

# LANDINGS

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## River Landing Amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic

By Larry George | Director of Golf and Hospitality

Looking back to early March, we can all remember listening to the news and learning about the new pandemic gripping our country and the world. Of course we all wondered what it would mean for us here at River Landing. Most of our membership travels frequently throughout the year - from family visits to cruises and golf outings alike. I certainly do my share of traveling with tournament golf. All that changed quickly in recent months. Spring is usually the best time of the year because of the Top 3: Daylight Saving Time, March Madness, and The Masters! Well, at least we still had Daylight Saving Time!!! Everything else has changed. MLB, NBA, and NASCAR were cancelled, restaurants closed, schools closed, fitness centers closed, beaches closed and many, many others had to shut down.

Stay at Home Order! I don't believe there is a better place to stay home than when you live in River Landing! All things considered, home in this community is right where we want to be. Golf has been more active than ever from a membership perspective, and we thank all the members who have utilized their own golf carts as their mode of transportation. It has allowed us to increase utilization of the golf course, thus offsetting the Food & Beverage shortfall during this time. I also want to thank every member for their patience during this difficult time. If you have altered your eating schedule to include Mad Boar take-out, donated food to the needy (Tom Castellino's initiative) or to the clubhouse staff (Rich Peter's initiative), worked out at home, or checked on another person, I want to personally thank you. Thank you for making River Landing what it is; a truly great place to live.

Thank you to all who filled out the recent Clubhouse dining survey. It will certainly help direct us in regards to menu, pricing, safety precautions, and the re-opening of our operations. The Clubhouse and The Mad Boar will have opened by the time of this newsletter and I'm certain you will experience a change. Social distancing, outside seating, masks, hand sanitizers and gloves will certainly be noticed, as well as a more thorough cleaning/sanitizing of chairs, tables, common areas and the like. Three things I would like to point out as we go forward:

Thank you for your patience!  
There will be change!  
Thank you for your input!

River Landing, what a great place to live and be a Member!



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# CORNER

## LETTER FROM THE PRO

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## GOLF – HOW TO ENJOY THE GAME

Over the past few months I have tried to listen to Members' golf stories. I also heard plenty of non-golf stories which, fortunately, we won't be commenting about here in the newsletter! While listening, I determined there are many different reasons why a golfer plays the game. They are listed below in no specific order.

## HOW TO ENJOY THE GAME

#1  
THE GAME  
(SELF-CHALLENGE)

#2  
CAMARADERIE/  
SOCIALIZATION

#3  
THE BEAUTY  
(WEATHER, NATURE,  
ESTHETICS, COURSE  
CONDITIONING)

#4  
COMPETITION

#5  
SPECIAL TIME  
(WITH A SPOUSE OR  
CLOSE FRIEND)

#6  
LEARNING  
(GETTING BETTER)

#7  
NOTHING ELSE TO DO  
(CAN'T TRAVEL)

## HOLES-N-ONE

Congratulations to Annette Green for her 1st Hole-n-One, 1st in the family. She aced #6 on the River Course on April 2nd using her Pitching Wedge. And our sincere apologies for not listing Roland Utterbaugh's Hole-n-One last September 25 of 2019 where he hit a masterful 6-iron on #16L from 143 yards to make his ace. Roland, now you can buy me the Crown.

Larry George  
Director of Golf

One of the greatest reasons people play golf is the camaraderie. Unfortunately, we lost some of that during the single-rider Covid-19 cart policy (although that has now been lifted). I noticed there was another common trait evident in every reason I heard, and it is "craving". I believe you can play the game for any number of reasons, but it doesn't necessarily mean you "enjoy" the game of golf. How does a person enjoy the game? Just as in life, it has to do with A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E & E-X-P-E-C-T-A-T-I-O-N-S!!!

