

# LANDINGS

THE RIVER LANDING E-NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2021



RIVER <sup>25</sup>LANDING  
YEARS STRONG





# RIVER LANDING REAL ESTATE



	Sales October 2020 - October 2021
Homes	50
Lots	23

	Currently Under Contract
Homes	3
Lots	1

## 2021 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES

As of January 1, 2021

New Homes Approved = 8

New Homes Completed = 0

Homes Currently Under Construction = 9

**Total Completed Homes In River Landing = 475**

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## ON THE COVER

RLGALS  
Swing for the Cure  
Helicopter  
Ball Drop



**Larry George is making waves and moving up in the Senior PGA Championship!**

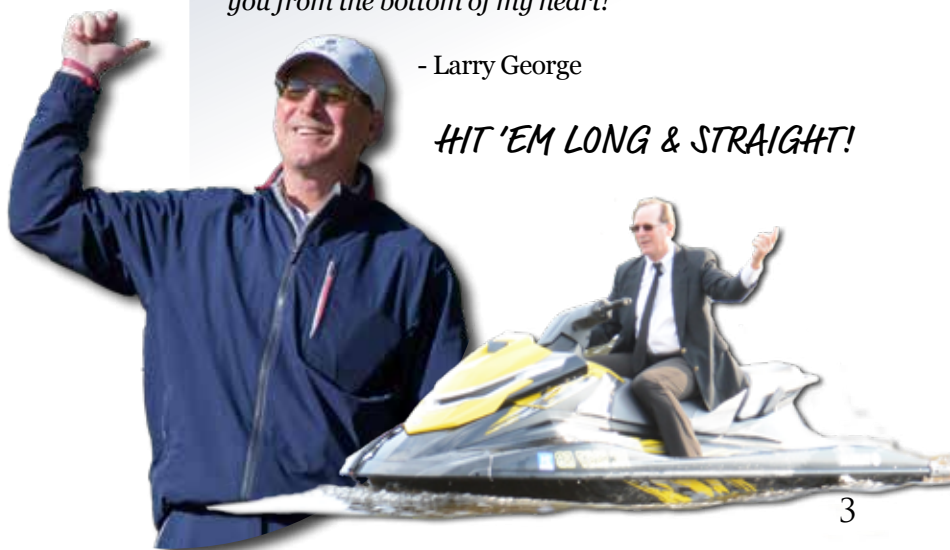
On October 24th, Director of Golf and Hospitality Larry George swung his way into the top 35 and earned 16th place with 4 under in the Senior Professional Championship, qualifying him for the Senior PGA Championship. The River Landing community couldn't be more proud to have one of their very own teeing off in the big leagues.

Come May 24th-29th, Larry will be at Harbor Shores Golf Club in Benton Harbor, MI playing the 2022 Kitchenaid Senior PGA Championship. Everyone at River Landing is wishing you the best of luck in your upcoming match, LG!

*"I'm very excited to have qualified for the 2022 Senior PGA Championship and very grateful for all the support we have received. I wouldn't be here without the support & prayers from everyone, especially my wife Patty (anyone who has played with me understands). She is a great partner in life, and as my caddie, she reads the greens better than I do. Qualifying for the Senior PGA Championship has been a goal since I turned 54. So to God, Patty, my brothers, the Murphy family, my River Landing family, and my friends who have supported me with prayers, praise, and many other things, thank you from the bottom of my heart!"*

- Larry George

**HIT 'EM LONG & STRAIGHT!**



A photograph of two golfers from behind, standing on a green. The golfer on the left is wearing a blue patterned shirt and black shorts, holding a golf club. The golfer on the right is wearing an orange shirt and khaki shorts, also holding a golf club. They are looking out over a lush green landscape with trees and a house in the background under a cloudy sky.

# GOLF CORNER

**'TIS THE  
SEASON IN  
RIVER LANDING...**

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As we approach the holidays, the 25th year of River Landing is coming to a close. Tournament season is ending this month, and we will have our RLGALS and RLMGA closing day tournaments. We set our clocks back on November 7th, and the days are getting shorter. During this season I always like to reflect, not only on the current year, but also years past.

My wife Patty and I came to River Landing in 2003. Since then, many memorable things have happened, and some of them you may remember too.





- Before our current Clubhouse, there was the original Golf Shop trailer with a snack bar. It was roughly where the first row of parking is now beside the Champions' parking space in the Clubhouse parking lot.

- Connie Duff & Pam Hurt, better known as Connie & Pam (always together), were two of the first F&B employees I met, and they are still here serving you to this day.

