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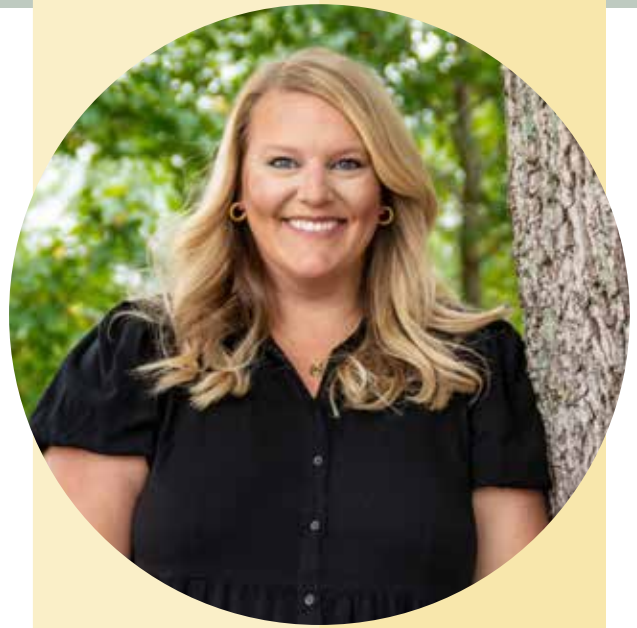


RIVER LANDING
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River Landing's Admin Building Shines in a New Light!

WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE THE NEWLY RENOVATED LOBBY OF OUR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING!

Several updates were made over the past couple of years including a fresh coat of paint, an expanded front desk, updated wall art, a beautiful brushed brass logo sign, and new upholstery for the chairs. A few new pieces of furniture along with some updated decorations were added to give a more contemporary feel while keeping our traditional roots. A built-in coffee bar was also added for our guests. We're excited to have this new space to welcome all of our guests, special event clients, and future members and residents of River Landing!



Meet Lauren Teachey

**YOUR NEW POA COORDINATOR
ON A MISSION FOR COMMUNITY
EXCELLENCE!**

She has been with us since September. Lauren serves as your primary contact for all matters related to the POA including new resident orientation, changes in contact information, waste removal, mailbox keys, maintenance issues, and more. Originally from Warsaw, Lauren is a graduate of Harrells Christian Academy and Meredith College and has a background in office operations and management. She currently resides in Wilmington with her baby William and husband Myles. Laurens' favorite part about her job is working with residents and staff who take pride in River Landing. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome to the River Landing family!

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RIVER LANDING REAL ESTATE

SALES

November 2022 to
November 2023

Homes

21

Lots

38

2023 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES

January 2023 - December 2023

New Homes Approved = 7

New Homes Completed = 7

Homes Currently Under Construction = 10

**Total Completed Homes
In River Landing = 491**



COMMUNITY

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Meet Us at the Vines

SEPTEMBER IS THE TIME OF YEAR THAT THE MUSCADINE GRAPES GROWN IN THE VINEYARDS NEIGHBORHOOD ARE RIPE FOR HARVESTING.

Over the years, many residents have taken advantage of “pick your own” opportunities to make jams, jellies, and pies from our crops. This year our community took it a step further with a “Meet us at the Vines” group outing. Several residents met up on a Thursday morning to pick and enjoy a fun activity together. What a great way to celebrate the fruits of your labor!



North Carolina State Senior Pickleball Games

The North Carolina State Senior Games were held in Cary, North Carolina on October 15th. Bill Palmer placed second in the Men's Double Pickleball North Carolina Senior Games and received a silver medal. There were around 20 teams who participated from various counties across North Carolina. Bill's partner for the games was Ed Tetlak from Apex, North Carolina. Bill had qualified by having received medals in Brunswick and Onslow County. We're proud to have you represent our River Landing Pickleball Community!



River Landing Signature Showcase

THE 2023 RIVER LANDING SIGNATURE SHOWCASE WAS A FANTASTIC SUCCESS, THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED STAFF, PREFERRED BUILDERS, ALLIED PARTNERS, AND REAL ESTATE PARTNER.

Over two memorable days, we hosted a small group of guests to experience the River Landing lifestyle and give an inside look at the building process in our community.