Euphoria is what you experience when you are able to enjoy the game for a multitude of reasons, while also having the correct attitude and expectations that leaves you with a feeling of satisfaction

and a desire to play again! If you are having trouble "enjoying" the game, try one of the ideas listed below:

- Move up a tee (playing too long can make it much harder to enjoy)
- Play with a different group (play with others who enjoy the game)
- Take a lesson (knowledge is the start of improvement)
- Practice (putting, short game, full swing)
- Stop giving/getting a lesson from your spouse (think about if this is you)
- Slow down & enjoy your round
- Use a tee on every shot (non-competitive rounds)
- Change your typical time you play
- Change your attitude
- Change your expectation



# 2020 RIVER LANDING MEMBER-MEMBER

All things considered with the coronavirus, we were very happy to play our Member-Member with 57 teams competing. Tee times, lunch on the course, and the elimination of the scoring area was necessary to accommodate social distancing. Some of the camaraderie was lost - along with the stories typically shared at the scoreboard over a beer - but the competition was still present as the teams returned their scorecards playing the varying formats. Thank you to all the teams who participated, and certainly to our winners listed below.

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2	
Low Gross	Eric Brown & Travis White	Duane Batts & Mark Scronce	
Low Net	Clyde Morton & Billy Peterson	Jim Harless & Skip Romanet	
2nd Gross	Brody Brown & Joe Ingle	Rick Batchelor & Doug Batchelor	
2nd Net	Dennis Beasley & Mike Stancil	Jonathon & Phillip Smoak	

FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Low Gross	Richard Russell & Frank Wood	Harry MacLaughlin & Jim Bodine	
Low Net	Tom Green & Jim Frater	Tim Marcis & Joe Hourihan	
2nd Gross	Rich Phaneuf & Joe Phaneuf	Tom Brown & Rich Peters	
2nd Net	Justin Hunter & Bron Thompson	David Fussell & Glenn Batton	

FLIGHT 5		FLIGHT 6	
Low Gross	Mark Tierney & John Laslo	Cheryl Stamp & Maureen McCarthy	
Low Net	Ed Zupko & Will Vertolli	Cheryl Nichols & Suzie Zalar	
2nd Gross	Jim Davis & Bob Wycoff	Donna Samper & Carol Kelly	
2nd Net	Randy Weston & Jim Kelly	Cathy Harless & Carol Romanet	
		Elaine Frater & Lynda Goodman	

FLIGHT 7	
Low Gross	Diane Elko & Kathy Russell
Low Net	Barbara Kukoski & Helene Zupko
2nd Gross	Rose Dumas & Jan Zoesch
2nd Net	Anita Iacovino & Carol Mann

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
2020 RIVER LANDING MEMBER-MEMBER CHAMPIONS;  
WEN MURPHY & PETE WESTON

# Save The Date

Battle of the Sexes | June 6th  
Del Boca Vista | July 31st – August 2nd  
Ladies Interclub | August 13th  
Twilight Golf & Social | August 14th  
Hope 4 The Warriors | August 17th  
RL Club Championship Final Match | August 29th  
RL Senior Club Championship | September 19th & 20th  
Member & 3 Guests | September 25th – 27th

# REMINDERS

- Safety First** – Please wait for the golfers ahead of you to clear the landing area before you hit your next shot. It only takes 1 errant shot to change our community. Are you really impatient enough to jeopardize someone’s life? If you are, think about someone doing the same thing to your spouse, child or best friend. It’s just a game!

**Practice Range Mats** – When the balls are set to hit on the range mats, you must only hit on the mats. They are intended to protect and prolong the natural grass tee for all golfers.

**Golf Cart Pairing Up** – You must pair up when leaving the 1st Tee and make sure there
- are 2 riders in each cart. It is careless and adds age to our cart fleet if you do not!

**Back Driving Range** - Please keep golf cart traffic limited to the cart path or beside the south practice tee. Our maintenance staff is trying to improve and beautify our practice area and the traffic elimination will help substantially.

**Native Grasses & No Mow Areas** – You must not drive golf carts or push carts through the native areas. There should never be any vehicles in the grass, this will not be tolerated.

**Golf Shop Vendors** – Please know that just because you
- don’t see it in the golf shop doesn’t mean we can’t order it! We can compete with and usually offer a better price on new product than most golf stores. Please ask a member of the golf staff for a price if you don’t see it in the golf shop.

