



**Gates Four Golf & Country Club Monthly Newsletter** 

**FEBRUARY 2021** 



# AROUND the CLUB



# From the Manager's Desk ...



Dear Gates Four Members,

We hope this finds you and your families safe and healthy. The entire team has worked extremely hard over the last year to keep the club operational for all of you to enjoy. To this point we have done a great job in providing a safe environment.

Although, over the last day we have learned that two employees in our F&B Department have received a positive test result for coronavirus (COVID-19).

In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines and out of an abundance of caution, we will be closing JP's Bar and Grill from Feb. 1 through Feb. 10, and will resume normal operating hours beginning Thursday, Feb. 11.

The golf course, driving range, and other areas of the club will remain open with modified operational hours of Monday–Sunday 8am–5pm during this time. We encourage all members to continue practicing social distancing and good hand sanitation, along with monitoring yourselves and your families to ensure everyone remains safe.

This closure will ensure that we keep all our Members, Guests, and Employees safe. In addition, we have hired a contract company to clean and disinfect the clubhouse. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your support during these challenging times.

Yours in Service,

Kevin Kevin Lavertu, General Manager



# **Important Numbers**

Clubhouse	910.425.6667
Billing/Member Servi	cesx 222
JP's Bar & Grill	x 245
General Manager	x 223
Pro Shop	910.425.2176
Pool	910.425.4015
Tennis Pro	910.922.9990
Fitness Trainer	910.978.2348
<b>Grounds Keeper</b>	910.425.3381
Lakewood Gate	910.424.0542
Dundle Gate	910.424.1597

## **Winter Hours** Pro Shop/Range

(Golf course, driving range, and other areas of the club will have modified operating hours of Monday-Sunday 8:00 am-5:00 pm through February 10; will resume normal operating hours below beginnning February 11)

Monday-	-Friday		8:00 an	n-5:00	pm
Saturday-	-Sunday	'	7:30 an	n-5:00	pm

#### JP's Bar & Grill

(CLOSED through February 10; will resume normal				
operating hours below beginnning February 11)				
MondayCLOSED				
Tuesday11:00 am-3:00 pm				
(Limited Menu – Cold Sandwiches and Hot Dogs)				
Wednesday—Saturday 11:00 am—9:00 pm				
Sunday10:00 am—5:00 pm				
(Limited Menu after 3:00 pm)				

#### **Tennis Courts**

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#### **Fitness Center**

(3 people max)

Daily... .....8:00 am-Club Closing

#### Private Lessons

Need a private lesson to improve your swing or stroke? Call one of these pros to check on availability and cost.

Golf: Anthony Carstarphen...910.670.3761 **Tennis:** Dennis Berry......910.922.9990

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# Upcoming



# **Valentine's Day Dinner**

Saturday, February 13 • 6:00-9:00 pm

Elegant Plated Dinner • Half-Price Bottles of Wine/Champagne Light Background Music • Romantic Night for Two

\$70.00/couple

More information on page 1; RSVP by February 11



## Fiesta Night!

Friday, February 19 • 5:00-9:00 pm \$2 MARGARITAS! \$2 CORONAS! OLÉ!

Grab your serrape and head to JP's for an evening of authentic Mexican food! Tacos, burritos, and chips & dip with quacamole, olé!

## MGA Social and Wall of Honor

Thursday, March 11 • 6:00 pm in the Ballroom

Kick off the 2021 golf season with this special social, including hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Free and open to all members.

# St. Patrick's Day Dinner Features Week of March 15–19

Come to JP's and enjoy some of Chef's Irish dinner features!

