Bar 11am-7pm	28 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	30 Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm	Lunch 11am-4:30pm Dinner 5:30pm-8pm No To-Go Orders After 4pm Live Entertainment 6pm - 9pm	





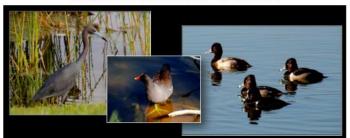
Have you ever seen an unfamiliar bird here at River Strand and wondered, "What IS that?"



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

## The Birds of River Strand

Wednesday, March 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.



## Saturday, March 11th

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, Chicken Pomodoro, Grilled Vegetables & Penne Arrabiata

No Regular Dinner Menu,
Reservations Required with Credit Card

## FITNESS & SOCIAL CALENDAR **MARCH 2017**



*Denotes Clubs/Classes Meeting at the Community Center						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
St. I	patrick's Day	<b>D</b>	1 Fit 4 Life 8am  Mah jongg 9am* Aqua Fit 9:15am  Zumba Tone/Step 10:30am Chicks and Flicks 12pm May I? Game 1:30pm* Line Dancing 2pm Neighborhood Watch 3:30pm Mixed Bridge 5:30pm*	2 Beginner Tai-Chi 9am Walking Club 9am BUNCO 9:30am Butts & Abs 10:30am Golf Yoga 11:30am Book Club 5:30pm* Veterans 6:30pm	3 <u>Yoga</u> 9am <u>Bridge</u> 9:30am <u>Zumba-Aqua</u> 10:30am <u>Fiber Arts Club</u> 2pm* <u>New Member</u> <u>Orientation</u> 2pm	4 <u>Walking Club</u> 9am - Pavilion <u>Mommy &amp; Me</u> <u>Fitness</u> 9:30am <u>Golf Yoga</u> 11:15am
5 <u>Euchre</u> 6:30pm*	6 Fit 4 Life 8am Aqua Fit 9:15am Bridge 9:30am Zumba 10:30am Yoga 4pm Mah jongg 6pm*	7 Advanced Tai-Chi 9am Walking Club 9am Golf Yoga 9:15am Book Club 10am Bible Study 10am* Zumba-Aqua 10:30am Bridge Lessons 1:30pm* Texas Hold-Em 5:20pm*	8 Fit 4 Life 8am Mah jongg 9am* Aqua Fit 9:15am Zumba Tone/Step 10:30am Birds of River Strand 2pm* Line Dancing 2pm Mixed Bridge 5:30pm*	9 Beginner Tai-Chi 9am Walking Club 9am Yoga Stretching 9am Butts & Abs 10:30am Golf Yoga 11:30am Men's Asian Cards 3pm*	10 <u>Yoga</u> 9am <u>Bridge</u> 9:30am <u>Zumba-Aqua</u> 10:30am	11 <u>Walking Club</u> 9am - Pavilion <u>Golf Yoga</u> 11:15am
Euchre 6:30pm*  Daylight Saving Time Regins	13 Fit 4 Life 8am Aqua Fit 9:15am Golf Yoga 9:30am Bridge 9:30am Zumba 10:30am Snowbirds Book Club 1pm Yoga 4pm Mah jongg 6pm*	14 Advanced Tai-Chi 9am Walking Club 9am Golf Yoga 9:15am Bible Study 10am* Zumba-Aqua 10:30am Bridge Lessons 1:30pm* RSCCC 4:30pm Texas Hold-Em 5:20pm*	15 Fit 4 Life 8am Mah jongg 9am* Aqua Fit 9:15am Zumba Tone/Step 10:30am May I? Game 1:30pm* Line Dancing 2pm Mixed Bridge 5:30pm*	Beginner Tai-Chi 9am Walking Club 9am Yoga Stretching 9am BUNCO 9:30am Butts & Abs 10:30am Golf Yoga 11:30am Book Club 5:30pm* Men's Asian Cards	17  Yoga 9am  Bridge 9:30am  Zumba-Aqua 10:30am  Fiber Arts Club 2pm*  Tennis Kids Night Out  5pm	18  Walking Club  9am - Pavilion  Mommy & Me  Fitness 9:30am  Golf Yoga 11:15am  Spring Arts & Crafts  Bazaar 9am*
19 Girls Night Out 6pm*	Eit 4 Life 8am Aqua Fit 9:15am Golf Yoga 9:30am Bridge 9:30am Zumba 10:30am Yoga 4pm Mah jongg 6pm*  1st Dayor	21 Advanced Tai-Chi 9am Walking Club 9am Golf Yoga 9:15am Bible Study 10am* Zumba-Aqua 10:30am Bridge Lessons 1:30pm* Texas Hold-Em 5:20pm*	22 Fit 4 Life 8am  Mah jongg 9am*  Aqua Fit 9:15am  Fitness 101 10am*  Zumba Tone/Step  10:30am  May I? Game 1:30pm*  Line Dancing 2pm  Mixed Bridge 5:30pm*	23 Beginner Tai-Chi 9am Walking Club 9am Yoga Stretching 9am Fused Glass Jewelry Workshop 9am* Butts & Abs 10:30am Golf Yoga 11:30am Men's Asian Cards 3pm* Budget & Finance Committee 4pm	24 Yoga 9am Bridge 9:30am Zumba-Aqua 10:30am Bring a Beginner Tennis Margarita Night 7pm	25 <u>Walking Club</u> 9am - Pavilion <u>Golf Yoga</u> 11:15am
26 <u>Euchre</u> 6:30pm*	Fit 4 Life 8am Aqua Fit 9:15am Golf Yoga 9:30am Bridge 9:30am Zumba 10:30am Yoga 4pm Mah jongg 6pm*	28  Advanced Tai-Chi 9am Walking Club 9am Bible Study 10am* Zumba-Aqua 10:30am Bridge Lessons 1:30pm* Texas Hold-Em 5:20pm*	29 Fit 4 Life 8am Mah jongg 9am* Aqua Fit 9:15am Zumba Tone/Step 10:30am May I? Game 1:30pm* Line Dancing 2pm Mixed Bridge 5:30pm*	Beginner Tai-Chi 9am Walking Club 9am Yoga Stretching 9am Fused Glass Jewelry Workshop 9am* Butts & Abs 10:30am Golf Yoga 11:30am Men's Asian Cards 3pm*	31 <u>Yoga</u> 9am <u>Bridge</u> 9:30am <u>Zumba-Aqua</u> 10:30am <u>Fiber Arts Club</u> 2pm*	Luck O'The Irish

