

Riverhill Reporter

January 2024



From the Desk of Jeff Hunter General Manager

I cannot believe that we are entering 2024 already. I am sure that for a few weeks I will still put 2023 on checks and try to remember where a couple of the last twelve months have gone! I hope that you all have had a great holiday season and that 2023 was a good year and that 2024 is even better.

We are very excited about the progress made in 2023 at Riverhill. The resurfacing of the tennis courts with the addition of pickleball courts, the moving of the fitness center into Turning Point, the brand-new swimming pool facility with additional

upgrades coming. The painting of most of the clubs' outbuildings and continued plans to upgrade, paint, and find new uses for the old fitness area. A complete renovation of the Cedar Crest room and the Eleven-Straight in the mansion, along with the outdoor patio, which has proven to be a great place to relax and enjoy a great meal with fellow members, and watch golfers on the range, putting green or coming off the ninth green.

Extensive work has been done to the irrigation pumphouse on #4 with a new fertigation system to be added in the spring. Irrigation boxes and new irrigation heads are also on order which will allow Cash the ability to gain more control of when he waters and give him the ability to add nutrients and wetting agents directly through the irrigation system. Let's not forget the bunker and tee project as well. After a somewhat slow start, the project flew along through the summer. Many of you have commented on how well the bunkers play and the fact that it is great playing from level tee boxes! The golf course conditions going into this winter are far better than last year and we feel very confident 2024 will be a great year for golf at Riverhill.

We are also listening to the membership and working with our suppliers on menu options throughout the club. Chef Chase has been tasting, experimenting, and tracking sales in order to offer our membership some new and some proven options that will be featured on our new menu coming early in January. Along with the new menu, we are

packing the 2024 calendar with new member events in food and beverage, golf, tennis and pickleball. If you have participated in an activity that you feel would be great for us to try, please bring it to our attention so we can see if it is a fit for Riverhill. As always, please watch for emails and postings on upcoming events.

The entire staff would like to thank our membership for a good 2023. Hot weather and construction at times were trying, but as the staff reiterates, we have the most loyal members and for that we are thankful. Our 2024 goals are lofty but attainable. Our member referral program continues to be the best way to grow our membership and introduce those friends and business associates to what we feel is the best country club in South Texas.

Jeff Hunter, PGA - General Manager

Welcome New Members!

Please join us in welcoming our newest Riverhill members.

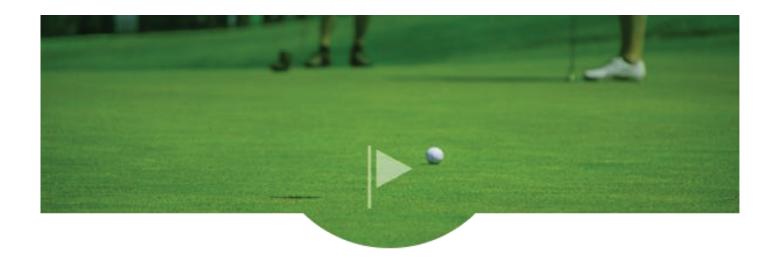
Brock and Sam Carroll are new Junior Members, they've recently relocated from Colorado and live in Riverhill. They have a 1yo son Noah and are looking forward to living closer to Noah's grandparents, Mike and Stacy Stavinoha.

Allen and Melinda Bucknam

Mike and Kimberly James



Welcome! Brock, Sam and Noah Carroll



Golf



From the Desk of Matt Trevino
PGA Professional and Director of Golf Operations

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for supporting the Golf Shop in 2023.

Congratulations to the Winter Scramble winners Shawn and Stevie Jones (Championship Flight), Charlie DeLeon and Bob Fairchild (1st Flight) and Mike Smith and Chipper Loggie (2nd Flight).

MGA Annual Meeting Scramble was won by Jason Brown, Dan Ehrenreich, Mark Eisenman and Ben Silva with a 63, there was a tie with scores of 64 for 2nd and 3rd.

Our next staff scramble will be on January 25th.

