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# Life & Times

## Estero Country Club at The Vines

### May/June 2018

### Mission

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

### Board of Governors

Claire Comstock - President  
Greg Bonnell - Vice President  
Karen Adair - Secretary  
Debbi Berit - Treasurer  
Tom Hochworter  
Mike Kennedy  
Mike Meersman  
Mark Mitchell  
Margo Newell

### Committee Chairs

Finance - Debbi Berit  
Golf - Mark Mitchell  
Greens - Greg Bonnell  
Grievance - Margo Newell  
Heritage/Memorial - Margo Newell  
House & Entertainment - Karen Adair  
Legal & By-Laws - Claire Comstock  
Long Range Planning - Mike Kennedy  
Membership & Marketing - Mike Meersman  
Personnel - Margo Newell  
Property - Tom Hochworter  
Tennis - Tom Hochworter

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day!*

*Happy Hour Wednesdays & Fridays 5-8pm*  
*Stretch & Flex Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30am*  
*Pickleball Thursdays, 4pm*

**The Clubhouse is Open  
this Summer -  
during the  
golf course restoration.**  
*Please support your Club!*

### May - July 2018

#### *Snack Shop*

Closed

#### *Lunch*

Wednesday - Friday, 11am - 2pm

#### *Breakfast Buffet*

Saturdays, 9am - 1pm

(see calendar for closed dates due to outside events)

#### *Dinner*

Wednesday & Friday, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

#### Clubhouse Closed

August 1 - September 2nd

Re-open on Labor Day

### September

#### *Snack Shop*

Closed

#### *Lunch*

Tuesday - Friday, 11am - 2pm

#### *Dinner*

Wednesday & Friday, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

## *President's Report*

ClaireComstock

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We have come to the end of another golf season, albeit earlier than in prior years, and many of you have returned to your summer residences. This season had its challenges, and we appreciate your patience and support as we repaired damage caused by Hurricane Irma and began our golf course restoration project. Your support of our food and beverage operations, guest entertaining, and new member referrals have contributed directly to our bottom line. As of the end of March our net operating income is \$35,600 better than the same 5 month period last year, providing us with an important cushion as we enter the summer months.

Course restoration became a full-time activity on April 11 and I encourage you to follow our progress throughout the summer. We will send emails on Tuesdays and update Facebook on Wednesdays when we have important progress to share. Some weeks we will just be watching grass grow! In addition to wishing for the right amount of rain at the right time, you can help TJ and his team by staying off the golf course until further notice. This includes riding in carts, biking, fishing, and walking even if on the paths. We now live on an active construction site and once grass is planted, our course will require even more TLC. We expect to begin making drone videos soon, and these along with still photos will give you a bird's eye view of where everything stands. It is truly an exciting time for our Club!

Our committees are not taking the summer off as there is much to do in anticipation of the 2018/2019 season. The Finance Committee begins budgeting for the next fiscal year in May. The Golf and House/Entertainment committees are finalizing schedules and Fitness is completing recommendations that enhance our facility. The Long Range Planning Committee has compiled information obtained from over 175 members as part of focus groups in February. We will publish key findings soon and this information will drive the Committee's and your Board's work going forward. Have a happy, healthy, and enjoyable summer!

Claire

## **Fabulous First Friday**

**Friday, May 4, 2018**



*Reservations*  
**5:30 - 8:30pm**  
*Casual Attire*  
*Guests Welcome*  
*Bar Menu Available*

**Entertainment - The Dexter Wilks Show**

### *Soup and Salad*

Build Your Own Wedge Salad - Iceberg Wedges, Blue Cheese Crumbles, Bacon Bits, Diced Tomatoes with Blue Cheese Dressing and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Chicken Tortilla Soup

Peel and Eat Shrimp Station

**\$28++**

### *ENTREES*

*Chef Carved Roasted Prime Rib* - served with Au Jus and Creamy Horseradish Sauce

