

## **Mission**

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

### June Events

- 1 *Gin Group, Cocktails 5:00 & Dinner 6:15, Gin 7:00*
- 3 ***Fabulous First Friday, "Pink Flamingo Party"***  
***Entertainment by Frank Torino, 6:30-9:30***
- 7 *Summer Hold 'em Tennis Mixer, 5:30*
- 7-9 *Golf Course Closed for Maintenance*  
*Golf Shop Open 7am - 12pm*
- 15 *Gin Group, Cocktails 5:00 & Dinner 6:15, Gin 7:00*
- 18 *Summer Hold 'em Tennis Mixer, 11:00*
- 21-22 *Golf Course Closed for Maintenance*

### July Events

- 4 ***July 4th Golf Scramble and BBQ***  
***8:30 Shotgun, BBQ 11:00-2:00***
- 5 *Summer Hold 'em Tennis Mixer, 5:30*
- 8 ***Fabulous "Second" Friday, "Disco Party"***  
***Entertainment by DJ Mike Cole, 6:30-9:30***
- 13 *Gin Group, Cocktails 5:00 & Dinner 6:15, Gin 7:00*
- 18,20,21 *Golf Course Closed for Maintenance*  
*Golf Shop Open 7am - 12pm (Closed Tuesday)*
- 23 *Summer Hold 'em Tennis Mixer, 11:00*
- 27 *Gin Group, Cocktails 5:00 & Dinner 6:15, Gin 7:00*

*Stretch & Flex on Vacation June 23 - July 18*  
*Happy Hour Wednesdays 5:00pm - 8:00pm*

### **Fabulous First Friday, June 3rd**

***Pink Flamingo Party***  
***with entertainment by Frank Torino***

Prime Rib Buffet \$28++  
Call the Club for reservations

### BOARD OF Governors

Skip Loper - President  
Bob MacDougall - Vice President  
Barry Freedman - Secretary  
Tom Spaeth - Treasurer  
Karen Adair  
Paul Clark  
Don DiBrita  
Mike Kennedy  
Margo Newell

### Committee Chairs

Finance - Tom Spaeth  
Golf - Paul Clark  
Greens - Mike Kennedy  
Grievance - Karen Adair  
Heritage/Memorial - Karen Adair  
House & Entertainment - Don DiBrita  
Legal & By-Laws - Tom Spaeth  
Long Range Planning -  
Barry Freedman  
Membership & Marketing -  
Margo Newell  
Personnel - Karen Adair  
Property - Bob MacDougall  
Tennis - Skip Loper

## *President's Report*

Skip Loper  
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It's hard to believe that we find ourselves once again at the end of "season". I hope everyone has a healthy, happy and safe summer and, on behalf of the Board and management, we look forward to next year and another activity filled experience.

Summer doesn't really slow down for the Board or our various committees. We meet at least monthly and will be resolving such things as: the schedule of tournaments and social events for next year and the Budget/Dues requirements for Fiscal 2016/2017. We will also continue the development of the Master Plan – including the costs and funding requirements. As previously communicated, we will review the entire plan in the fall with as many members as possible in a series of Town Hall meetings. After you have reviewed the plans and had an opportunity for comments/suggestions, we plan to have a membership vote - hopefully in November - to determine whether we move forward. If the vote is positive, we anticipate the modifications to the course and clubhouse will begin in the summer of 2018.

Relax and enjoy your summer - wherever your destination(s). Your Club is in good hands!



**Chuck Gagnier**

### **Good News!**

Sales of the photobook "Wildlife by God" have reached the original goal of 25. As promised, 50% of the proceeds from the sale of the first 25 books or \$1,000, has been donated by Chuck and Dolores Gagnier to the ECC Heritage/Memorial Foundation.

*Thank you for your support of this project!*

## ***ECC- HERITAGE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE***

Do you have ideas for projects that would improve or beautify any part of Estero Country Club? If so, the Heritage Memorial Committee would like to hear from you. The committee was formed to allow individuals or groups to honor or memorialize other members, by suggesting projects that are special or will enhance the appearance of the Club grounds. Past projects have included the flag pole in front of the Clubhouse, the fountain between holes #7 and #9, canopies and benches for the tennis courts and memorial tree plantings on the golf course. A new "Estero Country Club" sign at the entrance to the clubhouse was recently approved and will begin construction this summer, pending construction permits. To see a list of all completed projects visit the plaque near the member's office.

