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**Club President
Richard Andrews**

President's Message

On September 29th, our Club held its Annual Meeting, just 2 months shy of 119 years after a small group first gathered to organize a local golf club!

The long history of Redlands Country Club is a heroic, poignant, funny tale of good times, bad times, bankruptcy, land sales, members serving as the only grounds crew and, slowly following World War II, a (relatively) steady growth into the vibrant country club we enjoy today (check out the club's history on the website)!

It's an honor to serve as Club president. I'm mindful of the legacy we're expected to care for, but I also believe that we'll thrive or falter to the extent that we meet the needs and expectations of our current members in an ever-changing setting. The Board of Directors has, to me, two major roles: first, help the General Manager "mind the store", paying careful attention to finances, our facilities, personnel and services; second, plan very specifically for the future.

One aspect of being on the Board of Directors that I've enjoyed is learning about the private club industry. Whatever the issue -- strategies for attracting and retaining memberships, understanding how club finances work, how to make informed decisions about the club's future -- other private clubs have faced similar concerns. RCC has a unique history, but our challenges are shared by hundreds of other clubs.

Over the coming weeks we will be receiving the results of the Membership Survey carried out by the McMahon Group, a leading private club consultancy. The full report will be available electronically along with a more easily digestible Executive Summary. The survey results will, I'm confident, lead to discussions, argument, rumor and, hopefully, insight. We've been assured that a "statistically significant" number of surveys have been completed.

I want to recognize two colleagues who left the Board of Directors in September -- Greg Wilson and Ray Gail.

During his three-year term on the Board Greg served as Treasurer, Vice President and, this past year, President. Greg understood that it was important to do all that we could to retain our many new members as well as plan for the future by understanding member views. And, he brought back golf towels! Well done, Greg! Have another round!

Ray Gail's contributions to RCC were both highly visible and largely confined to the "back room." Ray led the development of our Tree Management plan that, combined with good weather and Richard Ray's skills,



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Redlands Country Club

Contact Information

Following is a listing of Redlands Country Club employee extensions. Voicemail is an option if the employee you seek is not available. To reach any of the listed employees, you must call the Clubhouse at (909) 793-2661.

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Betty Rivero, Office Manager	230
Erica Banda, Membership Director	229
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Breakfast: Saturday 7:00a.m.-11:00a.m. & Sunday: 7:00a.m.-2:30p.m.
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Dinner: Wednesday & Thursday: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, Monday & Tuesday: Closed for dinner

Pro Shop

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Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fitness Facility

7 Days a Week: 5:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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I would argue, directly led to our golf course being in the best condition for a sustained period, perhaps ever. Over the past two years Ray served as club Treasurer, cast in the unenviable but essential role of saying "but wait a minute . . . is it in the budget?" Thanks Ray for your time and good nature.

Our new Board members are: Mike Corcoran (returning for a second consecutive term); Zach Tucker, who will now chair the Membership Committee, and Mark Moore who will lead the Strategic Planning Committee.

Our other officers for the coming year are: Bob Gray, Vice President, Mark Zimmerman, Treasurer, Mike Corcoran, Secretary. Additional Board members are: Bryan Hartnell, liaison to the Social and Wine Committees, Chris Wilson, liaison to the Green, Golf & Tournament/Handicap Committees and Carole Beswick, liaison to the House Committee.

*Thanks for your support of our Club.
Enjoy!*

~Richard Andrews

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- Lease, \$0 Down Options
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE *By Bob Gray*

Membership counts totaled 605 for the end of September with an additional 6 under the preview marketing program. We ended September with 375 Equity, 160 Social, 38 Associate, 25 Emeritus, and 7 National. The drop in Social membership is due to 3 members "Upgrading to Equity" through our internal marketing program. We continue to have a wait list of 12 for the Social category and 8 for the Associate category. In addition, over 90% of all Preview candidates have converted to Equity, so if this continues, we could see 380 Equity memberships.

An eighteen month overview shows an increase of Equity members by 31 and an increase in Social membership by 13. The Associate and National categories have stayed about even in the last eighteen months. One of the topics in upcoming Membership Committee meetings will be the examination of raising initiation fees as we are approaching full and have wait lists in two categories.

The Membership Committee contacts new members after 90 days of their joining. This is done to make sure there is no confusion or problems and to get their first take on what their first reactions are to joining. We also send out a survey to members after they have been here a year on what they like and on what they would like to see improved. Four comments from the phone calls and the survey have been constant: new members appreciate the friendliness of our membership; they also comment on the helpfulness of management and staff; they find our course superior; and lastly, they enjoy the wide variety of social events available.

We are currently setting up a teleconference with Clubster to see what they offer and to examine costs. Clubster is a web/mobile application which would allow members to reserve dining or tee times online, and visit our website. They have wide experience in the country club industry and a good reputation, but we will need to see their services and hear more to consider this application. Our Facebook page continues to gain participants and now has roughly 240 users.

