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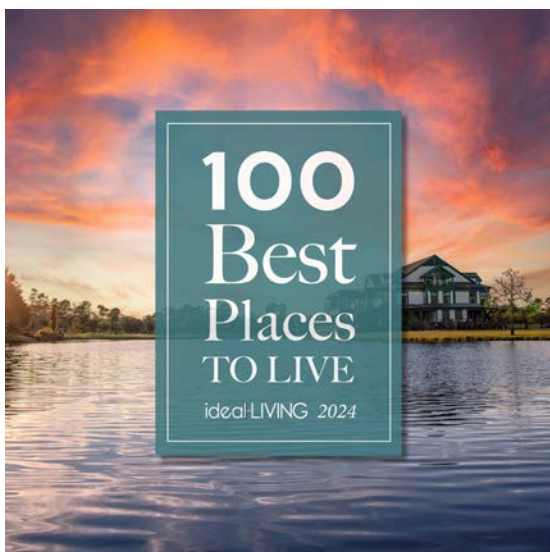
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We are thrilled to announce that **Ideal-LIVING Magazine** has recognized us as one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live** for the 4th consecutive year! It's an honor and a testament to our vibrant community and the wonderful residents who make it so special. If you're curious to see what makes our community exceptional, we invite you to book a **Discovery Tour** with our *Community Development Specialist Paul Espag*. Come experience firsthand the lifestyle and amenities that set us apart.



COMMUNITY

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Community Development

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN FANTASTIC FOR RIVER LANDING'S CUSTOM HOME PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. WITH THIRTY HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND MORE STARTING SOON, OUR COMMUNITY IS THRIVING.

We're excited to host the River Landing Signature Showcase in October, where prospective residents can explore our beauty of our neighborhoods, meet builders and partners, and learn more about life here. The efforts of our marketing team has proven to be highly effective in spreading awareness and information about one of the top 100 best places to live. We've had a successful year, giving twenty-nine tours, surpassing last year's total. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting our community's beauty, social life, and welcoming atmosphere. I'm proud to be part of River Landing's future!



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SALES

July 2023 to
July 2024

Homes

22

Lots

39

2024 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES

January 2024 - July 2024

New Homes Approved = 25

New Homes Completed = 3

Homes Currently Under Construction = 32

**Total Completed Homes
In River Landing = 494**



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Creative Quilt Enthusiasts

**ARE YOU NEW TO RIVER LANDING OR FIND YOURSELF
LOOKING FOR A CREATIVE OUTLET AND WANT TO LEARN
NEW THINGS?**

If that is the case, we have just the right answer for you, and it is called Creative Quilt Enthusiasts (CQE). What, may you ask, is CQE? We are an active group of quilters and fiber artists in River Landing. Some of us started sewing in our youth, mastering traditional hand-picked sewing and quilting methods, while others discovered this art form later in life. Despite our different journeys, we all share a love for creativity with fabric and color.

CQE meets monthly, September through June, at the River Landing Fitness Center and we have been doing so for over a decade. This past year, the members have done some amazing things, including donating quilts to the NICU at Novant, pillowcases to the Kennedy Home for Children, and colorful bandanas for Pet Friends of Duplin County, to name just a few. CQE has entered several national quilt shows and we have won multiple award ribbons for our collaborative quilts along with other members who have entered shows with their quilts. We enjoy embarking on day trips to explore new fabric shops and lunch spots, and we love to travel to quilt expos in North Carolina and beyond. Several of the members recently toured the Cameron Museum in Wilmington for the

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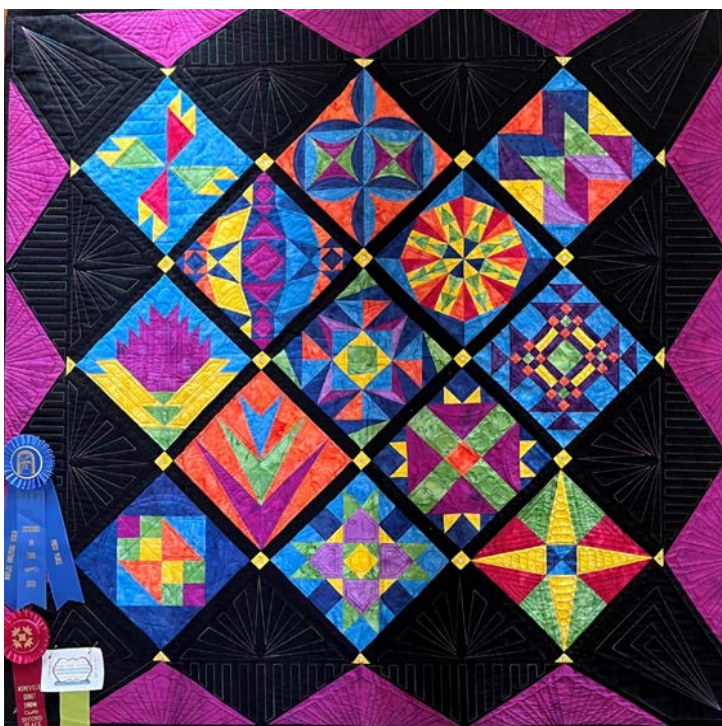




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exhibition “The Work with Their Hands”, stopping for lunch at CAM Café.

