

JAMES RIVER COUNTRY CLUB



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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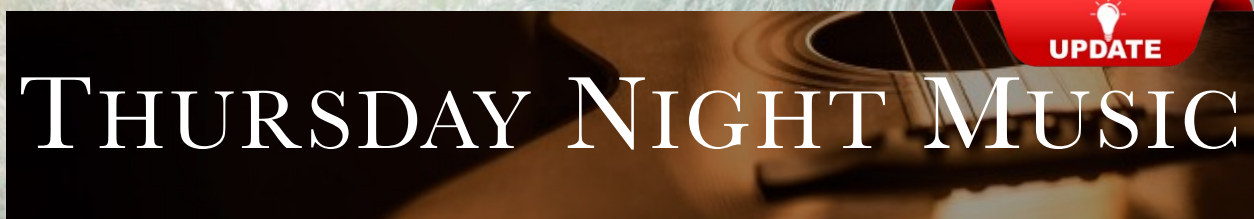
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MEMBERSHIP

JANUARY

President's Report

LINDSEY CARNEY



*D*ear James River Family,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! You may have heard that James River Country Club hosted a very special guest on Sunday...Santa Claus was here spreading cheer and reminding us all that this is the happiest season of all! The youngest of our membership, our kids, were certainly jingle belling at the sold-out Brunch with Santa on Sunday.

Your club hosted 300 for a plentiful buffet, and our James River Country Club elves were able to arrange special greetings by Santa for those who were not able to join for brunch.

Thank you, our membership, for your support of all of our social activities throughout the year, but especially for your enthusiastic participation in our holiday events. We know that our members have many options for dining and social engagement throughout the entire year, and especially during the busy holiday season from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, so we are thankful if you chose to celebrate those things for which you are grateful at the Club's Thanksgiving celebration, you brunched with Santa, plan to demonstrate friendly competition in the upcoming Santa Scramble or ring in a new, healthy and prosperous new year at the New Year's Eve Dinner or the New Year's Day Brunch.

Our operations and management teams are working like North Pole elves this season (the clubhouse has already been transformed into a Christmas wonderland) to ensure that there truly is something for everyone – who doesn't love marshmallows for toasting, caroling and mistletoeing?

You may have recognized some new faces around the Clubhouse (this time, I am not talking about Santa!). As we strive to consistently improve and offer the best in membership experience, change becomes inevitable. Please be sure to welcome Chef Brock Houston back to James River Country Club. Chef Brock spent almost 10 years of the early stage of his career with us and has returned to bring a leadership style that celebrates education and mentoring of his entire kitchen team and an approach to culinary art that embraces ever changing menus of creative, globally inspired and locally sourced dishes that will make you want to dine at your Club every day of the week.

Chef Brock shared with me that he is anxious to implement new ideas at our Club rooted in the knowledge he gained while operating his own business, and he looks forward to reuniting with members he knew during his early years at James River and meeting new friends who have joined since then. Be on the lookout for him eagerly passing through the Clubhouse, introduce (or reintroduce) yourself and share your dining experiences with him – he's looking forward to it.

Tiffanie Auxier has joined our operations team as Director of Catering and Special Events. Tiffanie brings with her a vast array of experience with catering, banquets and special events. She has jumped right in during one of our busiest events seasons to ensure that every holiday party, winter wedding, and holiday luncheon exceed membership expectation. Her enthusiasm is obvious, and you will surely enjoy working with her to create lasting memories of your special family event.

General Manager, Conrad Lickel, together with Director of Golf, Ryan Smith, have worked to ensure cohesive calendar coordination between banquets, catering and special events, membership events and golf outings to ensure that every member event is first in class while our Club's exposure to guests and potential members is equally spectacular. A busy club is a thriving, energetic, fiscally sound club, and membership experience is of utmost importance. Tiffanie appreciates the delicate balancing of different events and will be instrumental in the cohesive calendar coordination.

To add to the enhancement of membership experience, we all eagerly await the beginning of 2024 which will bring us a transformation of the River Room. You recall that at the annual Shareholders' Meeting last February, the Board, at the recommendation of the Centennial Committee, presented to you the upcoming renovations and improvements to the River Room, the adjacent bathrooms and the bathrooms near the ballroom.

The countdown is on! In less than 30 days, you will begin to see that transformation begin. Although there will be a shift in dining locations as previously explained, the shift will be well worth it! A more efficient casual dining table configuration will enhance views of the picturesque James River from all dining seats, and new chairs and linens and a fresh color palette will converge to result in a stunning dining venue.

The improved mechanical system and renovated ceiling will improve clubhouse efficiencies and are much needed due to their age. The management and operations teams will continue to provide updates as we move closer to January. Best in class membership experience will be ubiquitous throughout the Clubhouse upon completion of the renovations and improvements.

MEMBERSHIP

Our James River Family is exactly that, family, and our family includes our management, clubhouse operations, golf and grounds and tennis operations teams who often sacrifice holidays with their own families to be with us. Please remember them during this season of giving. The annual Staff Holiday Fund letter was sent out with monthly statements on December 1. I hope that you will consider making a contribution, in addition to the Holiday Fund line-item charge on your monthly statement, by filling out and returning the Voluntary Staff Holiday Fund contribution form. Our teams greatly appreciate the generosity of our membership. And, also please don't forget the Toys for Tots toy drive hosted by the Golf Shop!