Looking forward, the Membership Committee is committed to increasing membership through both reducing attrition and by finding new candidate programs. We strive to assimilate new members smoothly while maintaining contact with them; developing new and growing existing membership communication channels and focusing on growing member equity.

It has been an honor to have served as Membership Chairman and I want to thank all committee members for their hard work over the last year and a special thank you to Erica and Pam for their support for all of us. The Membership Committee includes; Kate Berich, Chris Nelson, Jay Nichols, Reed Reynolds, Bruce Satzger and Zach Tucker. Thank you all and keep growing!

Incoming Regular Members

Dan Jimenez (909) 289-5737
3191 Windsor Drive, San Bernardino, CA 92404
He is the President / CEO of the National Orange Show

Daniel & Jaclyn Stauffer (909) 208-8983
9861 Bellflower Street, Oak Hills, CA 92344.
He is the CEO / Owner of American Landscape and Maintenance, Inc.

Upgraded from Preview to Regular

David & Jessiciah Rabkin (917) 449-1787

New Preview Members

Patrick & Deon Garcia (909) 835-8606
212 Valencia Drive, Redlands, CA 92374
He is an Owner / Dentist at Patrick Garcia, DDS.
She is a Professor of Mathematics at University of Redlands.

Timothy & Audrey Townson (951) 230-4045
520 Golden West Drive, Redlands, CA 92373
He is a Key Account Manager for Coloplast.

Upgrade to Equity Members

Eric Coffman (702) 269-9484
Rick & Vida Pence (909) 557-5886
Paul & Carol Ross (909) 362-1497
Joey & Wendy Swinford (626) 622-1209

Sold Regular, went Emeritus

James & Alexis Glaze

Transferred from Associate to Social

Hunter Newton

Outgoing Members

Stephen Crane, Jr. – Sold Regular
Michael Dickens – Resigned National
PH McLaughlin – Resigned Preview
Aaron Wood – Resigned Associate



**General Manager
Kurt Burmeister**

A Letter from the GM

Commitment to Retain and Enhance

October is the time for new grass, new Board assignments, new committees and new goals. It seemed like just yesterday, but actually over a year ago, that RCC completed the "Preview" membership marketing program. In the wake of the program, the Board's focus was "Retain and Enhance". As a result, RCC increased the variety and amount of member events, opened the new Men's Locker Room, added member wine storage, purchased golf course equipment, improved the draft beer system, leveled tees, removed and added trees, rebuilt two greens and bunker complexes, just to name a few.

With these efforts, what were the "retain and enhance" results, you ask? In January of 2014 RCC had 554 total members with over 20 members on the sell list priced at \$4,500. Today RCC has 615 members with the member sell price at \$10,000. In addition, there are 20 buyers on "wait lists" for associate and social memberships. This success has been a Club-wide endeavor. The Board and committees effectively set the direction, staff executed and members showed up. That's a winning combo!

Three Board members were Most Valuable Players over this past year. First, President Greg Wilson who said early on, "Let's just not mess it up." Come to find out that was some great advice and proved to be a winning formula. Treasurer Ray Gail was a catalyst with creating tree plans and developing capital accounts and procedures. But even more important than these accomplishments, Ray's deep passion for RCC was apparent with every decision he made. Last but not least, "The Returner" Mr. House Committee Mike Corcoran is/was a tremendous resource. Mr. Corcoran's classic line was, "You find the money and I can build it." That was so true! Too many projects to list were completed on his watch, at a fraction of the cost and in a timely manner. It was a truly a pleasure to work with these three individuals.

What is on the horizon? Green grass, survey results, strategic planning, new/refreshed golf and social events, continued tree removal and beautification and much, much more. If I was a betting man, I'd say the end of 2015 and early 2016 will be a time that a lot of detail is added to the RCC roadmap. Membership engagement in the form of introducing friends and colleagues to Club membership; increased overall member usage; and offering constructive feedback are all reasons the RCC focus is now on what's next.

RCC is a result of 120 years of passionate interactions. You can walk down a fairway or have a meal in any dining area and see the work of many on display. It may come in the form of a conversation with a teammate, a picture on the wall, or the server that greets you when you arrive, but the RCC pride is everywhere. The new Board led by President Dr. Dick Andrews will face challenges, but in the end will come away with many more success stories. I hope on an individual basis you and your family share in those success stories.

