

CCC News

Charleston Country Club

August 2022

Men's Annual Event to be 4-man dropout

For the first time in six years, the Men's Annual Event will be a four-man dropout scramble on Aug. 6-7.

The last time the event was a four-man dropout was in 2016. The following five years it was played as a three-man dropout scramble, mainly because of low numbers of entrants.

But this year the Sports and Pastimes Committee decided to make a change.

"The three-man dropout was a tougher challenge and put much more strain on the B and C players," said Dana Ringuette, director of Sports and Pastimes. "The four-man will

work out with less stress and it's more equitable for the players."

Ringuette said he believes golfers were ready for a change and wanted to play the four-man dropout for the Annual Event.

Drafting of teams will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 2, following the Men's League. The selection will follow a down-up-down pattern. Auctioning of teams will take place on Thursday, Aug. 4, with a re-auction on Saturday, Aug. 6.

The entry fee for the event is \$120. Men 65 years of age and older will play from the white tees.

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First-place Member/Guest

Gary Marquis and Tyler Larson won the Member-Guest tournament July 16, outlasting nine other teams to win. Marquis and Larson birdied the fourth playoff hole, hole #1, to cinch the victory. Thirty-five two-man teams played in the event. More photos from the action-packed weekend are on page 5.

Diver to get pond balls but they're still lost to you

The good news: All those balls you hit into club ponds are going to be retrieved. The bad news: You're still not getting them back.

The board of directors agreed to allow Travis Coffey to dive into and exhume golf balls from the ponds in return for 10 cents a ball. Coffey – like all golfers -- gets to keep all the lost balls he finds.

Coffey, a member of the Lincoln Fire

Protection District and the Coles County Search and Rescue teams, approached the board with the proposal so he can get more experience diving into ponds and perhaps benefit from the practice in more ways than one.

He was set to begin diving in late July so you may see him around the ponds.

In other action at their monthly meeting July 18, the board members discussed three problems with play on the

course.

First, men have been golfing on Wednesdays during Women's League. All golfers must wait for women's league to play uninterrupted before getting on the nine holes the women are playing that week.

Women's traditional league begins at 4 p.m. and scramble league begins at 5 p.m.

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The Board of Directors meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of every month.

Still time to run for president, board seats

No one has signed up to run for club president or for one of the three seats on the board of directors.

Members have until Aug. 30 to sign the notice for candidacy on the club bulletin board in the hallway alcove of the clubhouse.

To run for the two-year term for president a member has to have served on the board of directors. Any member in good standing can run for one of the three three-year terms on the board.

The election will be held in October in conjunction with the club Annual Meeting, which will be set in September by the current board of directors. Those elected will begin their terms Jan. 1.

The Nominating Committee will put forth a slate of candidates in early September for the election. Those not chosen by the Nominating Committee can petition to run on a Members' Ticket.

Currently John Ryan is acting as interim president, filling the final year on Gary

Hinds' term. Hinds stepped down at the end of 2021 after serving five years as club president.

The board terms of Dana Ringuette, Katrina Butler and Ryan end Dec. 31. Jan Ziebka is finishing the last year of Ryan's term on the board.

Parking lot funds needed

Fundraising to pay for re-sealing of the parking lot is stalled.

Several members have donated \$4,825 toward the \$14,000 project.



Doug Black mows on #7 fairway as part of weekly upkeep.

Course in decent shape for August -- Ochs

Course conditions for the Men's Annual Event and the Club Championships should be good despite the typical August weather, Course Superintendent Dan Ochs Jr. said.

"This is a tough time of year," Ochs said. "Heat and humidity bring on disease pressure. (But) the course should be in its normal August glory."

The area has been in drought most of the summer, he said. But the recent rains helped. Still, he said, the area didn't get as much as was predicted.

The dry conditions have put a strain on the course's irrigation system, Ochs said. Because of that, watering the course has been increased. That, in turn, has caused water line issues.

Water lines have recently broken on holes 9, 11 and 16. The grounds crew has been busy fixing them.

Water lines have a 25-year life expectancy, Ochs said. Heads and joints last 12-15 years. The club's irrigation system is more than 25 years old. "When it's that old, you're going to fix it until you write a seven-figure check to replace it," Ochs said.

For the record:

Welcome new members

Junior

Connor Poffinbarger

Social

Todd & Kimberly Clodfelter

Membership #s

Class A/Promo A = 156

Social = 93

Senior = 46

Junior/Junior Promo = 50

Non-resident = 12

Fellowship = 11

Student = 3

Tournaments Sked:

Aug. 6-7: Men's Annual Event

Aug. 20-21: Club Championships

Aug. 27: Two-person team event

Sept. 10 Mixed Annual Event

Oct. ?? Red October TBA

Team event Aug. 27

A new, 27-hole, two-person team event will be held Aug. 27 for both men and women golfers.

Golfers can sign up outside the Pro Shop. Cost is \$50 with cash payouts set by the number of members participating.

The event will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

The first nine holes will be played as a two-person scramble. The second nine will follow a better ball format. The final nine holes will be alternating shot.

Club's # : 217-345-6603

Club Championships sign up under way

Registration is under way outside the Pro Shop for the Club Championships, which will be played Aug. 20-21.

The Junior Championships will be held Aug. 9. Details will be forthcoming on it.

For the Club Championships, tee times will be scheduled between 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, for all golfers, Head Golf Pro Kee Fryxell said.

On the second day, Aug. 21, tee times will be set by flights according to scoring on the first day.

