



The Links

JANUARY 2012

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF BAY COLONY GOLF CLUB



From your Director of Marketing and Membership Lisa Wilson

Member referrals remain the most important source of new members for our Club. Introducing Bay Colony Golf Club to your neighbors, family and friends who are already part of your "inner circle" enhances the intimate fraternal culture of your Club and maintains the integrity of our "membership by invitation" and "membership through sponsorship" exclusivity.

Our hope is that you will help us this year by referring at least one new prospective member to Bay Colony Golf Club.

As we welcome the New Year, please consider bringing your friends and new neighbors to Bay Colony Golf Club early in the season, so that they may have the benefit of enrolling and enjoying the entire season at the Club!



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Bay Colony Golf Club Vision Statement

We will be one of the leading golf and social clubs in Naples. We will be regarded as one of the Top Golf Residential Courses in Florida. We will be the members' first choice for dining and social events. We will have one of the best men's and ladies golf programs in Naples.

Congratulations to Tom and Sandi Moran Social to Golf Members December 2011!

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Biltmore	Peter Campbell
Brighton	Paul & Terry Way
Carlyisle	Basil & Patti Anderson
Estates	Hal Cohen
Mansion	Jim O'Connor
Remington	Peter Negri
Salerno	Mark Ferguson
Shores	Jan Ross
Strand	Hank Harrison
Toscana	Linda Ruport, Diane Jenkins
Trieste	Frank Pezzuti
Villas LaPalma	Jack Hoopes
Vizcaya	Jim & Carmen Campbell
Windsor	John Sapiente & Sunny Smith
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Holiday Season fades and Golf Season chips in!

Round 1 of the prestigious **Men's President's Cup** and **Men's and Ladies' Guest Days** highlight our January golf calendar.

Regular weekly events include our Wednesday Ladies' days and the Thursday Men's days, and we'll be playing our first of two **Nine & Dine Mixed Golf** events on **Friday, January 6**, with a **3 p.m. shotgun** followed by dinner and drinks in the Grille Room.

Ladies' Guest Day - Our ladies and their invited guests will play a special two-best-balls-of-four event on **Wednesday, January 18**. The following day, **Thursday, January 19, for Men's Guest Day**, our men and their guests will follow suit with a like invitational event. A **9 a.m. shotgun** gets play underway on both days.

The first round of the **Men's President's Cup** will be played **Thursday, January 26**. This is a 36-hole match play tournament, the **second round** to be played **Thursday, February 2**. Last year's winners were by **Kevin Giblin** and **Ed Farrell**.

The final event on the January calendar is a **Mixed Golf** we'll be playing on **Tuesday, January 31**. Those playing 18 holes will tee off under a 1 p.m. shotgun, those playing nine holes a 3 p.m. shotgun. A clubhouse dinner will follow the completion of play.

Bay Colony Golf Club's signature events, The **Men's Invitational** and **Ladies' Invitational**, are quickly approaching. Because of their popularity among members, you are encouraged to sign up now in the golf shop or on the Club website while space is still available. On the Club website you'll find a registration form to fill out and click on "submit."

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The Bay Colony Golf Club Rule Book: An Embedded Ball

The heavy October rains generated many queries as to how to proceed when your ball lands and becomes embedded. The rule book grants relief only if the ball is embedded in a closely-mown area; i.e., in fairways or areas upon which the grass is mowed to fairway heights or less.

However, the rule book also allows a local rule allowing relief through the green, which is to say all areas of a course except tees, greens, and hazards. For example, our BCGC rule No.4 states that the embedded ball rule applies through the green. (Incidentally, local rules are posted at the starter's podium as well as on the back of each format and special rules sheet for each event.)

So what to do? The ball may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped without penalty provided it is dropped as near as possible to the spot in which it was embedded and no nearer the hole. You get a free drop but you do not get one club-length relief.

Know golf's rules and the local rules of whatever course you're playing. Local rules are put in place to implement easier interpretation of what is and is not permitted, the idea being to insure a more enjoyable round for everyone playing it.

Golf Shop Goodies

Golfers in the Bay Colony Golf Shop are like kids in a candy store this time of year. New in the Golf Shop this month are men's sweaters and shirts by Peter Millar, Polo, Fairway & Greene, Footjoy, Greg Norman, and Donald Ross.

Ladies will find tops and a variety of shorts, slacks, and skorts by designers Cutter & Buck, GG-Blue and Sport Haley. New golf brands in the shop include Green Lamb and Peter Millar, the designer of men's apparel who this season is introducing a ladies line.

