

# Drink of the Season



## THE NINETEENTH HOLE

A dash of Bitters  
1.5 oz. Gin  
1 oz. dry vermouth

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Members,

A new season is here, and spring will provide new growth and warm weather at The Dye Club! The pansies and snapdragon flowers are in full bloom, giving a beautiful color display around the clubhouse. Our fairways and tees have filled out nicely. They are plush, green, and provide excellent playing conditions throughout the course. The nonoverseeded rough areas are beginning to awaken from dormancy and will begin filling out as the weather becomes warmer. The greens are in excellent shape, with the poa trivialis being plush and tight. Our putting surfaces are rolling as smooth and consistent as any greens I have ever putt on. It is a real pleasure to putt on greens so smooth, and it makes you feel as though you can make almost any putt.

We are once again hosting the annual Hootie and the Blowfish Monday After the Masters event on April 11th. It is always exciting to be a part of this event, because it provides such great exposure for our beautiful club and an opportunity to show how truly awesome our facility is! We will be increasing our mowing frequency and lowering the cutting heights on the greens tees and fairways, leading up to and beyond the event. Premium playing surfaces will include plush lies, and with a little help from the weather, some firm conditions with plenty of roll in the fairways.

The entire maintenance staff as always thanks you for your continued support. I feel as though spring is always the best time of the year to play golf, and this year is no exception! Be sure to take time from your busy schedules and enjoy as many rounds of golf as you can, we are looking forward to seeing you out on the links.

Sincerely,

Duane Whittle  
*Duane Whittle*

## MEMBER PROFILE

Eric White and Berice Lim moved here from Northern West Virginia (about 25 min outside of Pittsburgh Pa) in April of 2015. Bernice finished medical residency and accepted a position with Little River Medical Center as a primary care physician working out of their Loris location. Eric is a Branch Manager for



TD Bank and manages the Little River location. One of the reasons they joined The Dye Club membership program was because Eric is a golf fanatic that plays, practices and watches golf as much as possible. They both love the amenities at the club in particular the pool and fitness center. They are now living in the Tuscan Sands development of Barefoot Resort with their 2 dogs Rufus who is a Basenji and Lulu who is a golden retriever. Their wedding date is June 25, 2016.



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THE DYE CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL | MAY | JUNE 2016



## DYE CLUB MEMBERS,

As I write the introduction for this quarter's newsletter, I'm relieved that, at long last, the dreadful wet winter weather that has affected the area for so many weeks, has abated and the course is ready for all of our members and guests who head down this time of year. It has been frustrating for all of us, members and staff alike, as well as just about every course in the area which has suffered similar problems of wet conditions and cart path only rules. Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding. So, I think I can speak for all of us when I say thanks to our superintendent, Duane Whittle, and his team for all their hard work. Their primary purpose is to ensure the presentation of a great golf course for all our members and guests to play so you all can enjoy the game of golf, and they accomplish that on a daily basis.

Let's hope that the beautiful warmer weather that has moved into our region is here for the rest of the golfing and beach season and beyond. With the Monday After The Masters Celebrity Golf Tournament only days away it is much appreciated. Speaking of the MAM tournament, we hope you will be joining us for this year's event. Please check out [www.hootiegolf.com](http://www.hootiegolf.com) to see who will be roaming your fairways for this year's event.

The Egret Cup registration has begun for the 2016 team and we would love to have everyone sign up to be on the team this year. For those new members not familiar with The Egret Cup Tournament this is an event similar to the Ryder Cup format of the US against Europe, except pairing Dye Members against Resort Members. It's two days of fierce competition all played out here at Barefoot Resort and Dye Courses. The event starts with a pairings party Friday August 5th and culminates with an awards dinner and trophy presentation Sunday night. This is a must play event so please call the golf shop and put your name on the list to play. If we have more than 12 people sign up then we will do a blind draw to see who will be representing The Dye Club in this battle against memberships. We hope the sheer magnitude of playing golf for two days in a Ryder Cup format gives each and every one of you a major adrenaline rush. The event has begun to develop into one of the most anticipated events on the tournament schedule. The pride and bragging rights go to the Resort Club this past year but we will get that Egret Cup back in 2016.

