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## RIVER LANDING REAL ESTATE

### SALES

October 2023 to  
October 2024

### Homes

31

### Lots

37

### 2024 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES

January 2024 - November 2024

New Homes Approved = 30

New Homes Completed = 7

Homes Currently Under Construction = 32

### Total Completed Homes

In River Landing = 499

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COMMUNITY

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# 2024 River Landing Signature Showcase: A Resounding Success

The 2024 River Landing Signature Showcase was a tremendous success, thanks to the contributions of our preferred builders, Allied Partners, and the dedicated staff at River Landing.

This year's Showcase spanned three days, allowing for a rich itinerary filled with activities for our guests. Throughout the event, attendees experienced the unique offerings of our vibrant community, met our Custom Home Program Builders and Allied Partners, engaged with our staff, and connected with some of our residents.

## DAY ONE HIGHLIGHTS

After checking in at The Inn on Friday afternoon, guests were treated to a thoughtfully curated basket of treats prepared by our own ASC Coordinator, Dawn Sprye. The evening unfolded with a welcome reception in the River Room of the Clubhouse, featuring live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and lively conversations. The gathering

was particularly special, as Mr. Dell Murphy and Mrs. Wendy Murphy joined us to greet our guests for this enjoyable evening.

## DAY TWO ACTIVITIES

The second day started early with meetings and presentations from our CHP Builders and Allied Partners. They introduced themselves, shared insights about their businesses, and engaged in one-on-one discussions with our guests to address any questions they had about the building process. Following these meetings, Sales Manager Kris Bryant led amenity tours, which provided guests a comprehensive understanding of what our community has to offer.

Later, we gathered at the golf practice facility for a putting contest organized by our Head Golf Professional, Marshall Stott. After this fun competition, guests were treated to a catered lunch at the beautiful home of Steve and Lauren Lassman, followed by

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custom home tours throughout the community. We are grateful to those residents who graciously opened their homes to showcase their unique design ideas and the craftsmanship of their builders.

The busy day concluded with stunning views and a relaxed evening on the Clubhouse Terrace, where guests had the opportunity to socialize, share laughter, and engage in informative discussions with each other and our River Landing staff.

### FINAL DAY EXPLORATION

The last day allowed guests the freedom to explore the community at their own pace, enjoy the amenities, and experience life as a member by attending the Fall Bonfire Hoedown at the River Lodge that evening.

Our goal with this event was to help our guests experience the wonders of our community and provide them with essential information to assist in making informed decisions regarding custom home building, a significant investment for many couples.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to making this event possible. I am truly grateful for the support and collaboration of such exceptional individuals.

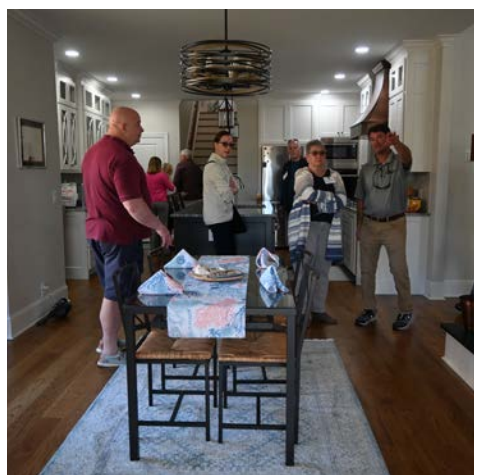
### CUSTOM HOME PROGRAM UPDATE

On another note, the Custom Home Program is thriving this year. There are at least a dozen CHP builds underway with a few more scheduled to begin before the end of the year, ensuring that our preferred builders remain busy throughout the winter months. Additionally, there are a couple of independent builds

underway, plus 17 more homes under construction in our River Village Square neighborhood, all separate from our Custom Home Program. This activity signals positive growth and development within our community, and we anticipate many more successful years ahead.

We are also excited to announce the addition of two new businesses to our Allied Partner program: Clinton Appliance & Furniture and Wallace Storage. Expanding our partnerships in diverse categories enhances our clients' options, whether they need a new HVAC unit or a storage solution while their dream home is under construction.

We are witnessing growth in multiple ways, and we look forward to continuing this momentum into the upcoming year.



## BUILD A CUSTOM HOME IN RIVER LANDING

This program is comprised of custom home builders, architects, home designers, landscapers, interior design professionals, and more. These experts are available to provide information, guidance, and services to you as your dream home progresses.