As always, special orders are big business at Bay Colony Golf Club. See Valerie for your favorite brands not carried for special custom orders, add our Bay Colony Golf Club logo to any item and have any item gift wrapped and shipped. Consider buying a new set of Clubs for your Naples residence and have them at the ready for your return from holiday travels.



From the Coaching Tee with Paul Celano



The key to reducing your score is better putting. If par for putting is 36 for 18 holes – i.e., two putts per hole – it's reasonable to set a goal of 30 putts or less.

There are two key elements of putting – speed and direction, speed being the most important, and I offer a couple of drills to improve both.

To improve speed, pick spots 20, 30, and 40 feet from a green's fringe. From each spot putt two or three balls to the fringe, the goal being to reach it but not roll through it. Practice this from uphill, downhill, and flat lies.

For another speed drill, put a club down about 1 ½ feet behind the cup. From any distance outside five feet, you'll make more putts by rolling the ball with enough speed to barely reach the positioned club. This, assuming you miss the putt.

A drill to improve direction is to place two clubs parallel to each other along your target line. Place them slightly wider than the face of your putter. As you practice, concentrate on bringing the putter straight back and straight through. Practice this drill from three, six, ten, 15, and 20 feet.

Another drill to improve direction is to set up two tees along the target line of a fairly straight putt, the tees as far apart as the length of your putter's face, thus forming a "gate" to putt through. Start with putts from six to ten feet. Then move back two or three feet and set up another "gate," this time slightly wider than the first one. Set the ball a bit behind the second gate and practice stroking putts by swinging the putter's head through it so that the ball rolls through the first gate and into the cup.

Try these drills for 15 minutes three times a week and I guarantee your putting will improve significantly.



*Bay Colony Cookbook
Signing Party
November 15, 2011*



Terry Way, Angela Smith, Dee Wardeberg



Sandi Moran, Chef Wilhelm



Chef Wilhelm, Ellen Perkins, Dee Wardeberg, Sonia McDonald



Mac McDonald, Bob Eaton, Jim Bailey, Chef Wilhelm



Linda Stavropoulos

**December
Cooking
Class**

December 3, 2011



Sheila Lester, Mary Ann Debes, guests and Lynn Hall



Ellen O'Neill, Diane Jenkins, Betty Fagan, Chef Wilhelm



Sonia McDonald, Ellen O'Neill



Lynn Hall, Sheila Lester, Mary Ann Debes

Social ACTIVITIES

Enjoy New Year's Day at your Club

The course and Clubhouse are open New Year's Day. Enjoy New Year's Day lunch and dinner at the Clubhouse or order carry out **Sunday, January 1, 2012.**

The golf course is open and available with tee times in effect in order to best serve all members, family and friends. Call the Golf Shop to make tee times on New Year's Day 239-592-9530.



The Science of Gluten-Free Cooking

Not unlike the common cold, gluten is not easy to avoid, it being a protein found in typical grains – wheat, barley, rye, ingredients in much of what we eat.

The rub is it can have adverse effects on those in whom it triggers a form of food poisoning called celiac disease, one complication of which is an inability to absorb nutrients.

There are grains that are gluten-free - oats, corn, buckwheat, and wild rice. Gluten-free cooking will be the subject of **Executive Chef Wilhelm's Cooking Class on Saturday, January 7.**

Students of cuisine will **gather at 8:30 a.m.** for orientation and a lively continental breakfast in the kitchen with the Chef. Cooking class begins at 9 a.m., and after all the preparations, at the conclusion, will be followed by lunch featuring the proceeds of the cooking school.

Chef Wilhelm's series of cooking classes are limited to a coveted 18 openings for eager students. If you'd like to be among the "elite chef de cuisine" you may register on line at www.baycolonygolfclub.com or call Pam or Sheila at 239-592-9515. Don't delay, as our in-house Celebrity Chef often sells out on the classes early and there are only a limited number of openings each class. The cost per student is \$95 per-person, and well worth every delicious morsel.

Bring your own Grapes for the return of "No Corkage Dinner"

The dictionary defines corkage as "a charge for opening a bottle of wine bought elsewhere," and as such can be a surprise, to those unfamiliar with the practice.

No such charge will be in evidence at our **"No Corkage" Gourmet Dinner on Wednesday evening January 4**, when the bottled wine you bring to the table will be opened at no greater charge than a "thank you."

