

CCC News

Charleston Country Club

October 2022



Mixed Annual winners

Fred Deremiah, Barb, Mark and Scrunchy Stoltz and Barb Ippollito won the Mixed Annual Event Oct. 2, shooting four under par. Fukiko Ishabashi, Ralph Coffey, Bob Wagoner and Mike Litteken took second in a three-team playoff that went five holes. Carol Oetting, Mike Metzger, Tom Will and John Robinson took third. See more photos on page 4.

Bower says a lot has changed, but friendliness remains

Gayle Bower has seen a lot of changes at the club since 1958, but she says one thing has stayed constant – it still has a “very friendly atmosphere.”

“It was like that when we began and it has remained that way over the years,” she says.

Bower has been a member at the club for 64 years. Along with Norma Select, they are oldest continuous members at the club.

Gayle and her late husband, J. Leeds “Bud” Bower, joined the club shortly after Bud joined the law firm of H. Ogden Brainard, a longtime member and past club champion.

“Ogden wanted us to be members right away,” she says, although she doesn’t re-

member the exact date they joined.

When she joined, she said, the nine-hole course was contained between Country Club Road and the clubhouse. She said she remembers when the clubhouse burned down in February 1959.

She said members started the club again with just a Pro Shop until the current clubhouse was built.

“The new clubhouse has been modified and changed and it now has a beautiful view of the course,” Gayle said.

She said she remembers when the men’s Calcutta began. She said the Women’s League golfers kept the score for the men

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President, four directors will be elected Oct. 20

Election of a new president and four members of the board of directors will take place Oct. 20 at the Annual Meeting of the membership.

All five candidates are running unopposed so the election will be held at the Annual Meeting with Class A and Senior members present voting.

Last year four candidates ran for three positions on the board, creating a contested election and ballots were sent out to Class A and Senior members who could vote by mail or in the clubhouse.

This year, John Ryan is

running unopposed for a two-year term as president. Katrina Butler, Dana Ringuette and Jan Ziebka are running for re-election to three-year terms on the board. And Bernie Buttram was nominated to fill a two-year term on the board, created by the resignation of Jim Hickenbottom.

The Nominating Committee selected Buttram over Andrew Shick. Both had put their names in the running after the board extended the deadline to file from Aug. 31 to Sept. 30. The bylaws set no provision for a candidate to petition to be put on the

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Gayle Bower

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

Wohlstein loved outdoor setting of club

Ron Wohlstein, 77, who loved golfing and being in the beautiful outdoor setting at the club, died Sept. 12 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, following a fall.

“Ron reintroduced me to golf when I retired, a lay-off from the game of some 50 years,” said Jeff Lynch, a former club member. “We thoroughly enjoyed playing, but it was more about being in a beautiful outdoor setting on a mid-morning, solving the world’s problems and laughing/swearing at our frequently horrible shots.”

Lynch said Wohlstein was a “dear, generous and loyal friend,” who he met when they both started teaching at Eastern – Wohlstein in the sociology department and Lynch in



Ron Wohlstein

the English department.

They enjoyed golfing together, even if they did not enjoy the golf at times.

“We cherished the pars, almost never birdied, but none of that mattered,” Lynch said. “It was the company that mattered and the lunch afterwards.”

In recent years, the Wohlsteins often lunched in the clubhouse with Ed and Nancy Marlow.

Born Sept. 19, 1944, at Schenectady, N.Y., he was the son of Frederick Wohlstein II and Ellen (Sheward) Wohlstein.

He married Vonice Hanson in June of 1966. She

died in 1995. He later married Donna Marie Ferguson in July 2003. She survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Ronalee Wohlstein and spouse Jerry Hayes, of Charelston; several nieces and nephews. His parents and one brother, Frederick Wohlstein III, preceded him in death.

A retired sociology professor, Wohlstein belonged to the Wesley United Methodist Church. He was active with the Charleston Food Pantry, the Coalition for People in Need and Habitat for Humanity. He was a past president of the Coalition Against Domestic Violence and served on the Coles County Sheriff’s Department Merit Commission.

Volunteers, grounds crew aerated again this year



A dozen members volunteered this year to assist the grounds crew aerating the greens Sept. 6-7. Doug Black, below right, aerates the greens, volunteers cleared the plugs and shoveled them up. The greens were then sanded and dragged.



For the record:

Welcome new members:

Aaron Miller, Junior
Tim & Pam Tichenor, Social
Brent Furry & Megan Parker, Social

Membership #s

Class A/Promo A = 155
Social = 94
Senior = 46
Junior/Junior Promo = 51
Non-resident = 12
Fellowship = 11
Student = 3

Tournaments Sked:

Oct. 15: Fall Four-Person Scramble Challenge
Oct. 22: Friendship Cup
Oct. 29: Four Person Scramble Red, White & Blue Challenge

Upcoming events:

Oct. 30: Carts & Candy
Nov. 11: Mixology

Red October results:

1st Place Gross: Chad Burgett
2nd: Eric Icenogle
3rd: Tony Logue, John Yakle
1st Place Net: Mark Stoltz
2nd: Chad Burgett
3rd: Doug Dillon

Ryder Cup Results:

Mattoon Golf & Country Club defeated Charleston Country Club

Club's # : 217-345-6603

Xmas gift membership being mulled

A Christmas gift membership promotion is being considered for members and non-members this holiday season.

The Board of Directors at its monthly meeting Sept. 19 discussed possibly offering membership deals members could give as gifts to friends and relatives or non-members could purchase.

Board member Paul Kolling suggested offering a buy-nine-months-get three-months-free dues offer. He said the offer would have those interested

pay nine months dues from March through November and get December, January and February free.

