

Here are my minutes from today's Strand Ambassador meeting. They are long but there was a lot of information today.

The meeting opened with a warm welcome back from Johanna. It was the first Ambassador meeting since the spring and the first to take place in our newly renovated clubhouse. Johanna thanked everyone for their patience over the summer months while the club was undergoing this major renovation. She reported that the Open House at the beginning of October was well attended by over 200 members and the feedback was very positive regarding the updates and transformation of the clubhouse. Johanna stated that the renovation is nearly complete but there is still more to come.

Within the next two weeks there will be a major project in the front of the clubhouse with the installation of landscape lighting which will beautifully illuminate our clubhouse. This project will include the installation of a wire system on which bougainvillea will be planted and grow giving the clubhouse a pop of beautiful color. The wire system installation and bougainvillea planting will extend to the four columns by the Pro Shop as well as the locker room doors and columns near Tavern 59 as well as on the top of the pergola outside of the fitness studio (this will serve to provide some shade under the pergola). The fitness center will also be painted to match the clubhouse. The cost of this project is 64,000.00 dollars.

Within the next two weeks, additional lighting will also be installed in the Porte cochere; a beautiful 12-foot round two tier light fixture will

be installed which will be flanked by two smaller versions of the same style fixture in the area leading to the entry near Peggy's desk.

For 2026 the projects will continue. The sidewalks and the blacktop circular driveways extending to Strand Blvd. in front of the clubhouse will be refreshed and a new sign will be installed in front of the clubhouse.

The playground project will be completed by the beginning of the year. The oak trees in this area have been removed and bushes and a fence in the tennis area near Manny's office have been removed to allow this area to be widened and pavers will now be installed. The swing set in the playground area will remain but the area will receive additional landscaping.

The pool project will be completed by 11/1/25. The pebble finish will be installed beginning this weekend. Elvis has five truckloads of treated water on standby. This will be a saltwater pool. The deck expansion allows for an additional 40 lounge chairs and 42 umbrellas, which have been ordered.

The turf on the Pickle Ball Courts has recently been replaced and the Bocce Courts have been resurfaced. There is a bench near one of the bocce courts that needs some attention and the club staff will address that issue. Some of the new umbrellas will be used in the bocce area to provide additional shade.

The Island Bar Ladies room will soon have two new showers which will replace two of the existing showers.

An ambassador brought up the issue of food and beverage service in the pool area. She suggested to improve service and Elvis offered that

he is hopeful that the new grab and go menu on the Strand App will successfully address this issue. Members can now use the Strand App to order food and pick that food up at the Island Express at the time they select. The menu offers a nice variety of food and beverages and makes ordering simple and easy as it is designed specifically for on-the-go members and will be available until 4pm.

Anyone needing instruction on the use of the Strand App in general can call Johanna as she holds tutorials on the 1st and 15th of every month, in both the morning and afternoon, for anyone needing assistance. Any member who needs to update the information in the Strand Directory must do so on their own but again, Johanna is more than willing to assist anyone in this regard.

Regarding food and beverage, Elvis also stated that breakfast will be offered in the Tavern from Tuesday - Sunday. This will be another on the go option for members who golf early or otherwise want breakfast. The full Grab and Go menu is on line and will also be in tomorrow's daily newsletter.

As to additional future projects for 2027 plans have started and the permit process has begun to build an open concept kitchen in Tavern 59. Chef had some renderings of the design and it is beautiful.

On a date and time to be determined, Karyl Leggio will be teaching an Intro to Badminton course and the plan is to set up courts near the driving range or the croquet center for those members interested in trying something new. More details will follow.

There is a new game, Queen of Hearts, at Tavern 59. Tickets to participate in this weekly game are 1 dollar each and drawings are held at the Tavern on Fridays at 6:30. The rules for the game are in the

daily Newsletter and if you want a paper copy of the rules Johanna has them available. The Club is not making any money on this game and presently the pot is up to 1457.00 dollars.

An ambassador had a question regarding the front gate entrance and the Strand Sign and new design in that location. Johanna informed us that the front gate area is under the jurisdiction of the Master Association and she encouraged all to get onto the Strand Master Website where information is available regarding projects and issues being addressed by the Master Board. She stated that members can attend Master Board Meetings which are held at the Club monthly. Meeting dates are posted in various locations including at the Front Gate.

Some upcoming social events include the Halloween Party on October 31, 2025. So far there are 110 reservations. This year's theme is Hogwarts / Harry Potter and there will be many surprises for all to enjoy. A 25-year Member Celebration is being planned for November. A New member mixer is set for November 11, 2025 from 3-5. The Season Opener is coming up in November and there are 300 members signed up so far. This event will take place in the Arena. A make your own western hat is being held in connection with this event. It promises to be a well-attended event and a great way to welcome everybody back for another exciting season.

The Events Calendar for the remainder of the year is available in the Newsletter and Peggy also has copies for anyone who prefers a paper copy. Please review it as Vicki has done an incredible job putting this brochure together.

