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Palmer Signature Rivers Edge on Tap for February



THE BEAUTIFUL BUT TREACHEROUS 17TH AT RIVERS EDGE

From the time it opened in 1999, Rivers Edge joined the upper echelon of golf courses on the Grand Strand.

When first seeing the property on which the course would be built, designer Arnold Palmer remarked how the site had the potential to be something very special. It appears that the Palmer Design Team certainly did the property justice with a spectacular layout. The scenery is stunning with six holes set high upon bluffs that overlook two miles of grassy marshlands bisected by the bends and turns of the Shallotte River. The interior holes at Rivers Edge feature subtle elevation changes, fresh water lakes and some of the best bent grass greens on the Strand. The famous 570 yard Par 5 Ninth Hole is often described as “the most diabolical hole on the Grand Strand” with its narrow fairway for approaches and thin peninsula green. Arnold Palmer himself ranked the ninth at Rivers Edge in his “Dream 18”, a listing of the eighteen most challenging holes among the over 2,700 he and his team have built in the U.S.

Accolades for Rivers Edge have been frequent and glowing. It was ranked by Golf Digest in “America’s Top 10 Best New Upscale Courses in 2000.” Golf Magazine ranked it as a “Top 20 New Course for 2000” while North Carolina Magazine rated it in the “Top 10 Best New Courses” in the state. Golf Digest has consistently awarded Rivers Edge with a 4 1/2 star ranking in its “Best Places To Play” survey. The facility received especially high praise from players for service and pace of play. Most recently, Rivers Edge was ranked by Golf Digest in 2007 in “America’s Top 100 Public Courses,” coming in at number 62. In 2005, Golfweek Magazine placed it in the Top 10 in NC in “America’s Best Public Access Courses.”

Tee times for the February 12 Travel Day begin at 10:00 AM and run at ten minute intervals. The staff at Rivers Edge is giving Barefoot Members a very special rate of \$39 per person. To sign up, call 843-390-3200 by 12:00 noon, February 10. Also, please remember that with all Travel Days, a strict 48-hour cancellation policy is in effect.

A Struggle With Mother Nature

Call them brave souls, call them survivors, call them crazy – whatever you call them, the members that decided the Member-Member show must go on despite a nagging downpour and a temperature hovering in the low 50's deserve the CHUTZPAH award for the year.



CARL SPRY AND RICH WYDRA RELAX AT BAR FOLLOWING ROUND

This audacious crew struck out on the Fazio Course knowing the day would be one of the most challenging they had ever experienced on a golf course. But there was also a determined spirit that declared, no matter what, this tournament will be completed. A few dropped out after only three or four holes because of the unbearable conditions. Those that completed 18 holes couldn't help but chuckle at themselves while pulling up to bagdrop as if to say "what was I thinking." Drying out and warming up (as if that were possible) became the focus. As each group moved to the Restaurant/Bar there seemed to be a great feeling of camaraderie amongst the players that stated, no matter what the outcome, they had successfully completed a great struggle against Mother Nature and won. Granted, they all wanted to win the tournament. Perhaps in some minds winning could be the only justification for what they had just put themselves through. They all deserved to win just for playing. The group eagerly awaited the results while partaking of food and drink.

Tournament Director Nate Humes congratulated all who had conquered the elements and hung in there to the end. Prizes were given for closest to the pin to Rich Wydra, Carl Spry, Mike Egan and Steve Smith. Les Jee won the longest putt competition. There were two flights in the competition with Gene Verna and Ziggy Zeigler taking the Love Flight while Carl Spry and Rich

Wydra won the Norman Flight. The format used was a modified Stableford System with best ball at 100% handicap where teams accumulated points for net birdie or better while points were taken away for net bogie or worse. Both winning teams received gift certificates for use in the Pro Shop. Closest to the pin and long putt winners received beautiful gift baskets provided by Food and Beverage containing special beverages, snacks, golf balls, etc.

