

# The Beachcomber

April 2011

## COMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 2  
MGA Monthly Tournament

Tuesday, April 5  
Needlers, Book Club  
& Happy Hour

Thursday, April 7  
Eco-Discovery Tour

Tuesday, April 12  
Garden Club & Happy Hour

Thursday, April 14  
Trivia Night

Friday, April 15  
Tour of White Oak Plantation

Tuesday, April 19  
Needlers & Happy Hour

Sunday, April 24  
Easter Sunday Dinner  
and Easter Bunny

Tuesday, April 26  
Happy Hour

## LOOKING AHEAD

MAY 6  
Boat trip to St. Augustine;  
Discover Tours

MAY 7  
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

May 11  
Tickets for the practice round  
at TPC, Sawgrass

*Two events for the family and spring guests  
to enjoy*

### **Eco-Tour with Amelia River Cruises**

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 9:00 AM

Travel along Cumberland Island National Seashore, Fort Clinch State Park and Tiger Island with Amelia River Cruises as they proudly present their newest trip, the Eco-Tour. As Captain Kevin McCarthy guides the boat, the guests will experience the operation of the Otter Trawl shrimp net much like the nets used by the commercial shrimp industry today. Passengers will be actively involved in the process of deploying and retrieving this net. The catch will be displayed in an onboard aquarium where the creatures will be identified and then released.

See and learn about the local oyster beds, mud flats, marsh grasses and the St. Marys River Basin on this three hour tour. Helping us to understand all this and about our shore line, will be an expert naturalist on the coastal environment. You may learn more about Amelia Cruises on their website [www.ameliarivercruises.com](http://www.ameliarivercruises.com). Price: \$30 per person, Children 12 & under, \$15. Please call Leslie to make your reservation, 904-277-8015.

Cancellation Policy-you must cancel 72 hours before sail time in order to receive a refund. The boat will be moored at the Fernandina docks just to the right of Brett's Waterway Café. DON'T MISS THIS INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL TRIP!

### *White Oak Conservation Center Tour*

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 9:00 AM

This is your chance to tour this very interesting International Center that is dedicated to research and wildlife breeding of threatened species. Open window buses will take us around the property for a chance to see some amazing animals including the black Rhino, Okapi and Cheetahs in a natural environment. Our guide will show us the state-of-the-art animal care facilities, plus the large conference building where heads of state from around the world have met to discuss global issues. A tour of White Oak is truly a unique experience and until recently was only open to a very few people. Cost: \$85.00 per person. Please call Gina at the Club house, 277-8015 to make your reservations for this very unique experience. Children over the age of six will especially love this tour. You will be very close to many of the animals.

Visit their website at [www.whiteoakconservation.org](http://www.whiteoakconservation.org) and [gilmanfoundation.org](http://gilmanfoundation.org).

The Center spans 600 acres and is surrounded by 6,000 acres of pine and hardwood forests. White Oak is located very close to Amelia Island in Yulee, FL. We will car pool from the Clubhouse leaving at 9:00 am for our 10:00 am tour.

# Club News

## Member's Social

Join club members on Tuesdays for Happy Hour at the Club. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served from 5-7 pm, and half-priced drinks from 5-8 pm. For the benefit of all members, Happy Hour is designated for adult club members only, age 21 & older. HOUSE GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, BUT THERE IS A \$10.00 CHARGE PER GUEST. PLEASE INFORM YOUR SERVER WHEN YOU ARRIVE THE NUMBER OF GUESTS.

**HAPPY HOUR DATES FOR APRIL  
5, 12, 19 & 26**

## Trivia Night

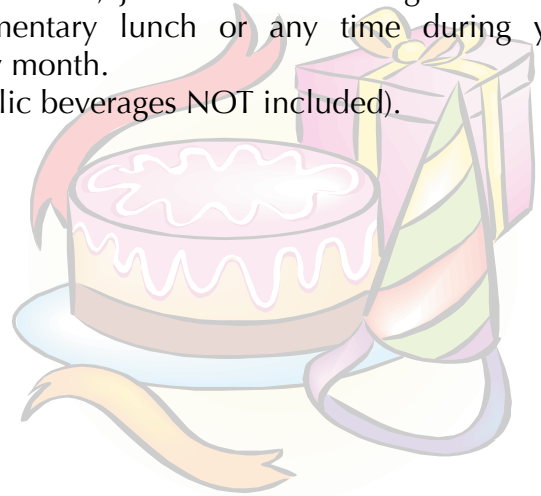
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 6:00 PM

Join us for a fun evening of Trivia on Thursday, April 14. Starting at 6:00 pm you may order a light dinner featuring five selections from our luncheon menu. The first set of Trivia questions will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. A professional MC will explain all the rules and regulations and will host the evening's questions. So gather your team or we will be happy to find a team for you. The more people who play the game, the more fun we will have. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

A cash bar will be available all evening with beer and wine specials, plus complimentary dry snacks. PLEASE CALL US FOR RESERVATIONS, SO WE MAY KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE TO EXPECT FOR THE EVENING, 277-8015.