To kick things off, we welcomed our guests with an intimate cocktail reception at the River Lodge. Various Preferred Builders, along with some current residents, were in attendance. The night was full of conversation, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and live



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entertainment by the talented Eric Metts. Mingling and getting to know each other created an exciting atmosphere to kick off the two-day event.

The second day of the Showcase was full of activities!

It started in the Clubhouse Ballroom where I had the privilege of speaking to our guests and introducing each of our Preferred Builders, Allied Partners, and our real estate partner. All of them were given a chance to speak with the

guests in detail about what they had to offer. We then had a tour of the amenities and our guests had the opportunity to learn more about each amenity from various staff members,

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including the sales staff and activities director. This was a great way for guests to experience what current members and residents have available to them by living in River Landing!

After the amenity tours, I took our guests to the golf practice facility for a putting contest. Each person had three attempts to make a putt from a certain distance and if they failed to make the putt they were eliminated from the contest. The winner of the putting contest walked away with bragging rights and a prize from the Golf Shop. Then we headed over to the Sports and Fitness Complex for a pool-side lunch prepared by the River Landing banquet staff.

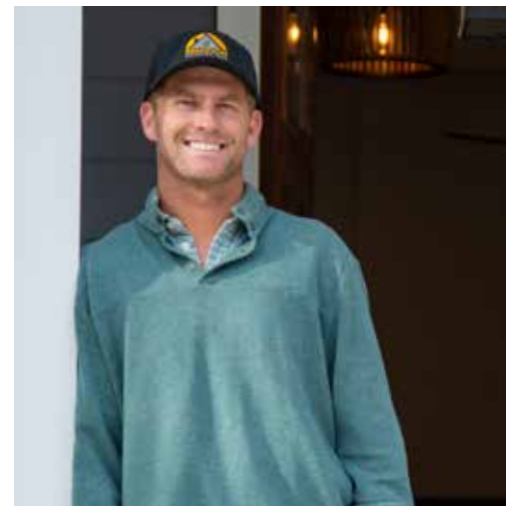
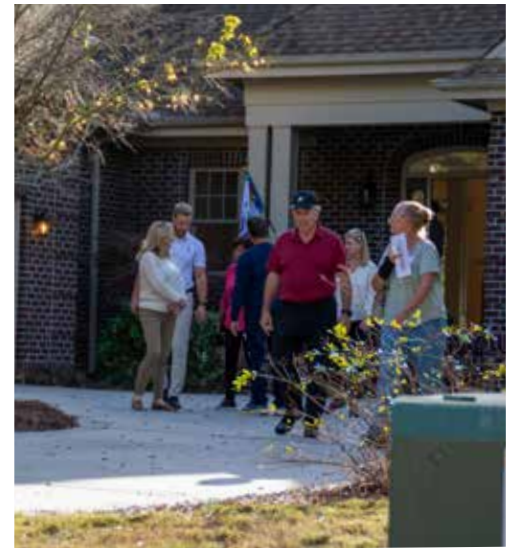
Next, our guests took a tour around the community to see homes built by each participating Preferred Builder. A crucial part of the Showcase, the builders were able to demonstrate their quality craftsmanship and attention to detail. Whether it was custom

homes or renovations, they had beautiful homes to show with a variety of different styles.

During the home tours, our real estate partner, Courtenay Thompson from Landmark Sotheby's, was a valuable resource. As a resident herself, she provided in-depth knowledge of the community, offered expert advice, guidance, and personalized solutions to each of our guests.

The showcase would not have been complete without the participation of our invaluable Allied Partners. These industry experts specialize in a range of fields, including construction to permanent loans, a wide range of insurance needs, and interior assistance. Their expertise complemented the work of our Preferred Builders, seamlessly integrating various elements to enhance and elevate the overall living experience in River Landing.

Thank you to all who helped make this event possible. It was the perfect way to celebrate homebuilding, innovation, and



the simple joys of living in our amazing community. We're already looking forward to the next one!

18th Annual River Landing Food Drive

OUR RIVER LANDING NEIGHBORS, WALLACE RESIDENTS, AND LOCAL CHURCHES ONCE AGAIN ANSWERED THE CALL TO HELP PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED FOOD FOR THE MANY FAMILIES HERE AT HOME FINDING THEMSELVES IN DESPERATE FOOD INSECURITY.

