

## Leisure April

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Let Crown Colony Country Club handle the sweet treats, savory sides, or any large to-go order you need this season. Bring the flavors of the club home and enjoy a stress-free holiday meal with family and friends.

Whether it's desserts or a full spread, we'll prepare it all so you can focus on what matters most.

Call today to place your Easter catering or to-go order.





## Easter Weekend



### **Easter Hop Putting Contest!**

THINK YOU HAVE THE BEST PUTT IN THE COLONY? TEST YOUR SKILLS AT OUR EASTER HOP PUTTING CONTEST APRIL 19TH AT 11 AMI





Voting starts @ 11 Winner announced at Ipm Must be entered to win!

# and a resource) EGG HUNT!

<u>April 19th 11am-2pm</u>

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Ages 0-3 Egg Hunt @12

Ages 3-5 Egg Hunt @12:15

Ages 6-8 Egg Hunt @12:30

Ages 9+

Egg Hunt in a sack @12:45

### Games start @1pm

Ages 0-3 Egg toss Ages 3-5 Spoon Race Egg Stack Spoon Race

Ages 6-8 Sack Race

 Sack Race Ages 9+ Spoon Race



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## Gather with family and friends

### April 20th llam-2pm



#### SUNDAY APRIL 20th 11:00AM - 2PM Reservations Required 936-637-8900 \$46.95 • Children 12 & Under 1/2 Price • Children 5 & Under Free

#### Salad Bar

Seafood Salad, Broccoli Salad, Tri- Color Pasta Salad, Garden Salad

#### Entrees

Mahi Mahi with Lemon Caper Sauce Chicken Fried Chicken Pork Loin Roulade with Cajun Cream Sauce

#### **Carving Station**

Prime Rib & Glazed Ham

#### Displays

Fruit, Cheese, Smoked Salmon, Boiled Shrimp

#### Vegetables & Starch

Roasted Potatoes with Onions & Peppers, Mac & Cheese, Spring Vegetable Medley, Corn O' Brian, Purple Hull Peas

#### **Breakfast Station**

Eggs & Waffles cooked to order with assorted toppings, Bacon & Sausage

#### Desserts

Assorted Breads, Pastries & Desserts including Sugar Free Items

#### Club Closes @3pm

Grill will NOT be open

Cancellation Policy Reservations must be canceled 48 hours in advance to avoid charges.

## **CORY'S GOLF NEWS**

#### Thoughts from the Head Pro

The weather is warming up, the trees are filling out, the azaleas are in bloom, and the grass is getting greener! It's great to see so many members out on the course and participating in our new monthly events.

A few reminders:

- Please remember to check in all guests at the pro shop, even if you're playing pickleball.
- By now, all private carts should have their stickers. If your cart does not have a sticker, it is not permitted on the course.
- If you bring your dog to the course, please keep them on a leash.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you all out on the course!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL**



## **JUNIOR GOLF NEWS**

13U and 17U Season starts this May. Go to pgajrleague.com to register now!!! OP 36 Practices have started and will continue through the summer.



#### Thanks for the support Cory Ryan, PGA Golf Professional

New Merchandise arriving daily!!! Come check out the pro shop to see what we have!!!

### Crown Colony Pro Shop

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May 1, 2025 - 9:00 AM. \$25 entry fee payable to Hospice in the Pines. MGA and LGA invited to attend. Please contact Connie Kennedy with any questions 936-526-9695

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# LGA NEWS

The Ladies Golf Association celebrated a fantastic turnout for the First Tee Frolic Tournament, with 17 golfers joining in a fun-filled scramble format. Special thanks go to Melissa Abeldt and Joan Meyer for their excellent hosting efforts, ensuring the tournament ran smoothly and everyone had a great time.



Congratulations to the top-performing teams:

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- 3rd Place Team: Connie Kennedy, Lori Lamb, and Angie Crisp
- 2nd Place Team: Abbey Ater, Melissa Abeldt, Joan Meyer, and Mary Russell
- 1st Place Team: Dottie Keith, Elisa Clinkscales, and Karen Stubblefield

After the tournament, the participants and a few other members gathered for a delightful lunch in the ladies' locker room, followed by the first-quarter LGA meeting. The day was a perfect blend of sport, socializing, and organization, reflecting the spirit of the association. Kudos to everyone involved for making it a smashing success!