We warmly welcome those who are new to the craft by teaching them the basics of quilting with simple projects such as a table runner, an iPad cover, or a patchwork pillow. At our meetings, we share our finished projects, and we inspire and encourage one another to be the best they can be. Our quilts tell a story about our personal lives as well as those we care for in our River Landing community. Sometimes it is presented as a baby quilt for a new grandchild, a comfort quilt for a neighbor, or a quilt for a special occasion, always accompanied by a story that makes it richer in meaning. CQE of River Landing creates not only quilts but quilting friendships that are sewn with love, celebrations, and sometimes a mending of broken spirits, and always measured with kindness.



Once you understand and learn the basics of quilting, you can create anything. We meet at 10:30 am on the 3rd Monday of every month in the Members Room at the Fitness Center. In September, we will kick off an exciting new year with a day filled with fun games and raffle prizes, so bring your lunch and enjoy the day with us.

For more details, please contact **Jennifer Ciuccoli** at (203) 919-9448.

Lois Acker

Creative Quilt Enthusiast Member





The Transformation of River Landing's Memory Garden

The River Landing Residents' Gardening Committee have re-designed and renovated the Memory Garden at the River Landing Post Office, with assistance from River Landing Landscape.

Originally located on October Glory Drive, the Memory Garden was started and maintained by a homeowner and volunteers. When the homeowner sold the adjacent house, the Gardening Committee took over its maintenance. Over the years, the garden had become overgrown and needed a lot of work to revive it. The Gardening Committee investigated moving the garden to a new location because it was not in an area visible to most residents of River Landing. Working with the POA and Landscape Department, it was decided to move it to the Post Office area. The planning started in early 2013 and the garden was completed in early 2014.

Over the years, the garden's plants and trees changed its aesthetic. The large Chinese Elm created too much shade and interfered with the

Post Office roof. The first step was to evaluate what plants should stay and what ones to remove. This evaluation began in February this year and the new plantings were done in June. The Chinese Elm was replaced with a Japanese Maple. Dead or dying plants were removed and replaced with flowering plants that bloom all summer and others that add year-round color. Additionally, annual beds were expanded for more variety and color. We invite you to stop by and enjoy the garden when you visit the Post Office!

Since we began, many talented residents have assisted us with designing and planting. The current Gardening Committee members are: Tony Allen, Diane Brostowin, Jim Brostowin, Julie Couch, Barbara Kukoski, and Lauren Lassman, with help and guidance from Director of Community Operations Stephanie Durner and Landscape Manager Chris Randall.

Barbara Kukoski
Chair

River Landing Supports Local Boy Scouts

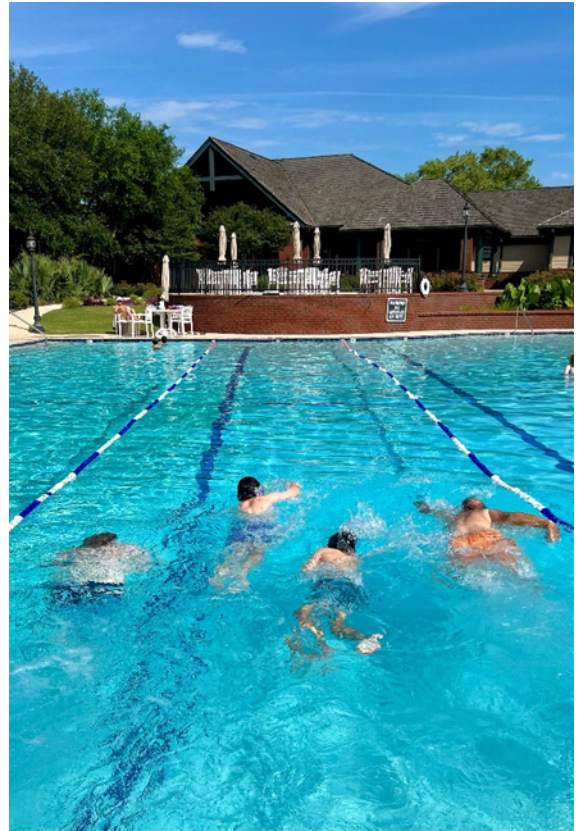
BOY SCOUTS FROM TROOP 35, WALLACE, NC, COMPLETE MILE SWIM AT CAMP BOWERS

If you frequented the pool in the afternoons in the late spring and early summer, you may have seen these boys swimming laps at the River Landing pool. In fact, the mother of one of the scouts was asked on occasion why the boys were swimming so many laps and she received several comments on the importance of the skill! We want to thank you and let you know that these scouts were successful in their endeavor to complete the mile swim merit badge at Camp Bowers in White Oak, NC, on Friday, June 28th, because of the practice they completed at the River Landing pool!

Congratulations to Hollis Skidmore, grandson of members Mr. Gary and Mrs. Carol Mann and son of Mr. Stanley and Mrs. Lindsay Skidmore; Will Phillips, son of members Dr. Casey and Dr. Christina Phillips; and Massey Cassell, son of Mr. Shane and Mrs. Tiffany Cassell.

