

# Barefootin'

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NEWSLETTER FOR BAREFOOT RESORT & GOLF MEMBERS

## Winter Pinehurst Getaway Returns

Between now and March 6, enjoy special privileges only available to Barefoot Golf Members and their guests offered by one of the world's most revered golf resorts, Pinehurst.



THE ICONIC PUTTERBOY STATUE AT THE ENTRANCE OF PINEHURST RESORT

Take advantage of an exceptional overnight rate of \$99 per room (double occupancy) in one of three historic hotels including the Carolina Hotel, Holly Inn and Manor Inn. With your overnight stay you may reserve tee times on one of the seven championship golf courses including the famous Pinehurst No. 2 which will serve as the site for both the Men's and Women's U.S. Open Championships in 2014. Play Pinehurst Nos. 1 and 3 for \$49 or Nos. 4, 6, 7, and 8 for \$89. All rates are

per person and include cart and practice facilities. For those interested in playing Pinehurst No. 2, the Resort is offering a very special rate of \$222 which includes accommodations and breakfast. The No. 2 package rate is per person and based on double occupancy. This deal even beats last year's Pinehurst No. 2 rate.

All offers are subject to availability of rooms and golf. A Resort service fee and taxes apply to all accommodations and packages. Call 800-487-

4653 to schedule your Pinehurst getaway. You must mention that you are a Barefoot Golf Member to receive discounts. Barefoot Members must show their Member ID card upon check in for accommodations and golf.

### Member-Member Recap

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holes played best ball and 6 holes under alternate shot. Teams competed based on 25% of combined handicap and were not given any more strokes once that flights were determined.

During the round, players were treated to plenty of water and energy drinks and, at the turn, were offered some hot soup and beverage. The soup came in handy as the skies had become cloudy and wind started blowing out of the north causing temperatures to drop. Spirits remained high despite the changing weather and contestants seemed to be enjoying the challenge of switching formats every six holes.

Five different flights had been created and winners included Jed DuBreuil and Bob Horak in the Championship Flight, Ray Halley and Dick McElwee in the First Flight, Phil and Sue Polito in the Second Flight, Jeanne Kenny and Jane Reidy in the Women's First Flight and Sue Ziegler and Kathy Branco in the Women's Second Flight. Each Flight winner received a gift certificate as did closest to the pin winners Tony Basconi, Kathy Branco, Kathy

Horvat and Joe Benner.

After everyone completed 18 holes, all flight winners jumped back in their carts and headed out to Norman 18 tee for a playoff to determine the overall champion. A caravan of carts full of curious spectators from the ranks of tournament competitors and organizers chased after the participants and followed them out on the fairway to watch each shot. The excitement among the players and spectators was obvious. Many of the players had never had such a large number of people watch them compete. There was definitely some nervousness and "added pressure" in this playoff especially since the format was alternate shot. As in most playoffs, it came down to a putting contest with the team of Phil and Sue Polito taking the overall championship trophy on which their names will be permanently etched. We congratulate Phil and Sue for both their steady play over 18 holes and the sudden death win.

Following golf, everyone was treated to a fantastic meal which included Salad Bar, Grilled Pork Chops

with roasted garlic, Italian Rope Sausage with peppers and onions, Spring Rolls, Wings, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Fried Green Beans with bistro sauce and Cookies. We congratulate all participants for making the Member-Member extremely successful and the hard-working tournament staff for organizing and implementing a first-rate event.



SUE AND PHIL POLITO POSE WITH OVER-ALL CHAMPIONS TROPHY

## Thistle Offers True Scottish Flavor



CHALLENGING HOLES AT THE THISTLE

Iron up your best knickers, clean up your mashie and prepare for a glorious Scottish links experience at the Thistle on January 21. Located just north of the NC state line in Sunset Beach near the village of Calabash, the Thistle Golf Club takes its name from an ancient Scottish golf society dating back

to the early 1800's. The course layout poses a distinct Scottish links feel with wind-swept fairways, large bentgrass greens and surrounding hillsides covered in heather and wild flowers. The Thistle is known for superb conditioning, exemplary service and twelve-minute tee times. The 27-hole facility, designed by modern architect Tim Cate, opened in 1999 and has since built a reputation which has established it as one of the best facilities on the Grand Strand. With generous open fairways and five sets of tees, players of all levels can enjoy this superb layout. The exceptional conditioning of the course earned it a listing in the "Top 100 Fairways in America" by Golf for Women Magazine. The Thistle has consistently been awarded a 4 1/2 Star ranking in Golf Digest's "Best Places to Play." Head Pro Gene Weldon has arranged for an outstanding rate of \$45 per person. Tee times begin at 10:24 am. Better call 843-390-3200 quickly to reserve your time. Deadline for reserving space is January 19, 12:00 noon. A strict 48-hour cancellation policy is in effect .