We received 381 bags of non-perishables as well as over \$1,000 in donations to help fill the gaps. Food and monetary donations continue to come in! Your kind charity will go far to make the holidays a little brighter for so many. Words cannot express our thanks and gratitude for the impact you've had and will continue to have on our community members in need...and the need is GREAT!

At the pantry, we have been keeping track of the number of families that come to us every Tuesday and Thursday for food. To put things in perspective, in 2021 we helped 227 families in need. Last year (2022) that number almost doubled to 438. This year (2023) we have already seen 550 families and counting. We've gone from 30 families a month to 30 families a week who find themselves asking not just for food but for prayers. Your kindness and generosity never ceases to amaze. We are blessed to live in a community that gives so selflessly of their time, talents, and treasures.

Wishing you and your families God's blessings,
Barbara Swetits and the Helping Hands Food Pantry Team





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Seasonal Landscape Refresh

MY DESK IS COVERED IN NOTES ABOUT POTENTIAL CHANGES FOR THE LANDSCAPE AT RIVER LANDING.

To freshen up the community, we're looking at trimming back, removing some things, and making other adjustments. With the neighborhood maturing, we want to keep it looking beautiful year after year.

These decisions come with their challenges. Choosing between a mature oak and a mature magnolia requires careful consideration of which one to keep and let flourish for years to come, and which one to remove to allow the other to stand out. I'm dedicated to making thoughtful choices, exploring alternatives, and ensuring the best outcome. The management team at River Landing collaborates regularly, drawing on their collective experience to guide us through these changes. Our focus is on addressing overgrown and unkempt areas to enhance

the overall appearance of the neighborhood. While we won't tackle all areas at once, you might observe some noticeable improvements as we work through these changes over the winter.

I recommend checking out the beds in your front or back yards and finding ways to make them better. Winter is the time to get rid of deadwood, and giving perennials and small shrubs a good pruning makes spring maintenance a breeze. Don't forget to plant spring bulbs and tidy up the beds—it's essential this time of year.

Now is an excellent time for tree pruning for most species. Companies that specialize in pruning tall trees and fixing damaged ones can safely do their work without worrying about an imminent storm. However, any tree

removals need approval from the Architectural Standards Committee of River Landing. If you're unsure, seek advice from your landscaper or reach out to one of the local tree experts in the RL community. They can provide valuable guidance.

All in all, this year has been relatively dry with no wind storms. We consider that a great success and hope next year will be even better.



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Continuing a Veterans Day Tradition

ONE OF OUR VERY OWN YOUNG RESIDENTS, ASHLYN TURNER, CONTINUED HER ANNUAL VETERANS DAY TRADITION OF COLLECTING, ASSEMBLING, AND PASSING OUT GIFT BAGS FOR VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS PAST NOVEMBER.

Murphy Family Ventures, Mad Boar, River Landing, and other local companies helped by donating items for the gift bags. This year she was able to hand-deliver over 75 bags and mail the same amount. A couple of other residents pitched in to help Ashley - Gail Simmons

and Carol Steen. We're grateful to have such caring residents who put their hearts into causes that give back to the men and women who committed their lives to serving our country. "I cannot thank each and every person who has helped in some way make this project successful

over the years. I hope I'm able to do this for a long time. There's one thing I know for sure; our veterans will always deserve our love, appreciation, and support. Thank you all for helping me show them just that," says Ashlyn. Way to go Ashlyn!



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GOLF



Thank You For Being A Friend!

THERE ARE THREE SPECIFIC THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST MONTH, WHICH IN MY OPINION, TIES US ALL TOGETHER, CREATING OUR RIVER LANDING FAMILY AND THUS ONE OF THE MOST SPECIAL PLACES TO LIVE.

Listed are the three events and you will probably wonder how a song, a celebration of life, and a sermon gives meaning to us here.

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"Thank You for Being a Friend" by Andrew Gold

It's really the first two verses in the song which make me think about River Landing; the many members who were here in the past, those here presently, and all the conversations from when I think back over the past twenty years.