After a very rainy January and February, March winds proved to help dry out the course, but made for some challenging days out there! On the 13th there was a three-way tie for the title of "Most Fairways Hit." Connie Kennedy, Joan Meyer, and Mary Virginia Casper each demonstrated exceptional accuracy, hitting an impressive 13 fairways. Their consistent performance set a high standard for the competition. Melissa Abedlt claimed the "Closest to the Pin" honor, showcasing her sharp aim and finesse.

On the 20th, the putts counted the most. Low putt winners were 1st: Mary Virginia Casper, 2nd: Elaine Hunter. Claiming closest to the pin honors were Elisa Clinkscales and Julie Zeagler.













The LGA Member-Member Tournament, held on March 26 and 27, brought together the LGA for a spirited and competitive two-day event. This tournament was played in the unique two-woman eclectic format.

The tournament kicked off with ideal weather, setting the stage for an exciting start. The competitors played some of their best golf, posting some impressive low scores. Connie Kennedy and Abbey Ater took an early lead. The dynamic duo came out hot on day one, posting a solid 5-over-par score that set them up nicely for the following day. However, several teams were hot on their heels.

While day one saw sunny skies, day two was met with rainy conditions. The weather didn't dampen the spirits of the players and all teams were determined to improve their scores and finish strong. Kennedy and Ater showed their mettle by improving their team score by five strokes on day two, finishing the tournament at even par. Their stellar play earned them the First Place Gross honors. Gayle Brent and Elaine Hunter demonstrated exceptional ball striking and focused putting. Their teamwork and precision led to an impressive net score of 54, securing them the First Place Net title. Their consistency and ability to handle the pressure under varying conditions was a key factor in their victory. The second-place finishes were equally competitive. In the gross division, Dottie Keith and Elisa Clinkscales finished with a solid performance despite some unique challenges, landing in second place overall. Meanwhile, Mary Russell and Susie Shands claimed second place in the net division, demonstrating strong teamwork and excellent course management.

The tournament also featured several skill challenges, with Closest to the Pin honors being awarded to Elaine Hunter, Susie Shands, Dottie Keith, and Abbey Ater. One of the standout moments of the event came from Joan Meyer, who displayed her trademark accuracy by hitting closest to the line on hole #9 on BOTH days of the tournament. Joan's ability to find the middle of the fairway is something her fellow competitors have come to expect, but it's always a thrill to see her execute under pressure.



Special thanks go to Mary Virginia Casper and Gayle Brent for hosting and organizing such a fun, well-executed event. Their efforts ensured that everyone had a memorable experience, both on and off the course.



Spring has sprung in the Bettye George Memorial Garden on #16. Thanks to the LGA for always keeping this bed filled with bright and beautiful flowers. Special thanks to Joan Meyer for taking care of the spring planting this year.





## PICKLEBALL

We've enjoyed a full year of pickleball here at Crown Colony but many of you may wonder just how long has pickleball been in existence and how did this fun game begin? Here's what I discovered from my research: It all started one Saturday afternoon in 1965 when neighbors Joel Pritchard, a Congressman from Washington State and Bill Bell, a successful businessman, returned to Pritchard's home on Bainbridge Island, WA (near Seattle), after playing a round of golf to find their kids sitting around complaining they had nothing to do! Joel's property had an old badminton court so they found some old badminton equipment but could not find a full set of rackets. They improvised and started playing with some old ping-pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball. The adults and the kids finished out the weekend playing this game non-stop. The following weekend, neighbor and friend, Barney McCallum, was introduced to the game and the three friends made up the rules of the game. One of their early participants, who was very tall, liked to rush up to the net and spike the ball so to stop this from happening, they declared a line that already existed on the court (the short badminton serving line) into a "no volley" zone line which is what we refer to today as the kitchen!

Next they debated about the scoring and finally settled on a scoring system that resembled badminton, tennis and ping pong. They kept in mind the original purpose was to provide a game that the whole family could play together. That weekend Barney went home and drew out a new design on a piece of paper for new paddles. With his bandsaw, he cut out bigger plywood paddles for his friends to use. With word about the game spreading, families came together all summer to play this new sport on the backyard court that was on Prichard's property.