We are excited for these boy scouts to have completed such an honor, and they have already set their sights on the next swimming-related merit badge: lifesaving skills!

Christine Phillips
Member





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Choosing the Right Plants

WHEN UNDERTAKING NEW LANDSCAPING PROJECTS OR RENOVATING EXISTING ONES, VARIOUS CHOICES ARE AVAILABLE. EACH YEAR, NEW PLANTS ARE INTRODUCED FROM BOTH PRIVATE NURSERIES AND UNIVERSITIES.

Nurseries like Johnson Nursery offer proven winners, which have been shown to thrive in most local gardens. Universities like NCSU also introduce new plants to the market, working directly with growers throughout the state to bring these plants to both local areas and larger markets.

It's important to remember that not all new plants will be suitable for every garden. Trial and error can help determine what will thrive in a specific area, as microclimates can vary significantly within a single yard. Factors such as shade, full sun, wet and dry conditions, or other environmental variables can influence a plant's success.

Recently, I was asked about planting weeping willows in our area. Weeping willows are short-lived trees but are graceful during their 15-20 year lifespan. They thrive near wetlands or ponds where they can access plenty of water. Native river willows are commonly seen along roadsides and ponds in and out of River Landing. This fall, we will plant a few weeping willows around some of our ponds for accent plantings. When mature, they are beautiful and make great photo backgrounds.

When deciding on a renovation, a total redo, or just a few enhancements, check out these websites for additional ideas and inspiration for transforming your landscape.

NCSU Introductions and Promotions

Proven Winners 2024 New Varieties Introductions



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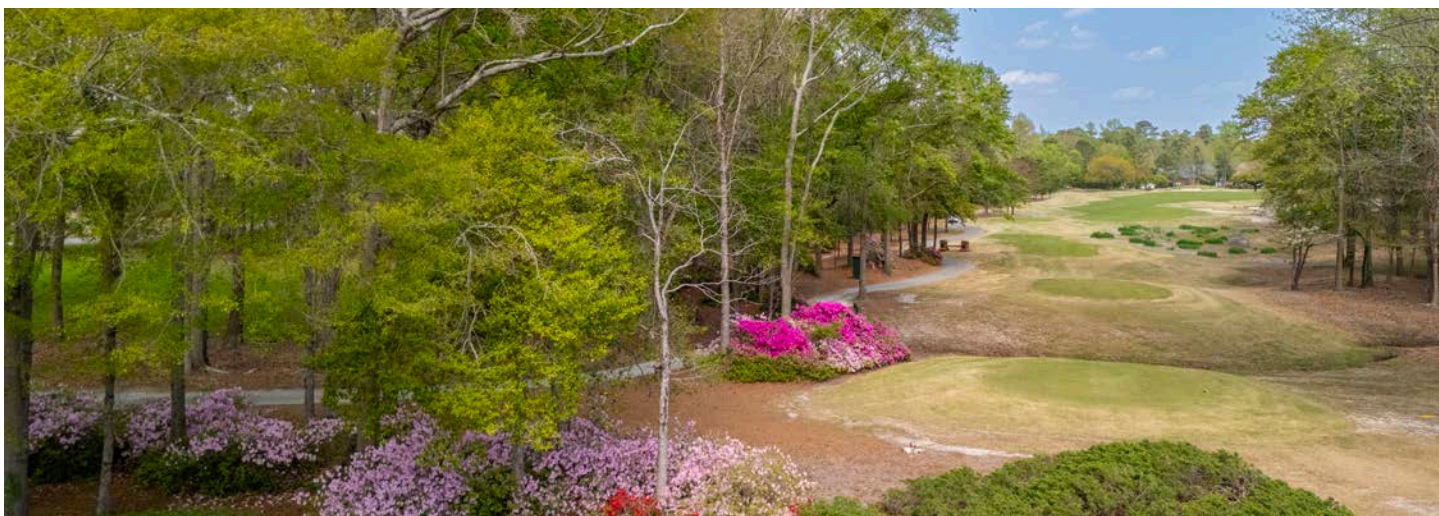


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GOLF



River Landing Golf Course Rankings

THE NC GOLF PANEL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1995 AND IT'S THE PRE-EMINENT, MOST RESPECTED SOURCE OF GOLF COURSE RANKINGS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Although the panel hasn't been here since May of 2023, when the annual rankings came out in the spring of this year, both courses moved up from the previous year. Officially, the River Course is #20 and the Landing Course is #31 in the state. As you can imagine, the higher the ranking, the harder it is to move up - especially when you have courses like Pinehurst #2 (just hosted the 2024 Men's US Open), Grandfather and CCNC in the top 3. I share this information for every member of the River Landing Sports Club to take pride in. Multiple times each week I hear members come in the Golf Shop and mention to the golf staff that they have traveled to play another course and it is easy to notice on their return how much better the River Landing courses are relative to others.