The 2024 tournament calendar is ready. The listing is below and it can also be found on www.riverhillcc.com or there are copies in the golf shop.

January 27th - The Team Putting Championship - 2-Person Best Ball

February 24th - The Par 3 Challenge - Individual Stroke Play Within Flights

March 16th - 17th - Spring Member-Member 2-Person Teams - One Net Best Ball

March 19th - Riverhill Cup Matches begin - Individual Match Play

April 26th - 28th - Senior Men's Club Championship - Flighted By Tee Played, Individual Stroke Play

May 16th - 18th - Byron Nelson Invitational - Member-Guest - One Net Best Ball, Stableford Scoring

June 18th - Riverhill Team Championship Begins - 2-Person Teams, Round Robin Best Ball Match Play

July 25th - Jr. Club Championship - Stroke Play - Flighted y Age

July 27th - 28th - Couples Summer Fun - Best Ball Shamble

August 3rd – Parent-Child - 2-Person Scramble

September 20th - 22nd - Men's Club Championship - Flighted By Tee Played, Individual Stroke Play

September 27th - 28th - Ladies Club Championship - Individual Stroke Play

October 11th - 13th - Fall Member-Member Match Play - Net Best Ball Match Play

November 8th - **9**th - Collins Cup - Ryder Cup Style Format

November 23rd - Winter Scramble - 2-Person Scramble

November 30th - Golf Shop Christmas Sale

Member-Staff Scrambles will continue one Thursday evening per month. Entry is \$35 and includes dinner after play. 1 staff member plays in each group and it's a great way to meet some new players.

Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm, Kyle has been running a skins game. Entry is \$40 and skins are both gross and net along with closest to the pins. If you would like to play, please sign up by close of business on Wednesdays.

Aerification dates will be:

April $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ and $\mathbf{2}^{nd}$, June $\mathbf{3}^{rd}$ - $\mathbf{6}^{th}$ and October $\mathbf{14}^{th}$ & $\mathbf{15}^{th}$

Junior Golf Camps: Cost \$150 per child per session, includes lunch and swimming each day. May 29th - 31st, June 12th - 14th, June 18th - 20th, June 25th - 27th and July 10th - 12th. Topics covered include: Full swing, short game, putting, rules and etiquette.

Our first club event of 2024 is The Team Putting Championship. It will take place Saturday afternoon, January 27th at 1:30 pm. We will transform the greens on the course into a putting course and the format will be a 2-person scramble. The entry will be \$30 per player including prizes, call the golf shop to sign-up.

This is a good time of year to look at your grips. Grips should be changed out once a year and twice a year for golfers playing twice a week or more. The golf shop has plenty of grips in stock and if there are special ones you would like we can order them for you. If you would like the golf staff to evaluate them for you just bring them by. Turnaround on grips is typically about a day.

TaylorMade and Callaway will be releasing their new products in February, and we will do preview demo days. The TaylorMade spring dates are Friday, February 2nd and Friday, April 5th. Callaway will be Tuesday, February 20th and Tuesday, May 21st. Keep in mind we offer a trade-in program that allows you to return your old golf clubs for credit book and the credit can be used for merchandise purchases in the golf shop.

Our 1st MGA event of 2024, the MGA Mixer will be Saturday, Jan. 20th. The format is an ABCD scramble with dinner afterwards. All club members are welcome to play and can learn more about the MGA and RWGA.

If you are a business owner and looking for logoed product we can order custom golf balls, shirts, and hats for your business or for your tournament outing. Stop by so we can show you samples or help with the order. If anyone has a lead for a golf outing, please contact the golf shop so we can help secure the event. These events are vital to the health of the club, and we can provide golf, lodging and food and beverage.

Golf Tip of the Month: (New Year's Resolution)

Even with the cold weather you can still improve your golf game. The fitness center is open daily and gives you the opportunity to improve your flexibility and endurance, both help the drives for further which can improve your scores. Also 30 minutes of practice a couple times a week makes a big difference and don't forget to contact the golf staff to help get the basics back in order so you will be ready for spring golf.