**Cigarette Butts & Trash** – Please keep River Landing Green & Clean “No butts about it!”

**Golf Course Cart Towels** – Please, Please, Please return any cart towels you may have accidentally left in the trunk of your vehicle.



MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE:  
DONATIONS FROM  
RIVER LANDING  
MEMBERS

Over the past 19 months the River Landing community has endured a lot. These challenges have not tarnished our resident’s generosity and compassion.

A great example is their willingness to share unspent club food & beverage minimum to help families in need enjoy a meal prepared for them by the Mad Boar. With the donations collected in April and so far in May, we were able to offer 70 meals that served 4 to 6 people each on Easter and Mother’s Day. I wish I had the words to describe the gratitude in the eyes of parents and kids alike. Presently, we have enough in reserve to continue this program thru mid-June.

When you implement a program like this it takes the cooperation of many people to pull off. Having said that, the residents of River Landing, management and staff at the Mad Boar have been awesome, and huge “thank you” goes out to all parties.

It is acts of kindness like this that support our beliefs’ in our RL community and people. There is no doubt we are living in trying and uncertain times, but together we will come out the other side better than ever!

Please stay safe!  
Tom Castellino | River Landing  
Member & Resident



THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF  
THIS COMMUNITY MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE FOR OTHERS.



WHAT A  
CATCH

FUN  
FACTS

- Grass carp are one of the largest members of the minnow family, Cyprinidae, and are native to eastern Asia.
- Grass carp probably are the least expensive and longest-lasting option for controlling submersed aquatic plants and some emerged aquatic plants in impoundments.
- The largest triploid grass carp taken in Florida was 15 years old, 56-inches long and weighed 75-pounds. In China, grass carp are reputed to live up to 21 years and reach sizes of 5-feet and 100-pounds.

On March 18th we released nearly 400 sterile Grass Carp into our 'Catch & Release' ponds throughout River Landing to help keep our ponds clean. The Carp contribute to the dynamic ecosystem found throughout our property. In May, we also released an additional 2,000 bluegill for sport fishing and to control mosquitoes and midges in the community.







## BUILD A HOME AS UNIQUE AS YOU ARE

Learn all you need to know to get started building your custom dream home at one of our Builders Showcases held twice a year. Have all of your specific questions answered in one place, at one time! At our events you can also:

- Meet CHP Allied Partners
- Enjoy meet 'n greet opportunities
- Tour custom homes
- Meet RL team members
- Meet with CHP builders



It is a tradition each year for the Custom Home Program at River Landing to host two Builders Showcases; one in the spring and one in the fall. These events are always an exciting time for property owners to visit River Landing, see their beautiful property, meet the year's Allied Partners, talk to our preferred builders, tour some stunning homes, and move one step closer to making a dream, reality.

Author and journalist Matthew Scully wrote several years ago: "Sometimes tradition and habit are just that, comfortable excuses to leave things be, even when they are unjust and unworthy". While we always try to bring

something new and different to each Builders Showcase, there is a comfortable familiarity to them. However, current world events have forced us to re-think and re-imagine how we do things.

As Governors across the country essentially shut down states in order to protect us all and keep us as healthy as possible, it became apparent that the Spring 2020 Builders Showcase scheduled for April 30 and May 1 simply would not be able to take place. With property owners coming in from multiple states, I spent quite a bit of time talking over alternatives and making decisions with other members of the River Landing staff. The decision was made to cancel the event and use it as a personal catalyst to pivot. The decision was made that moving forward, the Builder Showcases were going to become more fine-tuned and more inviting than ever before. Pages of notes on how River Landing and the Custom Home Program can move forward from here have been written and reviewed. Unofficial surveys have been taken. Ideas have been pitched. We can host events virtually. We can use more technology in our presentations. We can put a great emphasis on personal trips wherein property owners are entertained one by one. No idea is off the table at this point.