Page 15 The Strand



## March Fitness and Social Activities

**FITNESS** 

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

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

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

10:00am on Wednesday, March 22nd in the Community Center fitness room. Learn the Basics of Exercise. FITNESS 101:

See page 19 for more information.

**GOLF YOGA** 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)

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

LINE DANCING: 2pm on Wednesday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$5. **RIVER STRAND STRIDERS:** 9:00am on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at the Pavilion in Central Park.

ADVANCED TAI-CHI: 9:00am on Tuesday at the Pavilion in Central Park. Classes are \$5. Class is usually for those who have been

exposed to most of the specific routines.

**BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE TAI-CHI** 9:00am on Thursday at the Pavilion in Central Park. Classes are \$5. For those who want to develop or hone

their Tai Chi skills.

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

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

**ZUMBA TONING/STEP MIX:** 10:30am on Wednesday in the Clubhouse Fitness Room. Classes are \$5 or \$7 for 1st time.

**SOCIAL** 

**BEGINNER MAH JONGG:** 6:00pm till 8:00pm on Monday. Group meets at the Community Center. No Registration Needed.

Not a Beginner? Come Play Anyway!

**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)

1:00pm in the Clubhouse Conference Room meets Monday, March 13th.

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

**BRIDGE LESSONS:** 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 March 2nd the **BUNCO:** 

group will go to lunch after BUNCO.

CHICKS AND FLICKS: First Wednesday of every month. This month Wednesday, March 1st meet at River House Reef & Grill

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

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

FIBER ARTS CLUB: 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.

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

information.

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

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.

MAY I? GAME 1:30pm on Wednesday at the Community Center. (Except March 8th)

MEN'S ASIAN CARDS GROUP 3:00pm on Thursday at the Community Center. (Taking a break from Feb 3rd to March 8th)

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

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** 3:30pm in the Clubhouse Card Room on the first Wednesday of the month. RS BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE: 4:00pm on Wednesday, March 23rd in the Clubhouse Conference Room. RSCCC MEETING: 4:30pm on second Tuesday of the 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.

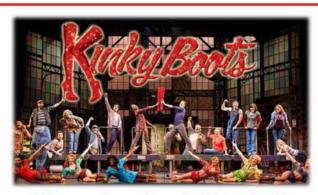
## Members "Love" the Cupid Classic Tournament



The River Strand dining room is full of Cupid Classic participants after the tournament.



Mr. & Mrs. Giacomoni and Mr. & Mrs. Falco



## Thursday, April 13, 2017 At Ruth Eckerd Hall \$95 Per Person

Performance begins at 8:00pm 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 6:00pm.



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



Mr. & Mrs. Hotchkiss and Mr. & Mrs. Keisel.



Mr. & Mrs. Dunham and Mr. & Mrs. Hankey.





Buffet 6pm to 8pm

Music by Broadway Baby 6pm to 9pm

\$32 inclusive per person

## Menu Beer Cheese Soup

Mixed Greens with Assorted Dressings Brussel Sprout, Barley, Apple & Walnut Salad Cucumber Salad

> Corned Beef & Cabbage Shepherd's Pie Irish Whiskey Glazed Salmon

Guinness Bread Pudding with Bailey's Irish Cream Sauce Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Decorated Sugar Cookies

There will be No Regular Dinner Service.

Call the Clubhouse for Reservations at (941)708–3837



#### 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 (Current as of 2/24/17)

Committee Name
Food & Beverage
Fmail address: philclahm@gmail.com
Meetings held on a as Needed Basis.