- Ron Walker was Santa Clause during the Christmas Golf Mixer.

- Jim & May Young with their Scottish accents asking me why play was so slow.

- Roy Foster, who was a tall but gentle man.

- Ray Collier was in charge of the MGA and Bob Miller was President of the Senior MGA. They later joined the two groups to form the RLMGA.

- The old cart barn where there were dances and parties. If someone came in early to pull

carts, they would disturb the raccoons and get scared.

- The grand opening of the Fitness Center.

- When construction started on the Clubhouse, we had to move to a temporary Golf Shop. A lot of you remember this location the most. It was to the right of the Clubhouse by the grass overflow parking.

- We opened the final 9 of our 36 holes in 2006. Can you recall these 9 newest holes?

- The golf shop was moved to its third temporary location in 2008, taking over the Tennis Pro Shop in the Fitness Center (now known as the Oasis Room). We had our Golf Shop Christmas sale in the Members Room that year. Even with all that extra space, the same amount of wine was spilled – so you couldn't blame the tight quarters from years past!

- In April 2009 the Grand Opening of the Clubhouse. And when I say grand, I mean it. What a night.

We all have different memories that stand out, depending on your time and experiences here. Please join me in remembering the times that are special to you by adding them to the dry erase board in the Golf Shop. Stop by and add a note, or just take a look and see if it stimulates your memory. And please remember to stay positive as you reflect on the past 25 years of River Landing. We will erase the white board at the end of each day so new memories are brought to light every day. And if you remember the 9 most recent holes, please reminisce with me - and don't make any mistakes when asked about the past 27-hole routing.

A lot of history has been packed into 25 years at River Landing, and the 18 years that I have been a part of it. While we each have our own unique memories, we all share a common bond as members of the River Landing family. Best wishes to you all this holiday season!





# EQUIPMENT CHECK!

WITH MARSHALL STOTT



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Now that cooler weather has started to arrive, we all need to take a little time to inspect our equipment. Whenever there are days that are not good for playing you have time for someone on the golf staff to do some work for you!

Let me start with grips. Yes, most people do not like to get new grips until the grip is shiny or slick – not good! If you are playing 3 to 4 days a week

over the course of the year, you may want to think about getting your grips changed at least once a year - but twice is ideal. We have a great selection in the Golf Shop and can order most grips quickly. It only takes a day or so to put them on and the golf staff are qualified to do so. While you are getting your grips checked, have the golf staff check out the rest of your clubs. We can look at the shafts for dings,

## HAPPY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

to our, Head Pro Marshall Stott! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to both Murphy Family Ventures and the River Landing community.



cracks, ferrules, and loose epoxy around the shafts and in the heads.

Next, and my favorite that all golfers seem to forget about, is spikes for your shoes! Hint: this is one that the golf staff will laugh at the most. Sometimes it is comical to see how the spikes look when someone brings a pair of shoes in to get new spikes. There are times when we will not be able to get the spikes out, or the spike will start

turning inside the sole of the shoe because of the amount of pressure we have to put on the shoe. That lets us and you know that you waited too long to change your spikes. If you are playing 3 to 4 times a week, you will need to change your spikes no less than twice a year. Fortunately for everyone, we carry spikes in the shop and we are more than happy to change them out for you. It only takes a few minutes and most of the time we can do the work at

that moment.

Finally, don't forget about your push carts and golf carts. Check them out and get repairs or maintenance done during the winter. The cooler months are an ideal time to get everything working and looking great for the spring!!



# MEMBER & 3 GUESTS

This year's Member & 3 Guests tournament brought a new level of excitement on September 25th and 26th. We had 32 teams sign-up for the event and it sold out within an hour of opening registration. Each team experienced 3 days of golf, great entertainment, a gift package, and of course a few beverages along the way.

This year's event did not disappoint as we played the 3-hole shootout to determine the overall champions. With our trusty assistant Justin Riker finding a difficult spot on the second hole, we had 3 teams participate in the shootout. The Robinson team was knocked out leaving team Elder against team Paylor.

After making some tough decisions and hitting some great shots, team Elder came out on top to become the Overall Member & 3 Guests Champions!!

