

# The Beachcomber



August 2011

## COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 2  
Needlers, Book Club  
& Happy Hour

Tuesday, August 9  
Happy Hour

Friday, August 12  
Twilight Cruise with dinner,  
Amelia River Cruises

Saturday, August 13  
MGA Monthly Tournament

Tuesday, August 16  
Needlers & Happy Hour

Tuesday, August 23  
Happy Hour

Tuesday, August 30  
Happy Hour

## LOOKING AHEAD

September 9  
St. Augustine Cruise,  
Amelia River Cruises

September 13  
First Garden Club  
meeting of the year

September 16  
End of Summer Club Party;  
Sunset Dinner Theater

September 22  
Trivia Night Returns

NOVEMBER 2  
ONE DAY COOKING CLASS,  
FRENCH CLASSICS AT THE  
RITZ-CARLTON FOR  
GOLF CLUB MEMBERS.

## Twilight Cruise & Dinner Amelia River Cruises



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 6:30 PM**

Enjoy a spectacular sunset cruise as we leave the Fernandina docks and sail to the south end of the island. We will see the beautiful waterfront homes, located on Amelia's marsh side. A boxed supper will be served during the evening with beer/wine, soft drinks, & water included.

Don't miss this great summer evening on the water. Guests are welcome! Price: \$49.00 inclusive. We shall return to the docks at 8:30 PM.

Please call Leslie or Gina for reservations, 277-8015 by Monday, August 8th.

**All Amelia River Cruises are U.S. Coast Guard inspected, with a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain on board. With shade canopies and side curtains, you are assured of comfort, rain or shine. Captain Kevin McCarthy will be our onboard navigator.**

## End of Summer Party

"SUMMERS END" DINNER THEATER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 6:30 PM

Join us for a SPECIAL EVENING at The Golf Club!

Enjoy a Prime Rib Dinner Buffet which will include a salad, seasonal vegetable, potato bar and dessert. An open bar will be available all evening.

Following dinner there will be entertainment provided by Bella Voce Cabaret who has entertained club members on several occasions. They will present a variety of popular Broadway show tunes.

**DON'T MISS THIS EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT AS WE CELEBRATE THE END OF SUMMER.**

Price: \$70 per person inclusive includes: open bar, dinner and Broadway show. There will be tables of six or eight.

Please make your reservations by Monday, September 12th, 277-8015.

# 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 AUGUST  
2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

## 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).

## Beach Club News

During the month of August the pool and Snack Bar will be open daily. 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.

**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.

### \*IMPORTANT CHANGES AT THE BEACH CLUB

**IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN THE BEACH CLUB AS A MEMBERS ONLY CLUB, WE WILL BE CHECKING EVERYONE'S MEMBERSHIP CARD AS THEY ENTER THE BEACH CLUB AREA. PLEASE CARRY YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES. SECURITY AND THE BEACH CLUB STAFF WILL BE CHECKING FOR CARDS. IF YOU HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS OR GUESTS VISITING, THEY MUST HAVE AN AMENITY CARD WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES WHILE THEY ARE AT THE TENNIS COURTS OR THE BEACH CLUB. THESE CARDS WILL BE ISSUED BY LESLIE AT THE CLUB'S FRONT DESK. THE MEMBER MUST REGISTER THE FAMILY OR GUEST NAMES AND THE LENGTH OF STAY WITH LESLIE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. PLEASE TAKE NOTE - THE BEACH CLUB GATES WILL BE LOCKED DAILY FROM DUSK UNTIL 9:00 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.**

## Off Season Rates

Beginning August 8, our rates will change to the "off season" rates. That means you can save up to 35% on a rental unit in Summer Beach. Plus you may use your Member Discount of 15%. Please call 904-277-0905 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

# Club News

## Book Club Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1:00 PM

Please join us for our Book Club meeting on Tuesday, August 2 in the Fireplace Room. This month we will be reading *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. At our July meeting, the members recommended a variety of books. There were several inspirational books suggested, which we will read for our September meeting. Please choose from one of the following:

\**Some Kind of Different, as Me?* by Ron Hall

\**Life is so Good* by George Dawson

\**Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwanda Uprising* by Immaculee Ilibagiza

In October we will read *Dreams of Joy* by Lisa See.