At the end of the summer many of these families moved back to Seattle and the game moved with them. They started playing on the street in front of McCallum's house which was 20 feet wide, so this became the width of the pickleball court. Joe introduced it to his friends and colleagues in Congress and was excited to share this passion with anyone who would join him. In 1968, Barney, Joel, and Bill formed "Pickle-Ball, Inc.," the first company to manufacture and market pickleball paddles. They sold pickleball sets with 4 plywood paddles, a ball and a net for \$29.50. They made the first mass-produced Diller plywood paddles which were the first paddles that were available in stores. Around 1992, Pickle-Ball, Inc. started manufacturing the first ball designed specifically for pickleball. It was named the DURA 56 Pickle-Ball because it had 56 holes but in the mid nineties the ball was reduced to only having 40 holes to create greater durability.

The most asked question is "Why is it called Pickleball"? Joe's wife, Joan, was the responsible party for naming the sport. She and Joe loved watching the annual regatta competitions at the University of Washington which was known for having an excellent rowing team. In these regattas, the best rowers from each school were pitted against each other. But, toward the end of the competition, the athletes that were the "spares" and didn't make the varsity teams, also got a chance to race. These "non-starters" would be thrown together to race for fun in the "pickle boat" race. Joan felt that the sport invented by Joel, Bill and Barney, threw together the leftover bits of ping pong, badminton and tennis so she suggested they name the sport "pickle ball".

Crown Colony is one of the 68,458 (and counting) pickleball courts located in the US for a reported 48.3 million players that account for over 1.5 billion dollars in pickleball sales! Our Crown Colony Pickleball Association thanks Joe, Bill and Barney for their vision in 1965 that has become a joyful reality for our members here in 2025.

See you on our courts!

Article and pictures provided by Connie Kennedy



Picture of the badminton/pickleball court at Joe Pritchard's summer home in Bainbridge where pickleball originated.



Vintage picture of one of the first pickleball paddles made by Barney McCallum.



A vintage picture with Barney McCallum, his son, and two friends playing pickleball in a Seattle suburb cul-de-sac in the early 70's.





### CROWN COLONY COUNTRY CLUB PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION 2025-2026



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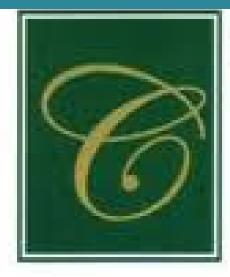
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 APRIL FOOLS	2	3	4	5 MEN'S MATCH RD 1 BREAKFAST 7-11AM DEMO DAY
BREAKFAST 11AM-2PM	7 Club Closed	8	9		11 9 HOLE TOURNAMENT	12 BREAKFAST 7-11AM
3 ACTION STATION 11AM-2PM	14 Club Closed	15	16	17 0 •	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 BREAKFAST 7-11AM EASTER HOP & EGG HUNT 11AM-2PM
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7 ACTION STATION 11AM-2PM	28 Club Closed	29	30			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
POOL OF WEEKER ONLY	NDS	-	1AM-9PM DAY 11-8PM	1 TEE IT UP FOR HOSPICE	2	3 BREAKFAST 7-11AM MEMBER MATCH POOL OPENS
4 BREAKFAST 11AM-2PM	5 Club Closed	6 SUMMER CAMP SIGN UP	7 SR TEMPLE CUP	8 • •	9	10 BREAKFAST 7-11AM FAMILY CUP
11 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH	12 Club Closed	13	14	15 ¢	16	17 BREAKFAST 7-11AM MATCH PLAY FINALS
18 BREAKFAST 11AM-2PM	19 Club Closed BROOKSHIRE BROS GOLF TOURNAMENT	20 COURSE CLOSED BROOKSHIRE BROS GOLF TOURNAMENT	21	22 PINEY WOODS TRANSPORTATION GOLF TOURNAMENT	23	24 BREAKFAST 7-11AM POOL OPENS FOR THE SUMMER
25 ACTION STATION 11AM-2PM	26 MEMORIAL DAY CART PARADE	27 Club Closed	28		30 COURSE	31 BREAKFAST 7-11AM
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