### OUR PREFERRED BUILDERS



### OUR ALLIED PARTNERS



# Spice Rack

## HEATING THINGS UP IN THE KITCHEN!

It's been nearly a year since I returned to River Landing, and it's been amazing to see all the changes in the kitchen! The culinary team has really stepped up, learning new techniques and preparing both beautiful and delicious dishes. The front-of-house staff has faced its challenges but continues to deliver with big smiles and an accommodating demeanor. I'm incredibly proud of how our team has risen to every occasion and performed so well here at the Club. They've embraced all the changes and done a phenomenal job.

Our new Grill menu has launched and been very well received. We've also brought back daily specials for lunch and dinner. In September, we rolled out our brunch menu, which features cleverly named items inspired by the streets of River Landing—except for one dish, which is named after an island in Maryland.

We're also gearing up for the holiday season, working on gingerbread houses and seasonal menus.

Being back at River Landing has been such a joy, and I've loved chatting with you, hearing your ideas, and working to ensure your experience is nothing short of amazing.

See you at the Club!



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# Meet the Staff!



Jordan Landreth has been with the Club for nearly five years as our Banquet Chef, overseeing all events at the Club, Mad Boar, River Lodge, the Golf Course, and the Pool. His positive approach to executing events is unmatched. He's always dashing around the kitchen, doing whatever it takes to get the job done. His humorous attitude keeps everyone in good spirits, and the staff loves working with him. It's always a fun time in the kitchen when Jordan's around!



# Try the Exclusive "19th Mole" at the Clubhouse!

We're thrilled to announce that River Landing now offers an exclusive new brew – "19th Mole" crafted by the talented team at Mad Mole Brewery in Wilmington, NC. This American Lager is everything you've been craving, with refreshing citrus notes that make each sip pure bliss. Even better? It's been specially brewed and custom labeled just for us at River Landing!

Whether you're winding down after a round of golf or simply looking to try something new, swing by the Clubhouse and enjoy the 19th Mole on draft or in a can. This isn't just a beer – it's a taste of River Landing crafted exclusively for our community. Cheers!



## Pickleball Update

Pickleball is a favorite sport in River Landing. Most recently, my partner, Ed Tetlak from Apex, NC, and I won gold medals at a charity tournament called Dinking for Dorcas in Cary, NC. We competed along with eight other teams and were undefeated in the 55+ age group with a skill rating of 3.5 & 4.0. Earlier this year, Ed and I won gold in the Brunswick County Senior Games.

I partnered with Frank Partyka and Barb Jaco of RL in the Onslow County Senior Games,

and we won silver and bronze medals, respectively. I won Gold in singles at both the Brunswick and Onslow County Senior Games.

The starting time for MWF has changed to 9 AM, not 10 as previously announced. We have 40+ players currently on our playday sign-up rosters. Plus, I am aware of other residents not on the play day roster who play in family or other social groups.

Pickleball is a great sport for all ages, not just seniors. When



I play with my grandson in Northern Virginia, the courts are full, and most of the players are teens and 20-somethings. I hope you have had a chance to try it out.

**Bill Palmer**  
*River Landing Member*



## *Creative Quilt Enthusiasts*

Creative Quilt Enthusiasts began our new program year on Monday, September 17, and it was a day filled with lots of fun and enthusiasm. We welcomed one another back after our summer break with new ideas and exciting plans for the upcoming year. Each member and new guest were greeted with a beautiful fall goodie bag containing fat quarter material, sewing needles, threads, pins, sweet treats, and a history of our CQE beginnings. Trish Vine, our program coordinator, provided each of us with material and guided us through making a small catch-all bag for sewing notions. We have great programs planned throughout the holiday season. In the new year we will start several community outreach projects, so please join us.

After lunch, several members shared the beautiful projects they created over the summer. We also held a raffle prize for naming our finished spring group project, which is a beautiful and very colorful quilt, and we randomly picked the name "Maze of Color". The ladies finally closed the day out with a fun dice game and, of course, it involved lots of laughs and winning fat quarter fabrics! One of our first-time guests, Louise Mulliner, not only won the naming of the new quilt, but the dice game as well, and she went home with an armload of beautiful fabric!

If you are interested in sewing or learning how to sew, please join us on the third Monday of the month at 10:30 am in the Member's Room at the Fitness Center. If you are new to the group and would like to attend an upcoming meeting, please contact Jennifer Ciuccoli at 203-910-9448 ([jciuccoli@gmail.com](mailto:jciuccoli@gmail.com)), or Lois Acker at 703-577-5964 ([ackersva@gmail.com](mailto:ackersva@gmail.com)).



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# *Passing the Torch*

**THEY SAY THAT CHANGE IS INEVITABLE. BUT GOOD LEADERS PREPARE FOR CHANGE AND SET THEIR TEAMS UP FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE RIVER LANDING LANDSCAPE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AS CHRIS RANDALL TURNS THE MANAGEMENT REIGNS OVER TO JACK OSBORNE.**

Chris has been a staple at River Landing for nearly six years. He came on board as Landscape Manager in the spring of 2019 after Hurricane Florence and became an essential part of the restoration efforts in the community.

