

Life & Times

*Estero Country Club at The Vines
August / September 2015*

Mission

Estero Country Club provides a welcoming environment for its members, families and guests through exceptional golf, dining, tennis, fitness, lifestyle and social experiences.

Clubhouse Closed for Yearly Maintenance: Saturday, August 8 - Tuesday, August 25th

We will re-open for lunch and dinner on Wednesday, August 26th.

The Snack Shop will be open in August, during the clubhouse maintenance, to serve our members.

August Events

Snack Shop Open - Wednesday-Monday 9:00-2:00 (During Clubhouse Maintenance closure)

- 4** *Summer Tennis Mixer Pizza Party, Tuesday 5:30*
- 7** *Fabulous First Friday, "Wild West"
Reservations from 5:30-8:30
Music by Joe Johnson from 6:30-9:30*
- 22** *Summer Sizzler Tennis Mixer, Saturday 11:00*

September Events

Snack Shop Closed - Refreshments in Mulligans

- 4** *Fabulous First Friday, "Favorite Sports Team"
Reservations from 5:30-8:30
Music by DJ Mike Cole from 6:30-9:30*
- 7** *Labor Day Golf Tournament 8:30 Shotgun
Labor Day BBQ Buffet 11:30-2:30, Monday*
- 8** *Summer Tennis Mixer Pizza Party, Tuesday 5:30*
- 22** *Hoop It Up Class, Tuesday 8:30*
- 22** *Free Fit Tip Hour, Tuesday 9:45*
- 26** *Summer Sizzler Tennis Mixer, Saturday 11:00*

*Stretch & Flex - Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30
(Check calendar for vacation dates in August)*

BOARD OF Governors

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President's Report

Skip Loper
skiloper@comcast.net

I wish to thank all those members who have participated in the "Listen-Up" communication program to date. Positive members providing positive suggestions remain the key to making Estero Country Club the oasis we all want it to be.

You may recall that, with the aid of a local architectural consultant, we are in the process of developing a Master Plan for the Clubhouse which will address and prioritize our needs – both now and in the future. At our June meeting, we approved the development of a similar Master Plan for the Course. Gordon Lewis, our course designer, will be pulling this together. I plan to update you on progress for both of these initiatives at our All Member Meeting scheduled for November 16th.

A major activity for Management and the Finance Committee during July is the development of the 2015-2016 Operating and Capital Budget. A final version will be approved by the Board on August 18th at our regularly scheduled meeting, after which the results will be communicated to you.

Continue to enjoy your summer. "Season" is just around the corner.

FABULOUS FIRST FRIDAY

September 4th

"Favorite Sports Team"

Music by DJ Mike Cole

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Reservations starting Wednesday, August 5th

Casual or Theme Attire

Guests Welcome

Buffet \$26++ Bar Menu Available

SALADS

Market Fresh Salad Bar
Chicken and Wild Rice Soup
Peel and Eat Shrimp Station

ENTRÉES

Chef Carved Beef Tenderloin –
Served with Au Jus and Creamy Horseradish Sauce
Grilled Chicken with Roasted Apples and a Buttermilk Maple Glaze
Grilled Salmon with Pineapple-Mango Salsa
Roasted Garlic Whipped Potato
Broccoli with Cheddar Sauce
Market Vegetables

DESSERT

Chocolate Layer Cake
Key Lime Pie
Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Tennis Report

Tom Funk, USTA
tennispro@@esterocc.com

This summer, tennis has been very busy with reciprocal play. Both the men and the ladies groups have been enjoying Round Robin tennis four to five mornings each week. Also, our Summer Mixers have been full most of the time. It is good to have everyone out and enjoying summer play. Just a reminder, drink plenty of fluids and use sun protection, even in the mornings especially with the high temperatures we have been experiencing. Our Junior Camp has finished strong. We had a slow start, with many children away on trips, but during the last half of summer, the entire group was back and had a great time with Golf and Tennis camp.

We will be getting ready for our fall leagues soon, so please email or call if you wish to play on a team and have not signed up yet. We have all levels, so don't feel you won't find a place. Men's, ladies or mixed teams all have space available if you're looking to join in. If team tennis is not your game, we also have many social groups and events that you will enjoy. We invite you to come out and let us help you find your spot on the courts. You can email, call or just stop in the Tennis Shop and we will assist you in fulfilling your tennis needs. Have a great summer of Tennis.