See you around the Club! ~ Kurt



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FITNESS... Jason Stodelle, MSPT, ATC, OCS

With the conclusion of the FedEx Cup at this week's Tour Championship, the PGA Tour's 2014/2015 season is officially over. The Tour pros who played well enough to make it to Atlanta will have all of 2 weeks to recover before the 2015/2016 season kicks off with the Frys.com Championship in Napa. That isn't much of an "offseason!" Along with 7 events between now and Thanksgiving, there are several overseas events that the players may

choose to play - Australia, China, Korea and South Africa will all have events that several of the top players will play. Some will elect to take a few more weeks off, play a tournament or two toward the end of the calendar year, then ramp it up on the west coast in 2016. The lack of a true offseason can become problematic for a lot of players. Because of the wrap-around season, most feel like they have to play sooner rather than later. If they wait until the New Year, they may be several hundred thousand dollars and hundreds of FedEx Cup points behind before they even tee off.

No matter what their schedule, I encourage most of the players I work with to take at least 4 consecutive weeks off from tournament golf. For the players that were eliminated early in the playoffs, this isn't too difficult. They have spent the past few weeks actively recovering by running through specific programs that we designed for them, based on their goals for next year. Some might be focusing on improving flexibility in their hips and back; others are working toward increased strength and stability in their core musculature. They also might be rehabilitating any lingering injuries that plagued them during the season. During these few weeks, time away from the golf course is essential for the player's mental and physical wellbeing.

With the golf course at RCC being closed for the next few weeks, now might be a good time for your "offseason." What will you do with your time to improve your game? If you need help figuring that out, give me a call (951-415-8205) or email me (jstodelle@msn.com) to schedule an appointment in the fitness center.

Also, I'll be traveling to South Korea at the beginning of October for the Presidents Cup as the team physical therapist for the International Team. You can follow me on Facebook (FlexPower Golf App) for a daily behind-the-scenes look at the tournament, including postings of pictures, videos, and golf fitness tips. Check it out - it should be a great week!



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Couples Tournament

The monthly RCC Couples Tournaments are in full swing once again having already had a successful September best ball event chaired by Robin and Karen Uffer. Each month a different committee couple chairs a tournament. The other members of the committee are Steve and Leda Stockton, Roger and Jeannie Duffer, Ron and Joyce Perry and Greg and Chris Hostetler, your Chairpersons. As we close for the next few weeks in October, go out and find a couple to play golf with on one of our monthly Sunday events, and make sure you tell our new members about these tournaments. I'm sure you will enjoy the fun, socializing and challenging golf formats. Our next tournament will be held on Sunday, November 8th at 12:30 p.m. On a side note, each year a group of couples goes on a "Fall Golf Trip" during the course closure, this year the group will be taking a Princess cruise along the California coast to play golf in San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Baja Mar, Mexico. Previous trips have been to Horseshoe Bay Texas, Wigwam Arizona, Boulder Creek Colorado, Hilton Head South Carolina, Napa Valley California, Hawaii and Whistler Canada.

As always, we look forward to seeing you on the golf course all that is required is that each person have an established handicap. If there are any questions please ask a committee member or our Pro Shop.

*Greg Hostetler
Chairperson*

***Sunday, November 8, 2015
at 12:30 p.m.***

Cost is \$29 per person

***Includes entry fee, dinner,
dessert, tax and gratuity.***

RCC Couples Committee

Redlands Country Club

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 31st

Arrival 6:00pm • Casino Games 6:30pm

Dinner 7:00pm • Dancing 8:00pm-Midnight

Costume Contest 8:30pm • Photo Booth

\$55++ per person





Ellen Weisser

Ladies' Nine Hole Thursday Group

HELP ME! I'VE LOST MY NOUNS

As we age memory can become a fair weather friend that cannot be relied on when you call. Why is it I can't remember how I scored on the individual holes I played? I always assumed it was because I didn't want to, sort of a dignity-saving mechanism. A little bit of research has revealed to me that nouns, verbs, and numbers are all stored in different parts of the brain so when you forget nouns, which are the first to go from your memory bank, particularly proper nouns, it's because your temporal lobe is betraying you. With verbs it's your prefrontal areas that have it in for you. Numbers hang out in the parietal lobe and that must be the playful part of the brain that simply loves a practical joke. They surely can't be "counted on". I must ask **Ralph Kuncil**, our Club neurologist disguised very effectively as a university president, to tell me if I've gotten this right, that is, if I remember when I next see him.

So, here are four ways the average person can save face when having a memory crisis. (1) **Vickie Becker** and I decided to say, "Oh, let's not go there" when we forget what we were talking about. It fools people if you simply remember to say it. (2) You can describe the object you can't remember the name of, for example, by asking, "Do you have a little stick?" if you forget that it's called a tee. (3) I don't recommend using words like "what-shername" or "thingamajig"... absolutely too transparent. People can literally see your IQ points plummet as your neurons and synapses misfire. (4) Another face-saving tactic is just trailing off mid-sentence and simply flicking your wrist to add a little drama. This device will make you sound mysterious instead of just plain stupid. It works, but don't use it too often; people will get wise to you.