## The Needlers

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 & 16, 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 the Tennis Courts

Just a reminder - the courts are locked. Club members may obtain a key at the club office. Please help us maintain the equipment by not leaving the roller, squeegee or broom standing on the court. Thank you for your cooperation.

JUST A REMINDER, PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU WHEN YOU PLAY ON THE COURTS. SECURITY WILL BE CHECKING FOR PROPER IDENTIFICATION.

## 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.



L. to R. Ed & Sue Burke, Sr.; Sue & Ed Burke, Jr.



L. to R. Tom & Mary Jane Smith;  
Brendan & Leanne Smith



L. to R. Kenneth, Sarah & Steve Finch

## The Member / Guest Golf Tournament in

June was a  
"Family Affair"



L. to R. Jan & Bill Hayes; Lauren, Erin & Joe Bronkar

# Club News

## Look What is Happening This Fall!

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 8:00 AM

Rediscover the Ancient City of St. Augustine. This cruise will give you a new appreciation for the incredible rich history of Northeast Florida. Your cruise will begin from the Historic Port of Fernandina and will be captained by Kevin McCarthy along with his wife, Cecilia, the owners of Amelia River Cruises & Charters. Kevin will share his vast knowledge of the region and invite other historians and naturalists to join us and share their insight throughout the cruise. This tour will take us along the entire western shoreline of Amelia Island, then into the Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve. Along the journey you will enjoy views of the vast marsh lands that make up the preserve and catch a glimpse of the Kingsley Plantation as we pass by.

Crossing the St. Johns River careful to avoid the large ships making their way to port, we will then enter the Intracoastal Waterway and travel under each of the bridges that cross the waterway in Duval and St. Johns counties. Ultimately we enter the Guana River Marsh Aquatic Preserve. As we cruise through the preserve the signs of civilization completely disappear. You can almost imagine yourself as one of those original explorers as very little has changed on this part of the waterway.

We will then stop for lunch at a popular Intracoastal Waterway restaurant. Cap's On the Water is one of those Old Florida waterfront restaurants, with an open air oyster bar, seating under the scrub oaks that shade your table, with a view of the river, an extensive wine list and not surprisingly an excellent seafood menu. After our relaxing lunch we will return back onboard for the last leg of the cruise to our final destination the Ancient City of St. Augustine; arriving there early enough for some sightseeing and shopping. Finally we board a motor coach for the return to Fernandina Harbor. Coffee, snacks and water onboard. 8am departure, return by land transportation to Fernandina Harbor 6:30 pm. Inclusive price \$110. To make a reservation, please call Leslie at 277-8015 by Tuesday, September 6.

**SEPTEMBER 13** - Garden Club meeting, luncheon & plant exchange

**SEPTEMBER 16** - "END OF SUMMER PARTY"

**SEPTEMBER 22** - Trivia Night



*Winners of  
Trivia Night in June*

**SEPTEMBER 27** - First "Summer Beach Neighborhood Coffee"

**SEPTEMBER 28** - FASHION SEMINAR, How to Accessorize those Fall Clothes. Learn how to wear those "Turkish Twist" necklaces!

**NOVEMBER 2** - ONE DAY RITZ-CARLTON COOKING SCHOOL (FRENCH CLASSIC) FOR GOLF CLUB MEMBERS. More information will be in the September Beachcomber.

# Club News

## August Events at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

### Sushi Saturdays

Look for the Sushi Cart in the Lobby Lounge from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Enjoy delectable sushi, specialty rolls and signature items from our Sushi Chef.

### Eat on the Beach

Our Tiki Hut is open to Golf Club members. Located on the north end of the beach, nestled up against the dunes, the Tiki Hut is ideal for casual dining serving tasty grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, crisp salads and refreshing alcoholic beverages. Open daily 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Membership card must be charged. Cash and credit cards are not accepted.

### Special Event: Winemakers Dinner, August 11

Join us at Salt, Thursday, August 11, for an evening with Jed Steele, Winemaker/Owner of Steele Wines. Located in Lake County California, just north of Napa, this vineyard is known for the Merlot, Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Syrah and alternative varietals. Start your evening with a hors d'oeuvres reception and then delight your palate with a four-course meal with six wine pairings. Please call 904-277-1100 for reservations.