Summer Tennis Mixer



Superintendent's Report

Nathan Gingrich
supt@esterocc.com

It has been another action packed summer here at Estero CC. We have been able to do our normal aggressive aerifications on greens with the goal of improving their quality, or at the very least, maintaining it. Where we have spent more time and effort this summer is on fairways and approaches. On the approaches, we have made a concerted effort to make them play as firm as possible. In order to achieve this, we completed our normal verticutting, but have also increased the frequency with which we topdress our approaches. This will, in the end, create a fresh layer of sand and a firmer bounce. On the fairways, we had previously never used a verticutter. A verticutter is a machine that removes thatch creating a firmer bounce. The summer members have stood by us through these additions and even tolerated an extra day of closure so that we could finish the fairways. Gordon Lewis, our course architect, has been working on his land survey and will eventually use this work to produce a master plan for our golf course. Part of the discovery which occurs during this process, is finding out exactly how much smaller our greens have gotten over time. It has been very surprising for me to learn that several of our greens have shrunk in areas by as many as ten feet. It doesn't take an architectural degree to figure out that smaller greens are more difficult to hit. For those of you who are with us throughout the year, we thank you for your continuing patience as we work to improve the course. For those of you who are in the north and would like to dry out, feel free to come down to Florida and join us.



The pile next to our machine represents about 1/3 of the material removed from our fairways.



Aerification cores from greens being utilized to fix lake bank washouts. This not only saves us time, but takes something that would be considered trash and uses it to solve a problem.



General Manager's Report

Craig Rollinson, CCM, CCE
generalmanager@esterocc.com

We hope you are having a great summer up North! If not, come on down and spend some time with us!

Did you know that 40% of our members are now year round and all love their summers in Florida – streets are less busy and getting reservations at local restaurants (if you aren't eating at your club) are a breeze – which we do get every day from the Gulf! The Fourth of July holiday event had a full field and 143 joined us for the BBQ Buffet afterward!

This summer we will be implementing a New ForeTees phone application (App) for the convenience of our members.

Most of the features you have access to on the ForeTees website, will now be available on your portable devices. It will be available to our members as a free download – to be used on smart phones, tablets and even on an Apple watch! The App will give you access to book tee times, dinner and event reservations, court times and tournament registrations, and much more – all from your portable device.

We are currently testing its use in house and as soon as we launch it to the members, we will send you easy to follow detailed instructions.

Hope to see everyone at the Club soon - our next Fabulous First Friday, The Wild West is just around the corner!

THEATRE NIGHTS 2016

Barbara B. Mann

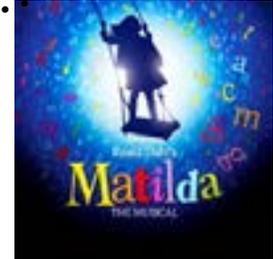
Orchestra Section Group Seating - Transportation is NOT provided



Sound of Music
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2016
7:30pm
\$79 per ticket

Purchase your tickets today!

Matilda
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2016
7:30pm
\$85 per ticket



Kinky Boots
SUNDAY, MARCH 20th, 2016
6:30pm
\$99 per ticket

Participation will need to be guaranteed in advance to secure tickets at group rates.

The Club will have to pay the deposits required by September 2015 to have this opportunity available to our members as a group.

Please contact Megan Lisay in Food & Beverage with any questions. Sign-up under the Dining/Events Tab online or call the club at 267-7000.

Dear ECC Members,

By now, you should have received your 2015-2016 Estero Country Club Directory update form in the mail. Please complete the form and return it to Lisa by August 15, 2015. If you would like a copy of the form emailed to you, please contact her. If we don't have your photo, or you would like a new picture, please forward asap. No Selfies please, only good quality high resolution photos for the publication will be used. Thank you for your help.

2015-2016 Directory Update

Please return by August 15, 2015



Do we have your photo?

You may mail your updated form to the Club, email it to communications@esterocc.com or fax it to 239-267-7005 by August 15, 2015. Please do not call in your response, we need a paper copy to include in your file.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR I/T COMMITTEE

What is Cyber Security?

Cyber Security is the protection of computers and computer systems against unauthorized attacks or intrusions, at home and in the office.

Why is Cyber Security a concern?

Our growing dependency on technology demands greater online security. The majority of cybercriminals are indiscriminate; they target computer systems regardless of whether they are part of a government agency, Fortune 500 Company, a small business, or belong to a home user.

Because of this ongoing threat, we intend to provide ongoing education including best practices and updates on security threats as we hear about them. This will help protect our members from nasty infections like “CryptoLocker” and vulnerabilities like “Shellshock” which have actually recently affected many business and personal computers.