We thank everyone who had the intention of playing in the Member-Member but decided not to because of the horrid weather. Please join us in giving a hearty salute to those who completed play including T.P. and Steven Smith, Gene Verna and Ziggy Zeigler, Wayne Mayo and Mike Evans, Anthony Ostrowe and Mike Egan, Hector Diaz and Joe Lopez, Stanley and Matt Rowen, Glen Talley and Frank Barbosky, Tom Kenny and Henry Horvat, Carl Spry and Rich Wydra, Carlos Gonzalez and Les Jee, Steve Bridges and Bob Morgan and Lou Gowers and Bob Rausch.



GENE VERNA AND ZIGGY ZEIGLER BEGIN THE DRYING OUT PROCESS

Holiday Mixology and Poker Pointers

Sometimes going back to class to further one's education can be a good thing.

It appears that dozens of Barefoot female members saw the advantage of attending a class on December 3 at the Resort Clubhouse entitled "How to Make Holiday Cocktails." Food & Beverage Director Janet Layman arranged for two expert mixers including Megan Williams from Ben Arnold Distributors to "instruct" those present how to concoct some of the most sumptuous holiday drinks available. From Chocolate Martinis to The Grinch to Sparkletinis, the ladies tasted and listened, tasted and listened and tasted some more. The presenters brought over 20 recipes for those in attendance to take home for experimentation and sharing. Members will, no doubt, encounter some of these creations at holiday gatherings. To no one's surprise, the favorite drink turned out to be the Chocolate Martini. Instruction was also given on creating some unusual holiday decorations.

So as not to make Barefoot male members feel left out, Director Layman also sought to broaden their horizons with an informational and tasting session on December 2 featuring top-quality cigars and liquor. Mix in some pointers on getting the best of your opponent in Poker and Texas Hold 'Em and you've got an evening the gentlemen couldn't resist. We appreciate all who participated in these events and the very successful Wine Tasting on November 30 and hope to schedule similar "educational opportunities" in the future.



MEGAN WILLIAMS MIXES ONE OF FEATURED COCKTAILS

Member Reminders



DO YOU USE THE HANDICAP SCORING SYSTEM?

Those that have signed up to use the Barefoot Resort & Golf Handicap Scoring System should remember that we assume you will be using our system from one year to the next unless you tell us differently. The \$21 annual charge for using the system is made to your account after January 1 each year. We do not refund any portion of the \$21 for those who decide not to use the system in the middle of the calendar year. So, if you decide you are not going to use the system, please make the Pro Shop aware by calling 843-390-3200 by December 31 at the latest.

IF YOU SELL YOUR PROPERTY AT BAREFOOT RESORT

Alert the Membership Dept. by providing a copy of the first page of the HUD Settlement Statement received at closing. This provides proof of the sale, lists the seller and buyer, provides buyer address so that we may communicate transfer options, gives the exact address of the property and lists the exact date of closing. Upon receipt of the HUD, the Membership Dept. cancels the seller's membership and then sends a request to the Accounting Dept. to refund any dues payments remaining for the current quarter. HUD Statement may be faxed to 843-390-1355 or mailed to Membership Dept.

NEW MAGNETIC STRIP ID CARDS

Magnetic Stripe ID Cards are now available for primary members and spouses who have pictures on file with the Membership Dept. We hope to begin working on creating ID's for dependants and should have some ready by the time you receive this Newsletter. You may call or come by the Membership Dept. to find out if your dependant's ID's have been completed. We are working on them alphabetically, so if your last name is toward the middle or end of the alphabet it is a good bet they will not be ready until toward the end of January. ID's may be picked up at the Membership Dept. between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Saturday.