Chris has had a full career in the landscape field. He received his degree in Turf Management from NC State University and spent 25 years working in Raleigh; followed by six years as the Landscape Superintendent at UNC-Wilmington. The River Landing community has been fortunate to have Chris on board during the closing chapter of his career.

Recently, Chris passed the duties and title of Landscape Manager on to Jack Osborne. The two met a few years ago, when Jack was a young college student at Cape Fear

# *New Resident Meet & Mingle*

Several new residents gathered at the River Lodge on the evening of October 10th to Meet & Mingle. The newcomers were given an opportunity to get acquainted with each other and with members of the River Landing staff. Everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship, as well as meeting their fellow new neighbors. Welcome to the community!



Community College. The door of opportunity swung wide open at River Landing at the perfect time. Jack was able to do his required internship under Chris' supervision. After completing his degree in Landscape and Horticulture from Cape Fear, Jack came on board as a full-time employee with River Landing. The goal was for Chris to train and mentor Jack to take over as manager when Chris was ready to step aside. Mission accomplished.

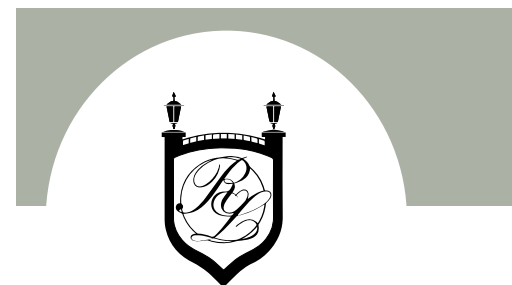
The Landscape department is in great hands with Jack as their new leader. He is well prepared and has the necessary skills to do the job. He intends

to continue the legacy of keeping the neighborhood well maintained and ensuring that River Landing is a beautiful place that we can all be proud of.

As for Chris, you will still see him around River Landing, just in a different capacity. He will be working to revitalize the grape vines in The Vineyards, handling some special projects, and providing guidance and advice to the department as needed. You will also see him during the holiday season as he continues to play the role of the well-known guy in the red suit. These new responsibilities will allow him more time to

travel with his wife, enjoying their RV and discovering new places together.

Please join us in extending well wishes to both gentlemen as they enter these new stages of their careers!



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# River Landing – Where We Belong

**I RECENTLY HEARD AN INTERESTING SERMON ABOUT BELONGING. I REALIZE THERE ARE TIMES IN LIFE WHEN WE KNOW WE BELONG. I BELIEVE THE SENSE OF “BELONGING” IS A VERY IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN ONE’S HAPPINESS.**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, many of us wondered if we still belonged here in River Landing. A vast majority of us said yes, although some friends felt it was time to move on to the next chapter in their lives.

There are many reasons to feel a sense of belonging in River Landing, but the most recent reminder came when we were spared the awful results and devastation of Hurricane Helene. We were able to host our RL Member & 3 Guests Tournament with

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no weather interruptions, while our neighbors in Western North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, and Georgia were hit hard.

The catastrophic damage of Helene is difficult to imagine, even for those of us who were flooded after Hurricane Florence. I'm certainly not diminishing the physical and emotional effects Florence had on us all, but going through that disaster does give us a different perspective and level of understanding. Our hearts break for the people who suffered devastation in so many areas. We can still remember how we became #RLStrong after Florence. Now we need to take that strength and find a way to give back to those who need so much help, just like others helped us.

During the RL Member & 3 Guests Tournament, a few families wanted to use their #RLStrong way of raising money to give to the western part of North Carolina. A group of kids set up a lemonade stand on #9 River (with a little help from their parents). By taking action, and through the generosity of all our Members & Guests, these families were able to raise over \$3,300 to purchase essentials including bottled water, food, clothing, hygiene products, generators etc. Then they headed to the mountains to distribute these gifts. This is just one of the many reasons I say "we belong" here at River Landing. I ask all of you to show your #RLStrong spirit by finding a way to give to these areas, which are in such dire need!!!

When I think about this great community, how people come together, and just how special River Landing is, I'm reminded of the movie Field of Dreams. When Kevin Costner's character asks, "Is there a Heaven?" His father in the movie responds "Oh, yeah, it's the place dreams come true." Then Costner replies, "Maybe this is heaven."

I know how he feels.