Begin your evening with a bottle of your choice from home, opened with a flourish by our certified sommelier Susan Ball, or cocktails from the bar at the **6 o'clock reception** in the Grille Room. Seating for an elegant five-course gourmet dinner will commence at **6:30.**

Devotees of Bay Colony Golf Club's superb cuisine find this to be an exceptional opportunity to select favorite vintages and varietals from your own cellar and bring them to the Club to pair with fine cuisine prepared by our expert culinary team. Invite friends who may be interested in bringing their own treasures from the cellar and celebrate bacchanalia style with several bottles at the table.

Guests are encouraged- the more the merrier – as this event makes for a most –impressive fine wine and dining affair. Suggested attire is jackets and ties. The fare for the evening is an incredible value at \$65+, and even more appealing for those who wish to invite and entertain guests. Required reservations are available on line at our interactive website www.baycolonygolfclub.com or by calling 239-592-9515.

Give your Regards to Broadway

Broadway musical enthusiasts are in for a treat **Wednesday, January 11**, when Bay Colony Golf Club provides an opportunity to enjoy not only a superb dinner but also **an evening of Broadway cabaret** featuring the always welcome Billy Dean and Dawn.

Schedule a reservation anytime between the hours of **5 to 8:30.** Members and guests may select from the a la carte dinner menu featuring several specials presented by the Chef.

Live show tunes will be performed from **8 to 9:30**, and by the end of this classic evening your head should be ringing with "The Sound of Music". This is an ideal evening to invite guests and show off the best of what Bay Colony Golf Club has to offer. Live music and fine dining in North Naples is at its best right here at your restaurant of choice, Bay Colony Golf Club. Reservations are available 5-8:30 pm and can be made either at www.baycolonygolfclub.com or by calling Pam or Sheila 239-592-9515. Country club casual is the suggested attire.

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Viva Italia!

Not long ago the American concept of Italian cuisine was spaghetti with meat balls in ragu sauce. Add what was to become our American obsession with pizza and Italian restaurant mania was born.

Now Americans, exposed to the wide and exciting variety of Italian food, know better and appreciate that Italy's cuisine ranges from hearty Neapolitan zuppa alla marinara to risotto alla Milanese from Milan.

Certainly a vast selection of all the Italian delights will be offered at our ever-popular **Viva Italia buffet dinner on Wednesday evening January 18.**

Start the evening off with an appetif such as an Americano, which is Compari and vermouth "con ghiaccio", meaning "on the rocks". Then feast on Chef Wilhelm's exquisite menu featuring a wide selection of special recipes from Northern and Southern of Italy.

Schedule a reservation anytime between the **hours of 6 to 8:30**, when the Italian abondanza will be presented. This is the perfect occasion to invite friends and family to join you at Bay Colony Golf Club for a festive thematic trip to Napoli without ever leaving Naples. Reservations, at \$45++ per person, are already in demand, so we suggest you schedule your reservations "pronto". Children under the age of 12 enjoy dinner at half price and toddlers under age 3 are complimentary.

Reserve your table on line at www.baycolonygolfclub.com or contact Pam or Sheila at 239-592-9515.



British Invasion Dinner Dance

We are celebrating all things Beatles and the seeming army of British rockers whose influences on popular music to this day reverberate worldwide. Get your inner John, Paul, Ringo and George on and join us for the British Invasion.

In celebration of this musical phenomenon we'll be holding our own "**British Invasion**" Dinner/Dance on **Saturday evening, January 21.** Our British rockstar-themed gala will start with a **reception at 6:30**, followed by a multi-course plated dinner at **7:15.**

Invite guests, collaborate on creative costumes, come dressed thematically and be prepared to rock and roll to the Beatles tribute phenomenon, "The Nowhere Band." In keeping with the evening's theme, attire appropriate to the mid-1960s is encouraged; even blue jeans will get the nod of approval. Live music will play throughout dinner and get you on your feet in between courses and until 11:00 pm.

The per-person cost of this nostalgic and festive evening will be \$95++, and required reservations can be made on our website, www.baycolonygolfclub.com or by calling Pam or Sheila at 239-592-9515.

Lange Estate Wine Dinner with Wine Maker Jesse Lange

Join Oregon's Lange Estate Wine Maker Jesse Lange for a luscious wine – paired dinner at Bay Colony Golf Club **Wednesday, January 25** featuring the estates' benchmark pinot gris. Other treasured gems to be introduced and served during this intimate celebration of food and wine include their pinot noir and chardonnay.

Wine Maker Jesse Lange received his formal wine-making training at New Zealand's Lincoln University as an Oregon State exchange student. Lange served two years as a self-described "cellar rat" at a California winery before signing on at the family's Oregon enterprise. Since, he has served on several industry boards including Oregon Pinot Camp (currently president), the Dundee Hills Winegrowers Association (former president), and the board of the Willamette Valley Wineries Association. And if you want to talk fly fishing, Lange is your man.