ON JANUARY 1, 2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES/FEE'S WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Golf and Social Level - \$125 per month up from \$120

Social Only Level - stays the same at \$55 per month

Inactive for Multiple Property Owners - stays the same at \$25 per month

Fee for membership transfer stays the same at \$2,000

Value of membership stays the same at \$20,000

TUESDAY MEMBER PLAY

We encourage all Golf level members to take advantage of the regular Tuesday League play. The number participating over the years has grown steadily but volunteer Men's Golf Chair Glen Talley would like for the number to grow significantly so that there can be more shotgun starts and member interaction. This also enhances participation in social gatherings following golf. We know there are many who live out-of-town but would like to see more involvement when those folks are at Barefoot.

If one is interested in participating in Tuesday play, please call Glen Talley at 843-390-2751 or write to his e-mail address at: vt2751@sccoast.net. You may also call the Pro Shop at 843-390-3200 to express your interest.

Valentines Dinner

Looking for a special way to show your affection for your significant other?

Join us at the Resort Clubhouse for a romantic dinner on



February 14 planned by the Food and Beverage Staff. A very attractive menu has been designed which includes choice of Glass of House Wine, Salad, choice of 12 oz. Prime Rib or Spinach and Mushroom Ravioli, Chicken Cordon Blue in a Carbonara Sauce, choice of Death by Chocolate Triple Layer Cake or Cheesecake Topped with Strawberry Topping. Cost is \$21.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. The event begins at 6:00 PM. **Call 843-390-3205 by February 7, 5:00 PM to make reservations.**

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WONDER IF THE BAREFOOT WITCHES CONJURED UP AN ENJOYABLE ROUND OF GOLF FOR HALLOWEEN?

Pinehurst Getaway Opportunity

Anyone who knows Pinehurst knows it as one of the finest Golf Resorts in the world. *Travel and Leisure Golf Magazine* rated Pinehurst the #1 Golf Resort in the U.S. three out of the last four years including 2008.



Nestled in the Sandhills of North Carolina, Pinehurst is full of history and southern hospitality. The Resort features eight championship golf courses, luxury spas, family recreation, and fine dining and shopping. Whatever one might be seeking in a resort, Pinehurst can offer it at an extremely high level.

Barefoot Resort & Golf Management is constantly looking for ways to enhance the benefits available for its members. Beginning immediate-

ly, Barefoot "Golf" members (not "Social" only) are offered the opportunity to experience the #1 Golf Resort in the U.S. for greatly reduced rates in both golf and accommodations. Between now and March 1, enjoy special privileges only available to Barefoot Members and their guests. Take advantage of an exceptional overnight rate of \$99 per room (double occupancy) in one of three historic hotels including the Carolina Hotel, Holly Inn and Manor Inn. Book tee times on one of the eight championship golf courses including the famous Pinehurst No. 2 which served as the site for the 1999 and 2005 U.S. Open Golf Tournaments. Play Pinehurst Courses Nos. 1, 3 and 5 for \$49, play Nos. 4, 6, 7 and 8 for \$89 or play No. 2 for \$165. All rates are per person and include cart.

Some restrictions and guidelines apply to this wonderful opportunity – 1) Barefoot Golf may book up to 4 total players and 4 total rooms per visit (including guests); 2) Tee times may be booked as far out

as 10 days in advance by calling 910-295-3186; 3) If booking accommodations and tee times one may call 800-487-4653 as far out as 30 days in advance and 4) In order to receive the discounts mentioned above, Barefoot Members must show their Member ID card upon check in for accommodations and/or golf.

If you've had a visit to Pinehurst on your wish list, now is a great time to treat yourself, significant others and friends. If you are interested in a wonderful round of golf on a more traditional track, allow us to recommend Donald Ross creations Nos. 1 or 3. Want to experience a more modern design with greater challenge? Try either of the Fazio designs, Nos. 4 or 8. For the ultimate Pinehurst experience with the most difficult challenge, go for No. 2 and hire a caddy.

We thank our friends at Pinehurst who have made this special accommodation for Barefoot Members. We hope many of you will take advantage so this arrangement can become a permanent fixture in the benefits offered Barefoot Members.



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