River Landing Club Decorum

Every member should have received a Membership Plan, including the Rules & Regulations of the Club, when they joined. Even Mr. Bob Miller who joined in 1997 has his Membership

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Plan and he might be one of the few who have read it in its entirety (an assumption of mine). Below I will touch on some of the things I've discussed with various members who are unaware of these rules, as well as issues brought to the attention of the Advisory Board of Governors for River Landing. My goal is to help educate, prevent issues from arising, and to help the appropriate staff and management address these issues.

- River Landing Sports Club is different than the River Landing Community. The Sports Club includes the (2) 18-hole golf courses, practice range and supporting facilities, Clubhouse, and the Fitness Center which includes a heated outdoor pool, health and exercise equipment, pickleball and tennis courts, and other recreational facilities. You must be a paying member of the Sports Club to use its amenities and your membership class will define which facilities you can use and how often.

- No thongs or revealing bathing suits at the pool. The dress code at the pool states: "must wear proper and modest swimming attire".

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

- No glass containers at the pool. It's North Carolina state law.

- All guests at the pool must be accompanied by a Club member or designated user.

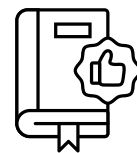
- Abuse, verbally or otherwise, reprimand, or discipline of Club personnel will not be tolerated. If a member has a concern, it should be brought to the attention of the manager of the employee.

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

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

- Adult supervision for children under the age of 16 is required at the Clubhouse, Tennis Courts, Golf Courses (unless approved by the golf professional staff), Fitness Center, and Outdoor Pool.

I am sure there will be more issues I will touch on in the next newsletter article. Please understand, the Membership Plan and Rules & Regulations are not intended to restrict but to guide the membership and staff of River Landing Sports Club to ensure a safe and enjoyable club.



STAY INFORMED

For all the latest rules and regulations, as well as detailed membership plans check in the Glance Ahead, sent out every Friday.

Hole-In-One Club

RIVER LANDING OFFERS A HOLE IN ONE CLUB, AND WE WEREN'T SURE IF EVERYONE WAS AWARE THAT THIS EXISTS. AS ELUSIVE AS A HOLE IN ONE MIGHT BE DURING ANY GIVEN ROUND, THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE!

A lucky bounce or the perfect strike could result in writing a 1 on your scorecard. In addition, if you were a member of the Hole in One Club, you'd win all the money that's in the pot! It's quite fun and those who have been in the club over the years certainly seem to enjoy it.

Here's how things work for the HIO club. If you'd like to join the club, then let the staff in the Golf Shop know, your account will be charged \$5, and your contribution to the pot will be entered. If you make a hole-in-one and are a current member of the club's list, then your member account will be credited the full amount currently in the pot. Right now, there are 72 members in the club, so that would be \$360 to your

account. Once a hole-in-one is made and the winner receives the pot, then everyone in the club is charged another \$5 to replenish the pot, and we go from there. Let's see if we can get this membership up to 100 players. That way, when you hit that dream shot, that falls into the cup just like you would have imagined, and there'll be some gold at the end of that rainbow!!

Drop by the Golf Shop to sign up with one of the golf staff members!

2024 Member- Member

**WE HAVE CROWNED
OURSELVES A
CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM
FOR THE 2024
MEMBER-MEMBER
TOURNAMENT!**

Mark Scronce and Duane Batts were victorious in a three-hole shootout that included each of the Net Flight Winners and Ties. After the cancellation of round 2, the shootout commenced on #10 of the River course. Nine teams were involved in this playoff, and we had a very nice collection of spectators following the play! Carts lined the green of #10 as the players competed in a true alternate shot format. Only four teams made it to the second playoff hole, #14 of the River. Those were Flight

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1 winners Jack Elliott and Ryan Edmister, Flight 2 winners Mark Scronce and Duane Batts, Flight 3 winners Tim Marcis and Joe Hourihan, and finally Flight 8 winners Anita Iacovino and Rita Szymanski. After the completion of the second playoff hole, the two teams of Elliott & Edmister and then Scronce & Batts proceeded to #18 River to battle it out for the Championship. After Mark Scronce hit a nice tee shot down the left side of the fairway, Duane Batts hit a spectacular approach just past the pin to secure the win! Congratulations gentleman on a great tournament and congratulations to all the flight winners and all those teams that placed in the prize money. And of course, a huge thank you to the entire field of players for their willingness to compete and their patience with us as we looked to navigate the unfortunate weather to the best of our ability.



2024 MEMBER-MEMBER WINNERS!

Overall Champions:

