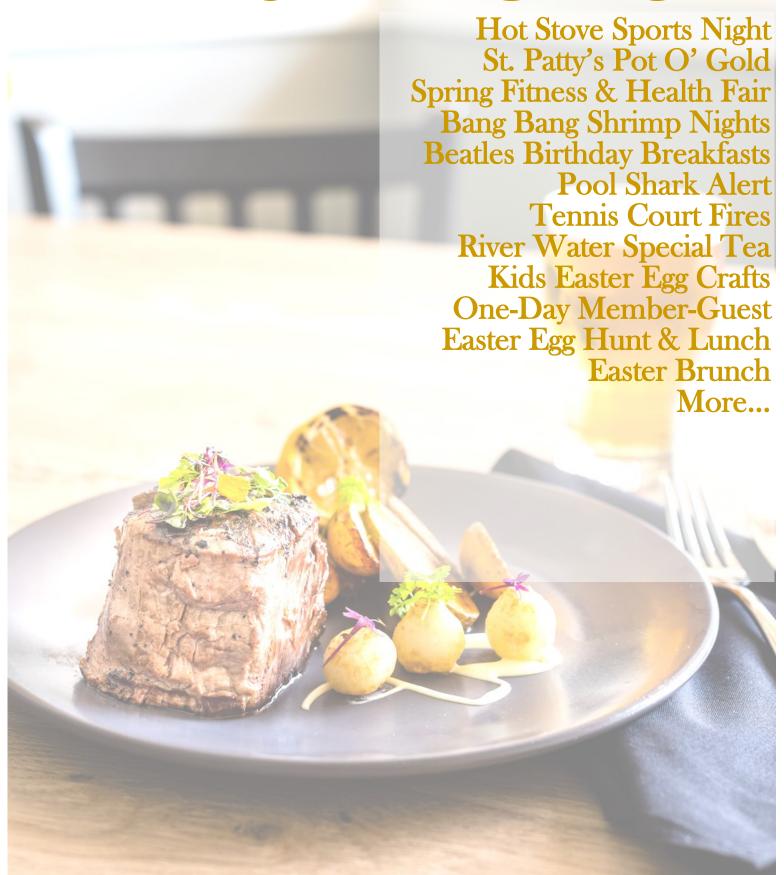


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# WARNING! LOCKER ROOM TALK AHEAD! Tables of ten accepted / RSVP FAST!



# **RSVP FAST! LIMITED SEATING!**

Our bench has strapped on the boots as they say!
Come join our heralded bench experts to talk about anything sports!
We have partnered with MC Cigar Shop & Lounge along with our friends at
Woodford Preserve to host of night of locker room talk!

# **SPORTS PROFESSIONALS**

Brian Bradley / Retired NHL Captain of the Lightning
PT Willis / NCAA, NFL and Arena Football QB
Don Koharski / NHL Referee Hall of Fame
Bobby "The Chief" Taylor / Retired NHL & Hockey Legend

#### **MODERATOR**

Rick Peckham
Sports Announcer Hall of Fame
Retired Voice of the Lightning

Come over and enjoy dinner, drinks and cigars afterwards and shoot the breeze with some of the best in sports! The fee per person is \$49++ and includes dinner, two Woodford drinks and a cigar. Cigars not taken will be donated to Cigars for Warriors. Dinner includes Wings, Bang Bang Shrimp, fries and House Salad. \$5.00 of every fee will be donated to River Hills Cares towards the next initiative of showing thanks and appreciation to the local emergency response professionals that serve River Hills and our local community neighbors. This event is restricted to attendees aged 21+. "If you can't stand the heat; get out of the kitchen!".







DISTILLERY

# UP FRONT Bob Swezey / General Manager



Welcome to Spring! March brings a great deal of changes to all of our schedules as Daylight Savings Time Change kicks in on Sunday, March 14.

We anticipate getting busier on the golf course as warmer weather approaches especially Friday through Sunday. Our memberships have different advantages when making starting times for golf so it's good to remember what opportunities exist:

FULL GOLF10 Day AdvanceTENNIS4 Day AdvanceGPS / SOCIAL3 Day Advance

At tennis, courts may be reserved for an hour and a half for singles and two hours for doubles. Advance court reservations may be made as follows:

**FULL GOLF / TENNIS** 10 Day Advance **SOCIAL** 24 Hours

The club is off to a great start. January activity was clearly evident to us of what is to come when the weather keeps warming. February events were awesome too! Thanks to all of those Members that supported the Parent Child Dance, Valentines Dinner, Super Bowl Watch party and Chili Cook Off! Thanks for all the awesome comments about the food, service and values!