### August Cooking School

Chef de Cuisine Rick Laughlin hosts "American BBQ, August 17 and 18 at Salt. This fun, interactive class teaches grilling, smoking, braising and even sauce making. For a delectable summertime dessert, the Pastry Department guides you step-by-step to peach cobbler with candied ginger ice cream. Please call 904-277-1100.

Call us anytime for information and reservations at 277-1100 or visit the website [ritzcarlton.com/ameliaisland](http://ritzcarlton.com/ameliaisland). Connect with us on facebook for daily reports: [facebook.com/ritzcarltonameliaisland](http://facebook.com/ritzcarltonameliaisland).

## 2012 FSCJ Artist Series

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR TICKETS EARLY. THIS PROMISES TO BE THE MOST POPULAR SEASON EVER, SO DON'T MISS THE SHOWS YOU WANT TO SEE.

WE HAVE TICKETS FOR THE FOLLOWING PERFORMANCES:

\***BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:30 PM. Price \$49.25

\***WICKED** - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 7:30 PM. Price \$73.70

\***JERSEY BOYS-TONY AWARD WINNER IN 2006 FOR BEST MUSICAL**

WE HAVE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TICKETS RESERVED FOR THIS SHOW. THERE ARE FOUR DIFFERENT DATES WITH THREE EVENING PERFORMANCES AND ONE MATINEE. THERE IS A LIMIT OF FOUR TICKETS PER MEMBERSHIP NUMBER FOR THIS SHOW.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 7:30 PM, Price \$65.60

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 7:30 PM, Price \$65.60 - SOLD OUT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 7:30 PM, Price \$65.60

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1:30 PM, Price \$52.10

\***LES MISERABLES** - WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 7:30 PM. Price \$50.75 - SOLD OUT

# Golf News

## News from the Golf Shop

### HEAVY PLAY DAYS

August 6 - Tee times available after 2:00 pm

We will be aerating the greens on August 15-17. During that time, we will have only nine holes open. Tee times will be available between 8:00 & 9:37 am and again between 12:30 & 2:07 pm.

August 20 - The front nine will be closed from 1:45 for the remainder of the day.

## MGA News

### JUNE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

#### FORMAT: BEST BALL

##### FIRST FLIGHT

Tie for 1st Place - **Bill Casper/Ed Velazquez** and **Ray Anderson/Alan Robertson**

##### SECOND FLIGHT

1st Place - **Ron Bork & Milt Shirley**

2nd Place - **John Huie & Dave Bouchard**

### JULY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

#### FORMAT: PICK YOUR PARTNER, BEST BALL

##### FIRST FLIGHT

1ST Place - Tie between **Tom Haley/Jim Avery** and **Stu Klein/Steve LeGrand**

3rd Place - **Glenn Kratz & Mac McAllister**

##### SECOND FLIGHT

1ST Place - **Jack Harrison & Tom Oden**

Tie for 2nd Place - **Rohe Pennington/Bob Whren** and **Ray Anderson/John Graddy**

Congratulations to all the winners in June and July.



### UPCOMING MGA TOURNAMENTS

August 13 - Captain's choice format, from the black tees, 50% handicap and the teams will be selected by the pro shop.

September 10th - Beat the Pro, individual 100% handicap, black & white tees

October 8th - MGA championship, individual 100% handicap, black tees



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

# Golf News

## LGA

### Ladies 9-Hole

The Ladies 9-Hole group plays every Wednesday morning. For more information, please call **Joan Kratz**, 310-6400 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).

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## Golf Tip

### Hit The Correct Shaft by Ernest Gonzales

90 percent of golfers think they hit it farther than they truly do. If I had a dollar for every time I heard, "I hit a drive today about 300 yards!", I would have made enough money to put myself on tour. The reality is that most PGA tour pros don't hit 300 yards. The average swing speed is 112 MPH and average distance is 288 yards and the biggest reason they hit this far is the correct shaft of their drivers.

Most players think they need to hit a stiff, extra stiff or in some cases a regular shaft when they need to be hitting a weaker shaft. With the correct shaft, not only will you hit longer, you will hit it straighter. If the club is too stiff, the ball will not have any height and will go left. If the club is too weak, the ball will balloon, not have enough distance and in most cases go right. We are lucky to have two fitting systems at the club and any of our golf professionals would love to fit your driver properly or give you lessons to get your swing speed up.



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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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