## Celebrate Your Birthday at The Club

Birthdays are special for adults as well as children. Celebrate yours at The Golf Club! You may register your birth date at the front desk. When the big day arrives, join us in the Dining Room for a complimentary lunch or any time during your birthday month. (Alcoholic beverages NOT included).



LADIES GET OUT THOSE HATS FOR THE GOLF CLUB'S FIRST KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY  
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 4:30 PM.  
MINT JULEPS, APPETIZERS, LIVE MUSIC, DON'T MISS THE FUN!  
PICK YOUR FAVORITE HORSE AND PLACE YOUR BET AS YOU ARRIVE.  
WATCH THE WEEKLY E-MAIL AND THE MAY BEACHCOMBER FOR MORE DETAILS.

## DINING ROOM HOURS

LUNCH 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
FULL BREAKFAST SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
\*SUNDAY BREAKFAST SPECIAL\*  
OMELET WITH CHOICE OF HAM, TOMATO, ONION, PEPPERS, CHEDDAR OR SWISS.  
THIS ALSO INCLUDES FRIES, BACON AND CHOICE OF TOAST OR PASTRY.  
\$9.00 PLUS TAX AND GRATUITY.

# Club News

## *Easter Celebration at The Golf Club*

**HOP ON DOWN TO THE GOLF CLUB TO AN EASTER CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

For the adults in the family, start with a wonderful buffet including:

\*The Breakfast Lovers will enjoy our Breakfast Quiche, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage and assorted breakfast pastries.

For those interested in Easter dinner, we offer the following:

\*Tossed green salad with an assortment of lettuces accompanied by a variety of toppings.

\*Roasted Herb Chicken Risotto, Tortellini Pasta with Alfredo sauce, Roasted Vegetables,

\*Carved Prime Rib, Roasted Chicken, Seafood Station with Shrimp Cocktail & Oysters.

\*A delectable Dessert Station with Key Lime Pie, Carrot Cake & Chocolate Cake

Now for the small ones in the family; they will have their own buffet including:

Chicken Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Dogs & French Fries

**MAKE YOUR OWN EASTER BASKET**

The Club will provide a variety of fillings from the Easter Bunny, so the children can make their own basket to take home.

THE EASTER BUNNY HIMSELF WILL BE IN A SPECIAL LOCATION FOR A PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

CHECK OUT THE PATIO FOR ANOTHER PHOTO LOCATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

This will be a day that is fun for EVERYONE!!!

Member Price, Adults, \$39.95, plus tax and gratuity; Children 5-12, \$18.95, plus tax and gratuity.

Resort Price: Adults, \$49.95, plus tax and gratuity; Children 5-12, \$23.69, plus tax and gratuity.

Call Leslie, 904-277-8015 for reservations. When making your reservations, please indicate how many adults and how many children.



## *Beach Club News*

THE POOL AND SNACK BAR WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 10. AFTER THESE DATES THE BEACH CLUB WILL BE OPEN ON THE WEEKENDS UNTIL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 28, THEN DAILY UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON.

Pool maintenance is done daily between 7:00 & 9:00 am. Swimming is not allowed until 9:00 am. Please take note of these times! Thank you.

**JUST A REMINDER: ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA HEALTH CODES, NO ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED IN A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL OR ON THE DECKS OF THE POOL.**

# Club News

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## *Garden Club Meeting - Butterfly Gardening*

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 10:30 AM

Please join us for this month's garden club meeting on Tuesday, April 12. Ginny Grupé, Master Gardener will present some ideas on what to plant so we can have beautiful butterflies in our gardens. Her program will also include suggestions for plants to put in containers that would attract butterflies for those members who only have patios and no yards.

Please call Leslie, 277-8015 to let us know if you will be attending. There is no cost for this presentation and guests are welcome.

## *Book Club Meeting*

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1:00 PM

Please join us for our Book Club meeting on Tuesday, April 5 in the Fireplace Room.

The book for April is *Twilight Sleep* by Edith Wharton. In May we will read *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

## *The Needlers*

TUESDAY, APRIL 5 & 19, 10:00 AM

Do you enjoy needlepoint, knitting or crocheting? Why not join The Golf Club Needlers Group? They meet twice a month on the **FIRST AND THIRD Tuesdays of the month**. For more information, please call Gina in the Membership office, 277-8015. Join us for conversation, fellowship and stitching.