The board agreed to discuss the matter further at its next meeting.

In other action the board: **■** heard a report from the ad hoc committee on delinquent members that they have compiled a list of past and present delinquent accounts and plan to submit to the board a list of debts that should be written off and debts that should be collected.

■ approved three memberships: Tim and Pam Tichenor and Brent Furry and Megan Parker as social members and Aaron Miller as a junior member.

■ heard a report that the team from Mattoon Golf & Country Club won the Ryder cup over the CCC team.

■ heard a report that the Wine Tasting event on Sept. 29 was a success, with more than 50 members and guests attending. Singer Paul Christian also performed for the event.



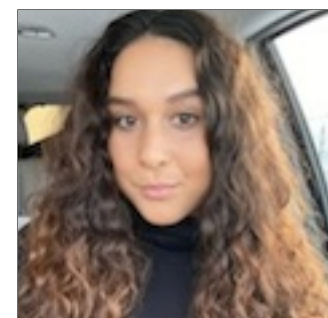
King of Clubs winner

Steve Porter is all smiles Sept. 15 after picking the King of Clubs and winning half of \$10,115. The next week, Oct. 22, John Ryan picked the King of Clubs from a brand new board, winning half of \$3,000, a real fluke. He bought the last tickets and picked center square to make room for the card holder.

Meet CCC staffers: This month, Monique

Name: Monique Peterson
Position: Bartender/server
Months/years at club: one month
Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.
High School/College: In-derkum High School, Eastern Illinois University, where she was on the golf team for four years.
What I love about my

job: "I love meeting all the golfers and talking about golf with them."
When not working: "I like to be at the beach or hiking."
Favorite vacation/place to visit: The Bahamas
One thing no one knows about me: "I'm a twin."
When I grow up: "I want to own my own sports



Monique Peterson

marketing/PR agency."

Mixed Annual Event

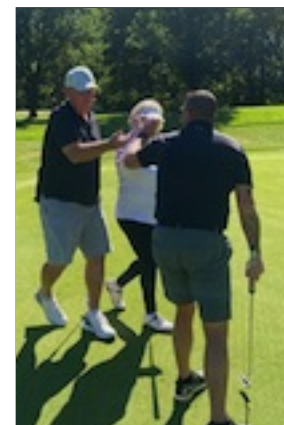
The field was small Oct. 2 but the competition was fierce.



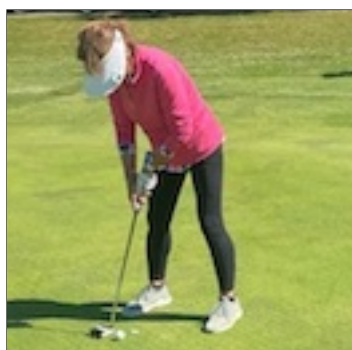
Jerry Myerscough hits a 100-yard approach shot onto #13 green.



Barb Ippollito putts on #16 as Joe Wagner, Paul Kolling and Blaine Smitley look on.



Eric Thomas, Katrina Butler and Chris Dow fist pump after Dow birdied #1.



Fukiko Ishibashi putts on #12 green.



Gloria Leitschuh putts on #11. Barb Stoltz, Barb Ippollito and Fred Deremiah watch.



Bob Wagoner chips in on #9 from below the green as Ralph Coffey and Mike Litteken watch in amazement.

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(Continued from page 1) and the men donated money to what became the beautification fund.

She also remembers when the Mixed Annual Event began.

“We called it the Mini Calcutta and it began much later,” she recalled. “That was always fun because Bud and I always played in that.

“I was fortunate because Bud always loved to play in the men’s Calcutta and he would tell me who the good golfers were.”

Gayle remembers winning the “Mini Calcutta” at least once and finishing near the top several times.

She said she also loved playing in the Women’s Evening League. “Barbara Hildreth and I won the Ladies Evening League several times.”

The club had frequent dances in those days, she said. “We always had a band, probably not always a good band, but the dances were well attended and were lots and lots of fun.”

The club was smaller then, she said. “We all knew each other.”

She said her lowest handicap was probably in the low double digits, but she loved playing and so did her husband.

“He loved golf. He just loved the camaraderie out there. We both did. I loved playing in the Women’s League.”

Gayle says she still gets out to the club to golf and play cards.

“I got out there four or

five times this summer. My friend Carolyn Kolling gets me out there. We play nine holes. Then I get out there to play cards every once in a while.”

She said she really has liked the changes at the club – the new fire pit, the new swimming pool. She said she likes the way the members get involved to improve the club.

“The members not only decide they want something but they pitch in and create it.”

Wine Tasting

More than 50 crowded the Vista Room to taste the club's fruit of the vine.



At left, members and guests visit while tasting wines from the club's "cellars" and enjoying fruit, cheese and chocolates on Friday, Sept. 16.



Above, Terry Davis and Mike Ziebka hoist a glass during the festivities. Above center, wine tasters sit around the fire pit on a beautiful night. At right, one of the tasting tables.



Above, Paul Christian, a Nashville-based musician, performs during and after the Wine Tasting event.

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Of those nominated, Ryan is currently serving as interim president following the resignation of Gary Hinds, who stepped down in January after serving as president for

five years. Prior to his appointment as president, Ryan served five years as secretary and pool director.

Butler is currently the board secretary and membership director and has served on the board for two years.

Ringuette has served on the board for three years as sports and pastimes director. Ziebka has served one year as entertainment director. Buttram has previously served on the board for a year.

All terms will begin Jan. 1. The Annual Meeting will be held about 7 p.m. Also at the meeting, members can express their concerns about the club and they will be updated on the current status of the club.