Mark Scronce & Duane Batts

Flight 1

1st Place Net: Ryan Edmister & Jack Elliott

1st Place Gross: Trent Jones & Tyler Jones

2nd Place Net: Billy Peterson & James Harless

2nd Place Gross: Joey Stone & John Williams

Flight 2

1st Place Net: Frank Wood & Tom Stamm

1st Place Gross: Dennis Beasley & Guy White

2nd Place Net: Rick Gilliland & Tim Parry

2nd Place Gross: Alan Kittson & Robert Whiteside

Flight 3

1st Place Net: Tim Marcis & Joe Hourihan

1st Place Gross: Bradley Cottle & Wesley Bowen

2nd Place Net: Bob Petrone & John Johnson

2nd Place Gross: Chancey Walker & Tyler Sholar

Flight 4

1st Place Net: Hayden Parks & Cullen Hobbs

1st Place Gross: Tom Castellino & Don Cmar

2nd Place Net: Richard Whittington & Gene Hart

2nd Place Gross: Bill Mackey & Bob Werrbach

Flight 5

1st Place Net: Bob Benkert & Joe Rossetti

1st Place Gross: Lenny Ward & Gene Gall

2nd Place Net: Pete Devita & Dennis Frey

2nd Place Gross: John Laslo & Beau Laslo

Flight 6

1st Place Net: Steven Paylor & Lucas Carter

1st Place Gross: Mike Masinick & Keith Jay

2nd Place Net: Jim Brostowin & Skip Romanet

2nd Place Gross: Barry Roth & Robert Jackson

Flight 7

1st Place Net: Meg Petersen & Cheryl Stamp

1st Place Gross: Suzie Zalar & Cheryl Nichols

2nd Place Net: Cathy Harless & Janet Voisey

2nd Place Gross: Elaine Masinick & Janis Jay

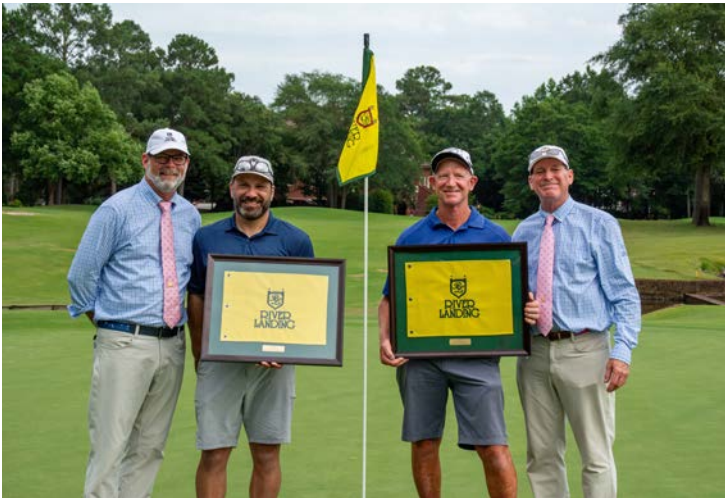
Flight 8

1st Place Net: Anita Iacovino & Rita Szymanski

1st Place Gross: Jan Zoesch & Rose Dumas

2nd Place Net: Haylee Parks & Marissa Parks

2nd Place Gross: Audrey Marcis & Linda Stecklein



2024 Member-Guest

THIS YEAR WE HAD AN OUTSTANDING TURNOUT WITH 60 TEAMS FOR THE MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST. IT WAS 3 DAYS OF FUN AND GREAT GOLF WITH ALL THE COMPETITORS.

After the last match, we took the flight winners and had a shootout to determine the overall winner. Having 10 flight winners made for a great shootout over 4 holes. Our final hole for the overall championship included the teams of Dave Fussell and Hugh Surles, along with Garry Kostelansky, and John Perone. Each team played hard on the last hole but we had to go with a shootout to determine the overall champion. The shot came from the bottom of the hill in front of the green and each team did their best to get the balls as close to the hole as possible. Team Kostelansky was victorious in the end!

Congratulations to both teams on making it to the final hole!

Congratulations to the 2024 Overall Member-Guest Champions, Garry Kostelansky & John Perone.

The Golf Staff would like to thank our golf course superintendents, Chris and Peter, along with their staff, for doing an outstanding job of getting the golf courses in excellent condition for the event. Also, we would like to thank the kitchen staff and banquet staff for doing a fabulous job over the 3 days with the event and food. You guys went above and beyond!

2024 MEMBER-GUEST WINNERS!

Overall Champions: Garry Kostelansky & John Perone

Flight 1 Winners:
Trent Jones & Reggie Crews

Flight 2 Winners:
Lynwood Graham & Lynwood Gramms

Flight 3 Winners:
Dave Fussell & Hugh Surles

Flight 4 Winners:
Dan Owen & Ethan Cottle

Flight 5 Winners:
Jerry Elder & Fred Ashby

Flight 6 Winners:
Cory Blackwell & Ray Snead

Flight 7 Winners:
Tim Marcis & Kevin Murphy

Flight 8 Winners:
Garry Kostelansky & John Perone

Flight 9 Winners:
Shane Kennedy & Chris Sheeran

Flight 10 Winners:
Frank Partyka & Bryan Partyka

RLGALs Invitational was a “Hit”!

THIS YEAR’S INVITATIONAL THEME WAS 80s: HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT, AND IT WAS DEFINITELY A HIT! WE HAD 172 GOLFERS REPRESENTING 10 DIFFERENT STATES AND OVER 30 GOLF CLUBS.

The event began with a practice round and pre-tournament dinner followed by an 80s nightclub event. Many thanks to Sabrina Lewis, Larry George, and staff for helping make this event SO much fun!