If you have a project or ideas, please contact the committee (Karen Adair at [kfadair1954@gmail.com](mailto:kfadair1954@gmail.com)) with the information. If you are interested in initiating a project, a form from the committee will need to be obtained and completed. Both committee and board approvals are required prior to getting the project started.

*Karen Adair, Heritage/Memorial Committee Chair*

## *General Manager's Report*

Craig Rollinson, CCM, CCE  
[generalmanager@esterocc.com](mailto:generalmanager@esterocc.com)

Happy Summer! For those of you spending the summer here in Florida, the ECC crew has some great things in store. Here are the highlights, but look at your ForeTees emails for the details.

- Every Wednesday night is Happy Hour, which just got a little happier. \$5++ endless glass of house wine while dining with purchase of entrée.
- Every Friday night we are featuring a great entrée special coupled with ½ price bottles of wine from our complete wine menu.
- The Chef is rolling out a new Summer menu starting Wednesday, June 1st. There will be many new offerings with an expanded small bites section. Not hungry for a big meal, enjoy the extensive list of appetizers.
- Looking for competitive golf this summer? For a \$10 entry fee the golf shop is running different competitive games on Monday, June 6th, Friday, July 15th, Friday, August 12th and Friday, Sept. 23rd. Sign-up on ForeTees and play anytime that day. Pick up your scorecard in the Golf Shop.
- Tennis is running Adult Camps June-August. Are your kids/grandchildren in town this summer or do you know others with kids ages 6-16? Then the Kids Summer Tennis Camp is the place to be. Details are in this newsletter.

Summer, as always, is the time staff & committees start planning activities for next season. The House & Entertainment committee is interested in any ideas you may have. Please email your suggestions to [listenup@esterocc.com](mailto:listenup@esterocc.com). Have a terrific summer!!!





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Ages 6 -16

All Skill Levels

Come for one day, one week, or all summer!

Camps begin June 13th - August 4th

Daily Schedule (Monday - Thursday)

11:00 - 12:30 Tennis Workout

12:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 Match Play Games

Daily Camp Fees:

Tennis Camp: \$30

Lunch \$10

Weekly Camp Fees:

Tennis Camp: \$110

Lunch \$40

Add \$4 per day for either Pre and/or Post Camp

Discount for multiple children enrolled in camp.

### Tennis Report

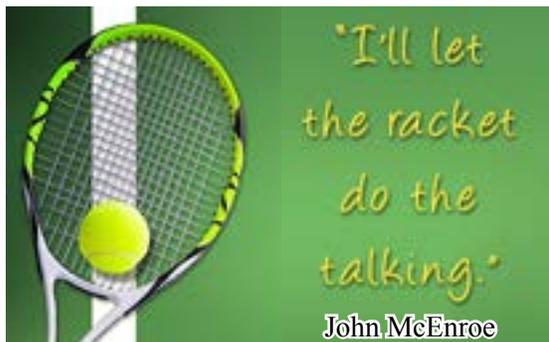
Tom Funk, USTA

tennispro@@esterocc.com

Since we are officially in summer, let me remind all our players to hydrate before, during and after play. Also, don't forget the sunscreen.

Our reciprocal play offers all our members an opportunity to play matches throughout the summer. If you need any information or assistance with finding or signing up for summer play, please email or call us in the pro shop for help.

Our Summer Adult Tennis Camps will be running in June, July and August. Our Club, along with Gateway Country Club, will be hosting the Two Day events. Attendees will be learning shot play and selection, play strategies for doubles and then will play in the Davis Cup Format Matches. Sign-up will be on ForeTees or through the tennis shop. Player numbers are limited, so reserve your spot early.