At the Fall 2019 Builders Showcase I received excellent feedback from attendees in regards to the enthusiasm and involvement of our Allied Partners. I heard a multitude of compliments towards our



banquet staff and their handling of the Thursday night dinner, Friday meals, and overall attention. I watched as property owners took tours of the Clubhouse, walked through the Fitness Center, toured the grounds on golf carts, and more. There were smiles, laughs, questions, and just a great feeling overall! Those elements will not be lost and will, in fact, be built upon.

Our next event, scheduled for mid-October, is going to hold tight to the crowd favorites of showcases past, but also incorporate new and exciting methods and activities. Home tours may include meals, allowing for a better narrative on what it is like to actually live in a custom River Landing home. Indoor round table discussions may take place at unlikely venues with views of the courses and our beautiful neighborhoods. For those who can't physically join us, there will be opportunities to log in and be part of the event. Without

sounding unrealistic or overly-hopeful, I have no doubt that the Fall 2020 Builders Showcase will be an event that looks and feels very different from those before it. How can it not? The world is changing and the emphasis to build a home versus building a house has increased ten-fold.

Once new dates are announced I hope you will join us. It is a wonderful time to bring those napkin sketches to life and build a home just as unique as you are.

I am reminded of a stanza from the popular 1972 musical Pippin. The song is 'On The Right Track' and the lyric goes: "If you'd take it easy, trust awhile / Don't look blue, don't look back / You'll pull through in just awhile / 'Cause you're on the right track". My friends, we have pulled through and I am completely confident that we are on the right track!



# TEST YOUR LUCK

## A St. Patrick's Day celebration to remember

Each year at Adventure Camp, Michael Roseander of No Sleeves Magic wows the children. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year we brought back Michael (a.k.a. "Michael Mario") to entertain our adults with promises they would be just as impressed!

Michael is internationally recognized for his unique style of magic, mentalism, and comedy, and has been seen on major networks such as HBO, FOX and CBS. He not only entertains audiences across the US, but also at sea on the Royal Caribbean Cruise line. Michael proved to be a huge success with our adults as he brought laughter, magic and some embarrassing moments as well - all in good fun, of course!!

Many of our Members had the opportunity to participate in the show and - to much surprise - we have some quite comical neighbors! Over one hundred members attended the event, which included a traditional Irish buffet. It was an amazing night that is sure to return, based on all the rave reviews it has received.

Thank you to all the Members for their support, and for embracing new ideas for entertainment. We look forward to more!