Tennis Janice McLeod Email address: janicebmmcleod@gmail.com Meetings held on a as Needed Basis.

Golf Chuck Glasser Email Address: caglasser@aol.com Meetings held on a as Needed Basis.

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

Budget/Financing Alan Sukoneck Email Address: asukoneck@tampabay.rr.com 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.



## **March Specials**

March 1st - Swedish Meatballs
Over Egg Noodles

March 8th - Kona Chicken Over Steamed Rice

March 15th Skillet Turkey a la King
March 29th - Beef Bourguignon



## 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!



# FITNESS Total

#### 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, March 22 at 10:00am 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
Barbell
Weighted Ball
Foam Roller
Stability Ball
Bosu Ball
Ab Roller
Bands
Kettlebell
Elliptical
Treadmill

Recumbent Bike
Leg Press
Stretch Cage
Abdominal
Hip Abductor/Adductor
Leg Extension
Seated Leg Curl
Lat Pull
Overhead Press
Chest Press

## Girl's Night Out

#### Sunday, March 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.

## Member/Member Tournament Winners

Men's Member-Member Champs: Tom Shuster & Andrew Grady.



Ladies' Member-Member Champs: Marla Flynn & Beatriz Niemeyer.

## 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 March 3rd.

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

7
Susan Zayicek
Albery & Marie Gomez
Theresa Nguyen
Toby & Linda McCallister
Robert & Carol Notari
Helga Bellmann
William & Cynthia Cannon
Robert & Susan Baer
Mark Anthony Cook & Susan Nersinger
Maria & Rodolfo Ouano
Douglas & Michael Lansfield
Jean & Jeff Kneisler
James & Jennifer Daintith
William & Ruth Ramer
Stephen & Debra Simpson
Stephen & Sally Robb
Robert & Gail Dietz
Christopher Sargent
Michael & Dorothea Cauley
David & Tammy Shea
Jeffrey & Kara Miller



Coming Back on Tuesday, April 4th

## 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).





The residents of River Strand are cordially invited to participate in

# The SECOND Annual River Strand Spring Walkabout

## Saturday, April 1, 2017

## starting at 4:30 in the afternoon

The Spring Walkabout is a progressive party where you will have the opportunity to share appetizers and desserts with your neighbors at three different homes with three different groups of people. There's no cost. You need only make appetizers or desserts for one home and bring along your preferred beverage. We expect to need at least 30 host homes and we'd appreciate it if you volunteered to host one 90-minute session, but it's not required to participate. Register Now: Deadline is March 10 for all registrations. Send registrations to: Stan & Patti Zimmer using email at rswalkabout@gmail.com.

Participant(s):	
Address:	
Phone:	Host: Yes or No
Email:	

PLEASE SIGN UP AS A HOST

## RIVER STRAND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

7155 Grand Estuary Trail Bradenton, FL 34212 941-708-3837 Phone 941-708-3785 Fax www.riverstrandgolf.com

<u>Lennar Customer Care</u> 866-226-4057

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

<u>Grille Room</u> 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

Envera (Gate Company): 941-556-0732 (24-hours)

Nightly Security Patrol: 941-549-9637

<u>Community Association Managers</u> <u>Shaun Fitzer, LCAM, Single Family Homes/River Strand</u>

Phone: 941-932-8663

E-Mail: SFitzer@ThelconTeam.com

Matt Koratich, LCAM, Condominiums/Heritage Harbour

Phone: 941-747-7261

E-Mail: MKoratich@ThelconTeam.com Kasey Dick, LCAM, Condominiums

Phone: 941-747-7261

Email: KDick@ThelconTeam.com

<u>General Manager</u> Pat Cattanach, PGA, LCAM

Phone: 941-708-3837

E-Mail: PCattanach@ThelconTeam.com

River Strand Master Association Board Member

Terry Lyons

Phone: 941-896-7525 Email: ternanlyons@aol.com

Golf Course Superintendent

Renze Berg

Phone: 941-748-8626

E-Mail: RBerg@ThelconTeam.com

<u>Head Golf Professional</u> Corey Pion, PGA Phone: 941-708-3617

E-Mail: CPion@ThelconTeam.com

<u>Director of Tennis</u>
Nate Griffin, USPTA
Phone: 941-932-8680

E-Mail: NGriffin@ThelconTeam.com

Executive Chef Radames Febles Phone: 941-932-8665

E-Mail: RFebles@ThelconTeam.com

Food & Beverage Manager

Wendy Wallis

Phone: 941-932-8664

E-Mail: WWallis@ThelconTeam.com

<u>Lifestyle Director</u> Angela Duncan

Phone: 941-932-8671

E-Mail: ADuncan@ThelconTeam.com

Administrative Office

Deanna Broten & Tara Scheid

Phone: 941-708-3837

E-Mails: RSreception@ThelconTeam.com &

admin@riverstrandgolf.com

Concession Supervisor

Laura Kommick

Phone: 941-708-3837, ext. 110

