

PAR T I C U L A R S

JULY 2019 CHAGRIN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB



Be Our Guest
*Men crown Invitational winners,
ladies turn this month at Guest Day*

Best Party in Town
*Celebrate the 4th with pool
games, cookout and fireworks*

Fresh Summer Fare
*Local produce shines on
the new menu this month*



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From the President's Bag

by Mike Pierce

As stated in my column in the previous issue *Particulars...RAIN RAIN, GO AWAY.*

An unreasonably wet May and June is making activities around the golf course challenging to say the least. The recent Chagrin Valley Invitational was a sell out and despite the wet conditions, we got the golf with a few modifications to keep play expedited and stay out of the heavy rainfall. Great job by the Pro Shop in managing this and kudos to Scott and his team for managing the process and keeping the course playable and looking great.

Now we need a couple weeks of no rain to dry out the rough so it can get cut without causing ruts in the low spots. And yes, I speak from experience—I've been there a lot so far.

Despite the weather, summer activities are underway. We have had our first swim meets and Robert has the tennis courts shaped up and looking great. All we're looking for is some warm sun to make it all feel like summer.

I want to give some well-deserved credit to Sean, Jade and Bill for their work with the summer staff. They are working hard at coaching and mentoring the summer staff to promote a culture of attentive, friendly and



accurate service is provided by all. This is traditionally a challenge each summer with country clubs that is best solved through constant mentoring and coaching. From the back patio through to the pool, we are seeing continuous improvement in the feedback we are getting on the service.

On Wednesday, June 26, we had our All Membership Meeting where we discussed and voted on the Centennial Capital Plan. As noted in another letter sent out to membership, the plan was approved by 84% of the members who cast a vote. Thank you. Our work now starts on moving these investments forward.

As indicated in past communications, the Club has many wants and some needs that were excluded from the program to make it as affordable to all members as reasonably possible. Many have indicated a desire to do more. Board member Dennis Swit is leading a completely volunteer effort to establish a commemorative clock to be installed between the #1 and #10 tee boxes to celebrate our upcoming centennial. Be on the lookout for more information on this exciting opportunity to contribute to the next century.

Come on SUN!

Summer Strolling Wine Dinner Saturday, July 27

- Cast Iron Sea Scallop** Cucumber, Pork Belly and Watermelon
- Grilled Shrimp** Grilled Polenta, Peaches and Blackberries
- BBQ Duck Tostada** Tomatoes, Charred Corn, Feta
- Smoked Short Rib** Blue Cheese, Cherries, Pickled Shallots
- Chocolate Mousse Terrine** Berries, Shaved Dark Chocolate

Enjoy food expertly paired with wine. Cost: \$90



From the Chef

Delectable delights? We've got that.

There is still a ton of summer left, and I'm pleased to launch a new lunch and dinner menu in the clubhouse—with some seasonal market-driven selections—on July 9.

So much of our produce is sourced from Miles Market. I love to take advantage of their July and August tomatoes each year with a light, bright, heirloom tomato Caprese Salad with Basil Buffalo Mozzarella and Fig Balsamic. Also right now, the smoker here is full of brisket. We will feature Smoked Beef Brisket with Cheddar Creamed Local Corn, Sweet Potato Frites, Dr. Pepper BBQ and Crispy Onions.

I am also really excited about the California Veggie Burger coming up with avocado, market tomato, pickled onion and arugula. And if it's hot outside, it's time for pie. Our pastry guru Grace Jamieson will be rotating pies weekly, often served alongside Mitchell's Ice Cream.

Here are a few events you won't want to miss in July and August.

Live Music and Al Fresco Dinner on Fridays, July 12 and August 9

Our dinner service these evenings will be a special limited menu pre-



A plated Crispy Caprese Salad and Charcuterie Table served at the Men's Invitational.

pared on the back patio off the grills and out of the smoker. Plus live music makes these a summer must.

Couples Twilight Golf on Saturday, July 13

Dynamic duos will enjoy appetizers on the course, 9 holes of golf, specialty beverages and dessert at the clubhouse for \$80 per couple.

Summer Family Burger Nights on Saturdays starting at 5 p.m.

These have been super popular. Folks love choosing their proteins and fun toppings, not to mention the good old-fashioned milkshakes!

—Chef Laurence Coffman



4th of July

Pool Cookout noon-2 p.m.