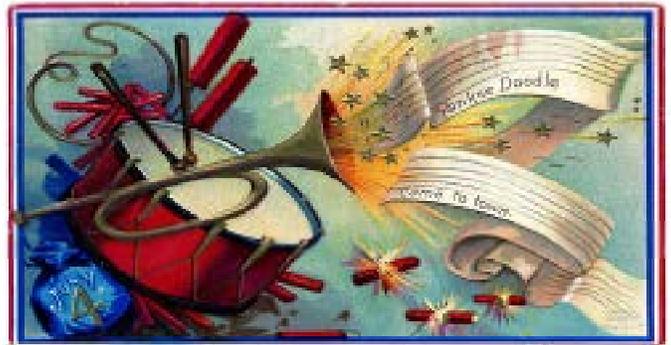
### Superintendent's Report

Nathan Gingrich

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### Aerification

I would like to begin by dispelling any myths about golf course superintendents enjoying aerification and the resulting interruption to play. The Club's commitment to aerification is one of the primary reasons we were able to maintain our playing conditions on some of the oldest greens in the area through the most difficult winter in the last 75 years. Aerification occurs during the summer months primarily because of the turf's ability to recover from it during warmer growing conditions and has less to do with the snowbirds leaving than one might think. Double cutting, height of cut reductions, and rolling all result in high green speeds and aerification removes the resulting compaction giving the turf a chance to breathe again. Summer aerification also removes the organic matter resulting from a season worth of growth. This is important because organic matter clogs the pores where the soil would hold water, nutrients, and air which the turf draws upon through the root system for survival. Aerification will remain an important focus of our summer with 3 aerifications scheduled for greens and two scheduled for all other playing surfaces. For those of you who will be with us though the summer, we thank you all for your patience while we complete these vital practices. For those of you who have returned north for the summer, apply that same patience to your superintendent when he aerifies your perfectly good greens in September/October.



## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

Monday, July 4th

8:30 Shotgun - 4 person Scramble

11:00-2:00 BBQ for Everyone

\$25.30 inclusive Golf Tournament & BBQ

\$20.16 inclusive non-golfer BBQ

Buffet to include:

Grilled Vegetable Platter, Ambrosia  
Potato Salad, Italian Cucumber & Tomato Salad

Char-Grilled Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

Fried Chicken

Macaroni and Cheese

Baked Beans

Crispy Potato Wedges

Ice Cream Buffet & Sweets



# *ECC Dinner & Wine Specials*

## *June & July*

### *Wednesday Nights - 5:30-7:00pm*

*\$5.00++ Endless Glass of House Wine -  
Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot, White Zinfandel, Pinot Grigio  
(while dining with purchase of entrée)*

*Happy Hour - 5:00 pm-8:00 pm  
50% off - Tap Beer, House Wine,  
All House Brand Liquor (single liquor well drinks)  
20% off - Premium Liquor & Bottled Beer  
(and all multiple liquor mixed drinks)  
20% off - Appetizers*

### *Friday Nights*

*1/2 Price Bottles of Wine  
Choose any bottle on the wine list and enjoy at 50% off*

#### *Friday Dinner Specials -*

*June 3rd - FFF with a Prime Rib Buffet \$28++*

*June 10th - All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$16++*

*June 17th - Turkey Dinner Special \$16++*

*June 24th - Full Rack of Baby Back Ribs \$22++*

*July 1st - Surf & Turf \$42++*

*(5 oz. Filet & 7 oz. Maine Lobster Tail)*

*July 8th - FSF with a Tenderloin Buffet \$28++*

*July 15th - All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$16++*

*July 22nd - Turkey Dinner Special \$16++*

*July 29th - Full Rack of Baby Back Ribs \$22++*

# ECC Board/Committee Roster 2016-2017

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### Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Skip Loper</b>	skiploper@comcast.net	617-312-8868
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Bob MacDougall</b>	bobmac192@comcast.net	317-398-4724
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Barry Freedman</b>	bfreedman9@gmail.com	978-239-8813
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tom Spaeth</b>	spaethrtom@yahoo.com	309-314-9203

### Board of Governors

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<b>Mike Kennedy</b>	mick@vms3@gmail.com	363-213-8744
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### Committees

#### Executive

Skip Loper  
Don DiBrito, Barry Freedman, Bob MacDougall, Tom Spaeth

#### Finance

Tom Spaeth  
Jeff Adair, Bob Collins, Victor DiEras, Robert Griswold, Mike Lanciotti, Tom Young

#### Golf

Paul Clark  
HW Collins, Judy Freedman, Paul Minne, Mark Mitchell, Jim Scully, JoAnn Squillante, Tina Williams

#### Golfers

Mike Kennedy  
Halp Ahwach, Gloria Beck, Steve Bennett, Bob Curtis, Doug Dalrymple, Joe McAway, Roscoe Peterson, Pat Taliaferro

