



CHESTER RIVER YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday

Clubhouse Closed
Pro Shop Opens at 11am

Tuesday - Thursday

Kitchen & Bar 11am-8pm
Pro Shop Opens at 8:00am

Friday

Kitchen & Bar 11am-8pm
Pro Shop Opens at 8:00am

Saturday

Kitchen & Bar 11am-8pm
Pro Shop Opens at 7am

Sunday

Kitchen & Bar 9am-5pm
Pro Shop Opens at 7am

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I received some questions about our efforts to keep the Club safe in these COVID times, particularly as the news has been filled with a significant rise in cases. There are some members who have contracted the virus, however we are not aware of any definitive links to our club activities.

Some Facts:

- We review and follow guidelines from the CDC and the State of Maryland regarding cleaning, wearing masks, distancing and washing protocols.
- The Kent County Health Department provides guidelines and additionally performs random audits of our compliance. After numerous random visits, they have reported that our performance ranks among the best in the area.
- We maintain lists of attendees to various activities so contact tracing could be deployed if needed. We have recently added logging all guests who attend scheduled events.
- For winter events, we are now using a non-contact thermometer to check body temperatures at the door and asking a series of questions to screen attendees.
- When members have reported a case of COVID-19 to the Club, we have tried to contact all people who might have made contact during the danger period.
- We have had no COVID infection spread through our staff.
- From our leadership, Joe Baker, Jerren Wetterau and I had COVID infections in December. We did not infect others and do not believe we contracted the virus through the Club. Using an abundance of caution, we discontinued operations in the last week of the year to assure no issue could arise for employees or members.

The safety of all members of the Club is of primary importance, and all feedback indicates our operation has the best of procedures and an excellent record.

What can you do?

Please comply with mask and social distancing protocols when at the Club. If you have symptoms, do not attend Club activities. If you develop symptoms and have recently been at the Club, contact the Club office and notify any member with whom you had close contact.

Thankfully a vaccine is here, and hopefully we will all have some additional insurance against contracting the virus very soon. In the meantime, know that we are operating one of the safest dining and social venues in the area!

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

- Mark Kamon, President

2021 BOARD

Mark Kamon, President
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 Jim Harbeson, Treasurer
 Mike Messix, Asst. Treasurer
 Tracye Landon, Secretary
 David White, Commodore
 Bill Cooper
 Frank Ennis
 Creg Fleetwood
 Peggy Kelly
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2021 COMMITTEES

Facilities, Joe Baker
Finance, Jim Harbeson
Golf, Frank Ennis & Erin Gillespie
Greens, Mark Kamon
House, Carolyn Beachy
Human Resources, Barry Byers
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Well... 2020 has finally come to a glorious end! Let's hope that 2021 will be short on COVID and long on enjoying all of your Club's wonderful facilities, meeting new people, good weather and stimulating camaraderie.

We as a club did a spectacular job of getting through a very difficult year. Our staff, management and volunteers worked very hard to meet the often dictatorial demands levied by the state and local health departments while watching all of our costs carefully and working around capital restrictions. My thanks to all. I am proud.

We finished December with a very small loss of \$2,628 and a loss of \$94,427 for the full year. In that we were looking at a loss of over \$100,000 after six months and projecting losses between \$150,000 and \$200,000 for the entire year, we should be pleased. Just a few notables:

1. Food and beverage banquet sales were off by \$130K, bar revenues were off \$78K and we spent over \$20K on COVID-19 supplies. The membership supported a la carte food with take out and restricted indoor dining. We were actually \$3K over last year's sales. Pretty impressive, members!
2. Greens and Grounds watched their costs closely and were \$35K under budget. Even though Yachting couldn't have the Sailing School in 2020, general operating expenses were cut by over \$10K.
3. Membership held up very nicely during the year. We beat the dues budget by \$37K with a lot of interest during a crazy year.
4. The Club applied for and received a \$7,500 Grant from Kent County for Covid relief.

As I have mentioned previously, we were able to cover our operating losses by restricting capital spending during the year. Total capital spent for the year was only \$70,845 against a budget of \$300,000. Additionally, we received \$68,000 in initiation fees from new members. Our actual cash flow for the year was positive. We do need to make up for a lot of deferred Capital in 2021, so hold onto your hats.

The balance sheet is quite strong, thanks to prepayments on 2021 dues, capital renewal, sinking fund and unspent minimums. We were able to pay the bond interest, the line of credit and still have over \$430K in cash at year end.

