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## MANAGER'S CORNER

By Brian Joyner

It's hard to believe the New Year is already here! We have a lot of exciting things planned for 2026, so be sure to take a look at the tournament calendar below and mark your favorites. Throughout the winter, we'll also be running a simulator league, which is a great way to have some fun and stay competitive during the off-season. To make things even better, the hitting mat has been moved closer to the screen, allowing four players to enjoy the simulator more comfortably. It's the perfect way to keep your swing sharp as we head toward spring.

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We've also added a little extra motivation for this year's Club Championship. Four new parking spots have been designated exclusively for our Club Champions! If that doesn't inspire a little extra practice, we're not sure what will. The Club Championship is scheduled for mid-September, giving everyone plenty of time to prepare and fine-tune their game.

New FootJoy apparel arrived just in time for our Pro Shop Christmas Sale, and it was a big hit! Several members scored some fantastic discounts by taking part in our pong game, with savings ranging from 50–70% off their merchandise. While no one managed to land the elusive 100% off cup this year, there's always next year for someone to take home the ultimate prize!



Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all of our members for your generous contributions to the Employee Christmas Fund. The amount donated far exceeded expectations and truly helped make the holiday season extra special for our staff. Your continued support and thoughtfulness mean more than we can express.

Brian Joyner, PGA  
General Manager

# FROM THE PRO

By Taylor Larson

Happy New Year everyone!!

What a great 2025 we had and we cannot wait to spend 2026 with you. The event schedule is attached in the newsletter and I'll go into detail regarding our first big event below...

## **Super Bowl Scramble: \$30 + any cart fees**

Members Only, Men and Women, 4 Player Scramble Format

Sign up Individually, and we will make teams randomly in ABCD style based off your GHIN Handicap Index

Come and play in this one of a kind tournament where NET Birdies and NET Eagles matter and Luck will take care of the rest. The club will provide a scoreboard with 100 squares on it. On the X-Axis will be one super bowl team, the Y-Axis the other. Numbers will be randomly drawn 0-9, and placed on the board for both teams.

The more you are under par, the more squares on the board your team gets to claim. For example, if your team had 4 NET Birdies and 1 NET Eagle, you would get to choose 6 squares to claim. After all teams have completed the round, we continue to fill out the board until all 100 squares are filled. That's where the fun starts.

At the end of the 1st Quarter, the score will reflect who our 4th place team is. If the Panthers are on the left side (Y-Axis) and the Patriots are on the top (X-Axis) and the score is 14-3 in favor of the panthers, you would go to the square that meets the 3 for the Patriots, and the 4 (second number of 14) for the Panthers, and whoever claimed that square wins 4th place. This process is repeated for the end of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters of the Super Bowl, where our Super Bowl Scramble Champions would be decided by the selection of squares for the final score of the game. It will be a ton of fun! (Stay afterwards for some SuperBowl Appetizers and watch the game with us on the Big Screen)

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## **Winter Simulator League**

**Format:** Two Person Scramble Format (men's, women's, and mixed teams welcome!) Nine holes each week, handicaps will be used, each match will be a total of 10 points with each hole being worth a point, and the overall match being a point.

**Tees:** Men – 6400 yards (apprx), Seniors (65 and up) – 5800 yards (apprx), Women – 4800 yards (apprx)

**Matches:** Teams will play one match per week that can be scheduled during Pro Shop hours Monday–Sunday. Play will start the week of January 19th and run through March 30th.

**Costs:** League fee of \$20 will be due by the first week of the league. Weekly fee will be \$15.

**Prizes:** There will be weekly prizes and overall prizes. Also, we'll have closest to the pin prizes and "Cheese" prizes (putts made outside of 8ft.)

**Playoffs:** Four teams will make the playoffs and compete in a bracket style format to determine an overall champion.

**League Meeting:** There will be a meeting on Saturday, January 17th in which one team member must be present to go over the rules and how the simulator works.

**Practice round:** Each team will be offered an 18 hole practice round prior to league play to get used to the simulator.

**Golf Courses:** A different course will be played each week. Courses include Pebble Beach, St. Andrews, Royal Birkdale, etc..

If you have any questions about the league, don't hesitate to reach out! You can email [Brian@beaufortclub.com](mailto:Brian@beaufortclub.com) or [Taylor@beaufort-club.com](mailto:Taylor@beaufort-club.com).



# FROM THE PRO

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We will be doing some cleanup and maintenance in the cart barn starting early in the spring, and because of this, we will need ALL members to retrieve their belongings from the storage room near the garage door. If you have any equipment (Golf Clubs, Bags, Shoes, Push Carts, etc.) in the storage room located in the NW side of the cart barn, you need to collect your belongings by February 28th. Please let us know if you have any concerns about this and if we can help you gather your items before this date.



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## **Twilight Couple's League:**

Every Month we host a Twilight Couples Event on the last Thursday (Unless holidays occur, then it will be the 3rd Thursday). This tournament style event is a scramble (Captain's Choice) and varies each month between a 4-Player team and a 2-Player team amongst the couples.

Depending on how many participants we get, we will have Net prizes, Gross and Net prizes, closest to the pin contests, and the chance to come out and meet other members in a relaxed setting with some fun golf! Afterwards, you can stay and have some drinks, food, and a good time to close out the month.