Fairway Feats:

Dec. 5th - Brooks Osbourne aced #2

Dec. 7th - Stevie Jones holed out for eagle on #1.

Sincerely,

Matt Trevino, PGA



From the Desk of Cash Lane Golf Course Maintenance

Greetings all,

I am pleased to make my first announcement to the membership and update everyone on what's happening in the golf course maintenance department. After a brutal stretch of summer, we are pleased with the amount of recovery we made with the Greens and Fairways before winter temperatures set in.

On the Greens, we are making weekly applications of fertilizers, soil conditions,

wetting agents and fungicides

as needed. Routine top dressing of sand and continual rolling has helped with firmness and smoothness. We recently purchased a new Roller for the Greens that has been a blessing! Venting of the Greens has also been in practice to allow water and oxygen to get to the root zone, poking holes is vital.

More exciting news, we are upgrading some old irrigation control boxes on the course! This will ensure our scheduled watering cycles and make our irrigation system more reliable. Last but not least, we will soon have a fertigation system! This will allow us to inject fertilizers, soil wetting agent and conditioners to clean the pipes, straight into our irrigation system, a game changer.

This time of year, the crew is fighting a battle with all the falling leaves. We are currently blowing and collecting leaves throughout the course and will be for a while. Detail edging is ongoing, edging sprinkler heads and cart paths. Irrigation work is always there and currently depth checking the sand bunkers. Typically, with newly



installed sand bunkers the sand tends to move around very easily for awhile until compaction sets in. Daily depth check inspection will continue.

I hope you all have a great time on the course and thank you for your support!

Men's Golf Association (MGA)

Thank you to those who attended the MGA Annual Meeting and Scramble on December 16. It was a great start to the MGA season. At the annual meeting, the MGA board for 2024 was approved. Your board members for 2024 are:

Matt Robinson - President

Clay Steadman - Vice-President

Rick Perry - Treasurer

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AJ Lovitt - Secretary
Les Henry - Food and Beverage
Mark Eisenman
Jeff Harris
Stevie Jones
Doug Nyman

Our next event is the annual ABCD Mixer and Social scheduled for January 20th. It is a great time to invite your friends to get involved with MGA. Sign-up is available in the Pro Shop. More details forthcoming.

Also, we are working on plans and awaiting bids for the Ryder Cup Trip next fall (late Oct/early Nov). I look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.

Finally, on behalf of the MGA board, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

See you on the course... M Robinson

Riverhill Women's Golf Association

November 29 the 18 hole group played a round of Blind Holes with:

FIRST FLIGHT

Patty Armstrong - 1st Low Gross
Terry Terrell - 1st Low Net
Carol Swanson - 2nd Low Net

SECOND FLIGHT

Nancy Wilson - 1st Low Net Anita Woodward - 2nd Low Net



Our last organized play day of the year was Stableford Play. We had 13 players for the 18 hole group.



With Judy Fellows, President, congratulating the following winners:

FIRST FLIGHT

Becky Silva First Place
Carol Harrell Second Place

SECOND FLIGHT

Nancy Wilson First Place
Marlene Grothues Second Place
Anita Woodward 3rd Place



Our final event was our Riverhill Women's Golf Association Christmas Luncheon. Sadly, we wished our outgoing President Judy Fellows a great upcoming golf year and thanked her for her remarkable role as President and we welcomed our incoming President, Becky Silva with many well wishes for the year ahead. Here are a few pictures from the Luncheon:

Our President,
Judy Fellows
worked with
Chef Chase to
provide all of the
attending
members a
delicious meal of
chicken crepes



with a mushroom sauce and bacon wrapped asparagus!

The Luncheon continued with Judy Fellows acknowledging the many members that contributed throughout the year.





And ending with the 2023 Officers welcoming the 2024 officers!

The 2023 Officers:

Judy Fellows- President, Patty Armstrong- Vice President, Becky Silva- Treasurer and Rhonda Taylor-Secretary



Welcoming the 2024 Officers: Becky Silva, President, Carol Harrell, Vice President, Maureen Muncie-Treasurer and Tammy Toll-Secretary

A great turnout of 34 Members attending the luncheon!