This is the last month of our Member Passport initiative that will save New Members joining and GPS Members Upgrading some money while getting some great incentives as our thanks! It's important to remember we depend on Members to "lend a hand" and keep referring new Members.at the top of your list! YOU DRIVE THE CULTURE OF THE FUTURE.

Our new website is launching and it has a higher capability of Members abilities to find information, forms, Member Charge Statements, calendars, rates, hours, newsletters and making starting times.

The team at the club is looking forward to Spring when it really starts to ramp up. We are at your service and should you have any questions, ideas or concerns, we sincerely appreciate hearing from you directly, personally and "face to face". We choose to avoid commentaries on social media because there are times where it would not be conducive to productive conversation.



Recently we have been asked "what is River Hills Cares and how does it work?".

River Hills Cares is an initiative conceived bt management that raises funds through donations from Members and net proceeds derived from Member attendance at selected events to give back to those that offer the general Valrico area services that care for the communities all around River Hills. In 2020 we raised over \$14,000 and served over 1,000 meals to professional healthcare workers and offered a breakfast and gifts to all staff at the Lithia Springs Elementary School at Christmas.

These efforts were born out of management's vision that outreach by all of River Hills proves we are an involved community and shows we care about those that care about all of us.

This year's focuses are to thank and show appreciation to emergency response providers and Veterans in Need. These efforts, directives, focuses and causes are designed to provide outreach efforts on behalf of all of River Hills and our entire membership.

River Hills Cares missions are wider in scope than providing monetary donations to other smaller or local charities, foundations or 501© non-profits. As much as those are all worthy causes. In all of our missions, there is no intent to monetarily fund with cash. River Hills Cares allows all of us to show thanks and appreciation to those that serve or have served on behalf of River Hills and our neighbors. Thank you for everyone's support!

If you ever read something that has to do with the club; point them our way. We want to hear about the good or bad as in every case it helps us improve. We hope to see you soon and often. Members support of the club is crucial to our shared and growing successes at the amenity and we appreciate you!

Sincerely,

Bob

# HOME BASE

Margie Martin / Membership Director



#### Dear Members:

Our membership has proven that when a need is seen; they respond. At the club we see it every day. Over the past year we have seen more than just a few Members jump in and volunteer their time, ideas, resources and most importantly, refer new Members. **They are change makers.** 

We see and hear from heroes almost every day at the club. These Members support events, projects, initiatives, programs, dining and so much more. They serve on committees. And they do so without personal agendas. **They help create solutions.** 

And then there are the *MVP's*, *All Stars* and in some cases *Hall of Famers!* They are the ones that recognize that our growth depends upon those that choose to be positive about our future and further realize that their assistance in the provision of support is an absolute necessity to reach our potentials. They do more than just share; they care.

Our club will always need heroes. Success in our growth of the membership is as much in your hands as ours here at the club. As we grow the list of heroes gets longer.

Imagine a club where all are heroes. Every day would be better than the last.





# PLAYER PASSPORTS

Through this month we are offering several growth initiatives. New Members that join as a Golf, Tennis or Social Member gain some great incentives and thank you gifts. Those that upgrade gain an even better opportunity. It's time to refer.

# Those Members that refer get a thank you also.

Our desire to grow and provide enhanced lifestyles and wider scopes of privileges through upgrades is a greater and faster path to achieve the visions for each and every department's abilities to renovate, rejuvenate or add to the visions we all share.

It would be my pleasure to meet with any of your referrals for a tour and a discussion on the advantages and benefits of being a Member at RHCC. Feel free to stop by, call me or send an email and together we can grow. Thanks!

# Margie





It's time to gather and celebrate! 2020 started things moving in the right direction and 2021 has continued the positive momentum!

The New Passport Promotions is working! This Promotion continues through 3/31/2021 so we look forward to welcoming more new members this month! Couple the Passport Promotion with the on-going Member Referral Program and it's a WINNING COMBO!

Thank you to all the Member's calling for stopping by and emailing me with your NEW potential member referrals!

The NEW Member Mixer is for our 2021 New Members! Email Invitation going out soon so RSVP when you receive it!





RIVER HILLS

TUESDAY MARCH 30TH

# Join us for a One-Day Member-Guest

Better Ball of Pair Format 1:00 Shotgun Start

\$75 per person – includes:

- ✓ Tee Gift
- √ Golf
  - Ó Dinner

This is your opportunity to showcase our golf course to prospective a member! Call the Pro Shop to Register your Team!