Our golf tournament paid out prizes to half the field and included costume, cart, and on-course prizes. Around the course and Clubhouse you could spot boom boxes, MTV signs and CDs, PAC-men, Rubix cubes, and more. Special thanks to the Golf Shop and tournament volunteers who make this all run smoothly each year - especially Jeff Hale, Elaine Frater, Maureen Goodwin, Julie Couch, and Betty Earle.

At the tournament luncheon we announced next year’s theme and dates, so mark your calendars!

**Hollywood at River Landing
May 21-22, 2025!**

Meg Petersen
Invitational Chair







RLGALS: Quarterly Update

It is hard to believe the RLGALS season is almost halfway over for 2024. Things are heating up with our league, as well as outside, and weekly play days are being well attended. Our summer long match play is in full swing. This year's dinner to celebrate our winners will be Thursday, September 5th. The RLGALS Interclub teams have been battling it out and with two matches left, they are tied for third. Our first 9&Wine on June 17th was our biggest group yet!

Congratulations to Maureen McCarthy on her recent hole-in-one on May 20th at Landing #5! Way to go!

For all things RLGALS, check out our website at RLGALS.info or feel free to reach out to me directly. Happy rest of the summer!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 28th
 9/18 Hole Leagues Play Day
 & Lunch

September 23
 9 & Wine

October 2
 Phyllis Miller Memorial Cup
 Tournament

October 19
 Swing for the Cure

Swing for the Cure

**HOPE IS A BEAUTIFUL THING THAT
INSPIRES CHANGE AND IS THE DRIVING
FACTOR BEHIND THE PURPOSE OF SWING
FOR THE CURE.**

The River Landing Golf Association for Ladies (RLGALS) initiated Swing for the Cure as an extra Play Day in 2002 resulting in donations of \$575 and donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. After becoming an annual event, several years passed before the RLGALS celebrated a donation in excess of \$1,000. Wanting to donate locally, we changed the beneficiary to UNC Lineberger in 2004. The funds were used for Seed Grants, which continues to invest \$100,000 plus for breast cancer needs.

As the event evolved, the Swing added lunch after golf, guests, auctions and raffles and donations started to increase. The famous Helicopter Ball Drop was also added! In 2018, the RLGALS voted to use the event funds in Eastern NC to assist women in need. The perfect recipient became the ECU Cancer Care Center in Greenville serving primarily Eastern NC residents. ECU Health Cancer Care is a premier

cancer care center focusing on increasing clinical trial availability, reducing barriers, increasing awareness of cancer prevention, early screening and detection, and collaborating with the regional ECU Health hospitals.

This year's Swing for the Cure activities include a golf tournament and a luncheon to follow. We are also bringing back Putting for Pink which was started last year—a five hole putting competition open to residents and guests of any age. Hole sponsors take great pride in having their generosity acknowledged when they see their signs prominently displayed. In 2023 more than \$6,000 was donated to ECU.

While all the small events generate money, nothing matches the excitement of the Helicopter Ball Drop. It starts with the purchase of a numbered golf ball which is then loaded into a helicopter with all the other balls. The

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Clubhouse Verandah fills up with people in pink. They cheer when the helicopter roars past and wait anxiously as the pilot hovers over a single flagstick in the middle of the fourteenth fairway. Everyone watches as the balls are poured from the chopper and the person closest to the pin wins a cash prize along with the second and third closest.

In 2023, the Swing for the Cure events generated over \$25,000 for ECU Cancer Care. The RLGALS along with the volunteers take great pride in their yearly efforts. They know their hard work contributes to the progress enjoyed by ECU, progress that serves those who suffer from cancer.

The generosity of the community that sponsors the

events always humbles us. Every effort translates into more funds for ECU Health Cancer Care and generates hope.

Thank you to everyone who helped us maximize our contribution to ECU Health Cancer Care. We look forward to everyone's support for our Swing for the Cure on October 19th at River Landing.

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Tarheel Hardware
The Rustic Chicken
The Trading Company of Rose Hill
The Traveling Gypsy LLC
United Bank
Wallace Appliance & More
Wallace Area Chamber of Commerce
Warsaw Animal Hospital
Westside Creations

RLMGA: Quarterly Update



THE 2024 RLMGA GOLF SEASON CONTINUES WITH A MIXTURE OF RAIN AND VERY HOT WEATHER.

Since the last update, we have held two tournaments: the Spring Classic and the re-scheduled Opening Day. We had great attendance, with 79 and 84 players, respectively. Those numbers are up from last year's tournaments. The winning purse for each tournament was \$500, as budgeted. Meals were provided at the Clubhouse for all participants once they completed their rounds.

Regarding Play Days during this quarter, we had 3 rainouts and 21 play days. For the days we could play, we averaged 60 players on Tuesday and 34 on Thursday. Again, better numbers than last year.

Our always popular Pot of Gold is scheduled for July 9th. This tournament occurs twice a year, once in the middle and once at the very end of the season. On this Play Day, the extra money set aside from each Play Day is paid out as extra winnings. Every

participant is guaranteed to win something. This tournament requires a minimum of 8 days to be played before the event to qualify for participation.