Flights will include Championship, A and Senior for the men and then the Women's Championship.

All flights will play stroke play.

The Championship Flight will be played from the gold tees, Frexyell said. To qualify, golfers must

have a handicap 9.9 or lower unless they are 65 and older. They will play 54 holes of golf, 27 holes each day.

The men's A Flight will include all golfers with a handicap of 10 or more. The Senior Flight is for men 65 and older. Top men golfers in each flight will qualify for the Ryder Cup with Mattoon Golf & Country Club golfers.



Rocking the Casbah

Sound City performs Friday, July 15, on the patio. The performance was part of the Member/Guest weekend activities. See related photos, page 5.

Meet CCC staffers: This month Cam

Name: Cameron Brewer

Position: Cook

Months/Years at club: three weeks

Hometown: Casey

High School/College: Charleston High School

What I love about my job: "I love to cook. Since I was young, I've always wanted to be a cook."

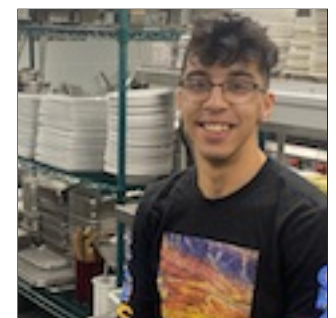
When not working, I like to: watch my daughter and

Mixed Martial Arts

Favorite Vacation/place to visit: Austin, Texas

One thing no one knows about me: "I was an uncle at age 2 and have a niece that's two years younger than me."

When I grow up: "I want



Cam Brewer
to be a personal chef."

What's with the Shepherd's Stone on #18?

If you've ever hit your ball behind or into the left sand trap in front of the 18th green, you may have noticed a small monument with a curious statement on it.

More and more golfers have seen it recently – not because their ball has been anywhere near that trap or anything -- but they've been asking what's that monument all about?

The monument reads: "Shepherd's Trap 'Never Missed It.'"

Only a couple of current members knew anything about it.

The monument is dedicated to Maurice "Maury" Shepherd, a retired chemistry and physics professor who died Aug. 7, 2020 at the age of 86.

Dave Sardella, who often golfed with Shepherd, had it placed there.



Shepherd's Stone, above, honors Maury Shepherd for his consistency.

"He (Shepherd) would habitually hit into that trap," Sardella said. "I told him when he passed I was going to name that trap after him."

So Sardella did. He contacted Wendell Adams who donated the stone and it was placed there after Shepherd's death.

Shepherd was a longtime member of the club who en-



Shepherd's Stone lies just below the left sand trap on the 18th hole.

joyed Senior membership status.

Sardella said Shepherd often played with him, Russ Waltrip and John Conley.

During his prime, Shepherd was a little less than bogey golfer but in his advanced years golfed bogey or higher. Sardella said Shepherd had two holes-in-one in his playing days – one on 8

and one on 17.

Sardella said no matter where Shepherd drove his ball on 18, his second shot would always end up in that sand trap.

Shepherd stopped playing eight to 10 years before his death, Sardella said.

But he'd no doubt be pleased that Sardella kept his promise.

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All others will play from tournament tees.

To play, all golfers must have a club course handicap. Captains will be selected from the lowest handicap golfers, using their Charleston Country Club handicaps with their CDGA indexes being used for tie breakers.

Last year, the team of Dustin Sloat, Chuck Card and Blake Coffey won the Men's Annual Event, shooting nine under par.

In 2020, the team of John Yakle, Chuck Card and Mark Stoltz shot eight under to win.

Diver to get pond balls, but not for you

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Golfers could begin play on the nine holes the women leaguers are using about 6 p.m.

Not too many years ago, Wednesdays were women's day and all male golfers were not allowed on the course. But that practice has slowly slipped away since there no longer is a women's morning league and because fewer women are playing these days.

Still the women's leaguers should be able to get their weekly matches in without interruptions from other golfers, just like the men's league.

Secondly, and not unrelated to the first course problem, golfers are not checking in at the Pro Shop before golfing and they are not making tee times. Even at slow times, when perhaps a tee time isn't needed, golfers must check in at the Pro Shop.

Thirdly, golfers should not drive their golf carts within 30 yards of the greens. Old and handicapped golfers have been allowed to drive closer to the greens than others, but reports are many people are driving carts up to the greens.

In other business, the

board:

■ heard a report that the pump has been repaired and is pumping recycled waste water from the city to the pond between holes #3 and #4. However, more work will have to be done on the pump after the season.

■ learned 120 sets of silverware have been purchased for the kitchen/bar and the old silverware has been stored for possible future use.

■ agreed to increase the bookkeeper's hours so that she can keep up with an increase work load.

Member/Guest Tourney a weekend of fun

Event included practice round, breakfast, lunch, dinner and a band



Above left, Jerry Myerscough, red hat, belts out a song with the band, Sound City, July 15. The Entertainment Committee lined up the band to coincide with the Member/Guest tourney.



Above right, Blake Coffey and friends enjoy the evening before the tourney.



At left, Mary Jo and Dale Alexander & Barb & Gary Haddock sit with friends at dinner. Steak & salmon were the entrees.



Above left, Dana Ringuette, Jason & Tracy Wavering listen to the band. Above right, Lauri DeRuiter Willems & John Willems and Ali Moshtagh enjoy the music.



Golfers talk over breakfast July 16.



Bartender Gillian Card works at the Bloody Mary bar.