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kaylee McIntosh / Hot Shot!



# **Golf Operations Pool Shark!**

This month's Staff Spotlight highlights one of those staff Members that you will never hear say "it's not my job".

Kaylee is one of the unsung heroes in our golf world. It takes great team members to perform outside in the ever changing weather conditions of Florida to provide services to our golfers. Not only does she take care of our Members and guests, but she also cleans golf cars, driving range, filling divots on the range and running errands as needed for the inside staff or for the other departments around the club. Rain, heat and winds are normal days for this team.

In February, when love was in the air; boyfriend Jerad Driskell surprised Kaylee during a round of golf here as he dropped to his knee after a great "set up" and proposed on the 9th green!

As they stood on cloud nine, Jerad slipped a beautiful diamond ring on her finger as she said "yes".

If you see Kaylee running around; please extend best wishes to her and Jerad's future.

The staff is very happy for both of them and wish them the very best forever.



# BIRTHDAY

July 17

#### **HOMETOWN**

Plant City; the Strawberry Capital of the World

#### **SPORTS**

Golf, pool and football

# **TEAMS**

BUCS all the way!

#### **MUSIC**

Pop and Rock

# **FAVORITE MEAL**

Chicken & Yellow Rice

#### COLLEGE

Polk State College

# **DREAM CAREER**

LPGA Tour player

#### **PET**

"Cooth" the cat

## **DREAM CAR**

Nissan GTR

## **HOBBIES**

Golf, fishing, billiards

# **DREAM VACTION**

Scotland

#### **FAVORITE ENTERTAINER**

Halsey

#### **FAVORITE RESTAURANT**

Olive Garden

# **SOMETHING TO SURPISE YOU**

Kaylee is one of the top ranked female pool players in the state of Florida! As a teenager, Kaylie was one of the top rated juniors in the US! Playing nine-ball and being on Cloud 9 could be very dangerous to her opponents!









# THE HOUSE Shane Turi / House Manager



# YOU ARE A MEMBER DID YOU KNOW...

- All property owners in River Hills are at the very minimum Social Members at the club. Charge account privileges are available—call to add a credit card on file.
- All Members have privileges to enjoy the pool, dining and fitness without any added fees or dues.
- All Social Members have access to play golf or tennis throughout the year with applicable fees. Limitations do exist.
- All Members gain discounts of 50% of room rental fees for private events such as weddings, corporate functions, family reunions, baby showers, birthday parties, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.
- Discounts for room rentals can be used to assist friends and families to host events.
- You get discounts on goods in the Golf Shop every day
- Pets are allowed on The Deck during operational hours (leashed).
- The River Hills Country Club free APP contains information on many items like: communications, menus, hours and more
- If you have any questions, comments or ideas; the staff wants to hear them.

The month of March and into early April are truly the nicest months of the year in Florida. Winter is over. The time changes early in March.

We have got some great events planned that will be sure to meet your expectations. We also have some hidden surprises this year at our events that we will divulge as the year progresses. Last year we had to cancel many events that we planned. These events were primarily due to the pandemic, gatherings and changes in lifestyles that resulted.

Some of our events require reservations. These types reservation events need Members to sign up early. Last minute reservations create challenges to our abilities to host events, schedule accordingly, buy goods, hire entertainment and provide quality products. Because some have waited too long to make reservations; we have had to cancel some events. We don't like doing that

Recently we reviewed the hours of operation and pricing of the club's dining schedule and compared them with other local private clubs. In this review, our club's food & beverage operations are universally consistent across the board in hours, offers, menus and pricing for the quality, services and value offered for a private club of our size.

This month has events for everyone. And, we changed up Wednesday night dinners! Bang Bang BOGO is here starting March 3 at 5PM.

It all adds up to the start of a great spring. We hope to see all of you soon and often.



	Kitchen	Grill Room
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	Closed 11 - 2 11 - 7:30 11 - 7:30 11 - 8:30 11 - 3	Closed 11 - 3 11 - 8 11 - 8 11 - 10 11 - 4
Sunday	9 - 3	9 - 4

Kitchen and Grill Room hours may be adjusted and based on activity at closing times.



# WEDNESDAYS NEW SPECIAL BANG BANG BOGO 5:00 - 7:30

When you order any other appetizer, sandwich, salad or special; you can get a BOGO 50% OFF Bang Bang Shrimp special.

Feel free to spilt any or all of the offerings we have on Wednesday evenings! Split a salad with someone else and both get an order of our biggest selling appetizer. Dine in or Take out!