Two old guys were talking in the living room. Max couldn't remember the name of the restaurant he and his wife went to the night before. He asks his guest curmudgeon, Sam, "What's the name of that flower, very often it's red, has a long stem and thorns?" "Rose," his friend replies. Max calls into the kitchen to his wife, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant...?"

Opening Day for Nine-Holers was September 10th. There were so many players (34) we thought we might have to call someone for crowd control. September 17th saw 24 players. I like 34 better. Who doesn't love a gigantic gaggle of gorgeous golfers?

Winning Teams September 10th:

Win: **Jan Jacobson, Sara Canada, Anne Kopacz, Tami Marvin**

Place: **Eileen Johnson, Cheri Skubic, Amy Curti**

Show: **Kayla Granillo, Carol Snodgress, Carolyn Melcher**



Winners September 17th:

A 1st: 1st place tie **Andrea Dill** and **Daidre Thies**

3rd place **Kayla Granillo**

4th Place **Eileen Johnson**

B List: 1st place **Julie Cutler**

2nd place **Cheryl Pellow**

3rd place **Jenny Harkness**

4th place **Rose-Marie Raumin**



See you back on the course for Nine-Hole October 22nd!



Golf Tournament

Have Some Fun, Do Some Good!

Friday, October 23, 2015 • 12:30 p.m. Shotgun

- \$150.00 per player • \$100.00 will go directly to the scholarship fund (tax deductible).
- Limited to 120 people. Call (909) 793-1295.
- Dave Stockton • Dave Stockton Jr. • Ron Stockton Hitting off Par 3s.
- Early sign-up: By Friday, October 2, 2015 to enter a raffle. The foursome that wins the raffle will each receive a dozen Nike golf balls.
- All classes of memberships and their guests are eligible to play. Multiple Flights.
- Logoed Nike golf shirts for tee prizes.
- The winning foursome will each receive a brand new Nike putter.
- Additional prizes: Closest to the Pin & Longest Putt
- Barbecue and beverage stations on the course.
- Appetizers and desserts served after the tournament in the Clubhouse.
- Silent Auction following the tournament.



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to October 16, 2015.



Millennium Wine Club...



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

The Wine Club had the opportunity to experience and enjoy two high level events during September that differed somewhat from those that had been scheduled in the past. While continuing to enable the attendees the opportunity to experience and enjoy the best wines, these events offered creativity in the format of the events as well as the opportunity for Chef Oscar to showcase his culinary skills.

SOIR'EE AVEC UN SOMMELIER

This event brought the attendees a team of three Sommeliers led by Master Benjamin Broidy. The attendees enjoyed eight exquisite wines presented side by side with foods perfectly matched and paired with Chef Oscar's offerings. The event offered the ability to experience comparing wines such as Bordeaux (2007 Château Lassegue Saint-Emilion Grand Cru) VS Napa (2012 La Jota Howell Mountain Cabernet), Warm Climate Syrah (2012 Yangarra Shiraz, South Australia) VS Cool Climate Syrah (2012 Cambria Syrah), and Old World (2014 Domaine Vincent Delaporte a Chavignol Sancerre, Loire France) VS New World Sauvignon (2014 Mohua Sauvignon Blanc). The Sommelier team included Wilson Turley and Cyndi Ahlgrim from Regal Wine Company.

HEITZ CELLARS WITH PARLIAMENT CHOCOLATE

Described by those that attended as "one of the best Wine Club events ever" – the attendees enjoyed an exquisite dining experience featuring the wines of Heitz Cellars, along with Redlands own Parliament Chocolate brought to us by our local chocolatier Ryan Berk, the owner of Parliament. The wines and chocolate, or "cacao" additions as referenced by Ryan, were all paired with Oscar's special creations. The wines that were served began with the Heitz Sauvignon Blanc and Napa Valley Chardonnay, followed by their exquisite Napa Valley Cabernet, Trailside Cabernet Sauvignon and their Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. The evening was topped off with chocolate covered peaches served with mini churros prepared by Chef Oscar, along with Mayan dipping sauce for the churros prepared by Parliament Chocolate. Everything you have heard about the benefits of pairing wine and chocolate is true!

BY THE NUMBERS – WINE MATH

Halloween is around the corner, with all its tricks and treats! You may find the following "wine math" a trick or a treat, but either way it is meant to entertain! For maximum pleasure, first pour yourself a glass of seasonally appropriate wine - perhaps PoiZin, Vampire, or Old Ghost - then continue reading and have fun.

Have you ever wondered just how many grapes it takes to create that fabulous glass of your favorite Cabernet or Chardonnay? There are 75 grapes in one cluster and it takes one cluster of grapes to produce one 5 oz glass of wine. Five glasses (375 grapes) will fill one 750 ml bottle of wine. Twelve bottles comprise one case of wine. And if you are wondering, that is 4,500 grapes!