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

We have had some great play by our members since the season started. Jim Harless and Bill Mackey had a hole-in-one. Dave Cailler, Charlie Biernetzky, Cris Petersen, Ryan Bogenschutz, Paul Normandeau, Raj Krishna, Jim Frater, Bill Peterson (2), Jeff Mandusky, and Tom Stamm (2) had Eagles. Great shooting! It looks like the membership is fine-tuning their skills.

Each year, we typically have

around 4 dates where the RL courses are closed and the RLMGA plays at an offsite location, this year we have 4. The first was held on April 18th at Castle Bay, with 36 players participating. The second was held at North Shore on May 16th, with 31 golfers. We have two remaining scheduled for October 17th at Walnut Creek and October 29th at Bear Trail. We are looking for a great turnout at these events. Remember to put these on your calendar.

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 Pro Shop or on the website: ***RLMGA.INFO***. We would love to have you join us!

Dan Kusnierz
RLMGA SECRETARY



ACTIVITIES

National Garden Month at River Landing

ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Our residents work very hard to maintain their beautiful landscapes and this year's fourth annual Garden Tour provided the chance for them to show off their hard work during National Garden Month. Residents enjoyed the beautiful weather with their favorite beverages, hopped on their golf carts, and admired the beautiful landscapes while also visiting with neighbors. Ten residents participated in addition to the Butterfly Garden by River Landing Landscape and the Memory Garden by the Residents Gardening Committee. Everyone's yards turned out amazing, ranging from colorful displays to simple and natural beauty. We are already looking forward to next year!



The beautifully colored front yard of Terry & Jim Fritzinger.



A relaxing way to end the day in the backyard of Louise & Richard Mulliner.



Three tall jar fountains surrounded by lush landscape creating the perfect conversation piece in the backyard of Terry & Jim Fritzinger.



A well manacured path leading to the outdoor oasis of Donald & Darlene O'Connell.



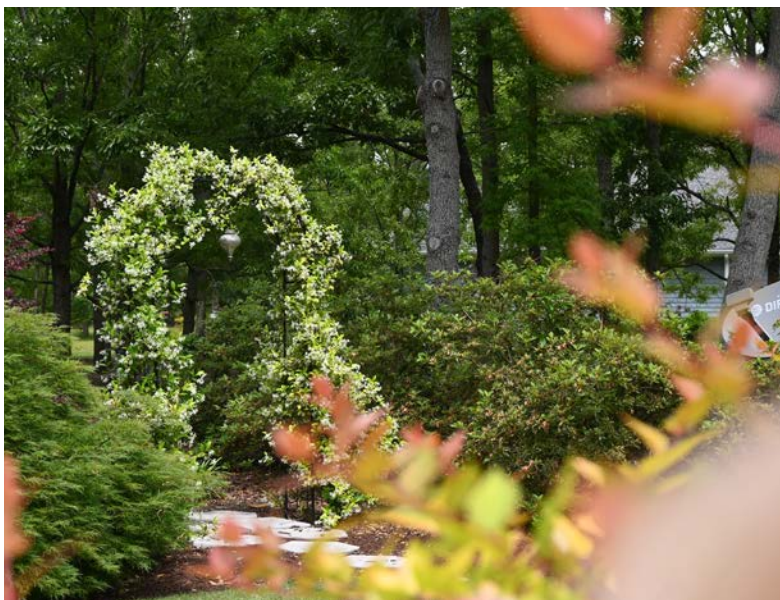
Diane & Jim Brostowin's front yard is a hole-in-one with their charming golfer statue amidst beautiful blooms.



A breathtaking aerial view of Kaye & Benny Pulzone's backyard, showcasing stunning landscapes and picturesque stairs leading to serene waterfront views.



A grand entrance to Karen & David White's home, highlighted by a majestic water fountain surrounded by lush landscaping.



This stunning arbor covered in white flowers leads you along a stone path, surrounded by lush greenery and vibrant shrubs at the home of Karen & David White.



Beautifully blooming Spike Speedwell flowers in Bobbi & Paul Izzo's front yard.



The colorful blooms of this garden add so much charm and beauty to the home of Barbara & Jerry Kukoski.



A stunning, colorful, and well-manicured garden surrounds the circular driveway, leading to the house of Louise & Richard Mulliner with an American flag proudly waving at the center.

ROOTED IN KNOWLEDGE!

During National Garden Month, Johnson Nursery collaborated with River Landing to offer an educational session for our members and residents. This year's chat with David, the founder of Johnson Nursery, left us eager to dive into spring gardening. David shared his expertise on various flowers, detailing which ones thrive in shade or sunlight. He also explained the concepts of "thrillers, fillers, and spillers" in potting plants. Additionally, the discussion highlighted the many activities and adventures Johnson Nursery offers, along with exciting upcoming events and new offerings! Thank you to Johnson Nursery for partnering with us during National Garden Month!



EARTH DAY TRAIL WALK

Around 15 participants joined the walk on the Myra Murphy Nature Trail, led by our landscape manager, Chris Randall. During the walk, Chris discussed various types of trees and their unique characteristics, including how the bark of some trees has been used for different purposes. He also shared insights about the local wildlife and what we might encounter on the trail.