Chilled

- Pesto Potato + Cucumber Salad (v/gf) Parmesan and Pickled Onions
- Santa Fe Salad (v/gf) Black Beans, Peppers, Feta, Cilantro
- Tomato Ditalini Salad (v) Chickpeas, Asiago, Basil
- Seasonal Fruit

The Buffet

- Chicken Tenders & Tater Tots

The Grill

- Uncut Plant Based Burger
- Field Roast Plant Based Sausage
- Angus Reserve Beef Burgers
- Chorizo Cheddar Burger
- All White Meat Turkey Burger
- Marinated Chicken Breast

Dessert Novelties & Cookies

Buffet 6-8 p.m.

Chilled

- Pesto Potato + Cucumber Salad (v/gf)
- Santa Fe Black Bean, Corn and Pepper Salad (v/gf)
- Tomato Ditalini and Chickpea Salad (v)
- Pickled Bean Salad (v/gf)
- Seasonal Fruit

Buffet

- Smoked Brisket, Dr. Pepper BBQ (gf) Dry Pepper BBQ
- Baby Back Ribs, Pickled Onions (gf)
- BBQ Grilled Shrimp, Peach Salsa (gf)
- Valley Fried Chicken, Hot Honey Glaze

Kids

- Chicken Tenders & Tator Tots
- Cookies & Fruit

The Grill

- Uncut Plant Based Burger
- Field Roast Plant Based Sausage
- Angus Reserve Beef Burgers
- Chorizo Cheddar Burger
- Hot Dogs
- All-White Meat Turkey Burger
- Marinated Chicken Breast

Desserts Mini Pie Bars, Red White & Blue Mousse Cake, Novelty Ice Creams

General Manager's Report by Michael Heisterkamp



A lot of members have been stopping to ask me about that four-letter word that starts with "r" and rhymes with pain,

and how it has affected the Club's finances.

Although the spring monsoon season didn't show any signs of slowing down in June—and we are about 500 rounds below last year—the good news is that our financial picture remains quite strong. Thanks to so much activity in other areas of the Club, especially food and beverage, we are on pace for another profitable year.

I hope to see you all for our epic celebration on the Fourth! For new members who aren't familiar with our tradition, more than 1,000 people join us to start the day with a poolside cookout that later leads into dinner that ends in a boom.

And while you're here, I hope you can take time to stop and smell the roses...and lilies and daisies and the rest of the breathtaking florals around the Clubhouse donated by member Craig Farley. We truly appreciate the splendor they add.

I'm thrilled to report that since last November, we've signed on 18 new members and eight returning ones. To keep this momentum rolling along, we will continue to raise the standards in everything we do.

New Members this month

Lori Scheeringa

Christine Renner

Dr. Rebecca Robbins & Vince Coley

Timothy & Michelle McDonough

Trevor & Courtney Gile

Returning Members

Matthew Joyce

Pro's Corner

By Shawn Tompkins, PGA Golf Professional

As always, the Men's Invitational was a competitive and fun event for the packed field. Congratulations to winners Anthony Bastulli and his guest Matt DiAndreth (pictured right). After winning the Invitational 11 years ago, Anthony is now a two-time winner of the Men's Invitational.

Kudos to all the winners:

Shoot-Out Results

1st Place – Anthony Bastulli & Matt DiAndreth

2nd Place – Doug Church & Jeff Church

3rd Place – Alan & Jim Emshoff

Flight Winners

Chagrin Valley Flight – Anthony Bastulli & Matt DiAndreth

Capilano Flight – Ron Ambrogio & Bill Ambrogio

Banff Springs Flight – Craig Farley & David Stanley

Calgary Flight – Mark Koberna & Charlie Hebble

Jasper Park Flight – Doug Church & Jeff Church

St. George's Flight – Rick Giesen & Sheldon Goodman

Beechmont Flight – Mike Ludwig & John McEleney

Credit Valley Flight – John Relic & Shawn Sullivan

Sleepy Hollow Flight – Alan Emshoff & Jim Emshoff

Wild Card Winners – Roy Showman & Brad Cox

July Chagrin Day

On Wednesday, July 10, bring 1,3 or 7 guests for this 1 p.m. shotgun with an optional lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. Price includes tee gift, golf, door prizes, team prizes, heavy appetizers and cocktails after play. Cost: \$135 per person.

Green Coat

Our premier member-member, the Green Coat is a two-day event with the first round on July 19 (1:30 p.m. shotgun), followed by the second round on the 20th (9 a.m. shotgun). Sign up as a two-man team for this 36 hole, flighted competition. First round is a best ball competition and the second round will count all strokes by each player. After the 36 holes are completed on Saturday afternoon, each flight winner and two wild card teams will compete in a shootout.