Always find joy in the journey!  
Your Activities Director,  
Sabrina Lewis

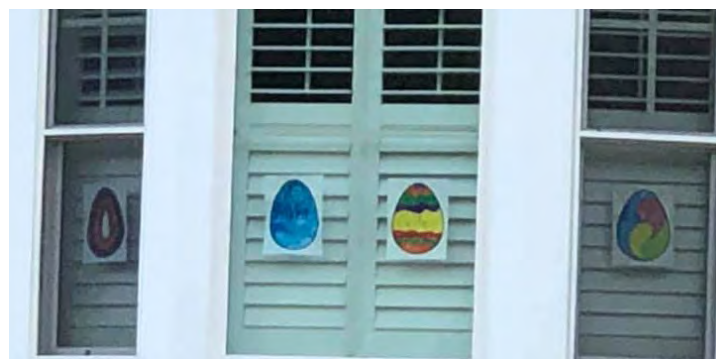






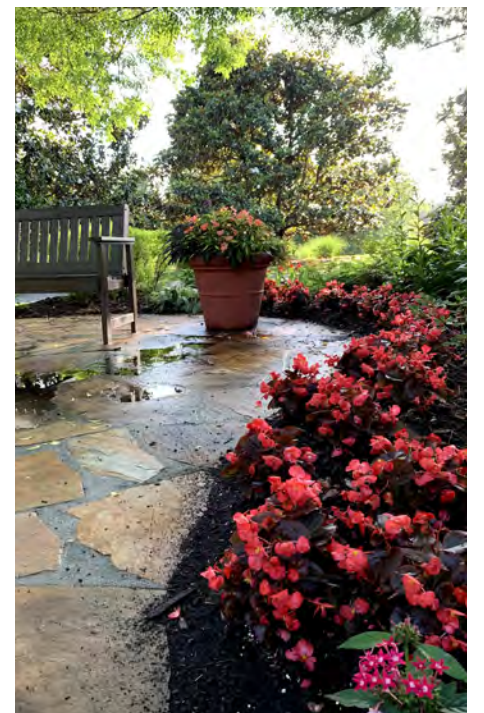
In lieu of our traditional Easter Egg Hunt, this year River Landing organized a virtual Easter Egg hunt that brought our community together on Easter weekend - while at the same time honoring and complying with social distancing

This year we asked residents to print an Easter egg coloring sheet. From there residents added their creativity by coloring and designing their eggs and posting them to a window facing the street. This was a huge success and we thank everyone who participated to spread the holiday spirit. Here are a few of this year's masterpieces.



## RIVER LANDING GARDENING COMMITTEE

The Residents Gardening Committee is made up of a small group of volunteers who are dedicated to help beautify the River Landing community. Each year they create stunning planter arrangements for the outdoor pool area. With the pool recently being closed – first due to stay-at-home orders and then to complete repairs - the planters are currently split between the golf terrace at the Clubhouse and the Memory Garden at the Post Office. The Memory Garden is another project of the committee, which is responsible for planting and maintaining that area. In addition, the Residents Gardening Committee keeps up with seasonal plants and decorations at the rustic tobacco pack house just inside the front entrance to River Landing. Thanks for all of your hard work!







The 2020 season was kicked off on February 26th with the Annual Meeting held in the Clubhouse Ballroom. At that meeting election results were revealed, with Walt Dlugolecki winning Treasurer and John McCarthy the Member at Large. The performance awards from 2019 were also announced. Three members won “Most Improved” in their handicap ranges: Dick White (8.2 – 5.4); Tim Marcis (13.1 – 8.8) and Paul Izzo (28.1 – 21.6). Great playing guys! The money winners were: Jim Frater (\$499), Ed Zupko (\$394) and Jim Candido (\$386). Finally, the iron men awards for highest participation number of rounds played were: Ed Zupko (71), Jim Frater (69) and Jim Kelly (62). Certainly proves you have to play to win! March 14th officially started

the 2020 golf season with our traditional Breakfast Shamble tournament; breakfast buffet followed by golf – a shamble counting two best net scores. Unfortunately, 4 of the first 20 play days had to be cancelled for rain, but of the 16 held, we averaged 48 players per day, an increase over last year.

Membership for 2020 has increased by a net of 7 over last season at 117 compared to a budget of 110. This is a combination of some members returning from last season, some members not rejoining and 8 brand new members. Thank you for your participation!

The coronavirus situation has significantly affected our season to this point, especially the tournaments. Since Clubhouse

dining has been closed, the Spring Classic on April 4th was played without meal service. However, for the next tournament, the May 9th Murphy Cup, we arranged for meal service to be provided on the course – grilled hot dogs and bratwurst, served with pasta salad, chips, cookies and drinks. Also, since most residents are not traveling, the tournament attendance has been higher, with an average of 82 players. We have 4 more tournaments scheduled for the remainder of the year, the next one being the Summer Classic on July 11th, and it remains to be decided what the meal situation is going to be for those. Play Day attendance has also increased over last year to an average of 48. Another effect of the virus has been how the game is being

“WHERE RIVER  
LANDING MEN MEET  
TO SHARE A LAUGH,  
A BEER, AND SOME  
GOLF”

played here. Cart use was restricted to one per cart (except for same household members), flagsticks were not removed (but is it now optional), lift and place in sand traps was allowed since rakes should not be used (also now optional); the cart

crews are cleaning and sanitizing prior to use, while handshakes and gatherings are discouraged.