DERBY DAY GARDEN PARTY

This year's annual Garden Party, combined with Derby Day, was a great success! We enjoyed live music on the golf balcony, cornhole games, specialty drinks, and more. Betting on the fun horse races with members and children was a blast. Many celebrated when Mystik Dan won the 150th Kentucky Derby. Chef Charles, as always, did an amazing job cooking for those who wanted a bite while enjoying the festivities. Congratulations to Bowen Denny for winning the kids' race with Bow Down Bowen, Meg Petersen with Bandit Queen, and Anita Lacovino with Dueling Darling #1 for their victories in the horse races!



Savoring the Moments at River Landing

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

This past April we revived a cherished tradition started by our Members – celebrating couples who have reached the incredible milestone of 50 years or more of marriage. Let's raise a glass to love that stands the test of time!



STEAK, BOURBON, AND CIGARS

Members savored an exclusive bourbon tasting at the River Lodge, hosted by End of Days Distillery from Wilmington, NC. The evening featured dinner cooked by Chef Charles, cigars, bourbon tastings, and a raffle for a private distillery tour. A truly unforgettable experience!





Celebrating Freedom at River Landing

**MEMBERS GATHERED FOR OUR ANNUAL
COOKOUT BY THE POOL TO CELEBRATE
INDEPENDENCE DAY!**



We were overjoyed with the beautiful weather and great food. Entertainment by the pool was provided by DJ Jody, our favorite music master, as he played tunes of every genre to keep the party going. Many enjoyed food and socialization inside, where it was cool and others gathered out by the pool for dancing and mingling. There's always something for everyone to enjoy as we celebrate America's independence! Thank you to all who made this a successful event and to our banquet team and chef for treating us to a great meal!!



Upcoming Area Events

We're so lucky to be located between the bustling city life of the Triangle and coastal vibes of nearby beaches. Check out some upcoming events going on just a short drive away!

**Taste of Soul NC:
Variety Edition**
July 27th
Raleigh

**Sneads Ferry Shrimp
Festival**
September 27th
Sneads Ferry

**Autumn with Topsail
Festival**
October 18th - 20th
Topsail Island

**Beer, Bourbon and BBQ
Festival**
August 2nd - 3rd
Cary

NC Muscadine Festival
September 28th
Kenansville

NC Wine Festival
October 19th
Cary

Fiddler on the Roof
August 15th - 25th
Wilmington

**The North Carolina
Seafood Festival**
October 4th - 6th
Morehead City

**Lighthouse Beer &
Wine Festival**
October 26th
Wilmington

Duplin Agribusiness Fair
September 12th - 14th
Kenansville

MumFest
October 12th - 13th
New Bern

**Carolina Beach Dragon Boat
Regatta & Festival**
September 21st
Carolina Beach

North Carolina State Fair
October 17th - 27th
Raleigh



River Landing Calendar of Events

ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY

07/22 - 07/26 Adventure Camp #2	11/11 Veterans Day Dinner
07/23 Ice Cream Social	11/19 Educational Talk
08/27 Art Class	11/22 Shopping Spree
09/02 BBQ Bunker Bash	11/28 Marines Thanksgiving
09/10 Educational Talk	12/03 Christmas Tree Lighting
09/20 Evening of Magic	12/07 Christmas Gala
10/20 Halloween Hoedown & Bonfire	12/09 Christmas Caroling
10/31 Halloween Candy Cluster	12/13 Children's Christmas Party
11/05 Holiday Art Night	

RECURRING ACTIVITIES

5th Tuesday Turnout | Gatherings that take place every time a 5th Tuesday falls on the calendar
Friday Night Lights | Every Friday, July - August

GOLF

07/20 RLMGA Murphy Cup	09/14 - 09/15 RL Club Championship	10/26 - 10/27 Member 4 Tournament
08/13 Men's Interclub	09/23 RLGALs 9 & Wine	10/30 Men's Interclub
08/17 RLMGA Summer Classic	09/28 - 09/29 Member & 3 Guests Tournament	11/09 RLGALS Closing Day
08/25 Hope for the Warriors Par 3 Event	10/03 Azalea Golf Classic	11/16 RLMGA Closing Day
08/26 Hope for the Warriors Celebrity Golf Invitational	10/05 RLMGA Fall Classic	12/14 Golf Holiday Mixer
	10/19 Swing for the Cure	

RECURRING GOLF EVENTS

Thursday Night Shootout | Every Thursday, July - September

DINING

07/24 Prime Rib Dinner	11/28 Thanksgiving Buffet
08/20 Wine Dinner	12/17 Cookie Decorating Party
08/21 Prime Rib Dinner	12/22 Christmas Brunch with Santa
09/18 Prime Rib Dinner	12/31 New Year's Eve Dinner
10/16 Prime Rib Dinner	



Please visit www.riverlanding.com/calendar or scan the QR code
for the latest upcoming golf, events, and activities!

All events are subject to change.



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15TH ANNUAL

HOPE FOR THE WARRIORS

AUGUST 24TH - 26TH



Get ready for an unforgettable event! Join us at this year's Hope for the Warriors event, where you'll play golf, hear incredible stories, and meet remarkable American heroes. Don't miss out on this inspiring and exhilarating experience!

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