## MEMBER & 3 RESULTS:

### FLIGHT 1:

#### *Flight Champion*

Jeff Ferrell  
Chad Ferrell  
Stephen Batts  
Scott Coleman

#### *Flight Runner-Up*

Mike Teachey  
Steve Wilkinson  
Neil Wilkinson  
Austin Heath

### FLIGHT 3:

#### *Flight Champion*

Dale Robinson  
Scott Robinson  
Dennis Sluder  
Don Hancock

#### *Flight Runner-Up*

Greg Seybold  
James Furness  
James Furness Jr.  
Michael Sweigert

### FLIGHT 2:

#### *Flight Champion*

Kevin Elder  
Craig Elder  
Kevin Holdsworth  
Glenn Trevett

#### *Flight Runner-Up*

Duane Batts  
Barry Key  
Mark Shuffler  
David Ange

### FLIGHT 4:

#### *Flight Champion*

Steven Paylor  
Travis Alridge  
Chris Sheeran  
Kyle Simpson

#### *Flight Runner-Up*

Don Cmar  
Kevin Cmar  
Fran Cmar  
Russ Cage





# Match Play

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

2021 Club Champion results are in! The matches took a few months to complete, but we were able to get them all in and have some great matches along the way. The turn out was fantastic with 6 flights in the men's division and 2 flights in the ladies division.

In the ladies overall championship match, Maureen McCarthy and Cathy Harless went head-to-head. Their match would swing back and forth until the last few holes when Maureen took control and became the 2021 Overall Ladies Champion. Congratulations to both ladies for an outstanding tournament and match!!

In the men's championship, Trent Ganey and Joe Ingle played each other. Much like the ladies, it was not an easy win. The match was back and forth throughout the 36 holes. Trent played very consistently for the day and eventually pulled away to become the 2021 Overall Men's Champion!

### LADIES MATCH PLAY RESULTS:

#### SORENSTAM FLIGHT

Overall Champion - Maureen McCarthy  
Runner-up - Cathy Harless

#### LOPEZ FLIGHT

Champion - Elaine Frater  
Runner-up - Liz Peterson

### MEN'S MATCH PLAY RESULTS:

#### NICKLAUS FLIGHT

Overall Champion - Trent Ganey  
Runner-up - Joe Ingle

#### SNEAD FLIGHT

Champion - Peter Ogilvie  
Runner-up - Jim Gantz

#### HOGAN FLIGHT

Champion - Dave Cailler  
Runner-up - Chip Blalock

#### PLAYER FLIGHT

Champion - John Smith  
Runner-up - Ed Zupko

#### PALMER FLIGHT

Champion - Paul Smith  
Runner-up - Jeff Gilley

#### SARAZEN FLIGHT

Champion - Alan Nizamoff  
Runner-up - Ed Yates



## SENIOR

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Senior Club Championship was full of talent and competition right from the beginning because of the level of participation. With the event being a gross and net tournament, it created excitement and some great golf for the weekend. There were 2 divisions that included Senior and Super Senior. The weather was great both days and gave us 2 days of tremendous golf and friendly rivalry! Thank you all for taking the time play in this year's event and congratulations to all the winners!!

### 2021 SENIOR RESULTS:

#### Senior Ladies Division

Overall Champion - Cheryl Nichols - 166  
2nd Gross - Cathy Harless - 168  
1st Net - Meg Peterson - 141  
2nd Net - Donna Samper - 149

#### Super Senior Ladies Division

Overall Champion - Maureen McCarthy - 164  
2nd Gross - Jan Zoesch - 174  
1st Net - Sheila Bertoldi - 143  
2nd Net - Suzie Zalar - 145

#### Senior Men's Division

Overall Champion - Eric Brown - 145  
2nd Gross - Joey Stone - 160  
1st Net - Kevin Elder - 142  
2nd Net - Jeff Mandusky - 144

#### Super Senior Men's Division

Overall Champion - Mark Bertoldi - 147  
2nd Gross - Ed Dillard - 148  
3rd Gross - Jim Harless - 149  
1st Net - Don Thomas - 142  
Tie 2nd Net - Denny Zalar & Jim Gantz - 145





## RIVER LANDING MENS GOLF ASSOCIATION

### QUARTERLY UPDATE

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

The 2021 RLMGA golf season has continued through the 3rd quarter (July - September) with mostly sunny and dry weather.

### TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Since the last update, we have held two more tournaments; the Summer Classic on July 24th and the Fall Classic on October 9th. These were well attended with 57 and 64 players respectively, for an average of 61 players, slightly behind last year. The winnings purses for these tournaments were \$519 and \$472, respectively, averaging \$496 vs. the \$500 budget. Also, with these tournaments we continued the 50/50 drawings, which collected proceeds of \$215 and \$285 and distributed the same amounts to the winners! The latest tournament, the Fall Classic, presented a particular challenge for Don Thomas, our Tournament Director, in that the weather forecast was very unstable. Don worked hard

to prepare for circumstances wherein he had parings prepared for either normal play or Cart Path Only. We were fortunate that we were able to play with carts allowed on the course. Thanks for your efforts, Don!

