

# SCRECARD



Newsletter/Calendar

Hunters Ridge Golf and Country Club

March 2010

**St. Patrick's Day Party**  
**Tuesday, March 16th**  
**5:30pm - 8:30pm**  
**Order off our limited menu**  
**featuring**  
**Corned Beef & Cabbage**  
**Entertainment by "Michael Fitzpatrick"**

## FOOD & BEVERAGE NOTES

We hope that everyone is ready for another fun-filled month at Hunters Ridge. Our social calendar is full and the Food & Beverage Staff is ready to serve you.

We start the month off with our annual **Ladies Fashion Show Luncheon** on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am in the Main Dining Room. Our own Hunters Ridge Members will be modeling fashions by *Fresh Produce, EP Pro, Bette & Court, Monterey and Sunny Hawaii*. Our models will also be wearing *Wigs by Panache*. This is sure to be a fun afternoon so make your reservations as early as possible.

What would March be without a *St. Patrick's Day Celebration*? Join us on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to show how "Lucky" we are to be living at Hunters Ridge. We'll be offering Corned Beef & Cabbage on our limited menu and entertainment will be provided by "*Michael Fitzpatrick*".

Our highlight for the month will be our Dinner and a Show with Magician *Gary Goodman* on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. There are only a few spots available so please call quickly if you would like to attend this outstanding night of entertainment.

The Food & Beverage staff and I would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support on *Country & Western Night*. With the enormous turnout we had to make some last minute changes. Due to the understanding and support of the 230 members in attendance the evening was a great success and a great time was had by all.

As always, we strive to make your dining experience enjoyable. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to better serve you.

*Kim Young, Food & Beverage Manager*



## CHIP SHOTS

All good things must come to an end. After nine years, **George Beres** is retiring from Hunters Ridge and moving to Sebring, Florida. We appreciate his dedication and loyalty and wish him the best of luck.

Two years in a row! Southwest Florida has had another cold winter after many years of warm winters. The cold weather has caused many delays and schedule changes and we appreciate your understanding and flexibility. Despite the cold weather, the golf course is in nice condition, thanks to the hard work of Tony, Adam and their crew and also your diligence of filling divots, repairing ball marks and following the cart rules. Your efforts show in the condition of the golf course. Thank you!

When the 90-Degree Rule is in effect, golfers are required to keep carts on the cart path until they are even with a golf ball in the fairway. Only then should the cart leave the path, turning sharply (90 degrees) to drive straight across to the golf ball. After playing the shot, the cart should be driven directly back to the cart path and then remain on the path until pulling even with another ball. Keeping all four tires on the cart paths when possible will help maintain a healthier turf.

Spring Break is a fun time to be at Hunters Ridge. This time of year there is an increase in the amount of members and their guests. As we get closer to spring break, this is a great time for you to review the community rules located in the membership directory. We strive to make everyone's time at Hunters Ridge as enjoyable as possible, but please keep in mind your fun must be within the rules. Remember it is your responsibility to inform your guests.

The **Ladies Member-Guest**, on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>, is close to being sold-out. Check with the golf shop about openings. This year's event with the "**Par-B-Que**" theme will be a lot of fun with lots of finger lickin' eats!

Are your grips hard and shiny? Replacing your grips will help your golf game. If your grips feel good, you will swing with more confidence. The golf staff will professionally replace your grips quickly. Stop in the golf shop to see samples of the grips we install.



### GOLF EVENT RESULTS:

#### Member/Member Winter Classic Winners

Ladies

**Gerri Komon-Pat Wirsbinski**  
**Marilyn Hubert-Jean Hutt**  
**Morag Kunchal-Nancy Jones**  
**Tish Tucker-Shirley Franklin**

Men's

**Bruce Davie-Jim Zimmer**  
**Don Wirsbinski-Floyd Hann**  
**Frank Sikina-Hank Phelan**

### 2 Day Ringer Winners

Ladies

**Nancy Gormley**  
**Blasine Penkowski**  
**Julie Johnson**  
**Jeanne Stadnicki**  
**Bonnie Rolquin**  
**Carol Greenhalgh**  
**Judy Small**