## Tiger's Eye Scheduled for February 25



THE BEAUTIFUL PAR 5 SEVENTH HOLE AT TIGER'S EYE

Immaculate conditioning, outstanding service and pleasing aesthetics highlight the golfing experience at Tiger's Eye Golf Links located at Ocean Ridge Plantation in Sunset Beach, NC.

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Designer Tim Cate sought to accentuate the natural features of the land when creating the layout. Carved out of a virgin pine and hardwood forest, the combination of dramatic elevation changes, natural waste areas, native grasses, wildflowers and longleaf pines conjure an environment similar to that found in the North Carolina Sandhills. Furthermore, Tiger's Eye has promoted its challenging greens as having "the classic look and feel of Pinehurst."

Perhaps the most unique characteristic of Tiger's Eye is Cate's use of coquina boulders which were native to the original plantation's irrigation ponds and also taken from a nearby commercial mine. The boulders frame many of the lakes on the course and help maintain Cate's desire to use as many of the natural features of the land as possible.

Since its opening, accolades from golf media have been consistent. Golf Digest includes Tiger's Eye in its "Best Public Courses in America" survey. In the same magazine's "Best Places to Play" rating, Tiger's Eye regularly receives 4 1/2 stars.

A special rate of \$45 per player has been arranged for Barefoot Members. Call the Barefoot Pro Shop at 843-390-3200 by 12:00 noon, February 23, to reserve your time. Only seven tee times are available so call today. A strict 48-hour cancellation policy is in effect.

## Dyer & Schatz Golf Academy



THE DYER AND SCHATZ ACADEMY OFFERS INSTRUCTION FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

Will Schatz, Director of Instruction of the Dyer and Schatz Academy of Golf located at the Barefoot Driving Range, is announcing a new instruction clinic. The Academy will be initiating a new clinic every Saturday at 10:15 AM. Will states, "we are hoping to assist those who work during the week and aren't able to make the regular clinics held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 AM. The price will be \$20 per person and the clinic will run about an hour and a half based on participation. Clinic topics will be personally specific to whatever the student wants to cover." Registration is not necessary, just show up. Other instruction specials are available including:

3 hours of private instruction for \$200 (time may be divided into 6 half hour lessons and used whenever in town)

2 person lesson for \$80 (Normal price for members is \$120)

If you have questions regarding these new opportunities, please call Will Schatz at 843-267-2510 or write to [dyerschatzgold@yahoo.com](mailto:dyerschatzgold@yahoo.com).

## Unique Tournament Planned



THE MEMBERS NEMESIS – FOUR PROS-TRAVIS DUTCHER, MIKE ROSS, NATE HUMES AND RYAN COON

All Golf Members are invited to put together four-man teams for a challenging tournament which incorporates two of golf's most demanding formats, "Beat the Pro" and "Superintendent's Revenge." Slated for January 30 on the Love Course with an 11:00 AM shotgun, the tourney is planned as a four-person scramble with members competing against four Barefoot Professionals while at the same time dealing with treacherous pin placements only found in a true "Superintendents Revenge."

Barefoot Professionals will play straight up from the Platinum Tees while all male participants will play from the White Tees. Women participants will play from the Gold Tees and receive a 10% advantage against the Pros. So, if the Pros shoot 70, then 10% of the score would be added for a final score of 77. Any mixed teams will be placed in the men's division. Women on mixed teams will still be allowed to play from the Gold Tees. Prizes will be awarded to any teams that beat the Pros. Tournament Director, Nate Humes, states that members can put together their own teams and further relates that members should "choose their teams wisely," since the Pros will "certainly bring their best game." In addition, Nate wishes to remind everyone that this format is "extremely fun, but can be very difficult and time consuming."

Cost is \$60 per player which includes golf, food and prizes. There will be numerous chances to win prizes. Call the Pro Shop at 843-390-3200 to sign up your four-man (woman or mixed) team.

# Upcoming Social Events

Food and Beverage has planned events for January, February and March. **All require reservations by calling 843-390-3205.** Menu details for all events will be announced at a later date.

## MEXICAN NIGHT

Wednesday, January 13 – 6:00 PM

*Cost is \$14.95 per person plus tax and gratuity*

## PRIME RIB NIGHT

Wednesday, February 10 – 6:00 PM

*Cost is \$19.95 plus tax and gratuity*

## ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY

Wednesday, March 17 – 3:00 to 7:00 PM

*Cost is \$9.95 for food, drink specials available*

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