The words to the first two verses are:

*"Thank you for being a friend,
travel down the road and back
again, your heart is true, you're
a pal and a confidant.*

*I'm not ashamed to say, I hope
it always will stay this way, my
hat is off, won't you stand up
and take a bow"*

Celebration of Life for Vanessa Ward

We've been through many things as a family. Many times our lives are like a round of golf - ups & downs, chip-ins, 3-putts, birdies, balls OB, applause, excitement, disappointment, and lost balls.

Thankfully, sitting in the back row at Vanessa's celebration of life, I was able to see once again our River Landing family coming together. The courses were empty and I was able to see why - every member was there! I cried tears of joy, not that Vanessa is no longer with us (the sad tears came later in the service) but that she meant so much to so many of us. The life she led here among us for so many years, touching us all, was a true blessing.

Cheers Sermon from Pastor Tom Stephensen

A recent sermon from Pastor Tom Stephensen, that I heard in my church, really brought this all into perspective when he focused on the refrain from the song. He spoke of the value of each member of our church and that every part of us has value, one part not being more important than the other. It is the sum of all of our parts which make up the body. And in my mind, I'm thinking it's the sum of our membership and employee base which make up our River Landing

family! So, say "hi" (or "hay" if you want to sound like you're from the south) and greet your other family members in some fashion. Eat, drink, celebrate, cry, play, and get to know them. If you can remember, please hum along to the refrain from Cheers:

*"Sometimes you wanna go,
where everybody knows your
name, and they're always glad
you came, you wanna be where
you can see, our troubles are
all the same, you wanna be
where everybody knows your
name".*

So let's continue to grow and strengthen our River Landing family, treating everyone just as Vanessa would, as another family member you love.



How to Harness Your Handicap

WHEN I STARTED PLAYING GOLF, I HAD NO IDEA WHAT A HANDICAP WAS. IT WAS AN ASPECT OF THE GAME I NEVER THOUGHT OF UNTIL I BEGAN TO GET BETTER AND UNDERSTAND THE GAME MORE.

My parents and friends taught me how important it was and how to use it as a way for me to see my progress in golf. After I learned and understood what a golf handicap was, I wanted to do nothing more than get better and see how low my handicap index might get.

Golf handicaps are important to show a true picture of how we play the game. Sometimes things we do on the golf course can affect our handicap and, in turn, hurt you or possibly

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the groups you play with. Often, players find themselves cutting corners, and this can result in a handicap index not being properly reflected for certain players. Some golfers want a low handicap, whether it be for prestige or bragging rights, while others want a higher handicap so they might take advantage of the system. It's very easy to see as an observer and can be frustrating to others. Let's take a moment to review what a golf handicap is, make sure it's accurate, understand its significance, and discover how it can help you play better.

IMPORTANCE OF A HANDICAP

1. To see the golfer's true potential - Our handicaps give us a snapshot of our golf games while we are playing. It allows you to see the type of player you are and provides a goal to become better.
2. Makes golf more fun! - If done properly, handicaps will provide fair competition amongst fellow players. This allows tournaments and games to be enjoyable.
3. Play more - The handicap formula is based on the best 8 scores out of 20. This gives all of us an excuse to play more golf to see if we can beat those scores!



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4. Player performance - With a true handicap, it shows how you are doing with your game. It will show when you are struggling and, in turn, show when things are going very well.

5. Each course is different. Handicap indexes allow us to take our game on the road and be adjusted to that golf course's difficulty.

6. Pride - Handicaps allow us to have something to show off to our friends. It will drive us to be better golfers.

HANDICAP ACCURACY

1. Play golf the way it is meant to be played. Don't make rules as you go because this will create improper handicaps because the score was not correct.

2. Putt everything out. Yes, even the shortest putt. You would be surprised at how many short putts are missed in a competition and this affects you!

3. Play one shot off the 1st tee. I know most of you will laugh at this, but it is the correct thing to do. I never understand why someone needs two balls off the first tee when they just hit for 20 minutes on the range.

4. Post the correct score.

5. Post on the day that you play.

Handicaps are great for the game of golf. They are also great for all of us who enjoy the game with our friends or even play in competitions. If you are honest and trust the handicap system, the game will be a lot of fun for all.



Member & 3

Thank you to everyone for participating and making this year's event the largest we have ever had. Despite the weather, everyone stayed in high spirits until the clouds and rain cleared on Sunday. Congratulations to all our flight winners and our overall champions! I can't wait until next year!