Regarding Play Days during this quarter, there were 24 dates scheduled, with only 2 rainouts. For the 22 dates actually played, we averaged 37 players. Attendance favored Tuesdays, where the average was 45 players, while Thursdays only averaged 27 players. Also, we held 2 away dates during this quarter, (when the RL courses were both closed for outside activities). We played at Walnut Creek and Duplin Country Club. Walnut Creek was well attended with 32 golfers. The course was in great shape and the staff at both Duplin and Walnut Creek treated us very well. The greens at both courses were very good with the undulations at Walnut Creek and the grain at Duplin Country Club providing for interesting reads and results. On September 14th we held the second Hot Dog Day with 50 players in attendance. Thanks again to Paul Izzo for undertaking the coordination of this always popular event, as well as the volunteer cooks: Ed Schulz, Ed Zupko, Jim Kelly, and John Goodman, who also contributed his favored chili recipe. For a minimal \$5 contribution, each player received 2 hot dogs, chips, and 2 beers or sodas. We had 50 players participate.

### PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Some very good play by our

members has again been reported this quarter. Since the last update, we have not had any additional holes-in-one, but 5 players have reported 6 eagles: Cris Petersen, Jim Harless (2), Dick White, Jim Kelly and Harry MacLaughlin. Harry MacLaughlin carded his eagle at a Member Guest tournament with his son in Maryland, where it also earned him a skin worth \$685! During the Fall Classic Tournament, Mike Masinick carded a 76 for one of his career best rounds! Great playing guys!

### LEARN MORE

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 Golf Shop and on the website. We would love to have you join us!

### HARRY MACLAUGHLIN

Secretary  
RLMGA



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Hot Dog Day  
&  
FINAL  
Pot of Gold Day**

November 16th

**Closing Day**  
November 20th

# THE ROARING TWEN-TEES



Flappers and gangsters were all the rage at the annual River Landing Golf Association for Ladies Invitational held on September 29th. With 44 different golf clubs from four states in attendance, the 2021 Invitational was themed "The Roaring Twen-Tees" and a vintage Ford was available for photo opportunities.

Ladies arrived on Wednesday and had an opportunity to play a practice round on the River Course or Landing Course, followed by an optional dinner. The 1920's theme was enhanced with music by Mark Daffer and many flapper dresses and costumes worn in that era.

Thursday, September 30th marked the official tournament with prizes:

**Best Interpretation of Themed Cart**  
Hinken | Keefer | Kocak | Stubby  
*Wilmington Municipal LPGA*

**Best Interpretation of 1920's Themed Costumes**  
Pulzone | Dlugolecki | Bardin | White  
*River Landing*

Five door prize baskets and numerous other gifts and prizes, including a getaway for four at River Landing (comprised of rounds of golf and accommodations) were awarded at the luncheon. Mr. John Goodman supplied 1920's era music in the staging area. Players left on a high, many commenting they can't wait for next year!

The 2021 Invitational Committee wishes to thank all who participated, sponsored, or volunteered at the event, including, Bill Carone Chevrolet, The Glass Slipper Boutique, Hooked on Design, John Goodman, Mark Daffer, the River Landing Golf Shop, the River Landing Marketing Team, and the River Landing Banquet Staff. A special thanks to RuthAnne Lavis for organizing all of the volunteers.