#### Golfcourse

Karen Adair  
Carol Berger, Don DiBrito, Celia Rizer, Bob MacDougall

#### Heritage/Memorial

Karen Adair  
Carol Berger, Sylvia Curtis, Pat Klebla, Joe McAway, Gail McCracken

#### House of Entertainment

Don DiBrito  
Steve Bennett, Wensly Healy, Vicki Jackson, Nancy Scully, Susan Scully, Lorie Sarstein, Chip Strapp, Pam Wortman

#### Lawn/Relax

Tom Spaeth  
Harry Besch, Carol Berger, Bob Collins, Mike Meersman, Joe Schnellkopf

#### Lawn Service/Plumbing & Master Facilities

Barry Freedman  
Karen Adair, Don DeBello, Jane Jiro, Mike Kennedy, Dale Kowitz, Bob MacDougall, Joe McAway, Diane Yurkewicz

#### Memberships/Registration

Marga Messel  
Claire Cornstock, Judy Freedman, Mike Kennedy, Ann Kobshak, Char McCarthy, Gail McCracken, Chip Strapp, Ed Weiser

#### Recreation

Skip Loper  
TBD

#### Resound

Karen Adair  
Agatha Graham, Joe Smith, Rick Taliaferro

#### Property

Bob MacDougall  
td

#### Tennis

Skip Loper  
Wensly Healy, Jack Klebla, Judy Latte, John Mayberry, Celia Rizer, Lorie Sarstein, Kathie Wagner

#### Master Golf Sub-Committee

Mike Kennedy  
Steve Bennett, Joe McAway, Beth McCann, Gregg Shires, Tina Williams

#### Master Clubhouse Sub-committee

Bob MacDougall  
Tom Hochwarter, Dick Hopkins, Dale Kowitz, Lorie Sarstein, Linda Strahlendorf, Barb Wallingford

#### Technology and Inc

Don DiBrito  
td

## Membership Report

Colleen Sowerby  
Membership Sales Director  
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I hope those of you who have travelled to your “home away from home” have arrived safely and will enjoy a wonderful summer with friends and family. We hope you keep us top of mind when talking with friends about where you spend the winter months – the Paradise Coast of SWFL – more importantly at Estero Country Club. We hope you refer them to the Club and help us continue to grow our membership. For our “full time” members, newest members, and summer golf members, we look forward to providing you with a summer to remember - with great food, golf, tennis and member events. Please always let us know how we can make your experience the “best”! For those who don’t know us “yet”, you can help us reach them on the world-wide web. Visit our Facebook page, follow us on Twitter and visit the Club’s web page often. Every time you like us, or click into the web page – Google loves us more and moves us closer to the top of the search pages for others to find us!

If you haven’t downloaded our ForeTees App onto your personal iPhone, Android or iPad there is no better time to do it...visit the member’s side of the web page, click the “How To” box and it will take you step by step through the process. If you need help, please do not hesitate to contact one of us and we will walk you through the steps. The App eliminates “logging in” and very efficiently gets you into tee time reservations, tennis court bookings, and dinner and event registration. We are striving to have 100% of our members with the app by November 1.

### ***Question of the Month:***

While I am at my northern club this summer, I may have family come down to stay at my place at The Vines. Should I let the club know so that my family member can use the club?

Answer: All houseguests should be registered with the Club during their stay. We have a “houseguest form” you can request. This form is distributed to all departments. Your houseguest will be accorded the privileges of your membership during their stay with us at The Vines and at the Club. See the “tab” Club Rules on the member’s side of the web page for more information about the Club’s guest policy.

We look forward to welcoming them and providing an outstanding Estero experience while visiting your club.

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST EQUITY MEMBERS

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### **Welcome to our Summer Golf Members**

Ashish & Devki Adi and family

Lawrence & Sharon Battista and family

Bob & Candy Boothe

William & Colleen Brown and family

Scott Fogel

Howard & Anita Guarini

Kevin & Molly King and family

George Lehner & Leslie Ryan

Jay Livingston

Kenneth & Marti Monde, Sr.

Kenneth & Anthi Monde, Jr.