As everyone is unsure of the near-term future, we will be very cautious on all fronts. I believe we weathered a pretty nasty storm. All are to be congratulated. If you have questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact myself or Eleanor Collyer. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
 - Jim Harbeson, Treasurer

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Branches of trees are bare, there are no flowers blooming, ducks and geese have taken over the river, the deck furniture is covered, and so are the boats at the waterfront. It truly is the bleak mid-winter. But, it's only temporary. In about six weeks, the ospreys will return, some of us will have received our first jab of the Coronavirus vaccine, frostbite sailing will return, and the forsythia will begin to bloom. Shortly afterward, we can begin to put our boats back in the water. In the meantime, hang in there and check out the major races taking place around the world.

First, I expect that the Vendee Globe singlehanded race around the world will have finished. Right now, the leading boat is about 4,000 miles from the finish in France. For those of you who haven't been following this race, it's been exciting as the lead has changed hands several times, and there is good competition among the smaller, more traditional boats further back. Second, but no less important, the first round of the America's Cup challenger competition has been completed. There are big surprises there as the British are undefeated, and the Americans haven't won a single race; who would have thunk it? Finally, the Jules Verne race for maxi yachts has now progressed into the mid-Atlantic. You can keep up with these races either through the "Scuttlebutt" website or checking out You Tube's "Sea Wolves" featuring a Dutch blogger reporting in English.

For those of you interested in the history of the Royal Navy, try Amazon Prime's, "England-Kingdom at Sea." It's a four hour program describing the development of the Royal Navy from Drake's time up to WW I. The program explains how the development of the Royal Navy supported Britain's rise to economic and political dominance of the world for some 250 years. You might also see a future trivia question or two.

Speaking of trivia questions, the answer to last month's question ("What is the Royal Navy's toast for Saturday?") was provided by Rick Coffin and five others, but Rick was first and wins the bottle of rum! The toast is: "Here's to our wives and sweethearts, may they never meet." I'm informed that this toast is no longer politically correct.

Question for this month: What is the origin of the phrase, "The Cat's out of the Bag?"

- David L. White, Commodore



Mardi Gras!
Tuesday, February 16th

Wear your beads and enjoy these specials!

Chicken Gumbo with Rice
Traditional Jambalaya
Shrimp & Grits

FROM THE MANAGER

January passed by so quickly, I think it was a blur! February brings us Valentine's Day and we are offering two chances for you to be romantic by bringing your sweetie to the Club. We have a romantic dinner planned on Saturday, February 13th, or you may come to Valentine's Brunch on February 14th. Both meals will also be available for take-out and roses are available, as well. We can have the roses placed on your table before you arrive, or you may order them to pick-up and take home. Your Club is your "one stop shop" for Valentine's Day. Valentine's baked goods are also available if you are not into flowers. Orders must be placed by February 5th for pick-up on February 12th.

February also brings us Mardi Gras on February 16th. Mardi Gras specials will be available, as well as the regular dinner menu and wing specials. Grab some beads and join us for some fun!

Pilates and Fitness classes continue in February and March to work off your winter pounds. Information on any of these events can be found in this newsletter.

Now that the COVID-19 vaccine has arrived, we can all see an end in sight to get back to some kind of "normal" at the Club and enjoy each other's company again. Until then, keep the Club in mind for your take-out food needs.

Pray for our troops who keep us safe. See you at the Club because "your friends are already here".

- Jerren Wetterau, Clubhouse Manager

Coming in March!

Wine Dinner - March 13th

St. Patrick's Day Party - March 17th

JANUARY BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Board approved the following motions at its January meeting:

- \$4500 – \$5000 to replace an irrigation pump and repair an irrigation pump.
- \$65,000 for the purchase of a Ventrac machine.

Tracye Landon, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

ROBERT & DIANE ALTIERI – FULL FAMILY

KRISTA & BRUCE HUNT – SOCIAL

LAURA SALLADIN & MARK BAGANZ – SOCIAL

CLARK & DONNA STALKER – FULL FAMILY

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

January has been a very productive month for us.

The weather has been cooperating, and we have been able to get 8,5 and 2 bunkers and 12 sand traps ready for capillary concrete. We have installed drainage and fixed all of the edges and bases of them. We are hoping to install concrete in the next few weeks, followed by the installation of new sand.

Drainage has also been installed on 13 approach and 10 approach, and 15 approach has been revamped.

We will be starting a driving range project in the middle of February that will entail leveling the driving range as well as creating three new target greens.

I hope that everyone is healthy, and I look forward to seeing everyone on the Course.

