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*Happy
New
Year*



from your

Prestwick Country Club Staff

A Message to Prestwick Members

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

With the new year, many of us have new year's resolutions that need to be kept. I am sure many of you have made the resolution "to get some exercise". I encourage all of you to get on the course or courts to get a little extra exercise. If you need help in getting started, call the pro shop or the tennis center and get a lesson from one of the pros.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members at Prestwick. To our members, thank you for making our 2005 Membership Drive a success. Due to your efforts approximately 50 new members joined Prestwick.

Again, Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
David P. DuRant

Welcome New Members

Annual Full Facility

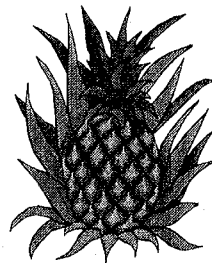
Chris & Alle Denny

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John & Joanna Abbruzzese

Golf News

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a nice holiday spending time with friends and family. I had an enjoyable one with my family.

With the coming of a new year, the 2006 tournament schedule has been put together and is inserted for everyone to browse. The most dramatic change has been to the Men's and Women's Member Guest. The tournament has been moved into August instead of Labor Day. The dates will be August 17, 18th and 19th. The 17th will be a practice round only. This day will be optional. We will be changing the format of the tournament as well. 18 holes will be played on Friday and 18 on Saturday. There will be various formats for each nine holes played with a net score recorded. The match play system used in the past will not be used. If anyone has any questions they can ask me. Information packets will go out in June of 2006 about the tournament.

The first tournament of the year will be the Ice Bowl played against The Tradition Club on January 31st (at the Tradition) and February 2nd at Prestwick. A sign up sheet will be posted in the pro shop.

A couple of tournaments have been left off for the upcoming year. The Buick Scramble has been done away with and we will no longer host The Carolinas Senior event.

On January 30th, there will be a rules seminar hosted by the Carolinas Section in the clubhouse from 4 to 6 pm. There is no charge for the seminar. Please sign up in the pro shop if you would like to attend. This would be a good time to have all your questions answered.

Again, Happy New Year! I hope all your wishes come true in 2006 and please stop by and see us.

~Jay

COMING EVENTS

LADIES OPEN DAY MEETING

Tuesday, January 3

CAROLINAS SECTION RULES SEMINAR

Monday, January 30

ICE BOWL

Tuesday, January 31
at The Tradition Club



Happy 2006
from the
Golf Pro Shop!

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE



With winter upon us I would again like to take this opportunity to share some information about frost and why we are so cautious when we encounter it. First let me say that frost delays are frustrating not only for golfers, but for the maintenance department as well.

Because frost will not allow us to tread on any overseeded turf, we are forced to find "busy work" for the maintenance staff to do until the frost lifts. Once it does lift then we can return to our initial objective, which is to prepare the golf course for the first golfers of the day, even if it is 11:00 am.

What causes frost? Generally conditions are ripe for frost when overnight temperatures reach 35 degrees or below. A calm night usually results in the heaviest frost, but a very damaging frost/freeze can develop even with brisk overnight winds if the temperature dives below 32 degrees. A grass plant is made up of individual cells and these cells are composed largely of water. When the temperature goes to freezing or below the water in the plant's cells crystallize. The freezing alone generally is not damaging to the plant except in situations of extreme low temperatures, such as below 15 degrees. The damage usually comes from traffic on the frozen turf. Because all the cells in the grass plant are frozen solid, traffic causes the ice crystals in the cells to fracture and pierce the cell walls. When this occurs the best-case scenario is that the turf in the affected area will turn black and lose its resiliency and the worst case is that the turf just dies.

Here are a few things we have learned over the years about dealing with frost. If there is no frost visible, but the overnight temperatures were 35 degrees or below we are still in danger of having frozen turf even if "frost" is not visible to the naked eye. If the temperature dives to 28 degrees or lower the potential for turf killing damage is exponentially greater than if the temperature was 30 degrees or above. Another thing to consider in the early morning hours when scouting the course for frost is that the coldest part of the day is usually right at daybreak. Many superintendents, myself included, have learned this lesson the hard way. On more than one occasion I have made the initial survey of the course, prior to daybreak of course, seeing no frost with the temperature hovering around 34 degrees and I proceeded to send the greens mowers out only to have the temperature shoot down to about 31 degrees at daybreak and have the course rapidly frost over. The final thing we have learned about frost is that 35 degrees is the magic number when determining when it is safe to put traffic on the turf. Once the temperature rises to 35 degrees we usually begin mowing greens and setting up the golf course. Do keep in mind that different areas of the course warm faster than others. It is quite common for one area of the course to be at 35 degrees while another area is still only at 32 degrees, particularly areas still under heavy shade.

~Paul

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Friday Night Buffet

January 20th, 2006

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Members & Guests

Adults \$10.95++

Children under 10 \$5.95++

Salad
Country Fried Pork Chops
BBQ Chicken
Corn on the Cob
Collard Greens
Dirty Rice
Cornbread Muffins
Dessert
Coffee, Tea & Water

Tuesday Night Buffet

January 31st, 2006

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Members & Guests

Adults \$10.95++

Children under 10 \$5.95++

Salad
Pepper Steak
Chicken with a Wild Mushroom Sauce
Fried Rice
Green Bean Casserole
Assorted Bistro Rolls
Dessert
Coffee, Tea & Water



Thanks for a wonderful 2005!
Your Food & Beverage staff wishes you a
safe and prosperous New Year!

TENNIS AND SWIM NEWS

Spring League Captains Meeting

January 2nd, 2006

Ocean Lakes Recreation Center

6:30 pm

Captains, please attend or send a responsible representative from your team.

College Team Tennis

March 4th - 5th, 2006

Prestwick will again host this tournament for the starving - fun college students. We will again be asking for goodies to keep these kids full of energy.

Frozen & Wet Courts

This will be a month of frozen and wet courts. If you have doubts about court conditions, please call before you come.

New Tournament Dates

Please put these dates on your calendar!

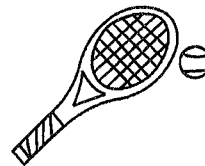
Grand Strand Nissan

April 21st - 23rd, 2006

Prestwick Doubles Extravaganza

September 29th - October 3rd, 2006

*Both tournaments Level 3
Hope to have you participate/volunteer!*




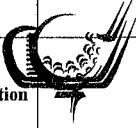
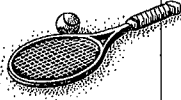
Tennis Anyone?

Round Robins
are held every
Friday at 9:00 am.
Please come
and bring a friend!

Tennis Lessons

Want to learn
the game of tennis?
Call the Tennis Center
at 828-1000 to join
the USA 1-2-3 clinics
or to get more
information on lessons.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Tennis Spring League Capt.'s Mtg. 6:30 pm Ocean Lakes Rec. Ctr.	3	4	5	6 Tennis Round Robin @9 am	7
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29	30 Golf Carolina s Section Rules Seminar 4 pm - 6 pm @clubhouse	31 Golf Ice Bowl @Tradition Tuesday Night Buffet 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm				



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