Cyber Security Awareness

At minimum, we should adhere to the following basic security guidelines:

- Safeguard your Credentials - Set strong passwords, do not write them down and do not share your passwords with anybody. Don't be tricked into responding to emails or phone calls requesting confidential data – especially financial information.
- Think Before you Click - Don't let curiosity get the best of you. Always delete suspicious emails and use extreme caution with attachments and links within the email message.. Even opening or viewing these emails and links can compromise your computer and create unwanted problems without your knowledge. Never click on links within web browser pop-up windows. Remember, if something looks too good to be true, it probably is.
- Stay Alert - Pay attention to the internet sites you are visiting and make sure you are only accessing familiar, well-known and trusted websites.
- Say Something - Be sure to report any suspicious cyber security incidents to the person or business whose email you feel is being compromised.



TIP OF THE MONTH

When banking and shopping on line, be sure to check that the site is security enabled. Look for web addresses with “https://” or “shttp://”, which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. “Http://” is not secure!



Congratulations

<i>Judy O'Connor</i>	#5	1/28/2015
<i>Barbara Fishman</i>	#13	2/23/2015
<i>John Campanella</i>	#13	4/29/2015
<i>Steven Herman</i>	#5	5/4/2015
<i>Stephen Surdell</i>	#5	6/13/2015
<i>Cheryl Carnavale</i>	#8	6/14/2015
<i>Reece Peterson</i>	#5	6/28/2015

Heritage/Memorial Foundation

Thinking about a Memorial for a loved one at ECC?
Call Carol Berger 239-454-0195 or
Lisa Dillinger 239-267-7000
for information.



Membership Report

Colleen Sowerby
memberships@esterocc.com

It's not too late to be on our Sunset Cruise in January 2016 – refer a friend and when they join, you join us on board! As you can see by the newest member list below - we are going to have a good time!

Whoever said it is summer and it is hot in Florida, must be right – real estate has been hot (only a few homes left in The Vines and less than 10 in Belle Lago). New membership since May has been hot as well thanks to the referrals many of you have made. Please help us welcome the new members of our family to ECC!

You may have noticed when logging into the web page, that there is a CAPTCHA code to enter. This is in an effort to secure your personal information found on our web page. Our web company indicated from activity observed (robots sending spam etc.) that it was a necessary addition. We apologize for this additional step, but it is to protect us all.



**INVITE A FRIEND
to come out of the cold!**

Invite your friends to experience Estero Country Club this season! We're waiting for them—and so are the sunsets. As a Thank You for sponsoring a new member this season or upgrading your membership to "golf," we will be hosting a beautiful sunset cruise on the Gulf of Mexico as our Thank You to you and your friends!



A Sunset Cruise on the Gulf waters is our Thank You to you!

Contact the Membership Office, and let's get you—and your friends—on board!

memberships@esterocc.com
or (239) 267-7000
Expires December 31, 2015

ECC Welcomes Our Newest Members

Mr. & Mrs. James Boeglin (Jan)

Golf - Bonita Springs
9899 El Greco Circle
239-287-6241
jimboeglin@comcast.net
janboeglin@comcast.net

Mr. & Mrs. Art Duel (Kathleen)

Golf - CT
19361 Silver Oak Drive
203-984-6661
artduelfl@gmail.com
kmduel@gmail.com

Mr. & Mrs. Vance Fisher (Linda)

Golf - Bonita Springs
9941 Ortega Lane
239-948-5722
Golfnut32101@gmail.com

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Friedman (Bobbi)

Social - MN
8421-4 Southbridge Drive
763-226-0667
ldfriedman@aol.com

Mr. & Mrs. David Grenville (Carol)

Social - MN
8511 Fairway Bend Drive
248-444-6906
dgrenville@comcast.net

Mr. & Mrs. John Homm (Linda)

Social - OH
8549 Fairway Bend
440-522-7324
jlhinv@gmail.com

Mr. George Lehner & Ms. Leslie Ryan

Social - OH
19349 Silver Oak Drive
614-395-5005
george.lehner@yahoo.com

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Miller (Eve)

Golf - Bonita Springs
10590 Woodchuck Lane
239-425-5582
millermar@comcast.net

Mr. Mark Mitchell & Ms. Theresa Verre

Golf - Bella Terra
20597 Larino Loop
239-676-9295
trashandgrease17@msn.com

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Purinton (Linda)

Social
8211-4 Grand Palm Drive
860-202-2540
Cl2beach@hotmail.com

Mr. & Mrs. David Schwerdtfeger (Jenny)

Golf - Corkscrew Shores
410-591-3250
David.schwerdtfeger@gmail.com
Adejenny43@gmail.com

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thullen (Teresa)

Social
19664 Lost Creek Drive
239-908-1271
gmthullen@comcast.net

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Wagner (Kathleen)

Social - New Mexico
19709 Vintage Trace Circle
847-502-4463
W3240@comcast.net
kawagner@comcast.net

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Wiles (Christine)

Social
8527 Fairway Bend
239-671-3203
Chriswiles1@mac.com

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Zeo (Deborah)

Golf - Emerson Square
5602 Whispering Willow Way
239-466-1062
cdzeio@yahoo.com

Please Welcome Our Newest Summer Members

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Straus (Audrey)
Mr. James Roberto & Ms. Margaret Watts
Mr. Lynnwood Wright
Mr. & Mrs. William Soll (Astrid)
Mr. Daniel Gonzalez

Upgraded to Summer Golf

*Mr. & Mrs. Tom Neagle (Angela)
Ms. Linda McFadden*



Dear Lady Golfers,

We hope you are enjoying your summer and anticipating the 2015-2016 golf season. We are extending an invitation to you to join one or both of the ladies' associations at Estero CC.

