

Hi everyone,

Here's the notes from the March Ambassador's meeting; thanks to Dianne for taking such good notes. Let me know if you have any questions.

Ambassador's Meeting Notes March 20,2026

- Johanna shared some exciting news about the new open concept kitchen they are planning for Tavern 59. The owners have moved up this project and now will have it completed by the end of September 2026. Tavern 59 will close during the summer for this renovation, but the Island Bar Hours will be increased, and additional menu items will be offered at the Island Bar while the Tavern is undergoing this renovation.
- The new playground equipment has been ordered.
- The new Golf Edition of the Daily Newsletter has been well received and is a great way to disseminate information.
- All three golf courses will be closed beginning in May and throughout the summer into the early fall. The first course to reopen will be Savannah (mid- late October), followed by Sabal (November) and then Preserve (December). There are many meetings and consultations going on with contractors, architects, and engineers. It has been decided that all three courses will be completely renovated for the tee boxes and greens. As to the fairways, they will be enhanced and rejuvenated. It will be a terrific enhancement once completed.
- The first application of the product used to destroy the grass on the tees and greens of Savannah was applied Friday. The Golf Daily will keep all members informed of the schedule for each of the applications on the courses. By the middle of this week, we should all notice the effect on the tees and greens with respect to today's treatment.
- The mats that were ordered for the driving range will be installed shortly. They are to be permanent.
- As to reciprocals, once our courses begin to close our reciprocal list will be distributed. Nick is working with several clubs to get discounted reciprocal rates. Although we have helped several golf clubs when their courses were undergoing renovations, these reciprocal club players paid guest fees to play our courses. Again, please stay tuned for updates in the Golf Daily. A full reciprocal list will be available the last week of April and we generally have about 80 golf courses on that list.
- The Ladies Invitational was a success with 96 ladies participating in this event. The food was fantastic on both nights and the gifts and prizes were very generous. This is the largest field we have had for this event.
- Nick did not put out a flyer for the Italian Open, which is this Sunday, because the event was nearly sold out immediately and there is currently a waiting list.
- The Bag Room Open, started by Eric and Kim Schold two years ago, is on the calendar for the end of April. Plans are currently underway for this event. Several

members have indicated a desire to caddy for the participants so that is being considered as well.

- Presently we have 480 golf members and a waiting list. The initiation fee for a family membership is \$75,000 and for a single membership is \$60,000. Our initiation fee is going to increase significantly once our course renovations are complete.
- An ambassador asked a question about what will happen with the Equity Memberships that were sold when the Club was started, as they will be reaching the 30-year mark shortly. Elvis explained that those members should see him regarding the details, but essentially, they will have the option of terminating their equity golf memberships and receiving a significant portion of their original equity payment back or continuing their golf memberships for the initiation fee they originally paid.
- The Strand Community has 1074 front doors, and each has a mandatory social membership costing \$4412 as of 2026. Nonresidents who are social members pay a \$7500 initial fee for a social membership plus the annual dues (this year \$4412). Social members get all the benefits of the Club except for golf. This year from 5/3/26-5/24/26 they are going to offer social members an opportunity to golf for the cost of a guest fee. They will only be able to make tee times by calling the Pro Shop and will only get tee times that are not being used by golf members. The Golf Daily will have further details.
- John, our greens superintendent said they are waiting for the rain which he knows will come during the summer months.
- He stated that this week a new pump was installed which will better service the new irrigation system. This pump took 6 months to build and cost 500,000.00 dollars. The installation of the pump was a huge project which involved divers, cranes, concrete installation, and the disruption of our course irrigation for four days, but it is now complete and should service our needs for many years to come.
- The flowers on the club property are reaching their lifespan and will be removed and replaced at the end of April on the Club property but flowers on the course will not be replaced until the renovations are complete.
- Coquina shells will be placed on Sabal One where the plants were removed. When the course renovation is done, they will be looking to replace some trees. To better service us in the future, the Club has leased new cutting equipment.
- As to other Club news, Chef has a new Fine Dining menu coming out. Next week there is another Lobster Bake. On March 30th there is a 6-course wine dinner scheduled. Easter has 600 reservations already and the End of Season Party is coming up in April. Be sure to make your reservations for both events.
- CERT training spots are still available. This is a statewide program taught by County Sheriffs with the purpose of training participants so that they can help take the burden off First Responders during emergency situations such as hurricanes. It is a three full day program and completing this program will designate you as a Certified Emergency Response Member. At present there are 200 of them in Collier County. The goal is to have one in each community in The Strand.

- As to Fitness, classes are jammed. Jobe is working on getting a certified spin instructor and is looking for recommendations. For those interested in a spin only class please contact Jobe.
- The 5K run/walk/bike to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank is this Saturday the 21st. There are 57 signed up so far and you can register in the morning. It's a fun event for a great cause.
- As of January 1st, a Strand swim group, known as The Havana Club, has been swimming, the goal is 105 miles, the distance from Key West to Cuba, to raise money for the Autism Collier County Charter School. Each swimmer is looking for 7 sponsors who contribute a minimum of 105.00 dollars. This school is brand new and currently sharing space in a building with another school. They have 300 students on their wait list and offer support for students with a wide range of spectrum disorders. This is a 501C charity and donations are tax deductible. Please check The Daily for the QR Code if you wish to donate or for further information.
- Jobe would like to eventually expand this project and create a 105 Mile Club which will involve biking, running, and walking. Please watch for further details in The Daily.
- As to badminton, the introductory program was well attended but due to the recent windy conditions there has been a drop off in participation. Jobe is working on setting up the court indoors for the summer.
- As to croquet, the Strand team ended their season in Third place. John and his crew kept the croquet court in wonderful condition all season. There will be a Coquet Luncheon planned for after Easter, all are invited. Details to be provided.
- Jobe stated that anyone who wants to use the sauna needs to turn it on about one hour before use.
- The Bocce Finals were held last week. The food was outstanding. Next season they will include more seating, and perhaps a different set up for the buffet, to provide a little more room around the bocce courts.
- Jobe reminded us of the AED locations on the Club property. There are 5 devices in the following locations: outside the pro shop, near the front desk, near the tennis courts, in the fitness center, and in the cart barn.
- Finally, the Queen of Hearts Raffle has been a big draw with over 600 attendees this past Tuesday. The staff has been working diligently to service the large crowds. The Club will be giving the staff a generous bonus at the end of the season, however, if there are members who wish to give the staff anything extra a Go Fund Me Page will be set up for that purpose. The Daily will have further details.
- This is a lot of information but things have been very busy this season. Our next meeting is Friday, April 17th. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Dianne

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