# *River Landing Club Decorum*

Every Member should have received a Membership Plan including the Rules & Regulations of the club when you became a Member of River Landing Sports Club. Below I am going to touch on some of the things I've discussed with various members who were unaware of these rules, as well as issues brought to the attention of the Advisory Board of Governors for River Landing. My goal is to educate and help prevent issues from arising, and to assist the appropriate staff and management in dealing with these matters.

- In the best interest of the entire membership, we ask all members to cancel their tee times 72 hours in advance. This provides more tee time options for our members who choose to book closer to their desired date. If you have trouble, please contact the golf shop to adjust the schedule.

- River Landing Sports Club is separate from the River Landing residential community. The Sports Club includes

the (2) 18-hole golf courses, practice range and supporting facilities, Clubhouse, Fitness Center which includes a heated outdoor pool, health and exercise equipment, pickle-ball and tennis courts and other recreational facilities. You must be a paying Member of the Sports Club to use its amenities, and your Membership Class will define which facilities you can use and how often.

- Headphones or ear buds are encouraged at the pool. When headphones or ear buds are not in use, volume must be maintained at levels so as not to disturb others. That means, the volume is for you to hear and not others.

- No glass containers at the pool, it's NC state law.

- All guests at the pool, tennis courts, and pickleball courts must be accompanied by a Club Member or designated user.

- Abuse, verbally or otherwise, reprimand, or discipline of Club personnel by Members will not

be tolerated. If a Member has a concern, it should be brought to the attention of the manager of the employee.

- While using Club facilities, each Member shall possess their membership card. This will help you gain access to certain Club facilities and will help make sure your Member charges are correct.

- A Member may have no more than four guests use the Club's facilities at any one time without the approval of Club Management.

- Adult supervision for children under the age of 16 is required at the Clubhouse, tennis courts, golf courses (unless approved by the golf professional staff), Fitness Center, and outdoor pool.

Please understand, the Membership Plan and Rules & Regulations are not intended to restrict, but to guide the membership and staff of River Landing Sports Club to maintain a safe and enjoyable club.

# *What to do when you are heading out to play. Also a new look at the course!!*

## **COME SEE THE GOLF STAFF:**

Most people do a good job of checking in for golf, and we can't thank you enough for doing so. Some, on the other hand, wait until they are done with the round to check-in. We ask that you take an extra minute or two to check in before you go out so the staff does not make any mistakes on your account. It's also good to know that you are here in case of an emergency.

## **NEW CARTS WITH NEW LOOK:**

As most of you know, we have new carts that arrived on site in late July. The carts are in the process of being supplied with the Yamatrack system which will keep track of many things for us and for you. The Yamatrack system will be very helpful when it comes to pace of play. It will show if you are behind or ahead of time when you are on the course. There are many factors that go into pace of play, but the simplest rule is to keep up with the group that is in front of you. If you are able to see the group in front of you then you are typically in good shape. One of the unique features of the Yamatrack will be GeoFencing. It allows the golf staff to control where the carts go around each golf course. This will help in maintaining the golf carts, along with keeping everyone safe on the course. Keeping the golf carts out of areas where they should not be prevents damage, as well as unnecessary wear and tear on the carts. Other functions that you will find are fly overs of the golf hole, yardages, scoring capabilities, advertising of club events and much more. We are excited to get the Yamatrack up and running and we truly hope you enjoy it!



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# 2024 River Landing Club Championships

THE RL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEKEND STARTED OUT A LITTLE QUESTIONABLE WITH WEATHER BUT ENDED UP BEING ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC! THE PERFORMANCES WERE FUN TO WATCH AND EVERYONE PLAYED EXTREMELY WELL BOTH DAYS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION!

A very sincere thank you to each and every player for taking the time out of their schedules to compete in the 2024 RL Championships! We appreciate your continued support of the club and our major golf events throughout the year, and we applaud you for the willingness to compete in a 36 hole gross stroke play format. Well done to each and every one of you!

## 2024 RL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEKEND RESULTS:

### *Men's Championship*

1st - Tyler Jones 134  
2nd - Tom Martin 149  
T3 - Grayson Gatton 156  
T3 - Jack Elliott 156

### *Men's Senior*

1st - Dave Cailler 158  
2nd - Billy Peterson 159  
3rd - Mark Scronce 161

### *Men's Super Senior*

1st - Steve Hancock 150  
2nd - Jim Harless 154  
3rd - Jim Gantz 157

### *Women's Championship*

1st - Cheryl Stamp 157  
2nd - Aubrey Denson 176

### *Women's Super Senior*

1st - Maureen McCarthy 164

## Hole-In-One Congrats!

Congratulations to **Beau Laslo** on his ACE on August 3rd!! The ONE came on Hole #5 of the Landing Course from 134yds. Beau used a 9 iron to get his ACE!

September 4th must of been a special day for River Landing. We had 2 ONE's that day!