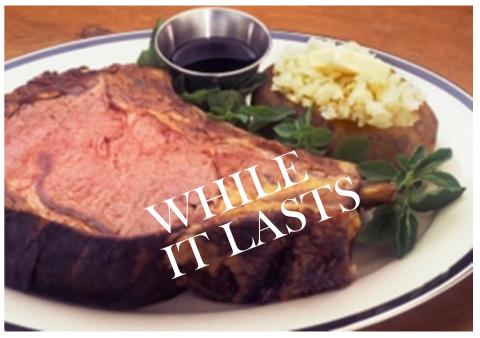


# THURSDAYS BIG BURGER DEAL

5:00 - 7:30

Our burger is the #1 Best Seller on the menu for good reason! On Thursdays you can order our River Hills Burger with a variety of toppings, a happy hour priced beverage and all the fries you can eat. There is no better deal than this in town for the quality and value. NONE!

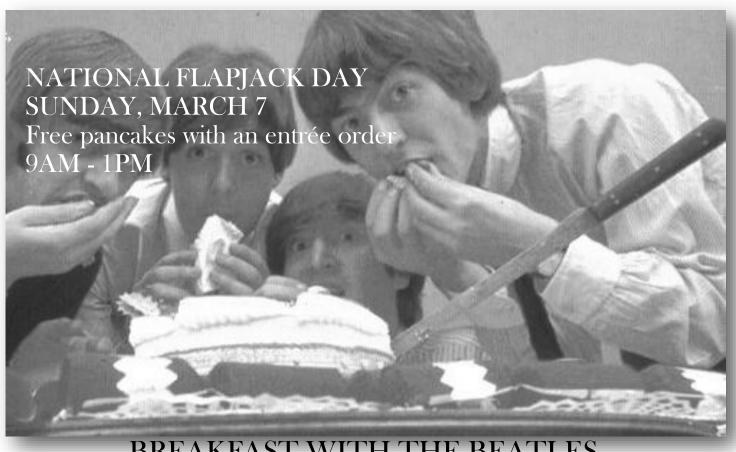
AND...if you get the Big Burger Special, you get a BOGO Kids Meal for each order! WHO DOES THAT? WE DO!



# FRIDAYS PRIME RIB LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 5:00 - 9:00

Come over on Friday nights and enjoy not only a great Prime Rib dinner deal, but enjoy live entertainment every week.

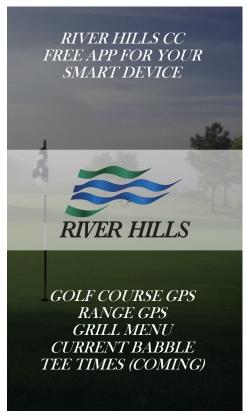
Sawgrass Grill gets pretty lively after 7PM so come over, eat and enjoy music until 9:00. The grill room bar remains open until 10:00.

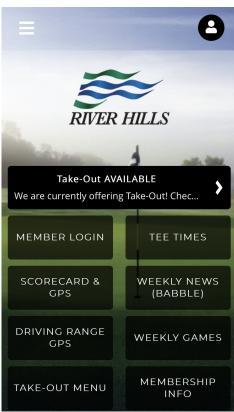


# BREAKFAST WITH THE BEATLES EVERY SUNDAY 9:00AM - 1:00PM

No reservations, waits or lines. Close to home. Fast, friendly and great value.

"You say it's your birthday!" Come buy and get a free Sawgrass Breakfast From 9:00am - 11:00am if your birthday is in March.