*Seared Chicken* with Caramelized Onions and Peppers, Chipotle Butter and Cilantro Chimichurri

*Grilled Salmon* with Salsa Verde and

Spanish Romesco Sauce

Herb Roasted Red Potatoes

Mexican Corn

Market Vegetables

### *Sweets and Treats*

A collection of dessert selections and our

ECC Ice Cream Sundae Bar

## **Fabulous First Friday**



### **"Studio 54 Disco Party"**

**Friday, June 1st, 2018**

Entertainment by Kelley & Shelley

**6:30pm-9:30pm**

Reservations available 5:30 - 8:30

*Casual Attire* *Guests Welcome*

*Bar Menu Also Available*



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



## Superintendent's Report

T.J. Shine  
supt@esterocc.com

After an outstanding season here at Estero Country Club our golf course restoration project is officially underway. It will be a busy few months for us in the golf course maintenance department, but we are looking forward to the challenge.

Although we do have a General Contractor, Clarke Construction for the project, there are many tasks that are going to be completed "in-house" by our staff. The removal of landscape plantings at the clubhouse as well as various areas around the course will be our first order of business. New irrigation around the clubhouse will be installed during the month of May and we will begin installing new plant material shortly thereafter. There are numerous areas on the course where we will be making irrigation improvements, modifications and adding temporary irrigation to get new plants and trees established.

There is no doubt that the success of this project will require a great deal of teamwork amongst all departments. One of our primary goals is to ensure that all full-time employees remain employed here at Estero Country Club. We are fortunate enough to have employees from other departments such as the kitchen and golf staff that are going to be joining us for shifts throughout the summer to help make the project a success. We are grateful that they are willing to come outside and join the golf maintenance team this summer and help us all over the course and clubhouse.

Throughout this project we are going to encounter some negative side effects of a job with this magnitude. One of the primary concerns is the amount of dust that will be created. Please be assured that we will do everything we can to minimize the amount of dust, dirt and debris that may be carried via wind throughout the property. As the summer rains approach, much of this will be controlled as the ground becomes saturated. Until this time, we will do everything in our power to limit the dust.

## 18th Annual Gin Rummy Tournament

*Winner  
Paul Minne*

**Congratulations!**

## General Manager's Report

Craig Rollinson, CCM, CCE  
generalmanager@esterocc.com

It is that time of year again when members start heading North. For those of you who stay or come back to visit periodically, keep in mind that the Club will be open for Lunch Wednesday – Friday, Breakfast Buffet on Saturdays and Dinner service Wednesday & Friday evenings. Please support your Club and our Food & Beverage employees.

The golf course construction project is well underway and on schedule. Let's keep our fingers crossed. There is a lot of heavy equipment and dangerous terrain on the course so please obey the signs and stay clear of the golf course.

Despite our golf course being closed the Club has arranged for 10 reciprocal clubs to play at with cart fee only ranging from \$23 - \$30 per player May thru October. This is a great opportunity to play some great clubs for the price of a cart fee. The participating clubs are:

Copperleaf	\$28	Lexington	\$24
Crown Colony	\$30	Miromar Lakes	\$25
Cypress Lake	\$23	Pelican Sound	\$24
Dunes at Sanibel	\$26	Spring Run	\$27
Forest	\$30	Vasari	\$24

# GAME NIGHT

## Wednesday, May 16, 2018

*Indoor games of all kinds will be available throughout the clubhouse.*

**CORN HOLE, CHECKERS, CONNECT 4, JENGA & MORE  
OR BRING YOUR OWN GAME**

**Regular a la carte menu with a Burger Bar too!**

**Serving from 5:30 - 8:30  
please make reservations on ForeTees or call the Club.**

**Grab a few friends and come join us for  
fun and great food!**



## *Membership Report*

Colleen Sowerby, Membership Sales Director  
memberships@esterocc.com

The staff is so excited to see the progress already taking place outside our windows every day. While it looks like my favorite show's best line "demo day" .... you know how those demos turn into the most beautiful houses you have ever seen – we know that is what we will all see soon enough. My 2017 May newsletter article spoke about April showers bring May flowers, what we want this year is plants in the ground and summer showers to make everything grow for your return.