## *News from Summer Beach Resort Lodging*

### MEMBER'S SPECIAL

Summer Beach Resort is honored to be a part of the Summer Beach communities and The Golf Club of Amelia Island. We offer a 15% discount on accommodations for members. In 2011, as a special thank you for your support, for each reservation you make for family or friends your name will be entered into our contest to win a complimentary weekend in one of our oceanfront condominiums. The drawing will be held August 15, 2011. Make sure you give your e-mail address and contact phone number to the reservationist when making your reservations. Your confirmation number will be your entry into the contest.

**Spring Special - 20% discount on select units from March 31st through June 15.**

# Club News

## *News from The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island*

Spring is here and it's time to get energized! The Ritz-Carlton Spa invites you to take advantage of Energy; a part of the Art of Well spa experiences! Your choice of two treatments such as a customized massage or facial, or a unique Thai massage, along with \$25 towards a Spa lunch. This spa experience includes a welcome and farewell gift, as well as 20% savings on spa retail items!

**Try Café 4750's** Seafood Antipasti Bar with fresh oysters, local shrimp, seafood salad, salmon tartar, artisanal cheeses, Italian meats and much more. Make it an appetizer or a meal! The Antipasti Bar is available every Friday evening.

**Salt Cooking School** presents: Spring Flavors, Wednesday & Thursday, April 20th & 21st. Crisp, fresh green herbs and vegetables, colorful blossoms and young green leaves! Learn the secrets of cooking healthy, flavorful food with fresh local ingredients. A sweet ending tribute to the spring weather awaits from the Pastry Team with crepes and fresh berries with mascarpone!

Join us in **Salt**, Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island's signature restaurant for a wine tasting every Friday at 5pm. For the month of April, Salt will be celebrating wines from Oregon, France and Spain. This is a wonderful opportunity to sample wines from the regions. There is a fee associated with this activity; however it is complimentary if you dine at Salt on Friday evening.

**Celebrate Easter at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island.** Enjoy a magical afternoon tea party complete with story time and a photo with Peter Cottontail on Saturday, April 23, 2011, 12pm-2pm at the Cottontail Tea Party. \$39 per person, reservations required. Join us for a seaside brunch with family and friends at the Grand Easter Brunch in Salt on Sunday, April 24, 2011, 11am-2pm. \$69 per adult, \$32 per child ages 5-12. Includes a 5x7 family portrait.

## *Look What's Happening in May*

### **ANOTHER TRIP FROM AMELIA CRUISES-NOT TOO MISS!**

FRIDAY, MAY 6 - TRAVEL TO ST. AUGUSTINE VIA THE INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY. PLEASE CALL 904-277-8015 OR 904-261-9972 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TRIP.

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE: TRAVELING THROUGH THE TIMUCUAN ECOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVE CROSSING THE ST. JOHN'S RIVER AND THEN DOWN THE INTRACOASTAL THROUGH THE GUANA RIVER MARSH PRESERVE-LUNCH STOP AT CAP'S ON THE WATER. RETURN BY BUS TO FERNANDINA.

### **PRACTICE DAY AT TPC, SAWGRASS**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 8:30 AM

The club has purchased twenty tickets for the last day of practice, Wednesday, May 11, before the start of the 2011 TPC Golf Tournament. We will leave the Clubhouse via motor coach at 8:30 am and will return around 4:30 pm. We have general admission tickets which gives you ground access to the entire course. There are stands and bleachers where you may sit to watch the players or follow your favorite golfer around the course during the day. Food and shopping outlets are available throughout the course. Don't miss an opportunity to see this world famous course and the best golfers in the world. Price: \$60 includes transportation and admission to the tournament. Call Leslie, 277-8015 to reserve your tickets.

# Golf & Tennis News

## News from the Golf Shop

### HEAVY PLAY DAYS

April is usually a very busy month. Please make tee times 30 days in advance to make sure the tee time you want is available.

April 28 - Tee times available in the PM only

Looking ahead to May - There are no morning tee times available on the 1st & 23rd. Aeration of the greens will be the 16th-18th.

## Golf Tip

### **Play The Course, Not Your Competition, by Eric Cannon**

The arrival of spring and summer also starts tournament play for a lot of our golfers. Many players often ask why are my tournament scores always higher? There can be several reasons for this. Too much added pressure, lack of effective practice habits (actually having to make those three footers) etc. I often discover that many of you are focused on the competition instead of the golf course.