*Jennifer Ciuccoli, Invitational Chair*  
*Diana Nizamoff, Co-Chair*

**Invitational Committee Members**

Sharon Himsworth  
Sally Weston  
Susan Kerig

Maureen Goodwin  
Janis Jay  
Elaine Masinick







## RIVER COURSE | FLIGHT 1:

### 1st Place Gross

Patty George  
Kayla Thompson  
Mary Katherine Donovan  
Brenda Vesligaj

### 2nd Place Gross

Linda McAllister  
Sharon Henke  
Carol Ackerson  
Penny Oakley

### 1st Place Net

Rhonda Williams  
Cathy Wilson  
Carol Bryant  
Carolyn Jordan

### 2nd Place Net

Sheila Bertoldi  
Suzie Zalar  
Cathy Harless  
Sandra Phillips

## RIVER COURSE | FLIGHT 2:

### 1st Place Gross

Darlene Rappa  
Pam Tysor  
Joy Bell  
Mary Lee Cuthrell

### 2nd Place Gross

Meg Peterson  
Lynda Goodman  
Sue Houff  
Elaine Frater

### 1st Place Net

Linda Mudaro  
Deb Ford  
Tracey Armstrong  
Lynne Unwin

### 2nd Place Net

Lyn Totty  
Meghan Kobelt  
Cyndy Tutson  
Alexa Blair

## LANDING COURSE | FLIGHT 3:

### 1st Place Gross

Jennifer Narron  
Machell Klemsche  
Jeanne Harbison  
Sandi Hubbard

### 2nd Place Gross

Mary Richardson  
Barbara Guh  
Jane McFayden  
Shirley Stone

### 1st Place Net

Tess Tesch  
Ann Thacker  
Juni Fraser  
Mary Jo Smith

### 2nd Place Net

Claudia Wallen  
Joelle Hutaff  
Jennifer Ashcraft  
Tammy Beshlin

## LANDING COURSE | FLIGHT 4:

### 1st Place Gross

Cynthia Merrell  
Cynthia Isyk  
Rainelle Mishoe  
Kathleen Kobel

### 2nd Place Gross

Jackie Sawyer  
Peg Berry  
Eileen Henderson

### 1st Place Net

Pat Simpson  
Barbara Swetits  
Diane Elko  
Carolyn Bruggeman

### 2nd Place Net

Kaye Pulzone  
Jackie Bardin  
Linda Dlugolecki  
Barbara White

## Closest to the Pin

### River Course

Darlene Rappa and Donna Samper

### Landing Course

Kathleen Kobel and Jan Zoesch





## RLGALS SWING FOR THE CURE

The RLGALS annual Swing for the Cure theme this year was "Tackle Cancer: GO! FIGHT! WIN!" We thank the residents of River Landing and local businesses for their generous support in helping us raise \$19,393 so far this year with the proceeds benefiting Vidant Cancer Care. Because some fundraising items run through the end of the month, the final amount raised is expected to grow!

The event kicked off with a tailgate party and Helicopter Ball Drop on October 14th, followed by the golf tournament and luncheon on October 15th, and Touchdown

Bingo on October 16th. In addition to these activities, there were neighborhood raffle baskets and a silent auction.

The tailgate party brought the community together to enjoy a wonderful afternoon with much fun and conversation. Residents came in golf carts or brought chairs to sit around and enjoy good conversation, the cookout, drinks, and watch the corn-hole tournament. The tennis team won the corn-hole tournament and they donated 50% of the entry fee to the charity. The winners were Dave Walker and Adam Gregorczyk, who won Tackle Cancer towels. The tailgate

sponsors were Thompson & Thompson Law Firm; Ludlum Law Firm; Courtenay Thompson, Realtor Sotheby's Landmark, and River Landing.

The Helicopter Ball Drop saw 1,469 golf balls descend from the sky raising \$7,560 towards the fundraising total. The ball drop funds are split 50/50, with \$3,780 going to Vidant Cancer Care and the remaining 50% split between the winners; Suzie Zalar, Sheila Bertoldi, Kathy Russell, Sandra Phillips and Rose Dumas (first place), Pam Ryan (second place) and Pam Reinhardt (third place). Helicopter sponsors were Billy's Pork & Beef Center; Wallace Variety; Duplin Golf Carts; The Blend; Brandon Hendrickson, Intracoastal Realty; River Landing and the Murphy Family.

The golf tournament had 80 players and 87 attended the luncheon. There were three flights with prizes for low gross and low net in each flight. This year's special guests were Varessa Wall, Director of Development, and Darla Liles, MD, ECU Division Chief of Hematology-Oncology at the Vidant Health Foundation.

Touchdown Bingo was held in the ballroom on October 17th with 145 players who enjoyed a wonderful football themed meal. Bingo prizes ranged from \$100 to \$350 per round and 50/50 bonus rounds. The winners





of the costume contest were Dolphins for the women and Pink Lads for the men.

This year the raffle was a community effort, with each neighborhood donating items or contributions to a "Neighborhood Basket." The baskets were fabulous and were on display from October 7th through October 17th and the raffle raised \$6,205.

The silent auction items were on display on Saturday and Sunday before the golf tournament and bingo, respectively. There were many unique items, which raised \$1,625.

Finally, Tackle Cancer t-shirts were sold for \$5 per shirt with proceeds donated to the charity. The River Landing staff and many attendees wore the shirt for the tailgate party and throughout the weekend.