The first was **Julie Couch** on Hole #8 Landing from 138yds using a Driver. Congratulations on your ACE to someone who has just returned to the game!

The second HIO of the day was by **Mark Scronce** on Hole #6 River from 137yds using a 8 iron. Nice ACE on a tough hole Mark! I'm sure that broke some hearts in the game that day.

**Joe Elko** had his ACE on September 10 on Hole #3 River from 124yds using his 9 iron. I'm sure Joe made a HIO look easy to his guys!!

# '24 Member & 3 Guests Results:

A very sincere thank you to everyone, we really mean that. We have seen many of these folks year after year and there's a tradition established and friendships that have been built. We appreciate your support of the club, it means a lot!

Below are the results from the tournament. A big congratulations to our overall champions of the 2024 Member & 3 Guests:

Lucas Carter and his team of Clayton Hall, Trey Boyette and Richie Rich! Well done, gentleman!

## Overall Champions:

**Lucas Carter, Clayton Hall, Trey Boyette, & Richie Rich**

### Flight 1: 264

Harrison Kent, Brandon Boone, Aaron Bierman, & Trevor Brown

### Flight 2: 261

Michael Teachey, Mike Buford, Austin Heath, & Steve Wilkinson

### Flight 3: 263

Jerry Elder, Fred Ashby, Brian Lawrence, & Joe Lawrence

### Flight 4: 256

Steven Paylor, Chris Sheeran, Kyle Simpson, & Travis Aldridge

### Flight 5: 260

Garrett Holland, Spencer Phillips, Mason Albertson, & Tevin Jones

### Flight 6: 278

Lucas Carter, Clayton Hall, Trey Boyette, & Richie Rich



**UPCOMING  
DATE TO  
REMEMBER**

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**NIGHT GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**  
*NOVEMBER 8TH*

**GOLF SHOP  
CHRISTMAS SALE**  
*DECEMBER 6TH*

# *RLMGA: 3rd Quarter Update*



**THE 2024 RLMGA GOLF SEASON FINISHED OUT THE SUMMER MUCH LIKE LAST YEAR WITH A MIXTURE OF SOME RAIN AND VERY HOT WEATHER.**

Since the last update, we held two tournaments, the Murphy Cup and the Summer Classic. We had a great attendance with 75 and 81 players respectively. Those numbers are up from last year's tournaments. The winnings purse for each tournament was \$500, as budgeted. Meals were provided at the Clubhouse for all participants once they completed their round.

Regarding Play Days during the 3rd quarter, we had 4 rainouts and 21 play days. For the days we were able to play, we averaged 50 players on Tuesday and 29 on Thursday.

Our always popular Pot of Gold was held July 9th with 59 golfers participating. This tournament occurs twice each year, once in the middle and once at the very end of the season. On this Play Day extra money that has been set aside from each Play Day is paid out as extra winnings. Every participant is guaranteed to win something. This tournament requires a minimum of 8 days to be played prior to each event to qualify for participation.

Our popular Hot Dog Day was also held on July 9th. Paul Izzo and his crew of volunteers do a wonderful job supporting this effort. They cook the dogs and make sure everyone has their meal available as they come off the course.

We have had some great plays by our members since the season started. We have had three holes in one with Joe Elko holing the most recent on September 10th. We have had 16 Eagles; the latest being Tom Stamm (2), Jim Brostowin, Ron Himsworth, Denny Zalar and Raj Krishna. Great shooting! Looks like the membership is fine tuning their skills.

As of this writing we had two away dates and two remaining Saturday tournaments. Each year we typically have around four dates when the RL courses are closed and the RLMGA plays at an offsite location. This year we scheduled four. The two remaining offsite dates were scheduled for October 17th at

Walnut Creek and October 29th at Bear Trail. The two Saturday tournaments include The Fall Classic on 10/5/24 and our Closing Day on November 16.

Our RLMGA Match Play is moving along quite nicely with some wonderful golf providing some surprising results. Our Tournament Director Don Thomas has again done a great job organizing this event. We are in the final rounds for each flight. Good luck to the remaining competitors. We will post the results in the next issue.

Remember to visit the website: [RLMGA.INFO](http://RLMGA.INFO) for any information you need concerning RLMGA activities and results. If you are reading this and are not an RLMGA member, but would like to be, you can find application forms in the Pro Shop and on the website: [RLMGA.INFO](http://RLMGA.INFO). We would love to have you join us!

