

# SMITHFIELDS COUNTRY CLUB

## APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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SHOP HOURS:

MON- 12:00-7:00

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# AROUND THE CLUB

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Happy Spring! The cold and rainy weather is hopefully behind us and now we look forward to longer, drier and warmer days! April's forecast looks great with warm temps and little to no rain in the forecast. That is great as April is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting month as activity around the club will definitely begin to pick up.

Please take a moment to review the (updated) calendar of "major" events that was sent out a couple of weeks ago. We want to encourage all our members to join in all the fun and get involved with club events!

I would like to thank everyone for the warm and gracious welcome to Smithfields over the past month. It has been great meeting the membership and I appreciate everyone taking the time to step in and introduce themselves. I look forward to working with the membership and excited for an active year at the Club. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to email, call, or stop by my office.

Jeff



# 2024 MINI MASTERS

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- Our first “Major” is right around the corner, and it’s not too late to get signed up. If you’re looking for a partner, please call the shop, and we’ll be glad to make arrangements!



**2-Player  
Member-Member  
Teams  
10:00 SG  
Start Both Days**

**Price Includes:  
Pari Mutuel Party  
Friday evening, lunch  
after play on Saturday,  
Range Balls, and  
Prizes**

## The Mini Masters

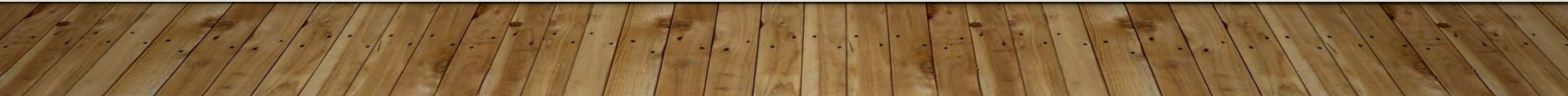
**Dates: April 5th-7th.  
Cost: \$100/player**

**Formats:  
Net BB  
Mod. Alt. Shot  
Aggregate Net  
Tex. Scramble Gross**

# UPCOMING PRIORITY EVENTS

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- **Ladies Spring Opener:** The Smithfields Ladies Golf Association will have the Spring Opener on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Tee Times will begin at 10am with lunch following play.
- **The Mini Masters:** 2-Player Member-Member Teams will compete in an exciting format on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> where teams will battle out over four 9-hole formats including Net BB, Mod.Alt. Shot, Aggregate Net, and Texas Scramble. Winning teams will be based on 2-day total + the weekend score of your “Masters” Professional. Entry Fee is \$100 per player and includes Friday evening Pari Mutuel Party, Lunch after play on Saturday, Range Balls and Prizes.
- **Nine and Dine:** Our Weekly couple's events will begin on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Starting time will be 5:30pm. This is the perfect way to get out and meet other couples in a very casual setting where the competition is always secondary to the post round social time. Come out and join the fun!!



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

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- **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Easley HS (9:00SG)
- **April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Spring Opener (10am tee time start)
- **April 5<sup>th</sup>** – **Mini Masters Pari Mutuel Party (7:00pm)**
- **April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** – **Mini Masters (10:00SG both days)**
- **April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Rock Spring Church (2:00SG)
- **April 19<sup>th</sup>** - Couples Nine and Dine Kick Off (5:30SG)
- **April 27<sup>th</sup>** – 5 Point Church (2:00SG)
- **April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Kids Classic (9:00SG)



# FITTING & DEMO DAYS

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- **TaylorMade** – April 18<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 6:00pm)
- **Cleveland/Srixon** – April 19<sup>th</sup> (11:00am – 3:00pm)
- **Titleist** – April 28<sup>th</sup> (11:00am – 5:00pm)
- **PING** – May 8<sup>th</sup> (Noon – 5pm)

\*\*\*We will have 30 minute time slots available for members to be custom fit and encourage members to book times with the companies they are interested in. We will send out more info from the companies as the dates get closer. See Jeff for member pricing and trade ins.

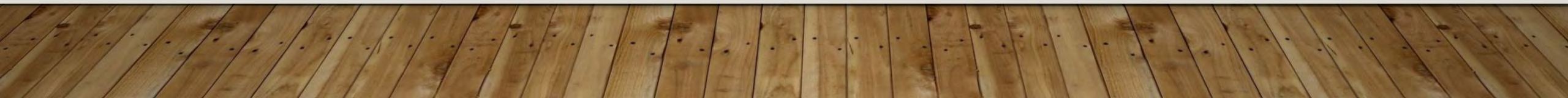
# TURF TALK BY TRAVIS (PRE-EMERGENT HERBICIDES)

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Smithfields Members – I am going to change things a bit in my monthly article and bring awareness to certain agronomic practices that we do on the golf course and why we do them. Each month I am going to pick a topic and write a brief overview of what it does and why we use it. I thought this month I would start with pre-emergent herbicides since we are right in the window of making those applications.

Pre-emergent herbicides are designed to control weeds before their seeds have a chance to germinate and establish. They work by creating a barrier at or near the soil surface, preventing the growth of new weed seedlings while causing minimal harm to the established plants. They do this by inhibiting root development and stopping the weeds from breaking the soil surface.

We apply pre-emergent herbicides twice a year to prevent summer and winter weeds such as Crabgrass and annual Bluegrass and other broadleaf weeds. Our biggest challenge here is Virginia Buttonweed. Unfortunately, Virginia Buttonweed, once established, does not come back each year from seed so pre-emergent herbicides have very little effect on preventing it. Pre-emergent herbicides are extremely important when maintaining large areas of fine turf by managing weed problems before they start and ensuring a uniform and healthy turfgrass stand.



# SOCIAL NEWS

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- **April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Darts & Dinner
- **April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday Buffet
- **April 19<sup>th</sup>** - Nine & Dine  
Kick-Off





# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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While we don't have any tournament results to report for March, we are excited about the incredible start to our weekly Men's Night events. We had 92 players show up for our first two events. We look forward to an incredible season and as always, we ask for those interested in playing, to sign up before 3:00 each Thursday.



# GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH!

We will be hosting 4 demo days over the course of about 45 days and companies will be bringing their TRACKMANS to do the custom club fittings. TRACKMAN has a feature called the “Optimizer” and it allows the club fitter to tell if your current club is the optimum fit for you or if there is another club that can be more optimal or better fit to gain you more distance.

The “Optimizer” will measure Spin loft, Ball Speed, Launch Angle, Spin Rate, Height of Shot, Carry, Total Distance, Club Head Speed, Smash Factor and about 20 other parameters. It will precisely tell you if any of these parameters are too high or too low and how much total distance it is costing you. It is not uncommon to see players having the wrong club or type of shaft and losing 10-30 yards on some or all of their clubs. See the example to the right that is costing a player 21 yards off the tee - Sign up for a demo day and see if we can’t help you “Optimize” your game in 2024!!!