Men's

**Bill Copeland**  
**Don Wirsbinski**  
**Don Redford**  
**Fred Hubert**  
**Ernie Greenhalgh**

### February "Rally For a Cure" Golf Winners

Valentine Flight

**Madolyn Mumma, Sandy Wohler,**  
**Donna Dunne & Sheri French**

Cupid Flight

**Andy & Laura Cascarano**  
**and Dave & Martha Smith.**



The "Rally for a Cure" was another great success with \$1,335.00 raised. A BIG THANK YOU to **Jeanne Stadnicki** and **Colleen Heaslip** for donating their time and energy. Congratulations to **Janet Foster** and **Steve Curtis**, they won the drawing for the golf clubs. Congratulations to all the winners!

**Rob Harpster, Director of Golf**



**Spring is here!**

How about some "Spring Cleaning"?  
Every golfer can use a little reminder:

- \*If you are unsure of a rule, please play 2 balls and ask the golf staff for a ruling.
- \*Clean Up Your Golf Game... Take a Lesson
- \*Learn Golf's Basic Rules
- \*Prior to teeing off, please check in the golf shop and be to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee on time.
- \*Keep pace with the group in front of you. Please play "Ready Golf".
- \*Post all scores in the handicap computer
- \*When not playing golf, please do not walk on the golf course. (Remind your guests as well.)
- \*The Play Coordinator/Starter is trying to help YOU. Please do not give them grief. Remember to treat others as you wish to be treated.
- \*Fill your divots with sand & fix your ball mark & 1 other.
- \*If you are using a Blue Flag, please stay 30' from the greens.
- \*Do not use Range Balls on the golf course.



**UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS:**

Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday,  
March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>

**Men's Member-Guest Classic**

Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies Member-Guest**

Saturday/Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**Club Championship**

Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies Member-Guest**

Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Men's Monthly Scramble**

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies Monthly Scramble**

Saturday/Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup>

**Club Championship**

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies Season Finale**

Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

**Men's Season Finale**

Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies 9-Hole Invitational**

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday  
April 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>

**Bonnie & Clyde Couples Event**

the back, shoulders, and hamstrings. Then grab a **wedge, not your driver!** I see a lot of people warm up by trying to hit the hardest club in their bag first. Always try to get some rhythm and tempo first with your wedge by hitting 5-10 balls. Then hit 5-10 iron shots with a 7 or 8 iron. Then hit hybrids or fairway woods, and **lastly**, your driver.

2) Next, head to the practice green for a few warm up chips and putts. Hit a few chips, then hit a few long putts to try to get an idea of the green speed. Finish off with some three footers, since those will be a key to your round.

When you intend to practice, set aside at least 30 minutes to do so. Again, start off with some stretching and then move into hitting wedge shots. I try to hit at least 20 wedges, 20 iron shots, 20 hybrids or fairway woods and then 20 drivers. Try to keep your pace slow between each ball, as if you are on the course. Try to visualize how you want to hit the shot before you hit it. Stay in your pre-shot routine. If you hit a few bad shots in a row, the tendency is to speed up and hit ball after ball in rapid secession. You begin to start practicing the bad swings and the practice now becomes aerobic exercise. Remember, keep the pace slow.

If you are practicing your putting, start with some short putts, working on a repeatable stroke. Then move back to some 10 footers, again working on a repeatable stroke, but also working on your green reading. Then do some lag putting. I don't see a lot of people working on this area of their putting. If you become a good lag putter, you'll eliminate a lot of those dreaded three putts.

When your working on your chipping and pitching, start with the chipping first and work back to pitching. Try to get your chip and pitch shots to within a three foot circle of the hole. Remember, you're trying to get the ball "up and down" in two shots. Make a little game out of your practice around the greens. See how many you can get up and down out of 10. Have a closest to the pin contest with yourself. Try being creative around the greens, see what works see what doesn't.

Remember to practice those bunker shots, both "normal" and "buried" shots. Have fun with your practice, practice, practice, and though you might not get to Carnegie Hall, your golf game will definitely be better. I guar--on--tee!