The evening will begin with a **6 o'clock reception**, followed by multi-course **dinner service at 6:30.** The per-person cost will be an exceptional value at \$125++.

Guests are welcome, and suggested attire includes jackets and ties. Reservations for this stellar wine event may be made on our website or by calling 239-592-9515.



Dueling Pianos

On **Wednesday, February 1**, enjoy a lively evening at your Club with dinner and dueling pianos. This exciting evening will feature competing pianos in a cabaret atmosphere. Schedule an a la carte reservation anytime between the hours of **5 and 8:30 pm.** Following dinner, enjoy dueling pianists as they go head to head and engage everyone in the fun from **8 to 10 o'clock.**

Bay Colony Golf Club continues to offer the finest combination of fine dining and fun for all members and guests—don't miss this opportunity to engage your friends in the fun! Reservation can be made on line or by contacting Pam or Sheila 239-592-9515. Country club casual will be the evening's dress code.



GOLF HOURS
 Phone: (239) 592-9530
 Golf Shop - 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Practice Facility - 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

DINING HOURS
 Phone: (239) 592-9515
 Closed Monday

Lunch - 11:30 am - 3:00 pm
 The Grille Room: Tuesday - Sunday
 Saturday Patio BBQ
 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

Evening Dining - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Wednesday - Sunday

January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Tee Times Open for Lunch & Dinner	2	3 Duplicate Bridge 9:00	4 LADIES' DAY 8:30 Shotgun "NO CORKAGE" GOURMET DINNER	5 MEN'S DAY "New" plicate Bridge 3:15 Instruction - 4:00 Social	6 NINE & DINE MIXED GOLF 3:00 Shotgun	7 CHEF WILHELM'S COOKING CLASS
8	9	10 Duplicate Bridge 9:00	11 LADIES' DAY DINNER & CABARET	12 MEN'S DAY "New" plicate Bridge 3:15 Instruction - 4:00 Social	13	14
15	16	17 Duplicate Bridge 9:00	18 LADIES' GUEST DAY 9:00 Shotgun VIVA ITALIA BUFFET DINNER	19 MEN'S GUEST DAY 9:00 Shotgun "New" plicate Bridge 3:15 Instruction - 4:00 Social	20	21 BRITISH INVASION DINNER DANCE
22	23	24 Duplicate Bridge 9:00	25 LADIES' DAY LANGE ESTATE WINE DINNER	26 MEN'S PRESIDENT'S CUP Round 1 "New" plicate Bridge 3:15 Instruction - 4:00 Social	27	28
29	30	31 Duplicate Bridge 9:00 MIXED GOLF 1:00 Shotgun/18 Holes 3:00 Shotgun/9 Holes-Dinner				

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February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 LADIES' DAY LADIES' 9 HOLE GUEST DAY - 10:30 Shotgun DINNER & CABARET	2 MEN'S PRESIDENT'S CUP Round 2 "New" plicate Bridge 3:15 Instruction - 4:00 Social	3	4 CHEF WILHELM'S COOKING CLASS
5 SUPER BOWL PARTY	6	7 Duplicate Bridge 9:00	8 LADIES' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP BLIND TASTING WINE DINNER	9 MEN'S & LADIES' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP "New" plicate Bridge 3:15 Instruction - 4:00 Social	10 MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	11 MEN'S & LADIES' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Finals
12	13 Duplicate Bridge 9:00	14 VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE	15 LADIES' DAY 6:00pm Team Draw Men's Foursome Championship & Stag Dinner NO A LA CARTE DINNER	16 Men's Foursome Championship 8:30 Shotgun "New" plicate Bridge 3:15 Instruction - 4:00 Social	17 Men's Foursome Championship 8:30 Shotgun	18
19 COUPLES' INVITATIONAL 1:00 Shotgun/Lunch & Dinner NO A LA CARTE DINNER	20	21 Duplicate Bridge 9:00	22 LADIES' DAY 8:30 Shotgun GERMAN BUFFET DINNER	23 MEN'S DAY "New" plicate Bridge 3:15 Instruction - 4:00 Social	24 NINE & DINE MIXED GOLF 3:00 Shotgun	25
26	27 Duplicate Bridge 9:00	28 Ladies' Invitational Practice Round	29 Ladies' Invitational 1:00 Shotgun NO A LA CARTE DINNER			

Gingerbread House Decorating Party

November 26, 2011



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