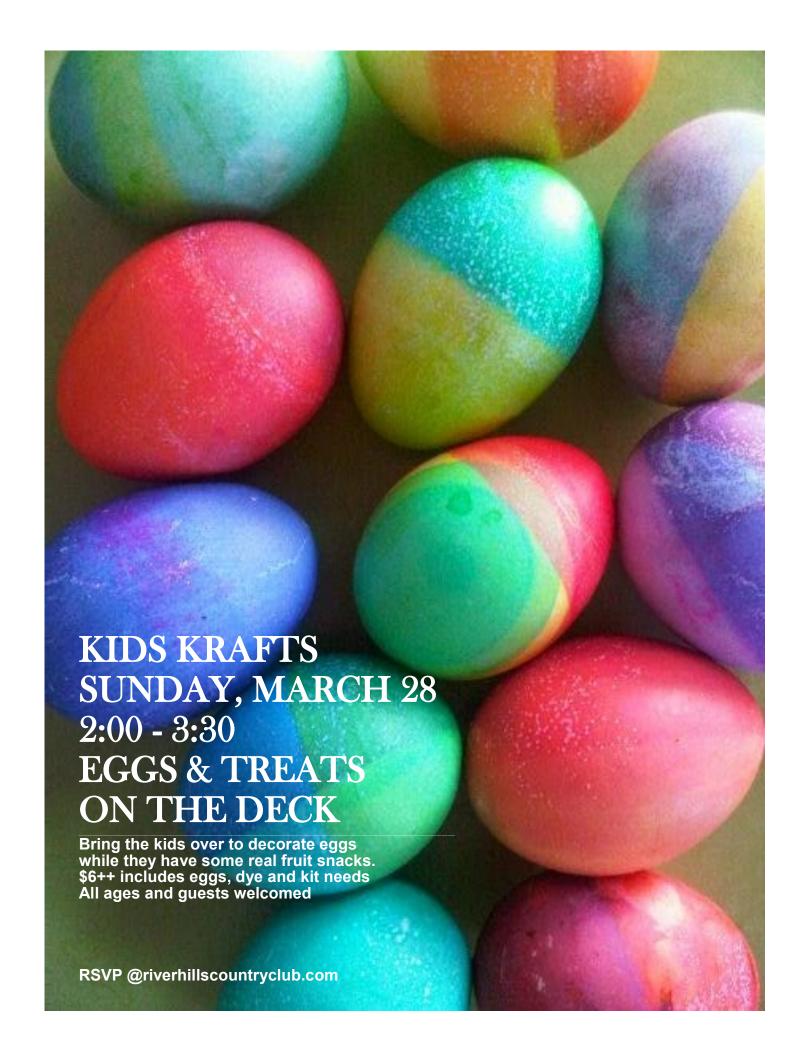






# IT ALL BEGINS AND ENDS HERE! SUNDAY, MARCH 14 / 5:30PM MODIFIED SAWGRASS GRILL HOURS GET OFF THE BENCH & PLAY HERE!

SUNDAY	MAR 14	Selection Sunday and Bracket Entry Night 5:00PM \$ 20 Per Bracket / 10% of entries to River Hills Cares Enter and get a Free Draft / Kitchen will be open until 6:00
FRIDAY	MAR 19	First Round Games start at 12:00Noon - so does Happy Hour Buy Prime Rib Dinner and get a Free Drink
SATURDAY	MAR 20	First Round Games start at 12:00Noon - so does Happy Hour Buy an entrée and get BOGO 50% Appetizer Kitchen will stay open until 6:00PM
SUNDAY	MAR 21	Second Round Games start at 12:00Noon with Happy Hour Mimosa and Bloody Mary deals - Kitchen open until 6:00PM
SATURDAY	<b>MAR 27</b>	Sweet 16 Games start at 2:00pm - Kitchen open until 6:00 Free draft with entrée order over \$10
SUNDAY	MAR 28	Sweet 16 Games start at 2:00pm - Kitchen open until 6:00 Free draft with entrée order over \$10



# HIPPITY HOP please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!

# Saturday, April 3

Egg Hunt 11:30
Bunny Lunch 12:00
Reservation deadline March 30

Reservations are required. Hundreds and hundreds of eggs will be left by the Easter Bunny. After baskets have been filled; come inside and meet the Easter Bunny! Bunny will behind glass so kids can get photos and a special gift.

ADULTS \$ 16.95++ KIDS 10 & UNDER \$ 9.95++

We have it on a good word that the Bunny may be camping out again at the pool. Bunny sleeps during most days so we will keep an eye out at night.

Look for updates on Bunny Sightings!



# EASTER BRUNCH

Sunday, April 4 10:00 & 12:30 Seating RSVP Deadline 3.31.21

Seating in The Oaks and Wingspan Terrace Room based on reservation.

Served portions by staff. Masks required when not seated at table. Partitions available upon request.

PER PERSON \$ 31.95 ++ AGES 4 - 12 \$ 16.95 ++

100% of all reserved seats will be charged on March 31. Cancellations afterwards and before April 4 will get a 50% credit per seat cancelled.

Dine In event only. No Take Out.