- Matt Krukiel, Golf Course Superintendent



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www.crycc.org

Welcome

Chester River Yacht and Country Club was founded in 1929. Bounded on the west by the magnificent Chester River, the golf course is nestled among farmlands, woods, and beautiful ponds. Whether you are a golfer, boater, or just someone looking for a great meal, we provide quality service and experience through and through. So join us in our Club House overlooking the Chester River and get to know what makes this place so special.



CRYCC LOTTO!

Do you know your winning week?!

**Continuing through the week of March 15th,
member numbers were picked at random and assigned to a week.**

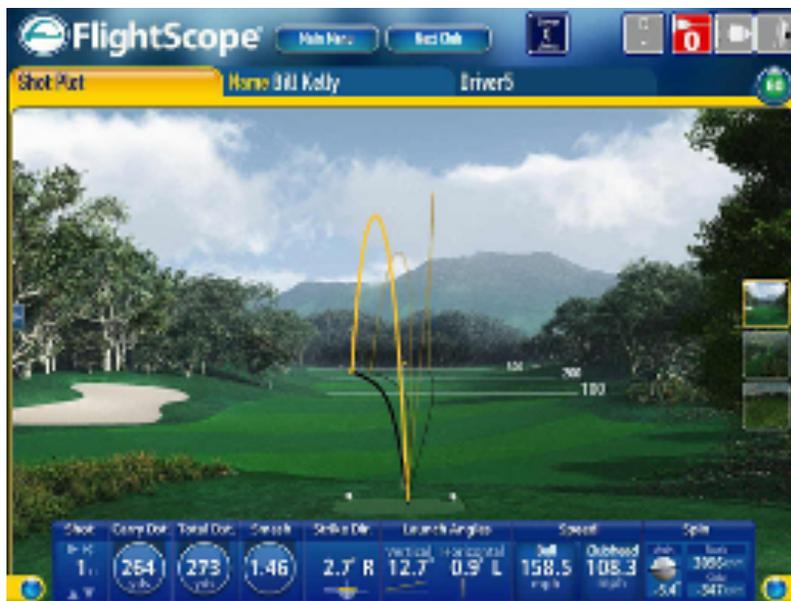
**Dine at the Club as many times as you wish
during your "winning week" and receive 10% off your bill!**

FROM THE PRO - DAN PHILIPPON, PGA

The winter seems to be passing by very quickly, and maybe that's because the golf course has been a busy place the past few months. Regarding course usage, the final numbers are in for 2020, and thanks to all of you, we had an increase in rounds over last year by nearly 1,500! Let's hope warmer days are just around the corner so we can double that in 2021!

As a reminder to everyone, we still need to repair ball marks, fix divots, and observe the golf cart rules posted in every cart. Remember, this is your golf course so let's keep it in top condition!

The FlightScope X3 Launch Monitor just arrived and very soon it will be set up in the ballroom for lessons and club fittings. As a teaching tool, this device captures your club and ball flight to give you the most accurate feedback on your swing and what ball flight your swing produces. As a club fitting tool, the X3 will essentially choose the best clubs for you! Regardless of your experience in the game or level of play, the X3 will help you become a better golfer!



X3 DATA POINTS

- Ball & Club Head Speed
- Smash Factor
- Carry Distance
- Launch Angle & Height
- Spin Rate
- Angle of Attack
- Spin Axis
- Launch Direction
- Club Face Angle
- Low Point of the Swing

Club Fitting News

I just received the NEW demo clubs from Callaway, Mizuno, and Taylor Made so stop by the golf shop to give them a try or start a conversation about how these clubs can help your game! Save the date for these upcoming demo days:

Callaway – Saturday, April 24th

Taylor Made – Sunday, May 2nd

Make sure you check out the Member Tournament Schedule which is posted on the Club's website under Golf and save those dates.

Thanks for your support! We hope to see you out here playing soon!

Dan Philippon, PGA – Head Golf Professional

Valentine's Day at your Club!

We are your one-stop-shop for spoiling your sweetie!

Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 13th

live music from the Bill Drazga Group from 6-9pm

Four-course, "Lover's Menu" features tomato bisque, filet mignon, crab cakes and tiramisu

\$45+ +/-person - Also available to-go. 410-778-3818 ext. 2 for reservations.

Valentine's Brunch

Sunday, February 14th, 9am - 4pm

In addition to our regular lunch & brunch menu we are offering heart-shaped pancakes, bananas foster French toast and a roasted tomato-vegetable-mozzarella frittata

Also available to-go. 410-778-3818 ext. 2 for reservations.

Add Roses for your Table or for Take Out!