2024 MEMBER & 3 GUESTS OVERALL CHAMPIONS:

Michael Teachey, Austin Heath, Steve Wilkinson & Mike Buford

FLIGHT 1:

Jerry Andrews, Reggie Crews,
Jeff Allen, Reggie Crews Jr.

FLIGHT 2:

Michael Teachey, Austin Heath,
Steve Wilkinson, Mike Buford

FLIGHT 3:

Shawn Batts, Kevin Bostic, Paul Rose,
Chris Jernigan

FLIGHT 4:

Garrett Holland, Kyle Dahlin, Kirby
Cruise, Tevin Jones

FLIGHT 5:

Brandon Thigpen, James Hatch, Patrick
Raynor, Trent Cloninger

FLIGHT 6:

Don Cmar, Kevin Cmar, Fran Cmar,
Russ Cage

Match Play Championship

WOMEN'S MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's championship was between Maureen McCarthy and Cheryl Stamp. This was a great match the entire way. Both ladies played extremely well, making some amazing putts under pressure throughout the competition. At the midway point, Cheryl opened up a lead, but Maureen started gaining ground, keeping the pressure on Cheryl. On hole 15 Landing, Cheryl made a clutch up and down to maintain her lead. On hole 16, Cheryl made the final putt to secure the championship. Congratulations to Cheryl Stamp for being the 2023 Ladies Match Play Champion!

MEN'S MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Wen Murphy and John Calarco made up the match for the 2023 championship. Wen jumped out to an early lead in the 36-hole match. Both players were steady throughout the morning with John taking the lead by the end of the first 18 holes. Consistent play and great putting helped Wen gain back a few holes and made the match a little tighter. John continued his steady play and closed out the match on the 34th hole. Congratulations to John Calarco on becoming the 2023 Match Play Champion.



Member 4

Thank you to everyone for supporting this fun and competitive annual event. We all have a great time and enjoy four different formats that bring unique scoring into play. Congratulations to all our flight champions and our overall champions!

OVERALL 2023 MEMBER 4 CHAMPIONS:

Billy Peterson, Kevin Elder, Liz Peterson, Jerry Elder

FLIGHT 1:

1st: Rick Batchelor, Doug Batchelor,
Guy White, Mike Russell
SCORE: 190

FLIGHT 2:

1st: Dave Cailler, Tim Marcis,
Joe Hourihan, Jeff Mandusky
SCORE: 191

FLIGHT 3

1st: Jim Harless, Cheryl Nichols
Cathy Harless, Don Thomas
SCORE: 198

FLIGHT 4

1st: Suzie Zalar, Dennis Zalar
Carol Kelly, Jim Kelly
SCORE: 195

LOW-ROUND DAY ONE

Outside the money
Steve Paylor, Shane Kennedy
Colby Phaneuf, Rich Phaneuf
SCORE: 95

LOW-ROUND DAY TWO

Outside the money
Blake Peterson, Hayes Ludlum
Chris Jernigan, Jeff Ferrell
SCORE: 95

2023 Senior Club Championship Results

We are thrilled to present the prize winners from each of the four divisions. Congratulations to all and to the entire field of players. Thank you for your continued support of the Club events throughout the calendar year.



Women's Senior Champion: Maureen McCarthy

2nd Gross: Cathy Harless

1st Net: Liz Peterson

2nd Net: Meg Petersen

Women's Super Senior Champion: Cheryl Stamp

2nd Gross: Cheryl Nichols

1st Net: Carol Kelly

2nd Net: Suzie Zalar

Men's Senior Champion: Don Hancock

2nd Gross: Joey Stone

1st Net: Billy Peterson

2nd Net: Ed Dillard

Men's Super Senior Champion: Steve Hancock

2nd Gross: Jim Harless

1st Net: Charlie Steinbraker

2nd Net: Joe Elko

RLGALS Golfing for a Cause

**THE SWING FOR THE CURE
TOURNAMENT BEGAN IN 2002 AS
AN EXTRA EVENT ON A REGULAR
LADIES' PLAY DAY FOR THE RLGALS
(RIVER LANDING GOLF ASSOCIATION
FOR LADIES).**

A total of \$575 was donated to the Susan G. Komen organization. The prize in 2002 was a pair of golf shoes that were donated, of course. A couple of years later, \$1,000 was raised. It was exciting and celebrated!