Barbara Kukoski, Swing for the Cure chair, said "The events would not have been possible or run so well without the help of a great team and the staff of River Landing. A huge thank you to: Larry George, Jeff Hale and the entire River Landing Golf Shop staff; Regan Boyd, Marketing Manager; Morgan Jones, Assistant Marketing Manager; Jillian Williams, Graphic Designer; Carrie Bromelle, Sales Manager, and Sabrina Lewis, Activities

Director. Special thanks to the Swing organizing team Suzie Zalar, Janis Jay, Carol Romanet, and Emily Ludlum, and RLGALS president Cathy Harless. Team members Jo Maggio, Jan Zoesch, Maureen Goodwin, Diane Elko, Diane Orłowski. Last, but not least, the neighborhood raffle team leaders: Bonnie Elder, Sue Houff, Karen Bittner, Lynda Goodman, Pat Simpson, Diane Elko, Suzie Zalar, Sara Cailler, Lillian Jimenez, Sherry Hudson, Mary Garrison, and Carol Romanet."

### **BARBARA KUKOSKI**

Chair

*RLGALS - Swing for the Cure*



# **RLGALS**

## *Closing Statement*

It's hard to believe the end of our 2021 RLGALS golf season is quickly approaching. We have had a fantastic summer (albeit some rainouts) of golf, friendship, and fun, highlighted by weekly play days; *Opening Day Re-Boot*, *Cinco de Mayo style poolside*, *Scratch Play Challenge*, *9 & Wine*, and new this year, the *Dog Days Tournament*.

Most notably, our season-long Match Play concluded with the following flight winners:

### **9 Hole Competitors**

1st flight: Cory Briley & Susan MacLaughlin

2nd flight: Sara Cailler & Susan Kerig

### **18 Hole Competitors**

1st flight: Elaine Frater & Lynda Goodman

2nd flight: Barbara Kukoski & Helene Zupko.

After a 5-hole playoff on September 7th, teams Briley/MacLaughlin and Frater/Goodman were victorious to be our overall winners. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated this season.

Thank you to our RLGALS who collectively run and participate in all of our events. What a wonderful group to be a part of! See everyone on our Closing Day, Saturday, November 13th!

### **CATHY HARLESS**

President

*RLGALS*



# THURSDAY NIGHT SHOOTOUT

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Cheryl Stamp and Wen Murphy on winning  
this year's Thursday Night Shootout season!



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River Landing was thrilled to play host to an exciting new event on Friday, October 8, when more than 700 cyclists gathered in the Vineyards as part of Cycle North Carolina's "Mountains to Coast" Bicycle Tour. The week-long event is organized each fall by North Carolina Amateur Sports and features hundreds of cycle enthusiasts riding 50 to 100 miles each day. This year's tour started in Sparta, NC, and ended in nearby Topsail Beach.

River Landing was the final overnight stop on the 7-day trip, with The Vineyards neighborhood serving as home base. Participants began arriving around noon and were greeted with a street fair atmosphere. The afternoon included live music, food vendors, craft beers, and our friends from Duplin Winery. Residents and members of River Landing were invited to join in on the fun and could be seen laughing and even dancing to the band, Rivermist. Mad Boar Restaurant & Pub served hundreds of meals, and the night wound up with the

majority of cyclists tent camping in the large center circle of The Vineyards parkway, although the Holiday Inn Express and the Clubhouse Suites and Cottages were full as well.

On Saturday morning, the riders were up and at 'em early riding through River Landing on their way to Topsail Beach. A number of residents cheered them on as they passed by their homes, and in turn, participants raved about their visit to our community.

Bringing Cycle NC to The Vineyards was a joint effort between River Landing, Duplin County Tourism Development Authority, and Duplin County Economic Development Commission. The "Mountains to Coast" tour was a perfect opportunity to showcase our beautiful neighborhood and amenities, as well as the great people who make up this special place. Thanks to all those who turned out and demonstrated why River Landing is such a desirable place to live and play!





# SHAGGIN'

## *sundays*

River Landing members had the chance to put on their dancing shoes starting in September for Shaggin' Sundays on the Terrace. Organized by Activities Director Sabrina Lewis, it brought members together for a fun evening each week while enjoying neighbors and delicious food and drinks at the Clubhouse.

Doug Daffron and his wife Missy, RL members and residents, led instruction while Jody Patram DJ'd. "Members look forward to seeing what they will learn, or just sitting back and enjoying the dancers!" says Sabrina. Thank you to Doug and Missy for offering your talents to the community, as well as Jody for providing great music. Thank you to Wayne and Sheri Brooks and Rob and Alice Jackson for their support, participation, and assistance in helping others learn the dances. Approximately 35 people were in attendance each Sunday making it a great success.



# Friends of the Arts

Wallace - Rose Hill, NC

The Wallace-Rose Hill Friends of the Arts has been inspiring, entertaining, and encouraging children of the community since 2004. From the beginning, River Landing members and residents have been instrumental in providing the talent and resources needed to fund and propel this organization, which is dedicated to bringing fine arts programs to the local school system. Its mission is to promote cultural growth and awareness of the arts through activities, workshops, and more.