Jobe gave us an update on health and fitness. As to the pool we now have a pool attendant, Arianne, who will be available to assist members as necessary with towels, umbrellas, etc. Brand new pool towels have been purchased. Arianne will have them available at her kiosk and members can provide their member numbers when they pick up and return the towels.

The seasonal fitness calendar will be out next week and classes will begin November 1. Jobe stated that there are several new classes on the schedule and he may be teaching a class as well. He stated that the Croquet Court has been updated with a unique ball barrier which is the first of its kind in this area. The first croquet event of the year is from 3-5 on October 31st and members are encouraged to attend in costume. There will be a beverage truck in place for the purchase of beverages during the event. The croquet court is available for Open Play from 3-5 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Jobe has copies of the rules and he is also going to have the rules laminated and available inside the croquet equipment box at the croquet court.

As to the Spa, there are many new and updated selections especially regarding facials. Jobe stated that the offerings provide members with a multitude of selections and everything that a non-medical spa can offer. The new spa menu is on the website and Jobe has paper copies available in his office.

There is a Pickle Ball and Tennis Mixer next week and the 2nd Annual 5k is set for Wednesday November 26th at 8:30am sharp. All proceeds will go to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and for those who wish to donate food they can do so that morning at 8:00 am, A table will be set up in the Botanical Garden for any donated food. The cost to run, walk, bike

etc. in this event is 35.00 dollars and with your entry fee you have a chance to win a 2-night stay and dinner at the beautiful Perry Hotel. Jobe emphasized that all proceeds go to charity and the Strand does not make any money from this event.

As to golf.....the list is long. Nick and John and the staff have been so busy beginning with the installation of a brand-new sprinkler system this summer. 1800 sprinkler heads were replaced and the system can now be operated via an app on John's phone. We are only the 6th Club in town to sand all our fairways...all 27 holes. This process helps with the bounce and distance of the golf ball. Truck loads of sand were brought onto the course and at present Preserve 2 and 3 have some tire marks from the truck tires that are being fixed. Savannah 1 has undergone a green expansion adding 2000 s/f of new green, bringing the green back to the way it was when the course was built. Preserve 2 has had 150 truck loads of dirt placed into the former first carry and now you would never know that anything but a fairway was ever in that spot. It has been filled and sloped and drained to look natural and beautiful.

54 pallets of Bermuda grass were used for green expansions and a drill and fill process were performed to the greens over the summer to improve the health of the greens and make drainage more efficient.

There are plans to lower and expand the driving range on either side and to do so they must fill in that portion of the pond and redirect the water elsewhere. There are also plans for the summer/ fall of 2026 to create a Himalayan Putting Course. The design would extend to near the green area of savannah 9. It is a big project and permits will be needed but Nick said it would be a great addition to our course and

would tie in nicely with all the other sport options available at The Strand.

Throughout all courses, Mexican petunias have been removed and replaced with Coquina shells. Palmetto trees have been removed on Sabal 4 and the left side of sabal 9 where some work is ongoing. Various cart paths have been repaired and improved. All work on the courses will be completed in the next two weeks and fertilizer will go down next week making everything, including the hundreds of flowers they have planted, really pop!!!! Despite the hot rainy weather, the landscaping staff did incredible work over the summer.

In the pro shop, new apparel is coming in every day. We have a new staff member in the prop shop, Alex. He is from New Hampshire and is a hockey player so stop in to say hello.

Tee times on Monday thru Friday will have three tee starts to accommodate more members. Opening days are October 28th and 29th. The men have a waiting list and the women have 56 players already signed up. The summer was busy with about 100 rounds of play per day.

As to Food and Beverage, Chef reported that there will be new menus coming out for the Island bar and Tavern 59. There is a Happy Hour Menu in the Tavern with snacks available for purchase. Breakfast will be available in the Tavern and on the Grab and Go menu but will NOT be available at the Island bar. As of next week, the IB will be open until 8pm and the Tavern bar will be open until 9:00pm. Hours of operation can be found in the Newsletter as well.

The Gingerbread House will return for Christmas...last year Chef's was the largest in Collier County and was so creative and festive...it is great

that he will be putting together another gingerbread house this year for all of us to enjoy.

Here is something I really liked....as of mid-November the Veranda will be open for drinks with a Tapas menu on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday from 4-9.

A reminder to all that coffee in the IB is free from 7am until 11 am. After that there is a charge.

Here is something I did not know, there are free cookies available at the IB...if you do not see them, just ask a staff member. Chef makes them fresh daily.

Kloidiana stated that our staff has arrived for the season and the H2B staff is here with some returning staff members and many new faces. You may see several waitstaff from last year who have returned in different roles so please welcome them back and welcome our new staff as well.

Well, I think that is it. This is a lot of information for us all to mull over but it has been busy here at the Strand. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to me. Thanks so much, Dianne