If you have any questions about game or need some help, see Rob or Trip and sign up for a lesson.

**Keep it in the Short Grass!**

**Trip Stracka, Assistant Director of Golf**

**TRIP'S QUIPS – RULES, TIPS AND MORE!**

You know the old saying, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" Well, a few people recently asked me about practicing and how they should go about it. As a golf professional, this was music to my ears, since the only way to get better at anything is to practice. I thought I'd share with you a few ideas on practice, so here they are:

1) Recognize the difference between warming up before a round and actual practice. If you're going out to play, start your warm up with some simple stretches. Stretch

## FROM THE GREENS



As we continue on through what seems to be a very long winter, our thanks and recognition goes out to all of our members, guests, management staff, golf staff and maintenance staff. The cart traffic control measures that have been implemented are an inconvenience for everyone but have been necessary to retain the beauty and playability of the golf course here at Hunters Ridge. The continued support and vigilance by all is greatly appreciated and is indeed making a significant difference, especially during this record breaking cool season.

Although we are making strides forward, ball mark and divot repair is still an issue with the increased amount of play this time of year, so everyone's continual support is still yet needed. Sand bottles have been placed in each fairway for more convenience when filling divots.

The winter cultural practices are going well this year. We were able to aerify (pencil tine) the greens twice, groom and spike the greens several times during the cooler weather. The summer golf course cultural schedule is still being worked out, but will be finished in time for next month's ScoreCard complete with greens aerification dates and course closer dates

We would like to give a personal thanks to all of you for the wonderful comments we've been receiving about the good condition of the golf course and the community. I am fortunate to have such a hard working and dedicated staff of employees and we are all very appreciative for the opportunity to serve this community.

*See You on the Course!*  
*Tony Duncan, Golf Course Superintendent*

## Life is so Good at Hunters Ridge

We have been so fortunate at Hunters Ridge to have some of the finest entertainment around. Our Dinner and a Show with *Danny & the Juniors* on February 6<sup>th</sup> was very well received. There were over 150 members in attendance and everyone had a blast. Over 230 members had a "rip-roarin" good time at our *Country & Western Night*. Our crowd favorite, *Pat King*, was fantastic. Thank you to all of our Chili Cook-Off participants. Although they were all great our Cowboy Hats go off to *Dee Davie* for her winning chili and a "Yee Haw" to our runner up *Nancy Aldredge*. Thank you to our Social Committee for all their hard work and a very special thank you to *Michele Newman*, Chairperson of the Social Committee for making it all possible.

Despite the cooler than normal winter, things have rolled right along this season thanks to our supportive members and outstanding staff. Thanks to all our employees for a "job well done". Thanks especially to the Pro Shop Staff, our Maintenance Departments, our Food & Beverage Staff and all our Office Administrators. We appreciate our hard working Hunters Ridge Staff so much.

The 2010 Member Directory is ready and can be picked up in the Administration Office. Thank you to Chris Durfey and Tracy Mullaly for a "first class" job.

*Don Huprich, General Manager*



*Hunters Ridge Utility Company asks that you please do not put products such as grease, oils, cleaning chemicals, and paints down your drain. These products cause major damage to the sewer system which could increase your bi-monthly sewer bill.*



**THANK YOU  
2010 ACE CLASSIC  
VOLUNTEERS**

**ace group**

In spite of the unseasonably cold and windy weather, Hunters Ridge successfully hole marshaled the PAR 5, #3 hole at the Quarry Golf Club during the 2010 Ace Classic Senior PGA Tournament. Our community was well represented by the following volunteers: *Larry Donlin, Shirley Berry, Carolyn Forbes, Bruce & Dee Davie, Bob & Jeannie Hank, Carol LeVeque, Joe Mari, Dave Thalman* and *Jim & Joyce Zimmer*; plus non Hunters Ridge residents *Cal Mason, David Murphy, Joseph Scanlon, Kenneth Schibi* and *William Weishampel*.