The Membership office continues to welcome new members thanks to your referrals. We are closing on five houses in The Vines between now and the end of May and of those 2 are golf, 1 is social and 2 are sport.

We have many inquiries already for 2019 Season rentals. If you are considering renting, even if just for a month, please contact me and we will try to get you the names of some prospective renters and make a connection. Have a great summer everyone.

## *Welcome New Members*

*Please extend a warm greeting to the newest members of our ECC family.*

### ***John and Joan Distler***

Social – Fairway Bend

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Blaymires who have referred their friends from Kentucky.



### ***Clayton and Marlene Johnson***

Social – Silver Oak

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Hoene for referring the Johnsons from Minnesota.



### ***Philip and Marilyn Mathis***

Social – Southwind

Mr. and Mrs. Mathis when not in SWFL are from Murfreesboro, TN. They both have been in the field of education and are looking forward to time off here at The Vines.



### ***Keith and Debra Savoie***

Sport – Grand Palm

We have their good friends Mr. and Mrs. Kelley to thank for referring the Savoies to become part of the family. When not spending time at their Vines home the Savoies are working in Feeding Hills, Mass.

### ***Dennis Sobieski and Angie Zotos***

Golf – Silver Oak

A month of referrals and no exception Dennis and Angie who will be joining fellow friends and members the Killackeys, Corrados, Gerbers and Grecos! They found us from Park Ridge, IL.



## Golf Report

Ben Pittman, PGA  
golfpro@esterocc.com

On behalf of all the Golf Department Staff, thank you for a great season! As members, you have had to endure a lot of challenges over the past 6-8 months. It all started with Hurricane Irma unleashing on us and necessitating heroic efforts by everyone to try and restore some sense of normalcy. Slowly but surely, TJ and his staff got the golf course into remarkable condition. But even then, there were endless obstacles, from tree removal and grinding to seemingly constant Clubhouse and Golf Shop construction that served as constant reminders that normal was a long way away. Yet, despite all these obstacles, the membership remained resolute and displayed its enduring Estero CC pride by supporting the efforts of everyone who is here with the singular goal of making the members' everyday experience the best it can be. Without your patience and understanding none of the accomplishments this season could have been achieved.

Now that the golf course is closed, the shop is open from 7am until 12pm Monday through Saturday and is closed on Sundays. While our inventory is intentionally very low during the closure, we can always order anything you may need, so please don't hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do for you. And if you are here during the summer, we hope that you will continue to support the operation by coming to the Golf Shop to purchase your golf balls, gloves, etc.

We hope you have a great summer, and we thank you for including us as part of the Estero CC family!



**Joe McAvoy**

**#17**

**March 21, 2018**

That makes 3 for Joe....  
2 at ECC and 1 in Michigan.

## Mother's Day BREAKFAST BUFFET

**Sunday, May 13th, 2018**  
**9:00 - 1:00**

**Fresh Seasonal Fruit Display**  
**Assorted Mini Muffins and Pastries**  
**Assorted Toasts and Jellies and Jams**  
**Norwegian Smoked Salmon**  
**with Mosaic of Condiments and Mini Bagels**  
**Juice Station with Sunharvest OJ, Cranberry and V-8**  
**Applewood Smoked Bacon and Sausage Thyme Links**  
**Breakfast Potatoes**  
**Eggs Benedict**  
**Buttermilk Pancakes and Vermont Maple Syrup**  
**Cheese Blintz with Strawberry Sauce**  
**Bread Pudding**  
**Chef's Station**  
**Carved Pit Ham**  
**Made to Order Eggs and Omelet Station**  
**Freshly Made Waffles with**  
**Whipped Butter, Strawberry Sauce and Maple Syrup**  
**Kids Chicken Tender Meal Available Upon Request**