Orders due by February 10th

1 wrapped \$6, 1 rose in bud vase \$15, 2 roses in bud vase \$21, 3 roses in bud vase \$28, 6 roses in vase \$48, 12 roses in vase or boxed \$90. Available colors: red, yellow, pink, lavender, white, or mixture of colors. Includes greens and baby's breath. Happy Valentine's Balloons \$3.50 each.

Homemade Sweets for your Sweet

Orders due by February 5th for pick-up on Friday, February 12th

9" Red Velvet Cake \$25, 9" Chocolate or Vanilla Heart-Shape Cake \$27, Heart-shape Cheesecake, strawberry topping \$25, 9" Heart-shape Chocolate Chip or Shortbread Cookie \$15, 12 Chocolate, Vanilla, or Red Velvet Cupcakes \$22, 12 Frosted Sugar Cookies \$12, Truffles (salted caramel, milk, or dark chocolate) dipped in milk or dark chocolate \$1.50 each, Chocolate covered strawberries \$1.50 each. Call 410-778-3818, ext. 2, to place your order.

Get Back into Your Fitness Routine!

Pilates Classes

Wednesdays, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Eight-Week Session Begins February 10th

Instructor: Karen Smith



Improve your fitness, strength, flexibility and core stability this winter!

\$128 for eight week session. Call 410-778-3818 ext. 2 to sign-up!

Karen Smith is certified in Pilates mat, standing, advanced mat, and apparatus from The Body College (D.C.) and The Physical-Mind Institute (NYC), having taught hundreds of classes nationally and internationally.



Strength & Tone with Maggie

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30am

This Strength and Tone class will focus on muscle building and conditioning using high repetitions with light weights.

Session 1: Continues through Thursday, February 18th

Classes 1/12 and 1/14 will only be offered virtually or thru Zoom recording due to the club being closed.

Session 2: Tuesday, March 9th – Thursday, April 15th

Join us in live in person or on Zoom, or do the class on your own time with the recording.

Members and guests interested in participating in classes will sign up using SignUpGenius.

A link for the sign up will be emailed on Sunday mornings.

Classes are \$10 per class and will be billed to your membership account.

9 HOLE LADIES



If everyone can get the COVID-10 vaccine, the 9 hole golfers should have a fun-filled season of Wednesday golf, friendly tournaments and social activities. We hope all our current golfers will return this spring and welcome all interested new members.

For those of you who will be new to our group, we play every Wednesday morning from the first of April through the middle of October. We will tee off at 10:00am in April, at 9:00am in May and at 8:30am in the summer. More details and information will follow in future newsletters. If you have questions about our group feel free to contact Paddy Tobey or Anne Hart.

Finally, please note that Ladies 9 Hole Golfers must have a Full membership at CRYCC.

- Barb Noll

To be included in the 2021 handbook, dues must be paid and the following information must be received by March 1st.

Send your \$20 check as payable to Chester River Ladies 9 Hole Golfers as well as your name, address, phone, email and handicap to:

**Shirley Gayner, Treasurer
305 Quail Run Drive
Centreville, MD 21617**

18 HOLE LADIES

A 'gimme' is an agreement between two golfers...neither of whom can putt very well.

The Ladies 18 Hole Golf Association is planning a great 2021. We welcome new and returning members. To join, you need only be a female full member in good standing, have an established handicap, and pay \$40 dues. We play on Thursday mornings from late March into October. We have different games each week and optional tournaments.

Whether you join to improve your skills or simply to enjoy a beautiful morning of golf with friends, our members will tell you they look forward to it. It's not a must-attend deal and handicapping levels the field!

Through the Association you can also join the Women's Peninsula Golf Association* and/or The Delaware Women's Golf Association* and access a number of other courses at reduced rates and a chance to play in their tournaments.

- Martha Rasin
Publicity Chair

To register, please send your check for \$40 or \$55* as well as your name, mailing address, best phone number(s) and email address to

**Chester River Ladies 18 Hole Golf Association
c/o Amy Ennis
200 River Road
Chestertown, MD 21620**

**To join the WPGA, pay their \$15 dues when you join the 18 Holvers.
To join the DWGA, pay \$30 directly to them.*

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Clubhouse Closed	Fitness Class 8:30am Mahjong Wing Night	Men's Bridge Homestyle	Fitness Class 8:30am Pub Night	Mahjong	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Mahjong Wing Night	Pilates 11am Men's Bridge Homestyle		Mahjong	
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	Clubhouse Closed	Fitness Class 8:30am Mahjong Wing Night	Pilates 11am Men's Bridge Homestyle	Fitness Class 8:30am Farkle Pub Night	Mahjong	Wine Dinner
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