**Dan Kusnierz**  
RLMGA SECRETARY

# *Pink Ribbons, Pink Balloons, Pink Attire*



**88 GOLFERS FILLED THE PRACTICE RANGE, PREPARING FOR THE RLGALS “SWING FOR THE CURE” TOURNAMENT. THE ANNUAL EVENT SUPPORTS ECU HEALTH CANCER CARE AND IS A REGULAR OCTOBER SATURDAY EXTRAVAGANZA. “THINK PINK” WAS THE PHRASE OF THE DAY.**

The week before the tournament, “Putting for Pink”, a 5-hole putting contest for adults and children drew attention. Jan Zoesch, Sue Bartnick, and golf Pro Kyle Hope created a challenge that tested everyone’s putting skills. Winners and losers shared the experience over a pink cocktail created by the River Landing Clubhouse bar staff. The proceeds went to ECU Health Cancer Care.

In the tournament, all female teams, all male teams, and mixed male and female teams competed in different flights.

## **Winners were:**

### **Flight 1:**

Liz Peterson, Cathy Harless, Cheryl Nichols, & Suzie Zalar

### **Flight 2:**

Jessi Batts, Haylee Parks, Marissa Parks, & Mary Susan Thigpen

### **Flight 3:**

Susan Carver, Brian Russell, Richard Russell, & Kathy Russell

### **Closest to the Pin:**

Betty Earle, Don Thomas, Katie Peterson, & Marty Fritz





Not all donations included golf. Individuals and companies sponsored holes in memory of friends and family members who lost their battle. More signs celebrated those who won their battle along with those still in the fight. Diane Orłowski and Lori Bertucelli headed up this effort, culminating in 106 hole sponsorships. Carol Mann headed up the sale of ball drop tickets culminating in 1467 balls dropped from the helicopter. Carol noted, “Oh my goodness, local businesses have been tremendously supportive and generous.”

A delicious lunch was served in the River Landing Ballroom where ECU Health Cancer Center’s Varessa Wall recognized how The Swing festivities provided needed funding. Since 2018, the funds have aided in a 15% reduction in cancer mortality in a 29-county region. An integral member of the ECU team, Dr Raab, attended, along with Mrs. Wendy Murphy, a special guest.

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A spectacular closing was the helicopter drop. The balcony of the RL clubhouse was filled with people who had purchased a golf ball for the annual drop. Music and an entertaining skit added to the suspense. Who would win? Cheering, waving, the tournament players and others shared the excitement as the helicopter zoomed past. The teasing stopped when the helicopter hovered and unloaded 1467 numbered golf balls--\$8000 worth. Closest to the pin was the winner. More than one prayer was mumbled as the balls bombarded the temporary pin in the middle of the fairway.

### Top three winners were...

#### #1: \$1,920

Lindsay Skidmore, Summer Mills, & J Mann

#### #2: \$1,152

Donnie & Elizabeth Bradsher

#### #3: \$768

Perry Tully (*Tully's Car Service in Rose Hill*)



The RLGals Swing Committee is grateful for the support of River Landing management, Pro Shop, Banquet staff, and our wonderful volunteers. **This year, \$22,000 was donated to ECU Health Cancer Care.**

The fight against cancer has touched almost every family in our neighborhood and neighborhoods across the country. The battle will continue until a cancer death becomes a rare event. We thank everyone for their support and look forward to next October. The RLGALS will carry the torch. Everyone is invited to join in the joy of an October Saturday well spent.

The Swing committee would like to thank the Ball Drop Sponsors: Duplin Winery, Wallace Appliance and More, White House Real Estate, Duplin Realty, and Danette Tew.

Thank you so much for your support.



# RLGALS: Quarterly Update



Thursday, September 12th, we enjoyed our Match Play dinner concluding our season long play. Congrats to all who played and our winners:

## 9 Holes:

**Flight 1:** Julia Molstad & Sally Weston

**Flight 2:** Sharon Himsworth & Karen Lutze

## 18 Holes:

**Flight 1 & Overall:** Carol Mann & Pam Reinhardt

**Flight 2 & Overall Runners Up:** Audrey Marcis & Linda Stecklein

Wednesday, October 2nd, we played our inaugural Founders Cup Tournament in memory of Phyllis Miller who was instrumental in starting the RLGALS in 2002. We had a great group playing that day, wearing their lavender and “playing pretty” as Phyllis would say. Also, on the course welcoming us in at the end of play was Bob Miller on the 18th green! Winners for the day were as follows:

## 9 Holes:

**Low Gross:** Susan Kerig

**Low Net:** Barb Jaco

## 18 Holes:

**Low Gross:** Maureen McCarthy

**Low Net -** Elaine Masinick

Speaking of great playing, congrats to Julie Couch on her ace on September 4th, Landing #8. Way to go!

Interclub will have their final matches on Thursday, November 7th at Porters Neck Country Club. The RLGALS are currently in 3rd for the season. Go get ‘em ladies!