RWGA is such a remarkable organization with no less than remarkable women participating! We invite anyone interested in joining to grab a member and sit down for a little chat to learn about this organization! All levels of golf are welcome to join in the fun!

The Ladies of RWGA wishes everyone a Wonderful New Year!

(And lastly, my goal for the New Year? Consistency, of course, and to meet more female golfers!)

Happy New Year



Tennis



From the Desk of Garry Nadebaum Director Of Tennis

What a great 2023 we had at Riverhill and especially the tennis facility with all the improvements and updates. The tennis courts were all resurfaced in blue and green, and this really makes our facility courts stand out as well as the ball while playing. The lights were fixed and updated. Court 4 gazebo was completely rebuilt and the decking as well as chairs and tables and plants to make it an inviting place to sit, watch and enjoy tennis. We added 4 pickleball courts and activities for young and old to enjoy the new game at the club.

We look forward to an even more exciting 2024 as we have a calendar of events for tennis, pickleball, clinics for adults and kids as well as our usual popular summer tennis swim and fun tennis camps. Happy New Year everyone and see you on the courts soon. Cheers

The regular adult clinics continue throughout the holidays, same days and times weather permitting. Adult Tuesday 6 pm to 7:30 pm, Saturday 9 am to 10:30 am and the Ladies clinics Thursday 9 am to 10:30 am.

The children's tennis clinics will resume Monday February 5th. Call Garry to sign up and reserve your child's spot for the spring classes.

Pickleball

Tuesday Night's 6 pm pickleball get togethers are always happening weather permitting in the winter months. Remember if you have guests please register and pay at the tennis shop. We have a list at the tennis shop with names of people who enjoy playing and if you would like to add your name let Garry know. Garry is available to teach beginner lessons or groups if you are new to pickleball and want to get started. Call Garry to get started.



Pro Shop Special

The new year brings in new rackets and I have several of last year's models discounted and also excellent condition demos at great discounts. Come by pick up an incredible deal. Members receive 10% off retail prices on Tennis rackets and bags every day. Selkirk Pickleball paddles are 10% off also.

Tournament News

Tennis Director Garry Nadebaum has ended the year #1 in the World ITF Men's 55s Doubles and #13 in Singles. Garry has also just been selected to represent Australia again at the ITF World Tennis Team Championships to be held at the end of April in Mexico City.

Weekly Clinics

Tuesday Adult Clinic 6 pm Thursday Ladies Clinic 9 am Saturday Adult Clinic 9 am Tuesday 6 pm Saturday 9 am Elite Junior Clinics

Garry Nadebaum Director Of Tennis



Social



From the Desk of Caitlyn Love-Newton
Riverhill Event Coordinator

Happy New Year to all our members, and their families!

What a wonderful year of growth and progress that has been made here at The Club. I want to give big thanks to everyone who came out and chose to spend their holidays here with us at Riverhill! What fun!

This past holiday season was one full of exciting events that were well attended by

our members, as well as several groups and

businesses from our community. I am eager to continue to provide new, next level events for our membership to enjoy. A few things to look forward to in the upcoming months are our Member Mixers, Mixology Classes with our Bartender, Lance, weekly Pasta Night and Mardi Gras festivities!

If you have enjoyed an event at any other club or organization that you would like to see here at Riverhill, I would love to talk more about making it happen for our membership in 2024.



Don't forget to like and follow us on all our social media platforms to stay up to date with upcoming events and see all the wonderful photos of the events held here at Riverhill Country Club.

Wishing you a year of health, happiness, and continued success!

Riverhill Proud Caitlyn Love-Newton



From the Desk of Chase Carlile Riverhill Executive Chef

Dear Riverhill Members and Culinary Enthusiasts,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2024, I am thrilled to extend my warmest wishes to each one of you. December's dining events were well attended, and we had a lot of fun together. I thank all of you for your support. The beginning of a new year is not just a time for resolutions but also an opportunity for us to embark on a culinary journey together. So, buckle up for a month of delectable delights, innovative flavors, and exciting experiences here at Riverhill.