Recently, students at Wallace-Rose Hill High School partook in a workshop directed by Catherine Cross Tsintzos. Catherine is a regionally known interdisciplinary artist who has worked at the Cameron Art Museum and Duke University and develops school art and agriculture programs. For three days the students created handmade paper sourced from local agriculture, made Cyanotypes using local plants and flowers, and used Indigo plants to dye recycled cotton materials. They also learned the regional and historical significance of Indigo and worked collaboratively to create a body of work for a collective project, as well as individual ideas.

Shannon Gehen, WRH art teacher, says "the students and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Friends of the Arts and the board for making this wonderful opportunity possible."

Friends of the Arts is a non-profit organization that depends entirely on the financial and volunteer support of the community. It's no surprise that, after 17 years, many members of our amazing River Landing family continue to give their time and resources, helping to stimulate a love of the arts that will benefit these young students well into the future!





# MULCH

# VS

# Pine Straw



with **CHRIS RANDALL**

Yes, we know that pine straw is technically a type of mulch, but most people consider them to be separate things. If you've been wondering which one is best for your landscape, look no further!

Mulch varies in color, type, and thickness. From cypress to hardwood natural, and hardwood chocolate to hardwood black, there is a style of mulch to suit every yard. These types of mulch can be found in shredded, double shredded, and triple shredded forms. Also, there are multiple variations of pine mulch such as pine nuggets, pine chunks, and pine fines.

Pine straw has been a long-time staple in NC. It is native to the area, breaks down quicker than most mulches, and

provides nutrients to sandy soils. The breakdown of pine straw adds organic matter to improve soil conditions. If you prefer the visual appeal of pine straw but loathe the maintenance, there is actually a plastic, pine straw look-alike which can last several years depending on the product selected. It is important to note, however, it will not help soil improvement over time.

The color of both mulch and pine straw will fade as weeks go by and therefore needs periodic refreshing. Mulch can be turned, and thin topdressing can be done each year. Pine straw needs replacing each year and maybe twice for color.

My thoughts on mulch are as follows, but aren't meant to sway you in either direction. Hardwood mulch tends to break down slower than pine straw. This can be a positive or a negative in the landscape business. If you need

soil improvement then it would be a negative, but if the soil is in great shape then it could be a positive, lasting longer than pine straw. Pine straw tends not to float with rain and allows water and nutrients to move through the profile, while mulch tends to shed water.

Whether you choose mulch or pine straw, both can be good for plants in this area and aid in soil improvement over time. Make sure your contractor isn't placing too much mulch or pine straw at the base of plants around the trunk crown. This can lead to insects and disease, or even possibly suffocation of the plants. A 1 to 2-inch depth for all cover is adequate and should last for a long season.

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## Birds, Butterflies, and Bees.... Oh My!

Things are shaping up nicely at the new pollinator garden located in The Vineyards neighborhood of River Landing. A collaboration between the Property Owners Association and River Landing Landscape Services, this space includes plants and trees designed to attract pollinators such as birds, butterflies, and bees. Pollinators are a critical

part of our ecosystem and food supply. The project is being developed in phases and includes walkways and benches for enjoying the beauty of the garden. It's part of a larger plan to improve the area at the end of The Vineyards Parkway, while at the same time helping to ensure a healthy habitat for animals and humans alike!



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## ANNUAL HOPE FOR THE WARRIORS CELEBRATION

For the past 12 years, River Landing has joined forces with Hope for the Warriors to host an annual fundraising event featuring a block party at Mad Boar Restaurant & Pub, a golf tournament, and more in support of servicemen and women, veterans, and their families. We are proud of the partnership we have built to support this worthy cause, and many of our members and residents have played a part in its ongoing success. Different from years past, we had the honor of hosting the all-new Summer Soirée featuring the 10th Annual Hope & Courage Awards which are traditionally held in Washington, DC.

During the Summer Soirée festivities, guests were treated to a very special, intimate concert by Grammy award-winning artist Lee Greenwood, including a performance of his anthem 'God Bless the U.S.A.' After his amazing show and a standing ovation from all in attendance, it was time to begin the Hope & Courage Awards. These awards go to service members and military family members who have demonstrated both hope and courage in the face of extraordinary circumstances.