In 2008, RLGALS wanted to donate funds locally. After researching options, RLGALS decided to change the Swing beneficiary to UNC Lineberger, to be used for seed grants. In excess of \$100,000 of Swing contributions continue to support annual disbursements for breast cancer research needs.

The event expanded with lunch after golf, invited guests, small auctions, and raffles. The Swing then evolved into a Saturday event with themed bingo on Sunday (e.g., Flamingo Bingo) and the helicopter ball drop.

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In 2018, the RLGALS voted to donate Swing funds to eastern North Carolina and assist residents in need. Vidant (now ECU Health) had expanded and built its amazing cancer care center in Greenville. It seemed to be a perfect fit, a state-of-the-art facility that primarily serves people in Eastern North Carolina. With the upgrade of six local satellite hospitals to provide services close to home, the RLGALS changed their beneficiary to ECU Health Cancer Care.

ECU Health Cancer Care is a premier, integrated cancer care system in eastern North Carolina. Its focus is on improving care by increasing clinical trial availability, reducing barriers to care, increasing public awareness of cancer prevention, early detection, and screening, and collaborating with all of the regional ECU Health community hospitals to ensure seamless, high-quality care.

Swing for the Cure activities in 2023 included a golf tournament on October 14, followed by

an awards luncheon. The day dawned gray and drizzly, but that didn't deter 114 golfers from participating in the tournament. Prior to its start, Putting for Pink—a five-hole putting competition—was open to residents, members, or guests of any age. Plus, they were able to take a chance and guess the number of corks in the wine barrels at Counting Corks. There were multiple putting winners and Suzie Zalar's guess of 4,500 was closest to the number of corks. These games contributed over \$1,000 to this year's Swing donations.



In 2023, more than 60 local vendors and many River Landing members and residents sponsored holes and other activities, donating more than \$6,500 to ECU Health Cancer Care. There was even an October drink special, the French Kiss—for each purchase, \$1 was donated to the Swing!

The Helicopter Ball Drop continues to be a “fun-raising” event for the Swing. And it raised a lot of funds, too! After golf and lunch, numbered golf balls were dropped

from a helicopter onto the 14th fairway across from the Clubhouse. The ball that falls into a temporary hole is the winner, and the ticket holder with the matching number wins cash. Cash prizes were awarded to Mike Vandiver, Carol Romanet and her sister, Ardis, and a new resident, Charles Clatterbaugh. ECU netted \$3,345 from the ball drop!

Overall, 23 Swing for the Cure events contributed over \$25,000 to ECU Health Cancer Care.

The RLGALS are humbled by the generosity of the community and want to thank the River Landing management, Golf Shop, banquet staff, and all who volunteer and participate in the annual event and activities. A special thanks to our area sponsors who maximize the contribution to ECU Health Cancer Care.

2023 Swing for the Cure Committee

Karen Lutze, Jan Zoesch, Karen Bittner

RLGALS Closing Statement for 2023

Wow, what a year the RLGALS had. With injuries, surgeries, etc., we still had a great turnout for our Wednesday playdays. We had a great summer of golf, friendship, and fun. Kudos to the tournament chairs, Pam Reinhardt, Barb Kukoski, Sue Kerig, and Pam Dillard, for working with the Golf Shop each week to get the results or stats published on the website. As we close out the 2023 RLGALS season, here is an update on some of our golf events and winners:

Match Play (9 hole): Bonnie Elder & Pam Dillard

Match Play (18 hole): Barb Kukoski & Helene Zupko

Presidents Cup: Gross - Maureen McCarthy & Julie Couch

Net - Elaine Masinick & Diane Orlowski

2023 Hole in One: Elaine Frater & Cheryl Nichols

Club Champion: Cheryl Stamp

Senior Club Champion: Maureen McCathy

Super Senior Club Champion: Cheryl Stamp

There are also many other RLGALS that contributed to the success of the 2023 season. Congratulations to all the winners and participants in our events. Our closing day was November 11, but the weather didn't cooperate for us to play our final game of 5-5-5. We did get to enjoy a great lunch.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see everyone again next year. For those who want to join, whether you are a golfer or not (being a social member), just go to *rlgals.info* to learn more.