Twenty five cases of wine equal one 225 liter (7,500 ml) barrel... and that means a total of 112,500 grapes! It takes 36 vines to produce one barrel of wine. Four hundred vines sit on one acre of land and that one acre of land can produce five tons of grapes. One ton of grapes yields about 60 cases, or 720 bottles. So our one acre of land can produce 300 cases, or 3,600 bottles (1,350,000 grapes) of your favorite wine, and that is surely a Halloween treat!

The final wine dinner of 2015 is scheduled for October 17th and will showcase Melville wines. Coming soon are the Wine Extravaganza on November 7th and the Wine Reduction Sale on the first Sunday of December.





Ruth Colley

RWGA Tuesday Tee Time

RCC's HISTORIC COURSE HOLE NAMES A'WA (AWAY) #1, HALF-WAY #9, HOME #18. Makes sense and someone cared enough to name them way back when. Members and Juniors who recite the names from ONE through EIGHTEEN to one of our Pros will be entered in THE DRAWING FOR AN AWARD. DEADLINE is NOVEMBER FIRST. Join the fun. Use those golf free or sleepless moments to memorize and appreciate the history of our beautiful course. Names herewith:



1 A'WA	7 TOBOGGAN	13 GIBRALTA
2 VALLEY	8 THE NOOK	14 INSPIRATION
3 REDAN	9 HALFWAY	15 HURDLE
4 HOGS BACK	10 HET GIRDLE	16 EASTWARD HO
5 DECEPTION	11 ISLAND	17 HORSESHOE
6 LONG	12 BARRANCA	18 HOME

CESAREA VAZQUEZ did it! RWGA'S MOST IMPROVED PLAYER of the season! Sponsor JOYCE PERRY presented CESAREA with HER PRESTIGIOUS AWARD at the last meeting. Joyce has been a sponsor for many years and proudly presented Cesarea with her award this year. Go For it Cesarea and WATCH OUT she wants TO WIN IT AGAIN next season! She says, "Practice, practice!"

Coffee Draw Tuesday October 20th and General Meeting will follow golf.

STOCKTON PITCH and PUTT OCTOBER 27th. Those who chip next to the pin and SINK those PUTTS will WIN!

Play Well Friends and get on board and learn those Hole Names. See you on the course!

See you on the course!



2015-2016 Officers and Executive Board

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 1st Vice President & Major
 Tournament Chair: Rosie Gardner
 2nd Vice President & Tuesday
 Tournament Chair: Monica Corcoran
 Secretary: Kate Berich
 Treasurer: Joan McCall
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Joyce Perry & Cesarea Vazquez



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TURKEY SHOOT MIXER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

Start: 9:00 a.m. shotgun

Cost: \$40 per player

Payoff: 40% of field paid

Lunch: Turkey lunch following play

Sign-ups: Make your own foursome

Tees assigned by Pro Shop

CANCELLATION POLICIES

All members are asked to give appropriate notice of inability to attend dinner, an event, or golf outing.

a. Members arriving 15 minutes later than their scheduled lunch or dinner reservation without a phone call, will forfeit their table.

b. Events will have a 24-hour cancellation policy whereas members who have not called within 24 hours of the event will be charged for their reservation in full unless their space can be filled by another party.

c. A 48-hour cancellation policy applies and members will be charged for the tournament if they cancel within the 48-hour time frame. (B/A: 0508).



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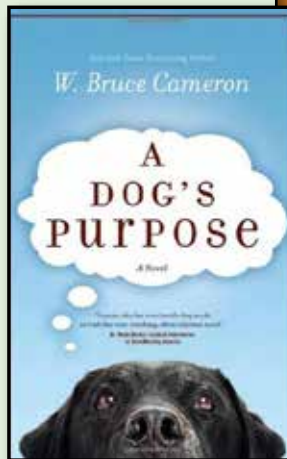
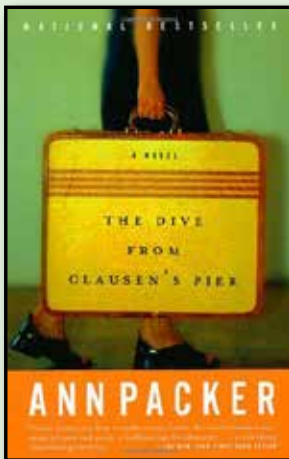
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Jim & Joyce Braswell

"Readers of the Green"

Book Club

In the 1920's Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald were the toast of New York, the darlings of Paris. He was the famous American writer and she his gorgeous party-loving wife. Therese Anne Fowler chronicles the life of this Southern belle in *Z*, this month's selection. You will have to decide whether Zelda is to be pitied, envied, or ? Elaine will direct our musings and insights. Thank you, Elaine, for filling in for new grandma Rose-Marie who is busy caring for baby Kate.