# Seafood & Salad

❖ Salad Bar ❖Assorted Salads, Toppings & Dressings❖ Raw Bar ❖Shrimp Cocktail & Oysters

# Carving Station

Roasted Prime Rib / Honey Baked Ham

# Entrees & Such

Bacon, Sausage, Grits, Cheese/Fruit Display, Hash Browns, Muffins, Danishes, Bagels, Vegetable Medley, Roaster Red Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Chicken Piccata

# **Desserts**

Cookies, Brownies, Carrot Cake, Vanilla & Chocolate Ice Cream

Live Entertainment

RSVP@riverhillscountryclub.com





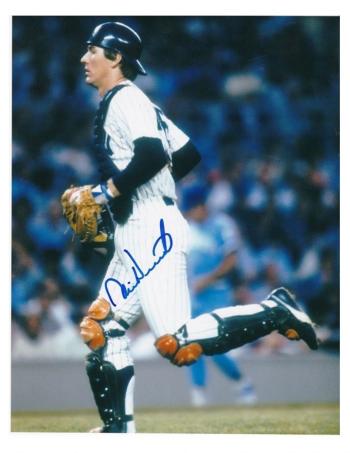
of the *month* 

# RIVER WATER ICED TEAS UCHAN PRAI

(A.K.A The Alafia Tea)
Light Rum, Gin, Vodka, Tequila,
Triple Sec, Sweet & Sour, Green Melon Liqueur, Blue
Powerade

\$8 All Month Long!

Beware of those dressed in green, obsessed with rainbows & treasure. They will sneak up on you and trick you quickly! Drink Responsibly



# GUEST SPEAKER SERIES III

Thursday, March 25 6:00PM

MIKE HEATH MLB CATCHER

TOPIC: INTEGRITY RSVP EVENT

RSVP DEADLINE March 20

**Integrity (noun):** the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Honesty, honor, ethics, virtue, decent, fair, truthful, trustworthy



**Michael Heath** is a former professional baseball catcher. He played fourteen seasons in Major League Baseball (MLB) with the New York Yankees (1978), Oakland Athletics (1979–1985), Cardinals (1986), Detroit Tigers (1986–1990), Atlanta Braves (1991).

Mike attended high school here in Hillsborough County and was drafted in the second rounds by the NY Yankees in 1973 at the age of 18. While Heath played most of his games as a catcher, he started his professional baseball career as a shortstop and played every position except pitcher during his major league career.

Heath made his major league debut with the New York Yankees on June 3, 1978, at the age of 23. He hit .228 in 33 games with the 1978 Yankees and appeared in one game of the 1978 World Series that the Yankees won over the LA Dodgers.

On November 10, 1978, Heath went to the Texas Rangers. After a half of a season in Texas, Heath was traded to the Oakland A's where he got substantial playing time in seven seasons with the A's. He hit .333 for the A's in the 1981 American League Championship Series. While with the A's, Heath caught Mike Warren's no-hitter on September 29, 1983.

Heath was known for his strong throwing arm and abilities to block wild pitches. In 1989, playing with the Detroit Tigers, Heath led the AL's catchers with 66 assists and 10 double plays. Heath singled in his last plate appearance vs. the Cincinnati Reds on July 2, 1991.

In 1,325 games over 14 seasons, Heath posted a .252 batting average (1061-for-4212) with 462 runs scored, 173 doubles, 27 triples, 86 home runs, 469 RBI, 54 stolen bases and 278 bases on balls. He finished his career with an overall .981 fielding percentage. His fielding percentage ranks in the top 250 players ever to play any position in the sport that played in over 500 games. He played in nine post season games during his career.

# TO THE TEE Eric Pacana / PGA Head Professional



# RESIDENT SOCIAL MEMBERS GOLF PRIVILEGES REMINDERS

- Residents that are not dues paying Members (for upgrades to more privileges) may play golf six times per calendar year per household at preferred rates.
- Starting times may be reserved 3 days in advance
- All players must abide by all dress codes, golf rules, pace of play standards, etiquette, golf car operation rules, requirement that all players have a set of clubs and respect for the golf course.
- Privately owned golf cars may not be used for golf
- Spectators remit the appropriate golf car fee to ride 9 or 18 holes.
- Rounds may be transferred to guests with the prior permission of the golf professional

# **RANGE HOURS**

# Tuesday - Wednesday

- Range mats used after 2:00PM.
   Thursdays
- Range mats used all day.

# Friday - Sundays

- Turf grass available entire day.
- Range closes early on Sundays.
   Range balls available from the
   Golf Shop until closing time.
- Range balls are available until the Golf Shop closes.
- Please make divots in rows and not in large patches.



# THE RUMBLE RETURNS THU / MARCH 18 WEEKLY EVENT GENTLEMEN'S GOLF 9 HOLE SHOTGUN SHOP DOES PAIRINGS

- Reserve by 5:00PM
- ABCD Formats
- Dinner Included after play

# **ENTRY FEES**

Golf Member \$ 25GPS Member \$ 40

Guests \$ 40

Includes all fees, game and dinner. Fees are taxable. GPS may play an added 9 holes prior for \$20. Start times after 2:30 are required in advance.