# **HOA Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, March 17 • 7:00 pm in the Ballroom



# Save the Date!

MAY 15-16, 2021

**EVENT RESERVATIONS** 910.425.6667 x 221



# **Golf**

# **Upcoming Golf Tournaments**

#### MARCH

#### Saturday, March 13 MGA Golf Event 12:00 pm Shotgun

#### Friday, March 19 Fayetteville Academy 12:30 pm Shotgun

#### Sunday, March 21 US Kids Golf 9:30 am Shotgun

#### Thursday, March 25 Short Stop – Red Cross 1:00 pm Shotgun

## Friday, March 26

Mana University 12:00 pm Shotgun

#### **APRIL**

#### Fri.-Sun., April 2-4

Gates Four HCP Championship
Tee Times TBD

## Saturday, April 10

MGA Golf Event 10:00 am Shotgun

#### Sunday, April 18

Region 4 1:00 pm Shotgun

#### Saturday, April 24

Berean Baptist Church 1:00 pm Shotgun

#### MAY

#### Saturday, May 1

Fayetteville State University 1:00 pm Shotgun

#### Friday, May 7

VCA David Hinkamp 1:00 pm Shotgun

#### Sunday, May 9

CGA One Day

#### Sat.-Sun., May 15-16

Stars and Stripes Invitational 10:00 am Shotgun

# **2021 MGA Golf Events**

Saturday, March 13
Saturday, April 10
Saturday, June 5
Saturday, July 10
Saturday, August 7
Saturday, September 18
Thurs., Sept. 30–Sat., Oct. 2 Member Guest
Wednesday, November 3 Pro-Am
Saturday, November 13



# **March 13 MGA Event**

Saturday, March 13 12:00 pm Shotgun Start Blind Draw Captain's Choice \$40 per player entry fee Includes lunch

**FEBRUARY 28** is the deadline to **OPT OUT** of joining the MGA and paying \$50 annual dues

**Pro Shop – 910.425.2176** 

## From the Course

January has come and gone, and February is here with a wet and cold start. It's hard to believe that we are already one month down in 2021. Time sure does fly when you're having fun! January was a tough month between the cold temperatures and the rain days; it was challenging to get productive work done on the golf course. The staff persevered and completed some critical tasks, including tree removal work and a post-emergent weed control application on all the short cut turf.

Moving into February we have a lot of work to get done, and it will be tricky dodging rain events. Our spring crabgrass pre-emergent application is scheduled this month. This herbicide is on a fertilizer that is slow release and will begin to feed the turf when the temperatures warm up enough for the soil microbes to start breaking it down and releasing the nutrients. We will do most of the course with a bulk-spread truck and hand spread around greens and bunker faces. We are trying to get it out by February 15, but the weather and saturated fairways may have something to say about that. NC State is currently recommending applying spring pre-emergent two weeks earlier than normal due to the warming trend we are currently seeing in our climate. We are trying to follow these guidelines, and homeowners should consider following as well.

Also in February, we will be doing a deep-tine (12" solid tine) aeration as well as pulling cores on the greens. This practice, in addition to the fertility, should help our bentgrass roots start to dig deep and get established and as healthy as possible going into the heat. We will do our best to have the greens back to optimum condition as soon as possible, but temperatures and rainfall always play a big part in the healing process in February/March. Regardless of the time to heal, these are important maintenance practices, and as always, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

I hope you are staying warm and dry, and make sure on the sunny



dry days you get out and enjoy the course. Spring will be here before we know it, and I'm looking forward to it! As always, thanks for your support, and until next time, I'll see you on the course.

> Shaun Kerr Golf Course Supt.





# **Tennis**

#### **USTA Tennis**

Adult Spring League registration opened January 16, with play beginning February 21. Days of play will probably be Tuesdays or Thursdays at 6:30 pm. State Championships will be in June. Members who have played on a Gates Four team will be contacted. Members who have not played on a team, but would like to, contact either Yvonne Rouse (3.0 18+) or Gwenda Combs (3.0 40+).

#### **Casual Play**

The tennis courts are 78 feet long, 27 feet wide for singles matches and 36 feet wide for doubles matches. The service line is 21 feet from the net. Players, therefore, are usually 6 feet away from each other during play.

Casual social play continues with the restriction of only 10 players on the courts.

#### **Morning Tennis:**

- Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 am
- Saturday morning start time varies and depends on the weather.
   For start time call or text Lori Hawkins at 910-261-7871

All members, adults and tennis-playing juniors, are invited to play. No sign up necessary, just come to the new courts. All levels welcome. Bring your tennis racket and tennis balls.

League matches and practices have reserved courts.

Please call the Pro Shop for reservations.







# **Yoga**

Yoga

Wednesdays 8:30 am

Chair Yoga Wednesdays 9:45 am

**Yogalates** Fridays 8:30 am

Riddle Room \$5/class • Instructor: Jennifer Warnock

# **Meetings/Clubs**

#### **Ladies Bunco Night**

Wednesday, March 10 • 7:30 pm
Conference Room

#### **Homeowners (HOA)**

Wednesday, February 17 • 6:00 pm

March Riddle Room

#### **Townhouse Owners**

The Townhouse Association HOA meets on the 2nd Wednesday every other month, even months (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec.)

Wednesday, February 10 • 6:30 pm Clubhouse Conference Room





Alex & Hollyn Rodeck

Josh Shotwell

Russ Methvin