## **Pro Shop Sale:**

2026 Brings excitement for the future, but also for now. For a limited time, some items in the Pro Shop will be discounted as we host our first ever Pro Shop DOT Sale. The following items are featured in this Beaufort Club Bargain:

Items below MUST have a red or green dot in order to receive the discount

RED DOT: 50% off of  
Ladies Apparel  
Golf Shoes

GREEN DOT: 40% off of  
Men's Apparel

ALL HATS ARE 30% off

Come and get geared up for spring and summer with this incredible sale!

Taylor Larson  
Head Golf Professional

# A NOTE FROM THE CHEF



Chef Gus Headington

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Christmas Party Oyster Roast. We had close to 100 members attending, so it was definitely a great night!

**We'll be hosting a private event on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, so the restaurant will be closed this day.**

**Sandwiches and hot dogs will be located in the Pro Shop for any golfers that are playing.**

Don't forget to like the "Blue Heron" on Facebook, as you'll see our daily specials and any information pertaining to our events. Thank you for supporting the Blue Heron restaurant!



## BLUE HERON HOURS

MONDAY	11AM-3PM
TUESDAY	11AM-3PM
WEDNESDAY	11AM-9PM
THURSDAY	11AM-9PM
FRIDAY	11AM-9PM
SATURDAY	11AM-9PM
SUNDAY	11AM-3PM



# GOLF COURSE UPDATE



Superintendent  
Jonathan Birkett

This time of year frost is always a topic of conversation. Delays can understandably cause frustration amongst golfers. Here are a few things golfers should know when it comes to frost delays...

## Crunchy grass is vulnerable to damage

Golf course turf is normally resilient to traffic, but when ice crystals form inside the plants, they become brittle. Walking or driving over frost-covered grass can rupture plant cells, leading to dead turf, or the plants may be weakened without immediately showing the effects. It can take grass more than a month to recover from this damage.

## Location is everything

You look out the kitchen window and see no signs of frost, only to find a frost delay when you get to the course. Know that frost can linger in colder microclimates long after other areas have thawed. North-facing slopes, low-lying areas and areas sheltered from the wind are especially likely to remain covered with frost. When in doubt, call the golf shop to check on course conditions before leaving home.

## Closely mown turf is at high risk

Frost damage can occur throughout the course, but it poses the greatest risk to closely mown turf. Putting greens are particularly vulnerable because they experience the most concentrated traffic. A foursome typically takes 300 steps or more per green; with frost present, each step could cause serious damage.

## Looks can be deceiving

No signs of frost on the first tee doesn't mean an immediate "all clear" sign. If frost remains in unavoidable areas early in the round, the course must remain closed. Also, remember that once the frost is totally clear, the maintenance staff will still need time to catch up on course preparation before play can begin.



Damage caused by  
foot traffic while  
greens had frost



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## More light goes a long way

Shade extends frost delays by preventing sunlight from melting the frost. Pruning or removing trees that shade primary playing surfaces can improve the course's overall health and reduce the duration of frost delays. This is especially true on the first few holes, where the shade from a handful of trees can keep an entire course closed.



## Bulkhead Repair on #18

We had a couple of big rain storms during the month of December that washed out our bulkhead on hole #18. The work to fix this is scheduled during the week of January 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll have a temporary green for a few days while the work is being completed. This will ensure the workers are safe as the job is being completed.

# BEAUFORT CLUB LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION



In December, we had our end of year holiday celebration with a 9-hole scramble and lunch (see pictures). There were two foursomes that braved the cold weather and they actually tied at even par. Both activities were a lot of fun.

Otherwise, ladies fit in a round or two between cold days. However, Martha Troxler created an informal winter event called Monday Madness. It occurs every Monday, weather pending, in which we play games with one another and with other lady golfers from other clubs. It starts at 10:00am. To be included in the communications and invitations, contact Taylor Larson, our golf pro.

As the year ends, we should thank Maureen Raymond for serving as our President in 2025. She will continue to be a regular, assisting with CCGA and other events, as needed. Thank you, Maureen!

On February 11th , we will have our annual meeting, so please mark your calendar. Details regarding this meeting will be announced soon.

If you are interested in our 9-hole group, please contact BJ Vincent (757-636-7555).

Some of us play in outside leagues where you can play other courses for a very reasonable price, get to know other lady golfers as well. We would love for more of you join us.

# BEAUFORT CLUB LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Tar Heel League: every 3rd Thursday, starting in March; handicap-based tournament.

Home and Home: monthly typically on Tuesdays, timing varies; fun format where you play for blitz points as a team. More information will be forthcoming for 2026 schedule.

Crystal Coast Golf Association (CCGA): the 3rd Monday of the month, starting back in March. Handicap-based tournament. This is led by our LGA, with Peggy Ramthun as our President (Sept-June). The league management rotates yearly from club to club.

2026 proves to be an exciting year at the Beaufort Club and within our LGA. The club schedule has been announced so we can begin planning some of our specific events around those dates (stay tuned).

If you have questions, feel free to contact one of the following individuals:

General questions or Tar Heel League: Susan McDonald (919-971-5930)

Home and Home: Martha Troxler (336-380-3361)

CCGA: Peggy Ramthun (252-259-6081)



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# BEAUFORT CLUB MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



Our MGA is still moving forward in 2026. If you have won any Club Credit in the second half of December, you will have access to those funds by early next week if not before. We host an MGA Team event on Mondays, and individual games on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you have any questions about joining the MGA you can email Taylor at [taylor@beaufort-club.com](mailto:taylor@beaufort-club.com)





# STAR PERFORMERS



- Congratulations to George Neilson on his first ever HOLE-IN-ONE! The shot came on hole #15 while playing with the men's group on Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. It was also a profitable shot as he won a "Poley" and a skin on that hole!