Liz Peterson

2023 RLGALS President



2023 RLGALS COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Invitational
Meg Petersen

Match Play
Cathy Harless &
Bonnie Elder

Coastal Seniors
Sue Carver

Tar Heels
Betty Earle

InterClub
Cheryl Nichols

**Dog Days
Tournament**
Bonnie Elder

Swing for the Cure
Karen Lutze, Jan
Zoesch & Karen
Bittner

RLMGA: Fourth Quarter Update



THE CONCLUDING QUARTER OF THE 2023 SEASON, SPANNING FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, SAW IMPROVED WEATHER CONDITIONS AS THE INTENSE SUMMER HEAT GRADUALLY SUBSIDED. WE SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED 24 PLAY DAYS, WITH ONLY TWO INSTANCES OF RAINOUTS, AND CONDUCTED TWO TOURNAMENTS.

For both tournaments, the meal service was excellent. Everyone enjoyed the food and camaraderie.

The Fall Classic attracted a crowd of 65 players, demonstrating a strong turnout that resulted in \$500 in prize money. Similarly, the Closing Day tournament boasted 73 participants and a prize pool of \$500. In both tournaments, the meal service was excellent, providing excellent food and camaraderie that was enjoyed by all.

Regarding play days this final quarter, of the 24 dates played, we averaged 39 players, which was below normal. Notably,

Tuesdays consistently attracted more participants than Thursdays. We're actively exploring strategies to boost Thursday's attendance. For the entire 2023 season, we concluded with 2,745 rounds played, averaging 39 players daily. The six tournaments combined saw 435 players, averaging 73 participants per tournament.

The second and final Pot of Gold Play Day tournament, which took place on November 14th and featured Hot Dog Day, was a success. On this special Play Day, the extra money set aside from previous Play Days was distributed as additional winnings. With 59 participants,

the total purse amounted to \$890. Everyone walked away with some winnings, ranging from \$18 to a minimum of \$10. The tournament featured four flights, with the first two playing 6-5-4-3 (1N holes 1-6; 2N holes 7-11; 3N holes 12-15; 4N holes 16-18) and the last two playing 4-3-2 front & back (1N for 4 holes; 2N for 3 holes; 3N for 2 holes). That format kept everyone involved in each hole and was certainly challenging.

The RLMGA hosted an exclusive match-play event for its members this past summer, organized by Tournament

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Director Don Thomas. With 43 participants, players were grouped into four flights based on their playing index in early June. The matches took place from June 15th to October 15th, showcasing competitive play throughout the summer and fall months. The runners-up in each flight were:
Flight 4: Alan Nizamoff
Flight 3: Jeff Mandusky
Flight 2: Eric Lucas
Flight 1: John Nemeth.

Congratulations to the winners in each flight!

Flight 4: Barry Roth
Flight 3: Dan Kusnierz
Flight 2: Tom Stamm
Flight 1: Jim Harless.

All matches were intense, requiring hard work and skill from the winners. A big congratulations to the 2023 Match Play Event Flight Winners!

Some notable good golf has continued since the last update, with one additional ACE being reported by Billy Peterson on the 10th hole of the River Course. Eight more eagles were posted by Dave Cailler (3), Jim Harless (2), Tom Castellino, Mike Masinick, and Rich Gilliland. Great playing, guys!

We recently had our yearly election for open roles on the Executive Board. The voting took place in the last two weeks of the season, and here are the

results: Walt Dlugolecki was re-elected as treasurer and Dave Cailler took on the role of Member at Large, stepping in for Harry MacLaughlin. The rest of the board members will continue in their positions for the second year of their two-term commitment. We appreciate Harry's long-standing support on the board. He practically has the by-laws memorized!

Our next major event will be the annual meeting to kick off the 2024 season. That will be held in February. The exact date will be announced later.

Daniel Kusnierz
RLMGA Secretary

Remember to visit the website, 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 RLMGA.INFO. We would love to have you join us!