I pride myself on preparing the best steaks, seafood, pasta, and other dishes for your dining experiences, while creating a lunch menu that provides a variety of offerings for you and your guests. We are excited about the new menus and will make the necessary changes and additions for your needs. Our hope is that members with companies will bring their staff for lunch. I will provide a great expedited experience for you at The Club. Start making your reservations.

Great and exciting news for our Club. In January, we will be rolling out new offerings and menus to our Membership. I will be adding an incredible new deli menu and bringing crafted pizzas to the menus. The Club has purchased a new pizza oven and has provided the tools for me to serve our membership daily dining menus that we will enjoy together. My desire is to make Riverhill Country Club your first thought always when dining.

To kick off the year, our culinary team and I have been hard at work crafting winter specials that are sure to tantalize your taste buds. Expect an array of dishes that showcase the best of seasonal ingredients, from hearty stews to comforting desserts. Each plate is a testament to our commitment to providing you with exceptional dining experiences.

As we make our way into the new year, a tip from your chef to bring in the New Year. Mise en place (everything in its place) is a fundamental principle. Have all your ingredients measured, chopped, and ready to go before you start cooking. Draw inspiration from various cuisines, chefs, and culinary traditions. This keeps your creativity flowing and prevents culinary monotony.

Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and love for exceptional food. Here's to a year filled with delicious moments and unforgettable culinary experiences. I can't wait to share this culinary adventure with you.

Warm regards, Sincerely, Chef Chase

January 2024 Social & Dining

Tuesdays - Taco Tuesday Buffet! 11 am - 3 pm. Join us for a quick & delicious fiesta of flavors including Complimentary Chips & Salsa (ask about our house-made extra hot salsa!), Flour and Corn Tortillas, Chicken and Beef, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Shredded Cheese, Guacamole, Sour Cream & Shredded Lettuce for only \$12.95++

Thursdays - Pasta Night! 5 - 8 pm. Enjoy a delicious pasta dinner prepared your way. Featuring an entrée, vegetable, a variety of pastas, sauces, chicken, shrimp and all the toppings to create an incredible pasta dish. \$14.95++

Lunch & Dinner Specials: Throughout the month, in addition to our regular menu, Eleven-Straight will be featuring a variety of delicious lunch and dinner specials. Keep an eye out for our weekly emails with dining special menus.

January 1st: New Year's Day Special! - Buffalo Wings, Cheese Sticks & Fried Pickles Combo Platter \$12++

January 6th: College Football Special! Watch the game, cheer on your favorite teams and enjoy our delicious College Football Special at Eleven-Straight.

January 14th: Sunday Brunch Buffet! 11 am - 2 pm. Join us for our delicious brunch including our Prime Rib Carving Station, Omelet Station, Shrimp Cocktail Upon Request, Greek Salad Bar, Bacon & Sausage, Stuffed French Toast, Bacon Wrapped Chicken Roulade, Mashed Potatoes, Bacon Green Beans & Chef's Dessert Table. \$35++per person

January 19th: Birthday & Anniversary Celebration Dinner! Cocktail Hour at 5 pm - Dinner at 6 pm. Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month? Join us for a fantastic celebration at Cedar Crest including Fresh Bread Service & Plated Winter Salad | Option 1: Seared Seabass glazed with Lemon Dill Butter Sauce over Spinach & Blistered Tomato Risotto finished with blanched Baby Carrots \$38.95++ | Option 2: Osso Bucco Milanese - Fall off the bone Veal Shank slow cooked served over Risotto alla Milanese \$25.95++ | Crab Stuffed Shrimp served over Angel Hair Pasta tossed in a Pesto Mounted Alfredo Sauce \$22.95++ | Celebratory Cupcakes for everyone!