The six very special awards presented during the evening went to:

### **VIGIANO FAMILY HOPE & COURAGE AWARD**

*presented to*

Capt Ryan Voltin (USMC)

SSG Robert Dove (USA)

Dawn Cash-Salau (Gold Star Wife)

### **HARRY BRIDGWOOD LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

*presented to*

George MacClary

### **CHAIRMAN'S AWARD FOR CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP**

*presented to*

Casey's convenience stores.

### **GARY SINISE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

*presented to*

Tish Stropes of the Fisher House Foundation.

We are already anticipating the event next year and are so thankful to the Hope team, River Landing staff, volunteers, and sponsors who make this event so special each year.









# Ice Cream, Floats, & Live Music

River Landing celebrated National Ice Cream month in July by gathering for a casual evening by the pool with floats, live music, lawn games, and more. Because ice cream was a new addition at the cabana this summer, it was the perfect opportunity to get together with friends and neighbors. Main Street Sunset Slush served boozy floats for the adults, while the kids took advantage of the sundae bar for a sweet treat to cool down in the warm weather. Bailey Morrison, a former Adventure

Camp counselor at River Landing, provided live music while Members floated in the pool and played table pong, cornhole, giant Jenga, and more.

Thank you to the pool attendants and camp leaders who were involved in making this event successful. "They had many responsibilities that week including Adventure Camp, which is huge, but they had big smiles on their faces," says Activities Director Sabrina Lewis.





# PICKLEBALL CLINICS



## **Pickleball has been deemed the fastest growing sport in America and it has made its way to River Landing!**

Two pickleball clinics were organized and led by River Landing resident Frank Partyka to introduce the game to other residents and members who wanted to learn this popular game. In addition to his pickleball expertise, Frank has a history of being a high school baseball and soccer coach, as well as a college basketball official for over 35 years. With the help of other

experienced players such as Bill Palmer, Gary Mann, John Conard, and Hope Hall, the participants were given instruction and shown various pickleball drills to introduce the fundamentals of the game.

Towards the end of each clinic, the participants were able to put their new skills into action by playing organized games of pickleball. "Once

they got started, they didn't want to stop!" says Frank. The first clinic had 13 participants and the second saw 9, making them both a success!

### **INTERESTED IN PLAYING?**

Anyone who was unable to make the clinic can always stop by the basketball court to observe the players. Play days and times can be found on the Glance Ahead.

## *Pickleball Fall Classic*

Members recently gathered to play their very first pickleball tournament at River Landing. Players were divided into two teams; the Invincible Wildcats and Mann's Aces. A total of 28 games were played using modified scoring. Each player played 7 games and partnered with a different teammate for each game.

The Wildcats prevailed as the winners. They chose the name Invincible Wildcats in memory of Larry Wild and Vinny Sabatino. Both were previous tennis/pickleball players. Larry's wife, Janice, was in attendance cheering the team on.

Awards for the best record went to Hope Hall and Rich Ciuccoli of the Wildcats and Dawn Perry and Tom Haugh of the Aces.

### **THE INVINCIBLE WILDCATS**

Bill Palmer, John Conard,  
Bob Petrone, Hope Hall,  
Cheryl Stamp, Jean Schnurr,  
Rich Ciuccoli, and Kathleen  
White.

### **MANN'S ACES**

Gary Mann, Frank Partyka,  
Tom Haugh, Steve Kerkam,  
Dawn Perry, Charlie Korman,  
Sandy Forehand & Mary  
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## NOVEMBER .....

### Food Drive

Monday, November 8th

### Book Sale

Wednesday, November 10th

### Veterans Day Dinner

Thursday, November 11th

### RLGALS Closing Day

Saturday, November 13th

### RLMGA Pot-O-Gold

Thursday, November 18th

### RLMGA Closing Day

Saturday, November 20th

### Christmas Farmhouse Sign Workshop

Monday, November 15th

### Prime Rib Dinner

Wednesday, November 17th

### Turkey Trot

Thursday, November 25th

### Thanksgiving Buffet

Thursday, November 25th

### Christmas Tree Lighting & Cheer

Tuesday, November 30th

## DECEMBER .....

### Gingerbread House Decorating Party at Mad Boar

Thursday, December 2nd

### Christmas Gala

Saturday, December 4th

### Golf Shop Christmas Sale

Thursday, December 9th

### Children's Christmas Party

Friday, December 10th

### Golf Christmas Mixer

Saturday, December 11th

### Cookie Decorating Class

Tuesday, December 14th

### Christmas Eve Brunch

Friday, December 24th

### Clubhouse Closed

Friday, December 24th -  
Tuesday, December 28th

### New Years Eve

### Prix-Fixe Dinner

Friday, December 31st

**ALL EVENTS  
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