



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

As I write this message the snow is falling, BUT there are 30 robins on the lawn, signaling that spring like activity is right around the corner.

The winter worklist at our club is continuing despite the colder weather. Additional sand trap rebuilds, fairway drainage and equipment refurbishment are underway. A number of small projects have been completed or are underway within the Clubhouse. Committees are beginning to meet for the year to do the important work of guiding the activities in many aspects of club life. Indeed, spring is on the way.

A big thank you to the numerous committee members and leaders who work diligently to bring coordinated events and activities to life at our club. These unsung heroes deserve a large shout out! If you are interested in getting involved, let me or any Club Manager know your interest, and we will get you started.

As we have been reporting, progress continues on our parking lot expansion with all required approvals and bids now being received. Hopefully, we will begin work in the next few months.

We are also anxiously awaiting the installation of our outdoor awning over the patio area. This work should be completed just in time for spring dining and other outdoor activities.

Our monthly calendars are full of great social/dining opportunities, come out and enjoy the club!

Cheers!

- Mark Kamon, President



CRYCC "Pot of Gold"

From March 17th - 31st, drop a copy of your dining check into the pot on the Front Desk. Each night we will draw a winner to receive a free lunch or dinner entree. Each day the pot is emptied, so the more you dine at the Club, the better your chances of winning!

2021 BOARD

Mark Kamon, President
 David Curran, Vice President
 Jim Harbeson, Treasurer
 Mike Messix, Asst. Treasurer
 Tracye Landon, Secretary
 David White, Commodore
 Bill Cooper
 Frank Ennis
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 Peggy Kelly
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 Bart Stolp
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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
Nominating, Larry Ortmann
Membership, Larry Ortmann
Pool, Peggy Kelly
Social, Sandy Winquist
Yachting, David White

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The month of January held up considerably better than expected. With the Club only open for half the month and COVID-19 on top of that, we really did expect a tough month. Through cost cutting and deferment of other costs, we were able to show a small profit of \$2,500.

This is somewhat misleading in that Food and Beverage lost over \$27,000 for the month on one half the sales we had last year. (Last year F&B also lost \$27,000.) I don't expect to see much improvement over the next couple of months and we will no doubt show some operating losses. Support our Food and Beverage operations as much as possible. Restricted inside dining and take out are available.

We spent \$21,000 in capital for the golf training equipment and patio improvements scheduled for April. Cash flow is solid and dues revenues are up. We are working on the parking lot project funding and watching our capital spending carefully.

Looking forward to Spring, continued reductions in new COVID-19 cases and increased vaccines. We need to get back to some sense of normal. Won't it be great?

Respectfully submitted,
 - *Jim Harbeson, Treasurer*

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Board approved the following motions at its February meeting:

- The Board approved a motion to fund \$100,000 of the parking lot costs with a bank loan, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Tracye Landon, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

KENNETH & PATRICIA ERVIN - SOCIAL

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

We're getting another six inches of snow and some ice, so the Groundhog was correct. Thank goodness there are other certainties: the sun will come up tomorrow, the dog needs to be walked, the Ospreys will return to the Chesapeake, and this winter will end. Until it does, there isn't too much to report, but one important item is that Shelby Strudwick has been chosen as Rear Commodore (good), the US has been eliminated from the America's Cup (bad), Spring Waterfront Workday will be on April 17th (good), the Prada Cup has been postponed due to COVID-19 (bad), and Flag Raising has been scheduled for May 14th (good).

In the meantime, to keep you busy, try your hand at the following: Name the nautically themed movie from which the following lines come (Lines not wholly accurate)

1. "Do you want the Marseillaise to be your national anthem? Do you want a guillotine in Piccadilly? Do you want that raggedy a__ Napoleon to be your king?"
2. "Don't worry, they'll get out of your way, I learned that driving the Saratoga."
3. "You were right . . . about the horses, they are from Spain, not Portugal."
4. "Be careful, some things in here don't take well to bullets."
5. "You're close-hauled on port tack beating up channel with nor-easterly wind, Dover bearing east two miles; wind veers 4 points taking you flat aback . . . you're now dismayed."
6. "Captain, it is I . . . and I just threw your stinkin' palm tree overboard!"
7. "Ahh, but the strawberries . . . that's where I had them."

If you get five out of seven, you can be Commodore; six out of seven, you deserve a drink; seven out of seven, you need to get a life!

The answer to last month's nautical trivia, "The Cat's out of the Bag," refers to the Cat of Nine Tails being kept in a bag, meaning that something negative is certain to happen. Several of you answered correctly, but John Henderson was first again. Given the number of correct answers, I'm going to change the way the winner is determined. From now on, I will choose the winner by picking randomly from all correct responders.

Nautical Trivia: The term, "Nelson's Blood" refers to Rum (particularly Pusser's). Why is it so-called?

- David L. White, Commodore

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 MANAGER

March brings us to the end of winter and the beginning of spring. Flowers and trees will be budding, the golf course will become busier, and boats will be launching at the docks. It will be fun to look forward to more activities together: inside, as more of us receive the vaccine, and outdoors, as well.