# GAL'S GOLF NIGHTS WEDNESDAYS

5:30 - 6:30

Call the Golf Shop to reserve a spot.

Each week we will introduce a new topic on getting acquainted with the game. This includes a glass of wine (or beer) and meeting new friends.

This is a no intimidation fun zone!

The fourth Wednesday of each month; we will head to the golf course and play a few holes. \$ 25 per week includes it all,

**Every fifth session you attend is free.** 



# MARCH GOLF SHOP HOURS

**Mondays** 

Closed

Tuesday - Sunday 7:00AM - 6:00PM



# PRIVATE GOLF CAR OWNERS SAVE MONEY! CALL PRO-SHOP

If you own a private golf car and reside in River Hills, you should be getting your repairs and services done at the club! You automatically save \$60 on the service charges. You get 5% off labor and parts. You drop it off and pick it up. Easy with the premier golf car service company in Tampa Bay. Call the Golf Shop for an appointment. Services must be paid by cash, check or credit card. No Member Charges.



# GOLF OUTING FRIDAY, MARCH 26 12:30 SHOTGUN

The golf course will be closed for the outing. Golf Members seeking to play on this day should contact Eric Pacana to possibly secure a start time at another golf facility.

# FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MARCH 26

Reservations will be accepted for the Wingspan Terrace Room or The Deck. Live entertainment will be on The Deck from 5:00 - 9:00.

# MGA/LGA 8:30 SHOTGUN MARCH 6

# Individual Match Play vs. Par 90% of handicap

**Optional Skins Game** 

Entry Fee \$ 30 Per Player Includes prizes, lunch and keg of beer after play

> Deadline March 5 12 Noon

# PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE EMAIL ERIC

# The PGA of America has designed this program much like Little League.

Kids play in formats with no intimidation, team focused, fun and friendly events at River Hills and at other clubs.

"Get Outside and Play"
Golf is a game your kids
can play for a lifetime.
Get them involved.

# TAYLORMADE FITTING DAY MARCH 10

Without properly fitted clubs for you personally, you are giving up yardage, accuracy and enjoyment!

Call the Golf Shop for an appointment. Vendors are not doing Demo Days at this time. Find out why TaylorMade.is the #1 Driver on Tour.

Limited times available. \$10 off any orders made that day.



# FULL GOLF MEMBER OPTIONAL EVENT MARCH 13

Play on Saturday morning, March 13. Blind draw two players that made the cut at THE PLAYERS. Post your NET SCORE / Maximum Net Double Bogey. Flighted Event. Your net score is added to the scores of both player's weekend rounds.

# BONUS 19TH HOLE / SAT

Hole #10 Blue Tee to Putting Green Closest to Pin from 11:30 - 2:00 Closest to Pin Winner gets a new Callaway EPIC Driver!

\$ 575 Value!

After you have completed your Saturday morning round; come and take a shot to win. Winner takes all. \$30.00 entry / All prizes awarded as merchandise.

# BETWEEN THE LINES

Iggy Molina / USPTA Tennis Professional



# RHCC LEAGUE TEAMS BURNING UP! RESULTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 19TH

LEAGUE CURRENT POSITION

Interbay First
A lot Third

USTA Mixed Doubles 8.0 Third

USTA Women 3.0 Seventh

USTA Women 3.5 Second

USTA Women 4.0 Second (Caouette)

USTA Women 4.0 Fourth (Piche)

USTA Women 55+ 7.0 Second

USTA 55+ 8.0 First (Tie)

USTA Women 65+ Second

USTA Men 4.0 Eighth



JULY 22 - 25 Friday - Sunday

The dates are set. It's time to ramp up this event for 2021!

The Tennis Committee and staff will announce the details in April.

This event will be great for teams around Tampa Bay to test and prepare themselves prior to the Fall 2021 seasons.

SAVE THE DATES NOW!

# LET'S DO THIS!

- Next season the two USTA Women's 4.0 teams will combine to create a very strong team that show strong promise to take the reigns as the best
- River Hills has been extended an opportunity to join the Suncoast League. This is the premier league in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties for ladies league tennis. Top players in this league are generally collegiate or professional level.

# RISING TO THE TOP!

River Hills is on the fast track of becoming THE CHOICE for play in the eastern Hillsborough County area. The work of the tennis committee and those committed to the massive growth, league participation and interest of growing tennis and the River Hills brand are nothing short of awesome! Members building the culture. This is how it's done! Keep it going!