The best way to improve tournament scores is to focus on the golf course you are playing. The only thing you can control is yourself. You have absolutely no control in what a competitor does. Focus your attention on executing a shot and lots of course management. Golfers should always have a game plan on how to effectively play a golf course. Play the course the best way your game fits it. Often in tournament play a golfer may force a shot due to what a competitor does. Remember play the course not the competitor. Develop a game plan and stick to it. I believe if you focus more on course management and less on the competition, your scores will improve.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE UPDATED BY E-MAIL WITH THE MOST RECENT GOLF INFORMATION FROM THE GOLF SHOP? IF SO, PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO [GOLFSHOP@GOLFCLUBOFAMELIA.COM](mailto:GOLFSHOP@GOLFCLUBOFAMELIA.COM).

JUST A REMINDER, PROPER GOLF ATTIRE IS REQUIRED ON THE GOLF COURSE AS WELL AS THE PRACTICE FACILITY. PLEASE NO DENIM. THANK YOU.

## News from the Tennis Courts

During the past few months the courts at Summer Beach Village have been resurfaced, plus new nets were added and the old fencing has been replaced. We hope you enjoy the renovations.

Just a reminder - The courts are locked. Club members may obtain a key for a refundable fee of \$10.00 at the club office. This is a one-time charge and will be refunded when the member returns the key. Please help us maintain the equipment by not leaving the roller, squeegee or broom standing on the court. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Tennis Court Reservations Online

Golf Club members may reserve the tennis courts, located at the Beach Club in Summer Beach Village, by going online to [www.golfclubofamelia.com](http://www.golfclubofamelia.com). Click on the bottom menu that says "tennis reservations", from there follow the instructions. We hope this will help the club members who are looking for reserved court time at The Golf Club of Amelia Island. Please call Leslie at the membership office if you have further questions, 277-8015.

# Golf News

## LGA

### Ladies 9-Hole

The Ladies 9-Hole group plays every Wednesday morning. For more information, please call **Joan Palazzolo**, 491-6855 or **Maggi O'Brien**, 261-4503.

### Ladies 18-Hole

The Ladies 18-Hole group plays every Thursday morning. For more information, please call President, **Jane Casper**, 583-4333 or Playday Chairman, **Carol Scavotto**, 277-8210. To learn more about the LGA visit the website at [www.home.comcast.net/~gcailga](http://www.home.comcast.net/~gcailga).

### Queen of Clubs

Congratulations to the February and March Queens. **Maureen Olsen** shot a net 66 to capture the February Queen of Clubs and **Sue Lansdell** shot a net 65 (with an Eagle on the 18th hole) to become the Queen of Clubs for March. Both will be participating in the Queen of Clubs Shootout to be held in May 2011. Come out and be part of the gallery and support your favorite Queen.



**Maureen Olson**  
February Queen  
of Clubs



**Sue Lansdell**  
March Queen  
of Clubs

## MGA News

### MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT

The 2011 Member Guest Tournament, The Nautilus Cup, will be held June 9 - 11. Highlights of this year's event include a practice round, two days of tournament competition, opening reception, and a concluding Awards Dinner. Details of the tournament events are being sent to all members. The cost of this year's event is \$775 per team plus tax. Club members who are not part of the MGA are invited to participate, however there is an additional charge of \$75 to cover annual MGA dues. Based on our new spring dates, members are encouraged to sign up in the pro shop as soon as possible to guarantee a spot in the tournament, as the field will be limited to 28 teams. Once that level is reached, entrants will be placed on a wait list. Entry forms, with complete tournament details, will be mailed out no later than April 1.

### MGA MARCH TOURNAMENT RESULTS

#### FORMAT 3 CLUB TOURNAMENT (+PUTTER)

##### First Flight

Winners - **Dave Bouchard & Barney Smith**

Tie for Second Place - **Jim Lauerman & Jim Carpenter** and **Jim Badenoch & Steve LeGrand**

##### Second Flight

First Place - **Ron Bork & Milt Shirley**

Second Place - **Jan van Amerongen & Bryan Tabler**

### UPCOMING MGA TOURNAMENTS

April 2 - Individual Stableford points, 100% handicap, black and white tees

May 7 - 3 man team (pick your partners), 1 low gross + 1 low net per hole, 100% Handicap, black tees (flights determined by total team handicap)



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# The Beachcomber



*On the island.  
 Off the clock.*

*Amelia Island* Amelia Island is seemingly a separate place, thankfully untouched. Rolling sand dunes, spattered with sea-oats waving in ocean breezes, give way to gently breaking waves. Nestled beneath canopies of moss-draped oaks, you'll find the Estate Homes. Here, Mediterranean-style architecture complements the milder seasons. Residents spend sun-drenched afternoons lounging at their community pools, or enjoying lazy afternoons on the beach.



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