

SMITHFIELDS COUNTRY CLUB MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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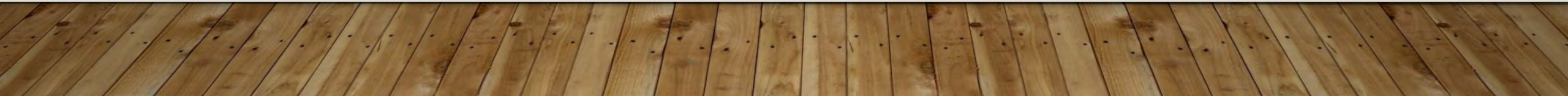


AROUND THE CLUB

What a great time of year – The Masters Golf Tournament always excites people at the start of the golf season and that brings a ton of excitement to the Club as well as a lot of members to the golf course! Our own Mini Masters had a huge turnout of 90 players and our Thursday Night Men's League has been averaging about 80 players.

As the Club continues to explode with activity, please keep in mind that we need everyone to check into the golf shop and start all play off #1 unless the golf shop advises you to start elsewhere. Due to the increase in member play, especially on Sunday's, we are working on a starter/ranger program that will be put into place on Sunday's.

My staff and I are looking forward to a great May! May brings us the Men's Invitational, The Women's Member- Guest, the opening of the pool, and a very busy social calendar. It is safe to say that our club is a "happening" place.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- **Tee Times:** It is recommended that a tee time be reserved in advance at all times. As a convenience, members may book a tee time online located on our website (www.smithfieldsc.com) or via our club app. If you don't know your username/password, please call the shop. Of course, we are always happy to reserve a time over the phone.
- **Cancellation of tee times:** As a courtesy to our membership, please make sure to cancel all tee times that you and your group will not be using. Opening tee times, especially during peak times, is a courtesy that is appreciated by everyone!
- **Check In:** All members MUST check in before play. We need this information, so we know who is on the course in case of emergencies.
- **Golf Cart Rules & Regulations:** Please be advised that carts must remain on the cart paths on all Par 3's. Also, please try to avoid pulling your cart off the paths as you approach tee boxes and greens.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

- **Nine and Dine:** Every Friday
- **May 1st:** Senior Match Play begins
- **May 1st:** LGA Rules Clinic at 10am
- **May 2nd:** Mike Sagedy Outing (10am SG)
- **May 7th:** Easley Chamber of Commerce Tour. (12:00 SG)
- **May 18th:** Opening Day of Swimming Pool
- **May 23rd -26th:** Men's Invitational
- **May 30th:** LGA Member-Guest (9am SG)



SWIMMING POOL OPENING DAY!

Summer is Here!

POOL Opening Day: Saturday,
May 18th.

We know everyone is excited about getting the pool opened for the summer. We expect the pool and cabana to be a "happening" place over the next 3-4 months!



TURF TALK

This month's topic I thought I would talk about **TOPDRESSING**, why we do it and the benefits we gain from it.

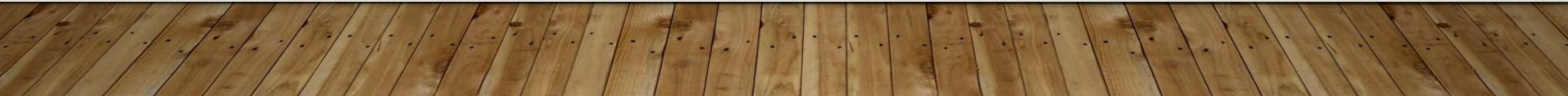
TOPDRESSING is a management practice where we apply a thin layer of sand directly onto the putting surface. This practice serves multiple purposes: it smooths the surface, promotes healthier grass growth, and helps manage thatch build-up. For TifEagle greens specifically, **topdressing** helps maintain smooth, firm putting surfaces. **Topdressing** is also used after aerification - it improves drainage, helps modify the soil structure, which is crucial for root development and overall turf health.



TURF TALK (CONT)

The application of **topdressing** on TifEagle Bermuda greens is particularly important due to the grass's aggressive growth and the need for frequent grooming to maintain the desired playing conditions. Regular **topdressing** helps ensure that the playing surface remains consistent and true. Additionally, **topdressing** assists in controlling the organic matter accumulation, a common issue with grasses like TifEagle Bermuda, which can lead to problems like spongy playing surfaces and increased disease susceptibility. By maintaining an optimal balance of soil and organic material, **topdressing** contributes to the longevity and resilience of the greens, making it a critical practice for maintaining the quality and playability of golf courses.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 2024 Mini Masters is in the books....Waiting a full week to get the final results is a little unusual, but it sure gives everyone another reason to watch the Masters as well as track quite a few different players. This year's event was certainly impacted by how your "Masters" professional performed over the last couple of days.

Congratulations to all the winners!!!

[First flight](#)

1st: Jacob Burgess/Mark Torres + Rahm
2nd: Mike Ginn/Matt Ginn + Scheffler
Low (without pro): Doug Edwards/Russell Evatt

[Second Flight](#)

1st: Justin Coleman/Ryan Hunter + Matsuyama
2nd: Bob Lacombe/Dan Constantino + Scheffler
Low: Mike Hunter/Will Spearman

[Third Flight](#)

1st: Derrick Thompson/Cole Garrison + Schauffle
2nd: Tim Pickel/Erik Moyer + Cam Smith
Low: Michael Rogers/Todd Garrett

[Fourth Flight](#)

1st: Brady Lester/Steve Smith + Cam Smith
2nd: Jamison Burgess/Clarke Smithson + Scheffler
Low: Scott Phillips/Jerry Brown

[Fifth Flight](#)

Tie 1st/2nd: Michael Corso/Brian Garvin + Scheffler
Tie 1st/2nd: Daniel Niehaus/Don Arnold + Koepka
Low: Sonny Huffman/Chris Knighting



GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH!

Stop that **SLICE!**

If you slice, it's probably because you're not closing the clubface fast enough through the hitting zone. To improve your ability to deliver a square clubface (relative to your path), make practice swings with your hands split apart on the grip.

Hold the club in its normal position with your gloved hand, then slide your lower hand down to where the grip meets the shaft. Separating your hands like this makes it easier to square the face through impact and keep the handle pointing at your belly button as the clubhead slings out toward the ball.

