

SMITHFIELDS COUNTRY CLUB DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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AROUND THE CLUB

Wow... it's hard to believe the year is coming to an end. While golf activities have slowed down a bit, this is the busiest time for social events. Whether it's company Christmas parties or member socials, the club will be buzzing with activity during the holiday season.

We're reaching out to our members once again, seeking contributions for our "Holiday Christmas Fund," which goes towards providing bonuses for all our hardworking employees. Alongside the contributions from our members, Smithfields Country Club ownership also ensures Christmas bonuses for our staff. By combining these efforts, we're able to offer a substantial and well-deserved bonus to our team during the festive season.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration!

Please take note - The club will close early on Christmas Eve (3:00) and remain closed on Christmas Day.

As always, we express our gratitude to all our members for your ongoing support of our club. Wishing each of you a wonderful Christmas Holiday.



UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

🧑‍🎄 The Christmas Cup Par-3 Challenge 🎄 As we wrap up the year and our tournament schedule, we're thrilled about our final event of 2023. Join us for the Christmas Cup Par-3 Challenge on Saturday, December 9th – a member-favorite filled with fun! The format is a 2-player Captain's Choice, and teams will be flighted based on the total handicap.

🥂 New Year's Eve Party 🥂 Get ready to "ring in the new year" at our annual New Year's Eve party. Stay tuned for more details coming your way via email in the coming days.

📅 Outside of social events, the club calendar will ease up a bit throughout December. Keep an eye on the "Social Calendar" for updates, as there will be several evenings when the clubhouse will be closed for festive Christmas parties.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

🎉 Come ring in the New Year at the club! 🍷 The Annual New Year's Eve Party promises great friends and fantastic food!

📅 Date: Saturday, December 31st 💰 Cost: \$100/couple (guests welcome but must be accompanied by a member) ⌚ Time: 7:00pm-1:00am 🎊 Includes: Dinner (Ribeye, baked potato, loaded salad bar, dessert), champagne toast, drink specials, and entertainment.

📞 Space is limited, so call the club to reserve your spot now!



CHRISTMAS SALE!!!

🎵 Celebrate the holiday season at SCC! Take advantage of the ultimate Christmas shopping experience featuring exclusive deals and discounts. Whether you're seeking the perfect gifts for a family member or treating yourself, our Christmas Sale offers something for everyone.

*****Gift Certificates** are always a great option!!!



Smithfields
Country Club

**BIG
Christmas
SALE**

HO, HO, HO!!!
**With Christmas right
around the corner, stop by
the club and take advantage
of some great holiday
DEALS!**

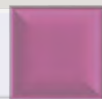
Merry Christmas!!!
From now until 12.24

Gift Certificates!

- *Gloves and Socks- Buy 2, Get 1 Free
- *All Golf Clubs- 20% Off
- *Hats- Buy 1, Get 1 1/2 off
- *All Apparel- 25% OFF
- *Golf Balls- Buy 3 Dozen, Get 1 Free
- *Sunglasses 1/2 Off

**Free Gift
Wrapping**

DECEMBER CALENDAR



Dec. 9th- The “Christmas Cup” Par-3 Shoot-out (10:00 SG)



Dec. 18th- GSA Junior Golf Tour (9:00 SG)



Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve-Course closes at 3:00



Dec. 25th- Christmas- Course closed all day.



Dec. 31st- New Year's Eve- Club Party

TURF TALK

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I know it is cliché but during this time of year I like to look back and find things I am thankful for. This year I am thankful we finally received over an inch of rain after going 89 days where the highest quantity of rain received was .3". Also, we were lucky the weather for the Clemson/South Carolina cup was fantastic and congratulations to Team Clemson for the decisive victory.

The golf course maintenance team has been working hard to clean up the leaves throughout the golf course. I think we are finally starting to catch up and hopefully will be finished by the end of December. We finished all our preventive herbicide treatments just in time to get watered in by the rain. Our focus for the rest of the year is going to be leaf cleanup. Once we have the turf areas clean, we are going to focus our attention on the mulch beds. The goal is to have most of the leaves picked up and removed from the course.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas, and a happy new year. Please continue to offer any feedback you might have. I welcome any suggestions you may have, and I look forward to seeing you on the course!

Thanks

Travis



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Final Results: Clemson/Carolina Challenge Cup

For the 9th time in 10 years (didn't play in 2020 due to Covid), we hosted the annual Clemson vs Carolina Challenge Cup.

The tournament format, which normally consists of (2) 24-player teams representing the Tigers or the Gamecocks, ended up with 80 players representing their in-state favorite.

Comprising 20 matches, each carrying a total of 9 points, teams earned points through three potential avenues. The low net score on either side secured 3 points, with an additional 3 points awarded to the team with the lowest 18-hole net score for the match.

While last year's event came down to the final group, this year's grudge match was over by the "3rd quarter", with team Clemson taking home the Cup by a decisive score of 108-72.

Special thanks to team captain's, Doug Tooke (Clemson) and Steve Hollingsworth(Carolina).

Congratulations to our low net teams from each flight:

Team Clemson:

1st- Brian Stone/Tim Winkler

2nd- Thad Estes/Matt Smith

3rd- Fred Keith/Lewis Wiles

4th- Scott/Scotty Reeves

5th- Justin Coleman/Cole Garrison

Team Carolina:

3-Way tie for 1st-3rd- Derrick/David Thompson, Chris/Mike Ginn,

Tim Case/Tom Liddle

4th- Russell Evatt/Steve Hollingsworth

5th- Brandon McCarson/Kevin Sloan



GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH!

The Bunker Shot!

Mastering the art of hitting a bunker shot is a crucial skill in golf, and it requires a combination of technique, precision, and confidence. Follow these key steps to improve your bunker play and increase your chances of success:

- 1. Proper Setup:** Begin by selecting the appropriate club, usually a sand wedge or lob wedge. Open the clubface slightly to increase the bounce and prevent it from digging into the sand. Position the ball slightly forward in your stance, and distribute your weight evenly on both feet.
- 2. Dig Your Feet In:** To establish a stable base, dig your feet into the sand. This helps create a solid foundation and prevents slipping during the swing. Make sure your stance is slightly wider than usual.
- 3. Visualize Your Shot:** Before you swing, visualize the trajectory and distance you want to achieve. Picture the ball landing softly on the green. This mental preparation helps build confidence and focus.
- 4. Maintain a Light Grip:** Grip the club with a lighter-than-normal grip pressure. This allows the clubhead to glide through the sand smoothly.
- 5. Swing Technique:** Focus on a shallow, sweeping motion rather than a steep, digging swing. Aim to strike the sand a couple of inches behind the ball. Keep the clubhead accelerating through the sand, maintaining a smooth and even tempo.
- 6. Follow Through:** A proper follow-through is crucial for bunker shots. Allow the clubhead to continue its path after impact, finishing high. This ensures a clean and crisp contact with the sand.
- 7. Practice Regularly:** Bunker shots require practice to develop a feel for the sand and perfect your technique. Spend time in the practice bunker, experimenting with different setups and swings to find what works best for you.