October 21st - *Zelda* by Therese Anne Fowler

November 18th - *The Dive from Clausen's Pier* by Ann Packer

December 16th - *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron

For questions, please contact Judy Bray at (909) 794-1301

or Jane Adams at (909) 793-3631.

Bridge Winners

We are looking for men and women who are interested in playing bridge on the first Wednesday of every month. If you are interested, please call Beth Threatt at (909) 792-8294 and leave a message if she is not home. You can also email her at threattba@aol.com. Please leave your name and number so that tables can be organized.

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As we are quickly approaching the most wonderful time of the year, planning is in full swing for a ton of fun events here at RCC that you won't want to miss!

On October 31st, we will be having our annual **Halloween party**, which is going to be a casino night this year! You'll want to start working on your costume now, because there will be a costume contest along with an amazing on-site casino full of activities. Come to see the ballroom transformed into a Halloween paradise — we're expecting this year to sell out, so get your reservations in soon!



My friend Ellen Weiser and I hard at work researching activities for upcoming events. Field trips are part of the job on the social committee!

In November, the time comes to **Party with our Prez!** Come out for this casually elegant evening on the 21st to honor our incoming president, **Richard Andrews** and the history of RCC. We're changing the event up this year with several different food stations, wine, beer and bourbon tasting, a cigar bar, great live music, and some surprises to celebrate our club's 120 year anniversary!

December will be a busy month at RCC, so make sure you make early reservations to get in on the fun! On December 1st, we will kick off the festivities with a **Christmas Vacation Movie Night**. Join us to enjoy a (18+ years old) holiday movie in style — we will have a fully themed party to celebrate the nostalgia of the season. Come have a relaxing night out before you're knee-deep in holiday preparation! On December 12th, the children get their turn for a good time at our **Children's Holiday Party with Santa**. This tradition is always so much fun, and we are planning some nice surprises for the little ones this year that will make it a perfect day with Santa. December 20th will be our annual holiday brunch, and this event is always a great family day for everyone. This year, we will add a children's area with activities and face painting. Make your reservations now!

Finally, to close out an amazing year of events at RCC, our **New Year's Eve** party this year will be better than ever. We have spent months planning this evening, and we hope to make it your best New Year's Eve yet! In addition to an amazing dinner menu and a band that will knock your socks off, we will have many surprises all evening long — we will be doing an hourly count down with prizes, a fortune teller, games of chance, a champagne bar, and a photo booth to enjoy all evening!

To wrap up my article this month, I wanted to write just a short note about some of our upcoming events. In order to provide the very best evenings, food, and entertainment for our members, we will limit the number of reservations we can accommodate for Halloween and New Year's Eve. Please do not miss either one of these amazing parties — reserve your spots now!

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First Course

Salad

Pears poached in chardonnay wine with butter leaf lettuce, gorgonzola cheese, walnuts and a raspberry, cranberry dressing. Garnished with garlic croutons

2012 Estate Chardonnay – Verna's Vineyard

Second Course

Lobster California Roll

Sautéed lobster and mushrooms in a butter curry sauce on top of a king crab California roll

2013 Estate Chardonnay

Third Course

Surf 'n Turf

Lamb lollipops with a mint demi glaze paired with scampi style jumbo prawns.

Served with potatoes au gratin and grilled vegetables

2013 Pinot Noir – Verna's Vineyard

2012 Estate Pinot Noir

Fourth Course

Cheese Tray

Baked brie with apple relish, combination of cheese, dried fruits, nuts, crackers and chocolate truffles

2013 Syrah – Verna's Vineyard





**Certified Golf Course Superintendent
Richard Ray**

From the Course...

Greens have been aerified and we have overseeded the golf course. Again, this year we overseeded the driving range and practice area before beginning work on the course. This will allow us to have water running on these two areas by the second day of overseed and should allow us to open the driving range and practice facilities a few days prior to the course opening. The rest of the course will be prepped and seeded by the end of the first week of the closure with water applied starting on Thursday and Friday. Water will be applied for 10 days and then the course will be allowed to dry out for a few days prior to the first cut of the new grass. Our goal will be to get at least three to four cuttings of the grass prior to opening.

While the course is closed, we will be doing some work on the drainage of #11 green. Currently, the existing green drain is around 12 to 14 inches higher than the green. This has been caused by a buildup of sand from the green bunker. The goal is to have natural drainage flow from the green. With the rain prediction for this year, the green could have major water issues in the front half of the green, so we are striving to alleviate these potential issues.