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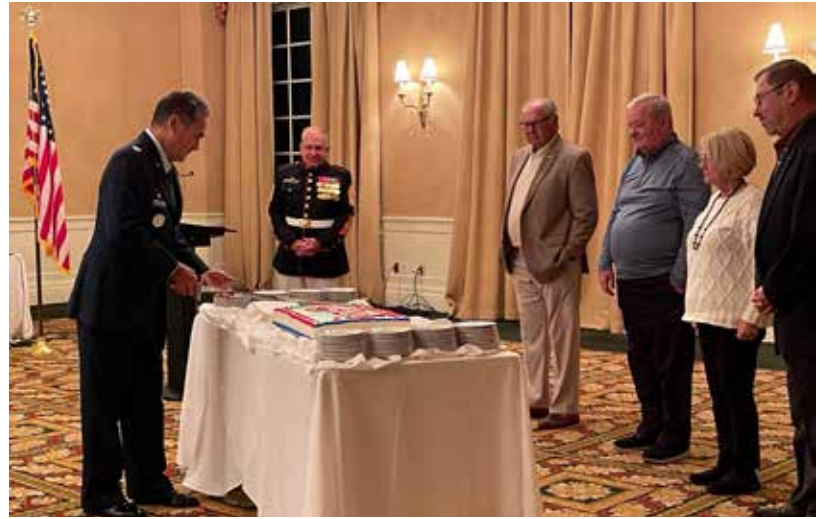
End of Summer Buffett, Beers & Cheers

WE ROUNDED OUT THE SUMMER WITH A MARGARITAVILLE-THEMED PARTY BY THE POOL IN SEPTEMBER.

It brought a lively crowd of over 300 attendees together, all of whom danced to the cheerful tunes of Jimmy Buffett and island-style music. With Jimmy Buffett's passing only a few days before, it made for an appropriate tribute and celebration of his legacy. The festivities featured complimentary cheeseburgers and hot dogs along with all the fixings and drinks. Members socialized and shared laughter with old and new friends alike while Jody Patram kept the music flowing. It was an unforgettable evening to lead us into a new season!

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Veterans Day Dinner Celebration

THIS PAST VETERANS DAY WAS CELEBRATED BY RESIDENTS OF RIVER LANDING WITH DINNER AT THE CLUBHOUSE BALLROOM.

As with past dinners, Sergeant Major USMC (retired) Ron Himsworth was the Master of Ceremonies, and I was honored to assist him.

The evening started with a prayer by our own Larry George, followed by the national anthem. Next was a solemn presentation by Frank Wood of the Fallen Comrade table with a single place setting on a round table covered with a white tablecloth. The table is reserved to honor our brave and selfless American military members who have perished on the battlefield, those who have not been returned to us after being taken prisoner on foreign soil, and those who went missing and have not found their way back home. After the buffet dinner, a ceremonial cake was cut, and the first pieces were presented to five of our veterans: USA John Laslo, USN James Andrews, USAF Joel Peterson, USMC Sharon Himsworth, and

USCG Barry Kane. The evening was capped off by three River Landing veterans sharing their own experiences of their time in service to our country: Ted White of the USCG, Charles Clatterbaugh of the USAF, and Bobby Lenz of the USMC. Of course, along with those who served in uniform, we could not forget their families who also served and sacrificed. They were all asked to stand and be recognized by the crowd.

This was our third year of honoring River Landing's veterans with a Veteran's Day dinner, and it would not be possible without the support of the Clubhouse staff and key members of the River Landing team, Sabrina Lewis and Larry George. Thank you to all who attended, and hope to see you next year.

Tom Green, USAF (retired)

Glowing Grins and Goblin Giggles

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Haunted Riverside Soirée

RIVER LANDING'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOEDOWN - A NIGHT OF GHOULISH DELIGHTS FOR 80+ GUESTS!

This year's Halloween Hoedown took place on October 22nd, right by the Northeast Cape Fear River at the River Lodge. With the perfect fall setting, kids and adults enjoyed hayrides, and there was even a face painter for the little ones. While the kids painted pumpkins and played together in their Halloween costumes, the adults had some fun of their own with lawn games, drinks, and socializing. Everyone took a break from the activities for a delicious barbeque dinner with all the fixings. Bailey Morrison provided some great tunes and once the bonfire was lit, all in attendance enjoyed s'mores by the fire. Thank you to all who joined in the fun and to the entire staff for helping bring us into the fall season with a bang!



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