Many of us saw *H. A. Street*, Pro-am participant for two years in a row, who was in the first group on Wednesday morning teamed with *Tom Purtzer*, pro. This Pro-am team shot a 17 under to end up in a three way tie for third place in the morning round. Although cart drivers were not part of our hole marshal team, *Frank Caldwell, Glen Looney* and *Frank Schmitt* represented Hunters Ridge as part of the cart and shuttle driver's team.

Many of the Pros personally shook our hands and thanked us for our volunteer efforts saying, "Without the volunteers there would be no tournament".

*Fred Forbes,*  
*Hunters Ridge Hole Captain*



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**Reminder:**

Golf carts must follow the same "rules of the road" as automobiles.

Please do not allow children under the age of 16 to drive a golf cart unattended.

Please follow the flow of traffic,

Always use the traffic circles properly, and

Please, please, stop at all stop signs.

If your golf cart has an "altercation" with a vehicle, trust me - the vehicle will win due to size and power. You might have the right of way, but you don't want to be "dead" right in the long run.

We appreciate your concern about this very important issue.



**Flood Study Update**

South Florida Water Management District, in response to our email and petition campaign in the summer of 2009, did fund an extensive study to reduce flooding in the Bonita Springs area. This study is referred to as the Master Storm Water Plan with a planned completion date of August 2010. According to SFWMD Bonita Springs can also use the Master Storm Water Plan to request additional Federal funding for the projects recommended in the plan.

Next fall or early next year we will be getting a presentation from SFWMD on the Master Storm Water Plan and the new projects they plan to pursue to greatly reduce flooding in our area. In the meantime SFWMD is funding 10 projects which include cleaning out existing drainage channels and paths, and removing debris from creeks and channels to provide immediate flooding relief prior to completion of the study.

This is the time of the year that the Hunters Ridge External Affairs Committee, along with all of our other Committees, is asking for volunteers. Please call or e-mail Chris Durfey in the administration office if you would like to volunteer your time for the betterment of Hunters Ridge.

*Fred Forbes, Board Representative  
Hunters Ridge External Affairs Committee*



## MEMBERSHIP MESSAGES

It is hard to believe that it is March already! Those of you who thought you were going to avoid the cold weather by coming to your Hunters Ridge "home" got a very unpleasant surprise....The winter weather was here waiting for you. As a Florida native, I can tell you that this was one of the coldest winters I have ever experienced, and I can't wait for some warmer weather.

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with our 2010 Rules and Regulations located in the back of your 2010 Member Directory or on our website, [huntersridge-ca.com](http://huntersridge-ca.com), under the "documents" section. Last month we reminded all of our pet owners that you must always pick up after your pet "droppings". It seems that we need to take that one step further, and ask you to make sure you dispose of the droppings properly. Please don't leave them on your neighbor's driveway or in the nearest wooded area. Take the droppings home and dispose of them properly.



It is the time of year that we ask for volunteers to serve on our various Hunters Ridge Committees. If you are interested in serving, please let me know in writing or by emailing me by March 3<sup>rd</sup> with your name and which committee you would like to serve on, and I will forward the information to our HRCA Board of Directors. Committees are the backbone of our community, and they help us keep Hunters Ridge "A beautiful place to come home to". The Committees are: House, External Affairs, Membership, Buildings Grounds & Villas, Golf, Aesthetic/Architectural Review Board, Social, and Long Range Planning and Finance. We thank all of our committee volunteers, past and present, for their time and willingness to serve!

As always, if I can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call me at 239-992-4900 or email me at [chrisdurfey@comcast.net](mailto:chrisdurfey@comcast.net).

See you soon!

*Chris Durfey, Membership Director*



*Please Note:*

**Your 2010 Social & Golf Dues  
must be paid in full by  
March 31, 2010.  
If you have any questions please call  
Chris in the Administration Office at  
239-992-4900.**

The 2010 Hunters Ridge Directory  
is ready for you to pick up  
at the Administration Office.



**Join us in the Activity Center  
every Wednesday at 7:00pm for**

**Ballroom Dancing  
Lessons**

**\$7.00 per person  
(Member Charge)**

**Come early for cocktails.  
Class will start promptly at 7:00pm**