Club Championships

Hard to believe that we are heading into Club Championships already. Club championship sign-up deadline is Friday, July 12. This is our yearly competition to declare our Men's Club Champion. Players will be flighted based on handicap index breakdown. The overall Club Champion will be from the Championship Flight. Competition will be played over a six-week period with the Club Championship Flight playing a 36 hole finale. All other flights will play a 18 hole finale. 1st Round Matches start July 16 and must be finished by August 4. 2nd Round Matches start August 6 and must be finished by August 23. Semi-Finals and Finals will be played the weekend of August 24 and 25.



Greens Report

By Scott Bazan, Golf Course Superintendent

Our biggest challenge this spring for both the golfers and the grounds crew has definitely been all the rain. From May 17 through June 17 we had 10.05 inches of rain at CVCC—16 of those 31 days have had rainfall. Total for the year (since January 1) so far is 17.36 inches. Average rainfall per year for our area is around 40 inches.

Lucky for us we have a great



grounds crew that has remained positive through the mud tracks, ruts and seemingly endless bunker work. Our sound practices like topdressing, dryjecting and planet air venting (seen in the picture above) is helping keep our greens as healthy as possible. Yes, the fairways have seen some thinning and the ball is not sitting “up” as we are used to.

Turf is a living thing and when it is continuously swamped in water it



suffocates just like we do. There has been only one week so far this year that we were able to mow three times in one week. Even though we have raised the heights four times (the reason for not sitting “up”), they are struggling but will recover. We’ve been holding



off fertilizing until we can mow on a continuous basis. The extra growth from the fertilizer could make

it worse if we still can’t mow them three times per week. Our fantastic members have all had nothing but positive comments except for the weather. Drier days are coming!

Golf and wine and food...oh my!

Ladies sure know how to have fun on the golf course! This month, we are planning a couple of events that pair golf with wine and fine cuisine. So mark your calendar and plan on joining us.

Nine, Dine & Wine

On Thursday, July 11, we will be serving specialty cocktails and dinner for the Nine, Dine & Wine, as the ladies play 9 holes.

Couple Twilight Golf

Grab your significant other on Saturday, July 13, as we are pairing couples golf with food and fun. Play 9 holes and enjoy appetizers on the course and specialty beverages, followed by dessert in the clubhouse. Cost: \$80 per couple.



“The rain and wet conditions didn’t stop 24 of our Ladies from coming out to play for their teams in the Ryder Cup, one of the most fun events of the year!” says Gina. Congratulations to Team Chagrin for winning. Led by

team captain Katy Burry, other team members pictured above are Maggie Anderson, Deb Broomfield, Amy Kuhn, Maggie Kwasny, Sony Mintun, Lauren Patrick, Barb Schulak, Kim Snowberger, Dawn Swit, Lauren Portman and Sue Ellen Vayda.

Rock the Drive Roll the Putt
CVCC 18 Hole League
Member Guest Event
Tuesday July 16th, 2019

Chagrin Valley Country Club
 4700 SOM Center Road
 Moreland Hills Oh 44022

8 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
 9 AM Shotgun Start
 Cocktails and Lunch to follow

RSVP by July 5th

save the date

The Ladies 9 Hole League of Chagrin Valley Country Club is taking you back in time and 9,600 miles away...

July 31, 2019
 8:30 am Golf with Lunch to follow
 ...to “Getting to Know You”
 Hosted by your Siamese Cats:
 Julie and Louise
 Sawasdee Ra



7th annual Christmas in July Party

Saturday, July 20
from 5:30-10:30 p.m.

If you like Christmas and you've never been to Christmas in July at the CVCC pool, you are missing out! See the pool and bath house turn into a Winter Wonderland right before your eyes as we deck the halls and spread yuletide cheer around the pool!

A special dinner buffet will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with music and a DJ from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.95 for adults, and \$11.95 for children 4-12. Please call the Club for reservations.

For those who believe in Santa, he will be here! For those who don't . . . bah humbug to you!

At the Pool

Poolside parties aplenty as the summer heats up at CVCC

By Wally Lutkus

Though we've had a weather roller coaster so far this summer, the swim season is definitely heating up! The water is warm, and we've had good crowds despite the sometimes cool and rainy weather.

As the sun comes out and the temperatures warm up, come visit the pool and enjoy some rest, relaxation, sun and dips in the pool. Also be sure to grab a delicious lunch, snack or drink at our snack bar.

Our School's Out Pool Party kicked off the summer with a great cookout buffet and fun in the water. If you missed it, there are other pool events that you should add to your CVCC summer activities calendar.

Summer Pool Hours

Regular pool hours this summer are 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. every day of the week except Mondays, when the pool closes at 6 p.m.