Bringing our season to an end was our Swing for the Cure event, Saturday, October 19th (*see article on pages 22-24 for full details*), followed by our upcoming Closing Day golf tournament and luncheon, Saturday, November 9th.

Thank you to all who have made this 2024 season a successful one!





## ACTIVITIES

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# Hope For The Warriors at River Landing

## HOPE FOR THE WARRIORS 15TH ANNUAL CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL BREAKS \$2 MILLION RAISED

Hosted by World Series champions Johnny Bench and Doug Flynn, the 15th Annual Hope For The Warriors Celebrity Invitational recently broke the \$2 million fundraising mark. Held at River Landing in Wallace, N.C., this year's Invitational raised over \$415,000 through its multi-day event focusing on building a deeper understanding and appreciation between the military and civilian communities by playing host to military, civilian community members and celebrities.

Founded aboard Camp Lejeune, Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit dedicated to restoring a foundation of stability, strength and community for post-9/11 veterans, service members and military families.

This year the multi-day event featured five events at the River Landing Clubhouse and Mad Boar Restaurant, including the Par 3 Challenge, Warrior Night and Warrior Night after party. The marquee event, The Celebrity Invitational golf tournament, was held Monday, August 26, followed later that evening with karaoke and volunteer appreciation events.

During the Invitational, service members and veterans were teamed with celebrities, flag officers and Hope For The Warriors' supporters in an event featuring nearly 200 golfers.

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“The Murphy family and the entire River Landing community really embrace us all each year, making all of our guests feel like family,” said Robin Kelleher, founder and CEO of Hope For The Warriors. “We’re blown away, but not surprised, to see the Invitational hit over \$2 million raised for the military families that we serve. It’s truly a first-class event and all involved walk away feeling really loved, supported and ready to come back the next year!”



With the continued support of the Murphy family and the River Landing community, the Hope For The Warriors Invitational has raised over \$2.3 million since 2010.

“My heart is overflowing with joy and gratitude for all the people who played a role in this year’s Hope For The Warriors Celebrity Invitational,” said Wendy Murphy, chair of the River Landing Invitational committee. “My family and I are very grateful for all the sponsors, participants, staff members and volunteers that assisted in this exciting event. We all look forward to seeing the good that comes from the proceeds raised, as Hope For The Warriors continues to serve military families right here in North Carolina and beyond. I’m already looking forward to next year!”



Celebrities who participated for part, or all, of the Celebrity Invitational include hosts, World Series champions and MLB players Bench and Flynn, former NFL players Ken Huff, Darin Jordan, Jim McMahon, Chris Mohr, Lee Rouson, Jim Thornton, former NBA player Jack Marin, pro golfer Wyatt Larkin, Bravo castmates Craig Conover and Austen Kroll, singer/songwriters Dillion Dixon, Teresa Wade, HGTV host Kelly Edge, and actors AJ Buckley, Judd Lormand, Kawa Mawlayee, Jaylen Moore, Alberto Rosende Jr., Shaun Sipos, Michael Weston, film producer/writer Robert Munic, influencers James Pendergrass, Ben Soffer and more.



*For more information on the 15th Annual Hope For The Warriors Celebrity Invitational, visit [hopeforthewarriors.org](http://hopeforthewarriors.org).*



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## *Ice Cream Social*

**MORE THAN 80 MEMBERS GATHERED BY THE POOL TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH WITH DELICIOUS SUNDAES, ICE CREAM, AND BOOZY FLOATS.**

Campers got in on the fun as well, enjoying the special treat as part of their Adventure Camp activities. The evening was made even more memorable with live music from Bailey Morrison, a camp leader whose guitar skills had the youngsters excited to see him perform. Members enjoyed swimming, laughing, and spending time together, putting the cherry on top of a perfect evening!



## *Evening of Magic*

Nearly 100 members attended An Evening of Magic, a fun-filled night of laughter and wonder. Michael Mario of No Sleeves Magic: Epic Fun Events wowed the crowd with his hilarious sense of humor and jaw-dropping magic, which has been seen on TV, cruise lines, and more. Several members volunteered throughout the show, adding to the comical interaction and making the night even more entertaining. The evening was complete with a meal provided by our chef and banquet staff, making it a magical night to remember!



## *Gather 'Round the Vine*

From the story of the Mother Vine to picking our own grapes — Our Gather 'Round the Vine event was one for the books! Thank you to Duplin Winery and Dave Fussell for bringing the rich history of North Carolina's vineyards to River Landing!