January 23rd: Wine Club Dinner & Tasting! Cocktails at 5:30 pm. Dinner & Pairing at 6:30 pm. Enjoy a sumptuous 4-course dining experience with perfectly paired wines. 1st Course: Pulled Pork & Pepper Jack Cheese Stuffed Relleno | 2nd Course: Warm Bacon and Spinach Salad topped with Bleu Cheese, Diced Egg, Red Onion finished with a Warm Bacon Dressing | 3rd Course: Pan Seared Grouper with a Balsamic Brown Butter Sauce served over Lemon Risotto | 4th Course: Lemon Raspberry Angel Cake

January 26th: Membership Mixer! Time TBD. Enjoy complimentary heavy appetizers, draft beer & wine and a cash bar as you mix, mingle and socialize with Riverhill members.

January 28th Sunday Brunch Buffet! 11 am - 2 pm. Join us for our delicious brunch including our Prime Rib Carving Station, Shrimp Cocktail Upon Request, Fruit Platter, Wedge Salad Station, Bacon & Sausage, Entrées, Sides & Chef's Dessert Table. \$35++per person

Eleven-Straight Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 8 pm

Breakfast Tacos 9 am - 11 am - Regular Menu 11 am - 8 pm

Saturdays 7:30 am - 8 pm

Full Breakfast 7:30 am - 11 am - Regular Menu 11 am - 8 pm

Sundays 8 am - 8 pm

Full Breakfast from 8 am - 2 pm - Regular Menu 11 am - 8 pm

Sundays featuring Sunday Brunch Buffet - Breakfast Tacos will be available at 8 am and our regular menu will be served after brunch from 2 pm - 8 pm. Bar Service Available Until 9 pm Tuesday - Sunday



Riverhill Women's Association

Meeting Notice Thursday, January 11, 2024

Social Meet and Greet – 11:30 am

Luncheon – 12:00 noon

Program – 12:20 Pm

Please join us!

Make your reservation no later than Tuesday, January 09, 2024 (830) 896-1400

RWA PHOTOS



Barbara Stovall is in awe of the ornament she received at the ornament exchange during RWA.



Santa and his elf delivering ornaments to Mindy Wendele and Marlene Grothues.



Santa checking his naughty list for Brenda Williams, Sanni Sullivan, Gena Griffin, Junell Holmer is his favorite.



RWA installation of new 2024 Board Members. Bettye Warnock presenting Tio Smith, President with Silver Black Buck Pendant for serving this year. Brenda Williams Vice president, Deby Fowler, Secretary, Vicki Fisher Membership, Janna Spurlock Outgoing Membership Chairman.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Junior Tennis Clinics for January	1 Happy New Year Course opens 8:30 –5 pm	2 Club & Course Closed Adult Clinic 6 pm	3 Lunch & Dinner Specials	4 Ladies Clinic 9 Pasta Night 5-8	5 Lunch & Dinner Specials	6 Adult Clinic 9
7	8 Club Closed	9 Adult Clinic 6 pm Taco Tuesday 11-3	10 RWGA-10 Lunch & Dinner Specials	Ladies Clinic 9 Pasta Night 5-8 RWA Luncheon	12 Lunch & Dinner Specials	13 Adult Clinic 9
14 Brunch 11-2	15 Club Closed	Adult Clinic 6 pm Taco Tuesday 11-3	17 RWGA-10 Lunch & Dinner Specials	18 Ladies Clinic 9 Pasta Night 5-8	Lunch & Dinner Specials Birthday & Anniversary	20 MGA Mixer 12:30 Shotgun Adult Clinic 9
21	22 Club Closed	Adult Clinic 6 pm Taco Tuesday 11-3 Wine Club Night	24 RWGA-10 Lunch & Dinner Specials	25 Staff Scramble-3:30 Pasta Night 5-8	26 Lunch & Dinner Specials Membership Mixer	27 Member Shotgun 9 Putting Championship 11 Adult Clinic 9
28 Brunch 11-2 STPGA 8 double tee Member play at 12:30	29 Club Closed	Adult Clinic 6 pm Taco Tuesday 11-3	31 RWGA-10 Lunch & Dinner Specials			