There are a lot of questions about the level of the lake. Prior to overseeding, I fill the lake to its maximum capacity. During the process of overseed, we use 1.2 million gallons of water a day and we can only fill 750,000 gallons a day. The reason we don't keep the lake at full capacity at all times is to minimize the surface area to reduce evaporation during the summer heat. However, we need to fill it completely to get started watering after the seed is placed.

We will also be doing a lot of trimming and planting around the clubhouse. The Crape Myrtles went wild this year and need a good pruning. We will also remove all the old flower pods and thin the trees to maintain their health.

Please make sure you fill your divots on the course. We will be adding seed to the sand seed mix for the next several months. As in the past, the golf course staff will continue to fill divots on the tees weekly; along with seeding the shaded tees, but your assistance is greatly appreciated.



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The Joy of Golf

By Peggy Karsick

Back to the Course!

October is here, and it is time to come back to the Joy of Golf. As we move into the fall season we hope to see a lot of new faces, as well as regulars, as we all get back into the game following our closure for overseeding. After September's triple digit temperatures, October's cooler days (we hope!) will be a welcome change, bringing new and seasoned golfers out to play.

With the holiday season just around the corner, there may be some Fridays when we won't meet, so check with Ryan Prior for dates and topics to be covered. Even though this is a busy season, try to make time for yourself to work on your game. We have a beautiful course and outstanding practice facilities, and the pleasure of playing golf is one of the best ways to take a break from hectic holiday planning.

We'll continue with regular sessions on chipping and putting, the full swing, the sand game and other topics of interest to the group. Ryan is open to your questions and suggestions for future clinics. Take advantage of this opportunity to fine tune your golf game, or to introduce yourself to the Joy of Golf! It's a great place to begin, or to move your game forward.

Join us for the Joy of Golf clinics on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to work on your golf game. Check-in at the Pro Shop prior. A modest fee of \$5.00 is directly payable to your instructor, Ryan Prior. The program is designed for new, returning, and beginning golfers and for experienced golfers who want to relearn and reinforce the fundamentals. Men and women are welcome, regardless of level of play, and we invite our social and associate members to participate in the program. Questions? Call the Pro Shop at (909) 793-1295, or Peggy Karsick at (909) 798-2488.

Please check the November Crier for the November schedule. We will be inactive only as club closures or tournaments require.

Have a Joyful October!

RCC TOURNAMENTS

by Gary Christenson

It's getting late in the year, and there are only two tournaments left — The Turkey Shoot played on Saturday, November 14th, and the Hole-In-One played on Saturday, December 5th. Both pay more than half the field, and one is actually free!

You may have noticed that the Citrus Cup matches against Arrowhead Country Club were not played in September this year. Well, with ACC's difficulties of late, it seems those matches have run their course. Anyone who ever participated will tell you how much fun it was, and what an honor it was to represent RCC. Fear not you match playing icons, it seems negotiations are under way to begin a new chapter in the Citrus Cup tradition with Victoria Country Club in 2016. Keep an eye out for more information.

Good luck with your golfing on our newly seeded course. Watch for information on Thursday and Saturday teams, if you're so inclined. Matches begin in January. The Irish Open is the first tournament on the 2016 Calendar - March.

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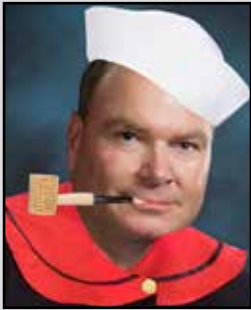
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**Head Golf Professional
Paul Dietsche**

From the Pro...

While we are just a few days away from opening, we hope your 26 day break was just what you needed. We know it was what the golf course needed. On behalf of the Pro Shop and outside services staff, let me just say it will be great to have you back, and we're looking forward to a great winter season.

Make sure to take care of your newly overseeded golf course: sand and seed your divots; repair your ball marks; before leaving a bunker, smooth and rake all holes and footprints; and please follow the rules for golf carts. Keep all four tires on the cart paths when parking around each tee box and green, and please keep the carts on the cart paths at all times on the par 3 holes. Have consideration for the group behind you in regards to where you park your golf carts and pull carts. Leaving them in front of the greens outside the white lines does not allow the group behind you to hit shots when they are unable to reach the green. If we all do a little better job in following these simple guidelines, the golf course and the membership will benefit.

As most of you have seen the golf course is becoming quite busy, as such, please be sure to call the Pro Shop before just coming over to the course. In order to start play on the golf course, you must check-in with the Pro Shop prior to going on the course, which includes checking in any and all guests. Starting anywhere on the course without checking first with the Pro Shop is against club policy.

Because the golf course is a busier place it is also very important to remember a few basic rules of etiquette. Always play without delay and be sure to keep up with the group in front. If the group in front of you is not on the same hole as you, then your group has fallen behind. If you do have an open hole in front of you and a group is waiting on your group, invite them to play through and then stay on top of that group. Be sure to hit a provisional when applicable... it is a time saver.