# *River Landing Adventure Camp*

**THIS YEAR, WE WERE THRILLED TO PROVIDE AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK AT RIVER LANDING ADVENTURE CAMP FOR OVER 90 CHILDREN IN TWO DIFFERENT SESSIONS.**

While some of our campers are local, many come from out of town, visiting grandparents for the week and joining us from various locations. Returning campers especially look forward to reuniting with the friends they have made over the years.

Our activities this year were diverse and exciting. Campers enjoyed science experiments, building and painting birdhouses, fishing, BB & archery provided by NC Wildlife, magic shows, swimming, pickleball, mudball, tennis, golfing, and a neon dance party. The neon dance party, hosted by Epic Fun Events, was new this year and quickly became a crowd favorite. Everyone glowed, played games, and danced the night away with DJ Piñata and his team.

We were also blessed with an abundance of leaders this year, many of whom return annually to see the kids. The leaders are amazing, with bright futures ahead as they pursue incredible careers. Despite the rain, we never let it slow us down. With a quick adjustment to our schedule, we added an indoor mini putt-putt course in the Clubhouse to keep the fun going. We cannot wait to see what next year has in store, and we're excited to welcome back familiar faces and new campers alike!







# *Bunker Bash*

**A LARGE GROUP OF MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS TURNED OUT FOR THE FIRST EVER BBQ BUNKER BASH, A FUN EVENING OF MUSIC, FOOD, AND FUN IN THE BUNKER OF #10 ON THE LANDING COURSE.**

River Landing's own River Bandits provided the musical entertainment. The band is made up of members and residents Rich Lutze, Meg Petersen, Jeff Smith, and Jim Scott. Special thanks to Jake Dillon for assisting the band with setup and breakdown to keep things running smoothly.

Chef Charles served up grilled burgers and hot dogs, while the banquet staff worked hard to outfit the bunker with all the food and beverages needed for a successful event. The maintenance team also played a key role by setting up lighting and electricity for the evening. Attendees enjoyed mingling, dancing, and playing cornhole. Many arrived on golf carts or brought their favorite camp chairs, making it a relaxed and fun time for the community to come together in a unique setting.



# River Landing Calendar of Events

## ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY

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11/11 | Veterans Day Dinner  
11/19 | Educational Talk  
11/22 | Shopping Spree  
11/28 | Turkey Trot

11/28 | Marines Thanksgiving  
12/03 | Christmas Tree Lighting & Cheer  
12/06 | Golf Shop Christmas Sale  
12/07 | Christmas Gala

12/09 | Christmas Caroling  
12/13 | Children's Christmas Party  
12/17 | Cookie Decorating Party

### RECURRING ACTIVITIES

5th Tuesday Turnout | Gatherings that take place every time a 5th Tuesday falls on the calendar

## GOLF

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11/09 | RLGALS Closing Day  
11/16 | RLMGA Closing Day  
12/14 | Golf Holiday Mixer

## DINING

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11/28 | Thanksgiving Buffet  
12/17 | Cookie Decorating Party

12/22 | Christmas Brunch with Santa  
12/31 | New Year's Eve Dinner



Please visit [www.riverlanding.com/calendar](http://www.riverlanding.com/calendar) or scan the QR code for the latest upcoming golf, events, and activities!

*All events are subject to change.*



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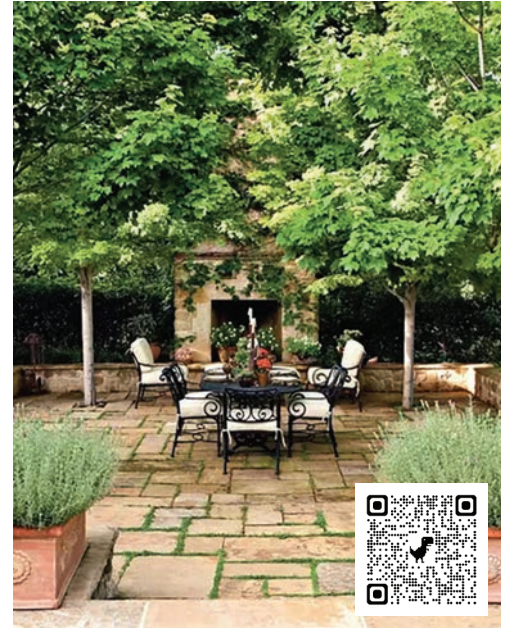
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## Inside a Breathtaking Frank Lloyd Wright-Inspired Estate in California

Surrounded by an acre of vineyards with mountains in the distance, this remarkable residence expands on Wrightian influence, creating a breathtaking modern retreat with soaring ceilings and a wealth of inviting spaces for relaxing and entertaining.

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## 21 Best Hardscape Ideas for a Welcoming Outdoor Escape

Freshen up your outdoor area with one (or more) of these designs.

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