# GREENSPACE Dave Patterson / GCSAA Superintendent



# WEED & FEED THE NEED

Nobody likes crabgrass and other weed varieties in their lawn and we actually hate "honkers". They are pesky summer weeds that germinate in late spring and never seem to go away. But with the right pre-emergent fertilizer application at the right time, the germination of these unsightly weeds will be dramatically reduced. Last year is evidence that with regular and common practices performed; conditions improve.

Last year we took a very aggressive approach and simply could not kill them all. This is our year to say "no more" to weeds that virtually took over the golf course under the previous owner. In March you will see us frequently as we start on another very aggressive attack on weeds for the 2021 growing season.

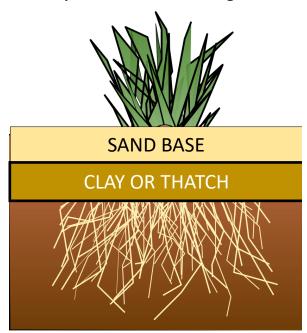
Pre-emergent alone is not a fertilizer; it is an herbicide which helps to prevent weed seeds from germinating by blocking essential enzymes. It does not necessarily stop the germination process as much as it prevents the weed from breaking through its thatch and soil barriers to emerge which in some cases seems like overnight.

This herbicide needs a substance to bind with for the application process. The products we use to bind the pre-emergent is fertilizer. This is sometimes referred to as weed and feed due to the weed seed prevention components, as well as the beneficial fertilization to jump start the roots of Bermuda grass.

In March we will start spraying these agents. These weeds have long germination cycles and require a soil temperature average of 50 degrees for 10 consecutive days. We actually need to let the "honkers" grow a little before they get attacked. As we broadcast these solutions, caution should be used by players. Using available ball washers and wet towels is highly recommended during these practices. During or after play it is a good idea as always to wash your hands thoroughly. Children and pets should not be on treated areas as these are irritants.

You'll start to see the roughs trying to turn green real soon. They won't really get going until the daily soil temperature stays at 65 degrees or higher, 24/7. That will be next month and going into May. In April and May you will see us applying these agents again. Once we hit May; its time to aerate greens and tees. And then in July we will be aerating fairways.

To sum it up, it's time to weed and feed, beat it up a little and then do it again.



# FIBEROUS ROOTS DIG VERY DEEP

When weeds are not treated extensively every year they will dig deep into the turf to protect themselves. When you cut off water or water cannot penetrate clay or thatch layers; the root structures dig deeper, spread and grow under the clay and thatch which protects that plant from chemicals and water (roots get hungry and dig deeper looking for water). Last year we eradicated hundreds of large stands but many survived despite very aggressive measures due to years of ignored practices and an irrigation system that was simply neglected because of costs. This year we will continue with our plans to remain aggressive. Additionally, now that the irrigation is much better, we can now water chemicals deeper into the surfaces. As the turfs strengthens to full tilt in June and July; we will aerate the fairways which will open up the clay and thatch zones thereby allowing chemicals and water that carries those products deeper into the turf and killing those roots that have had years and years to mature. The results last year were very good. This year will be awesome!

# WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBERS & GUESTS

- When entering buildings, please locate hand sanitizer
- Upon entering restrooms, please use hand sanitizer located at the front entrance in the main hallway.
- Following use of restrooms, wash your hands with soap for a minimum of twenty seconds. Use paper towels to dry hands and use them to open the doors upon your exit.
- Dispose of the paper towels at the entrance where sanitizer is located in the trash receptible. Use the sanitizer again before departing the area.
- Use hand sanitizer before leaving the building
- If you cough or sneeze, please do so into you elbow or arm.
- If you are not feeling well, please avoid entering the clubhouse or playing any sport with others.
- Upon being seated at a table or bar, please use hand wipes to cleanse hands. Do so again after your meal before leaving. Use hand sanitizer once again at the main exit. areas where located.



# **CLUB COMMITTMENT**

# TO HEALTH & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & PROCEDURES

#### **DAILY**

- Touch points cleaned and disinfected throughout the day by front of the house staff
- Hand sanitizers available in multiple locations and service areas
- · Hand wipes available before and after meals
- Daily cleansing and disinfecting of all clubhouse and Sports House areas

# **WEEKLY**

 Electro-static cleaning of all clubhouse and Sports House areas

#### **MANDATES / ORDERS**

- We remain in compliance with all issued by the State and Governor
- Because we are a private club, wearing of masks by Members is discretionary by personal choice
- Front line staff in the shops and F&B wear masks





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