We have a Loire, France, Wine Dinner scheduled for March 13th and our St. Patrick's Day celebration for March 17th. "Exercise with Maggie" and "Karen Smith's Pilates" classes continue this month. Farkle is played every Thursday at 5:30pm. Look for your "Lotto" winning number to receive a discount on your food purchase. Play "Pot-of-Gold" from March 17th through March 31st (see details on page 1).

I would like to send out my appreciation, and a thank you from our restaurant staff to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anthony and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Heck. They have supported our Club through dining purchases at least five days each week since our Club experienced dining changes one year ago. If each member supported the restaurant with just ONE food/bar purchase each week, it would keep the Food and Beverage part of our Club "in the black". Our restaurant has many delicious menu and specials choices, as well as Member Events. Food and Beverage items are ALWAYS available through Take-out. Our restaurant staff (and your Club) needs YOUR support! Please help out by making a dine-in reservation or by phoning in a take-out order. When was the last time you purchased food or beverage to support YOUR club?

Coming in April:

Maggie's Fitness Classes continue Tuesdays and Thursdays

Good Friday Fish Fry April 2nd

Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt April 4th

Golf Season Begins! MISGA, 9-holers Golf, 18-holers

Masters Dinner April 7th

Yappy Hour April 13th

"Where are you From?" Meet-n-Greet April 24th

- Jerren Wetterau, Clubhouse Manager



LUCKY YOU

St. Patrick's Day Specials

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH

APPETIZERS

Corned Beef Reuben Egg Rolls
Bangers & Mash

ENTREES

Corned Beef Brisket
Shepherd's Pie

Regular menu also available. Take-out or dine-in.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

February has been a snowy month. This has slowed progress on some of our projects, but we are in great shape to get them completed as soon as the weather allows us to. The four bunkers are ready for concrete and new sand, the installation of drains has been completed, and the equipment is in the process of being gone over and rebuilt. We are excited to get out and finish up the bunkers and install new sod where needed.

Our goal is to have all major projects completed by April 1st, and once they are completed, we can focus on detailing the golf course and getting it ready for the season.

I am very happy with the way the course went into the winter, and I am excited to see it come out. I hope that everyone is enjoying this down time, and I look forward to seeing everyone on the course real soon.

- Matt Krukiel, Golf Course Superintendent



MISGA

What is MISGA?

MISGA, founded in 1975, is an organization of over 2200 senior golfers in Maryland and in parts of Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Its goal is to help in the enjoyment of golf and to foster friendship and camaraderie through tournaments, fall golf trips to the south, and golf mixers on home basis. Playing other local golf and country clubs without green fees makes this organization one of the "best deals in town."

The only requirements to join are:

- Your club must be a member of MISGA;
- You must have passed the test of time and be at least 50 years of age;
- You must like golf;
- You must like playing at the many fine courses in your area; and
- You must enjoy meeting new people and sharing the pleasures of golf.

The Opening Day Mixer is a HOME event on Tuesday, April 8th. The Chief has a complete schedule and will email shortly (if we have your correct email). Check-in will be compliant with guidelines. Handicaps are maxed at 36, and scores are considered "Competition". Make sure you have the new GHIN app. Only special events are ABCD on 8/23/2021 @ Holly Hills, and 2 Man on 9/9/2021 @ Norbeck. No frolics this year.

Paid members from 2020 do not owe dues this year, otherwise please make a check for \$20 payable to MISGA CRYCC and leave with the Pro-Shop.

We have about \$3900 in our accounts after making a \$2000 contribution last year to the water station. We are in need of a few volunteers to assist with check-ins, and other management. So if you have a complaint, then help us out. Be on the lookout for a Survey Monkey next month. Interclub play is still on my mind for this year, just no progress on dates.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at larry.ortmann@gmail.com.

- Larry Ortmann

FROM THE PRO - DAN PHILIPPON, PGA

Contrary to my statement in last month's newsletter, winter is not passing by quickly! But as those who have lived here for many years have told me, spring golf is just around the corner. With that in mind, the Indoor Golf Studio is up and running to work on your swing and club fitting. With the new game changing clubs I have from Callaway, Mizuno and Taylor Made, I'm confident we can work together on finding the perfect set of clubs for you!

Handicap News

At the beginning of February you should have received an email from GHINProfile@USGA.org with a link to establish your GHIN account and set a password. You would then download the GHIN Mobile App and log into that and ghin.com with your email address or GHIN Number and the password you created. If you have had any issues with creating your account, please send an email to dphilippon@crycc.org or call the Golf Shop at 410-778-3818 ext. 3.



CRYCC Golf Studio!

The golf studio is up in the ball room and is ready for lessons and club fittings! When you hit a shot, you will see the ball track on the impact screen just like on TV. You will get precise ball and club data from our X3 Launch Monitor such as:

Golf Ball: Carry, Spin Rate and Axis, Height, Launch Angle, and Distance from Target

Club Head: Speed, Angle of Attack, Face Angle, Low Point

To get you ready for the upcoming season outside, send an email to me at dphilippon@crycc.org or call 410-778-3818 ext. 3 to make an appointment.