**\$21.00++ Ages 0-3 Free Ages 4-11 \$11.00++**

**Casual Attire - Guests Welcome**

**72 hour cancellation policy applies**

**Dietary restrictions required 72 hours in advance**

**Reservations starting Friday, April 13th, 9:00am**

## happy hour

**Wednesday & Friday**

**5:00pm - 8:00pm**

**50% off** - Tap Beer,  
All House Brand Liquor & House Wine  
(single liquor well drinks)

**20% off** - Premium Liquor &  
Bottled Beer  
(and all multiple liquor mixed drinks)

**20% off** - Appetizers



We are starting our summer reciprocal season, so be sure to check with us for play times and groups. We will be having ladies and men's groups playing during the week over the summer. We are also amending the clinic schedules from our full season with league play. We will be sending out a schedule of all the summer changes and groups for you. Our summer adult boot camps will begin this month. We will be having a two-day camp each month. Check your emails for all new schedules and times for events.

This summer we will be adding some extra activities. Along with these, we are going to encourage the groups which play to help us by adding a breakfast buffet or dinner upstairs following each event. We are committed to helping our employees over the summer during the golf course restoration and need your help by utilizing the dining room. All events will have a dining reservation component which Tom and Doug will relay to the Food & Beverage department to ensure your table.

I would like to congratulate all our teams for their great play this season and ECC had several teams finish in the top of their divisions.

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| David Jackson's Lee County Blue Team     | 1st Place |
| Angela Neagle's Bonita 3.0 Team          | 2nd Place |
| Wendy Healy's Lee County 3.5 Copper Team | 2nd Place |
| Bob Hickman's Lee County 70 +            | 1st Place |

Remember to hydrate and use your sunscreen over these hot summer months. See you on the courts.



**Ladies Tennis Invitational**



**Lee County Blue Team - 1st Place**

# Pickleball

Golf Course Closed -  
Why not try Pickleball

Thursdays 4:00pm

What is Pickleball?  
How do you play?  
What equipment do I use?

*Tom Funk & staff will be there to introduce you to  
Pickleball, the equipment, rules and strategy.  
Meet at the Tennis Courts.*

*Please sign up on ForeTees Racquets or call the  
Tennis Shop 239-267-7001.*

## Wednesday Night Tennis Play & Dine Mixers

May 9th & May 30th  
June 20th

5:30pm play with dinner to follow,  
Light Fare Limited Menu  
\$5 Mixer plus cost of dinner

Games -  
"Play Good"  
"Guess Good"  
Win a Free Mixer Entry

Everyone Welcome!  
Come join us for a fun night of tennis  
and delicious food.

Sign-up on ForeTees or  
Call the Tennis Shop for information  
239-267-7001

## Tennis & Breakfast



## Saturday Sizzler Mixers

June 9th & June 30th  
10:30am play

Come for the Breakfast Buffet  
before or after play.

Buffet served 9:00am - 1:00pm  
**\$22 inclusive play & buffet**

Games - "Play Good" "Guess Good"  
Win a free entry for a Mixer  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!!!**

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Call the Tennis Shop for information 239-267-7001

## Summer Tennis Camp



2018

Estero  
COUNTRY CLUB  
at The Villages

FUN!



Learn

Play



USPTA & USPTR

Certified Pros

Weekly -

Mon. - Thur.

June 11, 18, 25

July 9, 16, 23, 30

1960 Village Trace Circle  
Village of Estero, FL 33967  
www.esteroc.com

239-267-7001

Ages 6 - 16

All Skill Levels

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

11:00 - 12:30 Tennis Workout

12:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 Point Play & Games

Daily Camp Fees:

Tennis Camp: \$40

Weekly Camp Fees:

Tennis Camp: \$130

Lunch \$25

Discount for multiple children  
enrolled in camp.