*Jeff Diehl*

**Jeff Diehl, PGA**  
Head Golf Professional

## NOTES FROM ACCOUNTING

Happy Spring to You All!

A few reminders from the accounting office ~ we do accept Mastercard, Visa, Amex & Discover as payment on your membership account.

If your membership i.d. card does not have your picture on the front, please let us know and we can coordinate a new card for you.

Did you know we sell gift cards that can be used at the Barefoot Resort Clubhouse as well as the Dye Clubhouse? Please see the golf shops to purchase any.

Monthly statements can be emailed directly to you - please contact us to do so.

Take Care,  
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# DYE CLUB EVENTS



## APRIL

HAPPY HOUR  
**April 8** | 4-6 pm

HAPPY HOUR  
**April 22** | 4-6 pm

RUSSIAN NIGHT  
**April 27** | 5:30 Cocktail Hour  
Food served at 6:30 | \$19.95

## MAY

MEXICAN NIGHT  
**May 4** | 5:30 Cocktail Hour  
Food served at 6:30 | \$15.95

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH  
**May 8** | 11-3pm | At the Resort | \$21.95

HAPPY HOUR  
**May 13** | 4-6

HAPPY HOUR  
**May 27** | 4-6

## JUNE

HAPPY HOUR  
**June 3** | 4-6pm

2 FOR 1 DINNER  
**June 4** | 5:30 Cocktail Hour  
Dinner served at 6:30

HAPPY HOUR  
**June 24** | 4-6pm

## PRACTICING PUTTING CORRECTLY

When you (and I hope you do) practice putting, are you practicing the right things? Much of putting practice is aimed at grooving the path through the ball, but studies show that the centeredness of the hit has only a small effect on the result of the putt.

Where you contact the ball on the face doesn't matter as much as how fast the putter is moving at impact and at what direction it's pointed. As long as you can get the ball going where it's supposed to go, and at the right pace, you can make contact up to a half-inch from the center of the clubface and still make a lot of putts.

There are many ways to work on your alignment (the key to honing your aim) and feel (the key to distance control). Here are two tips I work on all winter long and into the early spring and beyond.

Tip one checks your set-up, and all it requires is enough room for you to stand, two golf balls, your putter and gravity. (It will help if you have two additional clubs or alignment rods). Lay the clubs or alignment rods down about eight inches apart. Take your regular putting stance and address the ball with another ball held between your thumb and index finger. You want your feet square, shoulders square, and the clubface square between the parallel lines formed by the two rods or clubs.

When you feel you're in the right position, raise the ball in your hand up to the corner of your right eye (right handed golfer - see image). Drop the ball from there. Where it lands will tell you where your eye is in relation to the ball you are addressing. If your too far from the ball, it will land on the inside, between the putter head and the nearer of the parallel lines. If you're too close it will land outside. Directly behind the ball or just on the inside edge is the proper position fundamentally. Find that spot and practice taking your stance until the correct alignment feels natural and becomes habit.

Tip two helps with distance control. You only need about fifteen feet of carpet to work with in order to spend time developing your feel for distance control. Lay down two lines on the carpet - mark them with tape or rods or even tees. (I use blue painters tape at home) The lines should be two feet apart. Pick out a spot that's ten to twelve feet from the closer of the two lines and practice putting from that spot. Your goal is to roll the ball so that it goes past the first line and stops short of the second line. This is a great way to develop rhythm and tempo all with the goal of developing feel for distance control. Remember to keep your head still and try to gauge before you even look up whether the ball has gone short of the lines, long of the lines or is right in the middle of the lines. I will sometimes do this with my eyes closed to help develop my feel.

I hope these tips help you get ready for a great year on the greens.

**Jeff Diehl, PGA**  
Head Golf Professional  
The Dye Club



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