NOTE: Pool is closed during swim meets and subject to closure due to inclement weather. Please consult the club website for meet schedule and more info. The swim team practices are weekdays 9:55 - 11:30 a.m.

Independence Day Celebration

Start celebrating Independence Day Celebration at the pool! Thursday,

July 4th we'll have a cookout poolside from noon - 2 p.m., and pool games for all ages starting at approximately 2 p.m. There will be patriotic prizes and watermelons to win.



Bring friends and family as this is always a highly anticipated and well-attended event. It's a perfect way to get into the spirit of the holiday prior to the evening cookout and festivities, including the Euclid Beach Rocket

Car and the fireworks in the evening.

Swim Team

Remember that it's not too late to join swim team.

The team currently stands undefeated in dual meets in our eight-team league (which, at 60+ years old, is one of the oldest recreational leagues in Cleveland), and we recently won our early meets, but we have our most challenging dual meets and championships to come!

All interested children and grandchildren of members are welcome and encouraged to get information at the pool and participate.

Congratulations to all of our new swimmers (some as young as five years old!) and returning swimmers as well.

Call the pool at 440-248-4310, extension 5410, with any questions.



Tennis Report

The tennis area has undergone a beautiful transformation here at Chagrin Valley Country Club.

Director of Tennis Robert Golsmith and his staff have really spruced up the Tennis Pro Shop and patio overlooking the courts, thanks to the kind plant donations by member Craig Farley. Come check it out!

Robert reports the Junior Clinics are going gangbusters.

"We love teaching and working with the kids," he says. "The tennis clinics are giving them a head start on a path to play high school tennis and beyond. We have daily classes for 8- to 17-year-

olds where we work on proper stroke mechanics, winning tactics and building a strong mental game for

winning on the court and off."

For the younger set (5- to 7-year-olds) there are also Tiny Tot classes on Saturdays at 11 a.m. It's a great way to start your kids on the game of a lifetime.

Sign-up is

required for all clinics; contact Robert at 216-956-5785.

Mark your calendar for these special July events:

Junior Firecracker Round Robin
Thursday, July 4 from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Mixed Up Doubles Round Robin
Friday, July 5 at 7 p.m.

Women's Member/Guest
Saturday, July 27 from 4-6 p.m.

CVCC Summer Kids' Camp

July 8-12

A fun tradition for many years at CVCC, sign your kiddos up for a week-long sampling of everything our Club has to offer.

The camp will include golf, tennis, swimming, crafting and more! Camp size is limited to 10 children per session for children and grandchildren of CVCC members. Cost is \$275 per participant.



Junior Golf

Our juniors have been enjoying the new Academy, Junior League and Interclub this summer. The golfers seen here were learning putting and reading greens in their first class. Don't miss the Junior Golf Championship on Saturday, July 27, with tee times starting at 2:30 p.m. Come out and cheer our kiddos on!





established in 1921

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CLUBHOUSE HOURS

OPEN FOR LUNCH AND DINNER
TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY

GOLF SHOP HOURS

MONDAY - CLOSED

TUESDAY-FRIDAY -
8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY -
7:30 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

The Steven H. Spaeth Scholarship Event

Saturday & Sunday, July 13 & 14

Join us for a casual weekend morning event to help raise money for scholarships that we award to deserving employees. No need to sign up in the Golf Shop, just show up as you would on any weekend morning with a team or just yourself. Must tee off by 10 a.m. to be eligible for prizes.

During this time, you may donate to the CVCC Employee Scholarship Fund. Please note you may donate at any time, even if you don't play.

Named after CVCC long-time member and Past Club President Steven Spaeth, he was an avid golfer and headed up the Scholarship Committee as a way to give back. The Club is proud to carry on his generous spirit and tireless efforts.



4th of July Celebration

Thursday, July 4

The biggest and best party in town is here at CVCC! This Yankee Doodle Dandy of a holiday celebrates all of the traditional activities for the whole family, including pool games and cookout during the day, and the evening will bring the Rocket Car, inflatables, face painting, caricatures, cotton candy, live music, an outdoor gaming truck that rolls in at 6 p.m., an All-American picnic and an amazing fireworks display.

Pool cookout will be noon to 2 p.m. Cost is \$16.95 for adults and \$11.95 for kids 4-12 years old. (See page 3 for menus.)

Enjoy an Independence Day celebration on the patio (weather permitting) with our traditional Barbecue Buffet Cookout from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$39.95 for adults, \$19.95 for children 4-12, free for 3 & under. The fireworks extravaganza begins at dusk. Please bring a stroller or blanket for the younger set.