Although early in the season, we have seen some notable accomplishments by our mem-

bers. To this point, there have been no holes-in-one reported, but 8 eagles have been reported by the following members: Brian Keeney, Bill Peterson, Jim Harless (3), George Maggio, Jim Frater and Skip Romanet! Keep up the good work, and let's get some aces!

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!

Harry MacLaughlin  
RLMGA SECRETARY





# CONTACT US

## RIVER LANDING REAL ESTATE



### HOME SALES

December 20, 2019 - May 21, 2020 = 18  
May 21, 2019 - May 21, 2020 = 41  
Currently Under Contract = 2

### LOT SALES

December 20, 2019 - May 21, 2020 = 14  
May 21, 2019 - May 21, 2020 = 38  
Currently Under Contract = 2

### 2020 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES

New homes approved = 2  
New homes completed = 1  
Homes currently under construction = 4  
Total completed homes in River Landing = 473

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JUNE

### Battle of the Sexes

Saturday, June 6  
Begins at 9:00 AM

### RLGALS Play Day Shotgun

Wednesday, June 10  
Begins at 8:30 AM

### RL Member Guest

Saturday, June 13 to  
Sunday, June 15  
Begins at 11:30 AM

## JULY

### RLMGA Summer Classic

Saturday, July 11  
Begins at 8:30 AM

### RL Adventure Camp

Monday, July 27 to  
Friday, July 31  
Begins at 9:00 AM

## AUGUST

### RLMGA Captains Tournament

Saturday, August 8  
Begins at 9:30 AM

### Twilight #3

Friday, August 14  
Begins at 5:30 PM

### Hope for the Warriors

Monday, August 17  
Begins at 10:00 AM

### RL Club Championship Match Play Finals

Saturday, August 29  
Begins at 8:30 AM

## SEPTEMBER

### RLGALS Play Day Shotgun

Wednesday, September 2  
Begins at 8:30 AM

### RLMGA Fall Classic

Saturday, September 5  
Begins at 8:30 AM

### RL Senior Club Championship

Saturday, September 19 to  
Sunday, September 20  
Begins at 8:30 AM

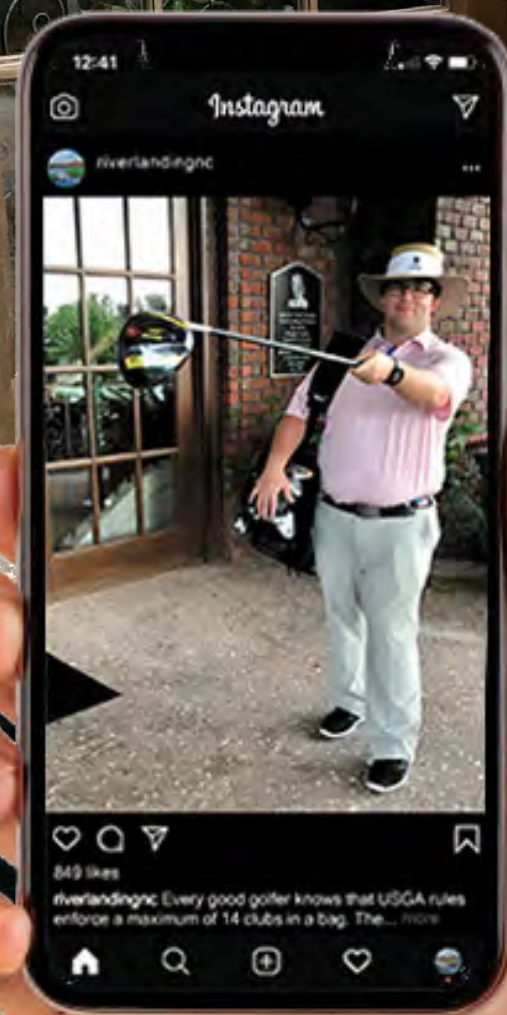
### Member & 3 Guests Practice Round

Friday, September 25 to  
Sunday, September 27  
Begins at 8:00 AM

For more  
information  
on upcoming  
events  
please see  
**Community  
Calendar** at  
[riverlanding.com](http://riverlanding.com)

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to change*

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