The Estero Ladies' Golf Association (ELGA) is the 18 hole league. This group plays on Tuesdays and offers a variety of individual and team games with lunch following. Opening Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Dues are \$50 for the season, payable by November 1, 2015.

The Estero Nine Hole Ladies' Golf Association (ENHLGA) is the 9 hole league. The nine hole group plays on Wednesdays. Opening day is Wednesday, November 4, 2015. Dues are \$35 for the season, payable by November 1, 2015.

If you choose to join both leagues, please duplicate the form below and send the forms and separate dues checks to the contacts listed below. If you have questions, please contact JoAnn Squillante (18 hole ladies) or Pat Taliaferro (9 hole ladies).

Sincerely,

JoAnn Squillante
Treasurer, ELGA (18 hole league)
508-989-3420

Pat Taliaferro
Treasurer, ENHLGA (9 hole league)
913-484-1014

Name: _____ Florida Phone: _____

Florida Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Check here if you do not want to receive emails from the ELGA or ENHLGA

(18 hole ladies - mail \$50 check payable to ELGA to JoAnn Squillante, c/o Estero Country Club, 19501 Vintage Trace Circle or give it to the staff in the pro shop.)

(9 hole ladies - mail \$35 check payable to ECC Ladies Nine Hole to Pat Taliaferro, c/o Estero Country Club, 19501 Vintage Trace Circle or give it to the staff in the proshop.)

Golf Report

Ben Pittman, PGA
golfpro@esterocc.com

The summer season has arrived in earnest, and the customary weather patterns are with us for a while. A large part of those weather patterns is the huge amount of lightning that goes hand in hand with our afternoon rains . . . they don't call us the "lightning capital of the world" for no reason! As you are probably aware, we have recently upgraded our lightning warning system in an effort to provide you with the most accurate warnings possible.

When the conditions are present to generate lightning, players will be warned by our ThorGuard Lightning Prediction System which sounds ONE prolonged blast to signal the suspension of play. All players should leave their respective holes immediately and either return to the clubhouse or go to a lightning rod equipped shelter. When the threat has passed, the resumption of play will be signaled by THREE five-second blasts.

When lightning is present please follow these guidelines:

SEEK:

- Clubhouse
- Maintenance buildings
- On-Course buildings
- Automobiles/Trucks
- Lightning Shelters

When one of the above is not available, seek dense woods or low lying areas

AVOID:

- Open Areas
- Water
- Tall Trees
- Metal Fences
- Overhead Wires & Power Lines
- Elevated Ground
- Golf Carts
- Cellular Phones
- Radios



FABULOUS FIRST FRIDAY AUGUST 7TH

WILD WEST

Music by
Joe Johnson
6:30pm-9:30pm

Reservations
Available

Casual or Theme
Attire
Guests Welcome

Buffet \$26++
Bar Menu Available

STARTERS

Build Your Own Wedge Salad
Tomato Basil Bisque
Peel and Eat Shrimp Station

ENTRÉES

Chef Carved Roasted Prime Rib – Served with
Au Jus and Creamy Horseradish Sauce
Fontina Chicken with Three Olive Butter
Grilled Mahi with Pomegranate Butter and Pistachios
Home-style Loaded Potatoes
Green Beans Amandine
Market Vegetables

DESSERT

Chocolate Cake
Oreo Pie
Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Labor Day Golf Tournament & BBQ
Monday, September 7th, 2015


FOLDS of HONOR
FOUNDATION

Mission: To provide educational scholarships to the families of killed or disabled American military – the heroes who stand guard over our freedom.

Donation Board available in the Golf Shop.



8:30 Shotgun - 4 person scramble

11:30-2:30 BBQ

\$17.64 inclusive non-golfer BBQ

\$22.64 inclusive golf & BBQ

BBQ Buffet

Fresh Market Salad Bar

Potato Salad

Broccoli Salad

Fresh Fruit Bowl

Grilled Hamburgers

All Beef Hotdogs

BBQ Pulled Pork

House-made Chips

Baked Beans

Fresh Baked Fruit Pies and ECC Ice Cream Bar