The Pro Shop holiday sale has been scheduled for the first weekend of December, December 5th & 6th. The sale will be from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. both days, so please stop by the shop for a little holiday cheer and get some shopping done right here at Redlands Country Club. We are asking all members to use their available shop credit before the end of the year. We will have lots of new merchandise as well as some great deals on some merchandise that has some experience. See you on December 5th & 6th!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the **Family Fun Golf Day** on Sunday, September 20th. Although the weather was a little warm, the 48 players who played had a wonderful time and we hope to get more of these types of events on the schedule in the future. Thanks again to everyone who participated.

Fairways & greens, Paul



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Bunker Work

During Course Closure

During the golf course closure, **Lamrock Landscaping**, a Huntington Beach based golf course construction and maintenance company, will be working on the bunkers on Holes #10, #15 and #11.

Following a year of play and feedback from members, the Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Green Committee to engage John Lamrock to assess the new bunkers on Holes #10 and #15 and to evaluate drainage issues on Hole #11. Lamrock Landscaping has extensive experience in golf course construction with a specialty in bunker shaping. John Lamrock visited RCC in August and early September to evaluate the projects and discuss options. We are shaping the areas to improve playability, visual presentation and, in the case of Hole #11, drainage, not to “redesign” the holes.

Hole #10 – Slight reshaping of each bunker with an emphasis on softening bunker edges, tie in to greens and ensuring that there’s sufficient space for maintenance. Expand the front of the left bunker to enhance playability and visual presentation. Rollover grass edges in each bunker; deepen each bunker.

Hole #15 – Expand the front edge of the right bunker; expand the back edge of the left bunker and ensure sufficient space for maintenance; rollover grass edges on each bunker as appropriate; deepen each bunker.

Hole #11 – There are two related issues: the buildup of the front edge of the large bunker and drainage on the lower portion of the green. Especially in view of the prospects of strong El Nino storms this winter, addressing this issue is a Green Committee priority.

The back of the green will be unaffected; the front will be reshaped to provide improved surface drainage, relieving the casual water issues on the front of the green. The apron of the bunker will be dropped about 4 feet, eliminating the buildup that occurs from years of play.

Lamrock Landscaping is scheduled to begin work on October 5th and expects to complete the project at the time of course reopening. Areas around each bunker where new sod will be installed may be marked as “ground under repair” until the ground settles.



***Preparing early enough?
If not, point at the ball with
your racquet handle***

One of the most common mistakes for beginning and intermediate players is not starting the backswing early enough on ground-strokes. Even if you have reliable ground-strokes, in the heat of the match, you may forget the basics of good stroking and wait for your opponent’s shot to land in your court before taking your racquet back. This late preparation forces you to rush your forward stroke and may cause your shot to fly out of bounds or straight into the net. Instead, start your backswing early enough so that your racquet handle points almost directly at the approaching ball before it bounces. This way, you won’t have to rush your shot; with your racquet already back, you can take a smooth, controlled forward swing that will help set your ground-strokes straight.

***By Gabriel Jacob
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Did you know?

- Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

- Jack o’ Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.

- Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Clubhouse & Business Office Closed	5 Clubhouse & Business Office Closed	6 Clubhouse & Business Office Closed	7 Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Member Appreciation Night 5:30 - 8pm	8 Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Dinner 5:30-8pm	9 Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Dinner 5:30-9pm	10 Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Dinner 5:30-9pm
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18 Breakfast 7am-2:30pm Lunch 11am-2:30pm No Dinner Service	19 Clubhouse & Business Office Closed <i>RWGA: General Meeting SCGA Golf Tournament 12:00pm SG</i>	20 Lunch 11am-2:30pm No Dinner Service Lounge Closes at 6pm <i>RWGA: Coffee Draw 9am</i>	21 <i>Readers of the Green 4pm</i> Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Member Appreciation Night 5:30 - 8pm	<i>Course closed for overseed: September 21 - October 16, 2015</i>		
25 Breakfast 7am-2:30pm Lunch 11am-2:30pm No Dinner Service	26 Clubhouse & Business Office Closed <i>RCS Golf Tournament 11:00am SG</i>	27 Lunch 11am-2:30pm No Dinner Service Lounge Closes at 6pm <i>RWGA: Stockton Pitch & Putt 9am</i>	28 Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Member Appreciation Night 5:30 - 8pm	22 <i>Readers of the Green 4pm</i> Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Dinner 5:30-8pm <i>9-Hole Play 9am</i>	23 <i>Joy of Golf 9:30am</i> Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Dinner 5:30-9pm RCC Scholarship Tournament 12:30pm SG	24 Breakfast 7am-11am Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Dinner 5:30-9pm
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