Inside Putting Drills

Many people have asked me, "How do I work on my putting inside?" Well, here are a few tried and true drills you can do with four things you probably already have...a yardstick, golf balls, paper, and a golf tee.

Each drill is designed to improve your club face at impact, centeredness of hit, and speed control.

1. Get a yardstick and put down a ball 1 inch from the end. Your goal is to have the ball travel down the full length of the ruler. If it does not, your club face is not square at impact.



2. Get a yardstick and put down a ball 1 inch from the end. Your goal is to have the ball travel down the full length of the ruler. If it does not, your club face is not square at impact.



3. Tape down standard size pieces of paper at different distances from your starting spot, such as 5', 10', 15', etc. and try to have the ball come to rest on the paper. You could also make a box on the floor with painter's tape. This is a great distance control drill.
4. Put a tee on the carpet upside down. Start at two feet and try to knock the tee over. Keep going back as far as you want. Excellent drill to work on your club face at impact.



Taste of Spring in Loire WINE DINNER

Saturday, March 13th, 6pm

\$75++ /person

Loire, the meandering region that follows the beautiful Loire River in the southeastern quarter of France, is our area of focus. Our wines are from the selections of Franck Agostini, known as "Franck's Signature Wines." Franck uses his unique palate and tireless passion to select wines that he is proud to suggest, focusing solely on French wines.

Host: Mark Parker, Lanterna Wines

M E N U

Smoked oysters topped with fresh crab meat & microgreens

Wine: Cedrick Bardin, Sancerre

Mahi Mahi with mandarin oranges on a bed of mixed greens & plum vinaigrette

Wine: Domaine des Herbauges, Grolleau Gris

Grilled pork tenderloin, dried fig chutney, parsnips and carrots

Wine: Famille Duveau, Saumur-Champigny

Prime rib, au jus, fried potato wedge

Wine: Domaine Gouron, Chinon Rouge Cuvee Terroir

Raspberry sorbet with sugar cookie garnish

Wine: Sipp Mack, Sparkling Cremant d'Alsace NV

CALL 410-778-3818, EXT 2 FOR RESERVATIONS

Get Back into Your Fitness Routine!

Pilates Classes

Wednesdays, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Eight-Week Session Continues through March 31st.

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 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 Sign Up Genius.

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.

EQUIPMENT:

We will be using body weight and various weighted bands/weights for our workouts.

For band recommendations, please contact Maggie!

9 HOLE LADIES



We will be having a zoom meeting in March to start the season and may get to play some golf if the weather cooperates.

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. 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.

Be positive and test negative!

- Barb Noll

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

You hit down to make the ball go up.
You swing left and the ball goes right.
The lowest score wins, on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

Are you ready? Despite the white blanket outside my window, golf is around the corner, just as are the bulbs now sleeping beneath that blanket.

Think about joining the 18 Holes if you have not already done so. While you can sign up with us any time before the season is over, why wait? Register now and be all set for a full season of learning, meeting new friends, taking part in competitive or non-competitive golf, and more. Hope to see you on the first tee!

- 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 Holes.
To join the DWGA, pay \$30 directly to them.*

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Mahjong Wing Night	Pilates 11am Men's Bridge Homestyle		Mahjong	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	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
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Clubhouse Closed	Fitness Class 8:30am Mahjong Wing Night	Pilates 11am Men's Bridge St. Patrick's Day Party	Fitness Class 8:30am Farkle Pub Night	Mahjong	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Clubhouse Closed	Fitness Class 8:30am Mahjong Wing Night	Pilates 11am Men's Bridge Homestyle	Fitness Class 8:30am Farkle Pub Night	Mahjong	
28	29	30	31			
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CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Mon: Clubhouse Closed
Tue - Thu: Kitchen & Bar 11am - 8pm
Friday: Kitchen & Bar 11am - 8pm
Saturday: Kitchen 11am - 8pm, Bar 11am - 8pm
Sunday: Kitchen & Bar 9am - 5pm
CLUBHOUSE PHONE: 410-778-3818

MEETING SCHEDULES

Finance: 3/9	Yachting: 3/9
House: 3/10	Pool: 3/9
Membership: 3/11	Grounds: 3/11
BOARD MEETING: 3/16	Facilities: 3/9
Social: 3/10	
Golf: 3/11	

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				Fitness Class 8:30am Farkle Pub Night	Mahjong Fish Fry Dinner	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt	Clubhouse Closed	Fitness Class 8:30am Mahjong Wing Night	Men's Bridge Master's Dinner	Fitness Class 8:30am Farkle Pub Night	Mahjong	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Clubhouse Closed	Mahjong Wing Night	Men's Bridge Homestyle	Farkle Pub Night	Mahjong	Meet & Greet
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Clubhouse Closed	Mahjong Wing Night	Men's Bridge Homestyle	Farkle Pub Night	Mahjong	
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