John & Paige Pine

Brian & Melanie Rasnick and family

Stephen & Joanne Rasnick

Roy & Patricia Sadler

Joseph & Colette Saigh

Amy Velyvis

Kevin & Julie Waldron

Scott & Kelly Zavitz



The heat of summer is upon us . . . at least those of us that stay in SW Florida year round. It is a transition time for us, as we welcome our new summer members, reciprocal club members, and PGA Pass holders. Morning tee times have become a precious commodity, and we want you to be able to continue to secure those times and still be able to participate in some competition. It is with that goal in mind that we have introduced the ECC Summer Series of events. Once a month you are able to participate in a friendly competition without having to change your schedule or play outside of your normal summer group. Each game is an individual event where all you have to do is register on ForeTees so that we know you would like to participate. We will prepare a scorecard for you. You stop in the shop prior to teeing off to pick up your official card. Return that official card at the completion of your round, and we will tabulate the results and post them on ForeTees for everyone to see. Prizes for the winners will be in the form of Golf Shop credit.

***The next events are:***

Monday, June 6th -

Summer Series #2: Individual Stroke Play (Gross/Net)

A stroke play game. There are two scoring divisions, gross and net. Gross is the true score you shoot for 18 holes and Net is your score with your handicap deducted following play.

Friday, July 15th -

Summer Series #3: Beat the Pro (Net)

On the day of competition one of the Golf Professionals will play a round and record a gross score. Your goal is to beat the Professional's gross score with your net score.

We hope that the addition of some fun, casual events will provide some good competition without disrupting anyone's plans. Please log on to ForeTees to register . . . the more who play, the better the competition, and the payouts!



***Congratulations***

<b><i>Tom Wortman</i></b>	<b><i>March 25th</i></b>	<b><i>Hole #5</i></b>
<b><i>Tony Williams</i></b>	<b><i>March 27th</i></b>	<b><i>Hole #17</i></b>
<b><i>Daisy Schrader</i></b>	<b><i>April 15th</i></b>	<b><i>Hole #8</i></b>
<b><i>Bob Curtis</i></b>	<b><i>April 16th</i></b>	<b><i>Hole #5</i></b>
<b><i>Claire Hallisey</i></b>	<b><i>April 28th</i></b>	<b><i>Hole #8</i></b>
<b><i>Bob Kant</i></b>	<b><i>May 20th</i></b>	<b><i>Hole #5</i></b>



***Men's Interclub 1st Place Winners!***



**2016 Interclub Players**

John Campanella, RW Collins, Bob Curtis, Dom DeBello, Rick Hayman, Bill Jardine, Mike Kennedy, Jim Klemp, Dan Lawrence, Larry Lochner, Skip Loper, Freeman Mast, Joe McAvoy, Mark Mitchell, Bill Okoniewski, Sal Passalacqua, Bill Rigby, Bob Ruderman, Tom Rush, Gregg Shires, John Side, Chip Strapp, Steve Surdell, Jim Weir



2016-2017  
Club Calendar

It's that time again!  
We are looking for  
wildlife/nature photos,  
taken in The Vines, to use in  
our calendar for next year.  
If you have a photo you  
would like to submit,  
please send it as an attachment  
in an email to:  
communications@esterocc.com.



# BIRD HOUSE REPORT

MAY 2016



*We are happy to report that as of May 9 there are  
3 families in our bird nest boxes.*

*A great crested flycatcher with 5 hatchlings  
A red bellied woodpecker with 4 eggs  
An a screech owl with 3 hatchlings*

*Brian Beckner of Native Bird Boxes.*

Brian's company provides the following services to ECC:

- \* Maintains all boxes including repair & installation
- \* Performs quarterly bird counts of each box on property
- \* Tracks all types of bird either physically seen or heard during quarterly bird counts
  - \* Records all information

Sponsored by the Outreach and Education Committee of our  
Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses.

## Fabulous "Second" Friday



*"Disco Party"*

*Friday, July 8th*

*Entertainment by DJ Mike Cole*

*6:30pm-9:30pm*

*Reservations available 5:30 - 8:30*

*Casual Attire Guests Welcome*

*Bar Menu Also Available*



### *Beef Tenderloin Buffet \$28++*

with Wedge Salad Station, Manhattan  
Clam Chowder, Peel & Eat Shrimp,  
Chicken Marsala, Grilled Mahi Mahi,  
Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Market Vegetables  
Selection of Desserts and  
ECC Ice Cream Sundae Bar