I wish you and yours the merriest of holiday seasons and hope that the spirit of Christmas will be with you throughout the entire season and into the next year.

Best wishes,
Lindsey

4TH QUARTER

MEMBERS OF THE QUARTER

DAVID & DEBI NICHOLS



*M*y wife Debi and I live “just up the river” from the Club. Debi and I were both raised in Newport News. I have worked in the food service industry for over forty years, and I am currently working for Performance Foodservice as a regional specialist in fresh seafood, produce, and center-of-the-plate products.

Debi worked for Newport News attorneys, specializing in real estate closings, before finally opening her own Title Company which was very successful for over 20 years.

I love our golf course; I am not spending much time out there right now, but that time is soon to come. Debi and I are getting acclimated to a new church in York County and looking forward to attending and supporting CNU athletics this year. We enjoy dining at the club with close friends, generally 2-3 times a week and Debi loves the pool, especially the water aerobics and the exercise options.

Debi and I have been married for over fifty years and have been members of the club for almost 12 years. In fact, when I was young, I used to deliver flowers from my grandfather's floral business to the Club, so as a young boy I had early aspirations to one day become a member.

Some of our fondest memories have been made at the Club— the memory of the excitement of watching our oldest daughter Laura working in the cabana the first year it opened; the memory of our family enjoying a magical night of great food and dancing as we hosted our youngest daughter Kate's wedding reception in the ballroom and surrounding areas. We look forward to many more memories made at JRCC and are grateful for the honor of being named Members of the Quarter.

DECEMBER

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

BRADLEY CROFFORD



*B*rad has spent the past year and a half serving as second in command, and the backbone of, the Banquet department. He is dedicated, kind, hyper-focused, and an all around natural born leader. No matter the event, he is zoned-in on making sure every task is completed perfectly. You will surely see Brad around the Club, leading the charge on event set up, scrutinizing over each detail.

Brad was raised in Fauquier County Virginia where he lived with his parents and sister. Growing up, his parents instilled in him the values that we see shine through every day; that hard work, and going the extra mile pays off in the end. Brad moved here to attend CNU where he graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. He is passionate about improving the world through policy and plans to use his experience at the Club to work on campaign events. Brad is someone we depend on at the Club, and when he leaves he will be sorely missed, but we thank him for his dedication in every task and wish him well in what is sure to be a truly bright future!

IN MEMORIAM

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER



RDR. RAY CHARLES OTTE JR.

JANUARY 4, 1931 – NOVEMBER 27, 2023



Dr. Ray Charles Otte Jr., 92, died in York County on Sunday, November 27, 2023. A resident of Hampton, Virginia for 50 years, Ray was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on January 4, 1931 during the Great Depression. He grew up in Appalachia's coal country, and had many youthful adventures in the mountains and rivers of his home state, walking the railroad trestle bridges over the Ohio River, learning about painting from his Aunts, and hearing stories from his Uncles. The Otte family was of German descent and included shopkeepers, workers, and store owners who settled the Ohio River Valley. His father, Ray Sr., was the town doctor in Wellsburg, West Virginia and was known for his hard work and dedication, traits that Ray clearly inherited. In this environment he developed a love of family that he kept with him his whole life.

Ray attended the University of West Virginia, and graduated from Medical School at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio where he met his wife, Martha Ann Mooth, and wooed her through their shared love of classical music. They married in 1954 and together raised three children. In 1964 they moved to Hampton, Virginia where Ray became the head of the Radiology department at Hampton General Hospital. Here Ray's gregarious nature took many different paths.

He quickly embraced the joy of living near the water and jumped into the sport of sailing, making new friends and acquaintances that would last a lifetime. The Wednesday night race in Hampton Roads would often include Ray and crew taking advantage of the beautiful long summer evenings with a soft breeze on the water. Ray also cared deeply about music and the performing arts, serving on the board of directors for many institutions. He was a supporter of the symphony and revered Marti in her work as a piano teacher and musician until she passed in 1994.

After Marti's passing, Ray met another loving partner, Cynthia Lawson, who had also suffered the loss of a spouse. In 1996 they were married, combining their families together along Chesapeake Avenue. Ray added Rowdy, a small black and white Boston Terrier, followed by Howdy, into the mix. Theirs was a home for many holiday events and family parties. Their many children, grand-children and great-grandchildren experienced the warmth, stability and generational love that came from Cynthia and Ray. Ray and Cynthia had 24 loving years together until she passed in 2020. Ray is also remembered as a golfer and painter.

He was a member of the James River Country Club, where he could golf his age and loved to let you know it. His paintings provide a visual history of his life and the times. He was inspired by the life he saw around him and in his travels. His artistic expression was in landscape and portrait, which became a visual representation of his storytelling. Whether he was telling you how he learned to load and smoke a pipe, or critiquing a symphony concert in Cleveland, Ray always had a story to tell if there was an audience at hand. He will be deeply missed.

*For All In Memoriam Recognitions Please Contact:
Rachael Mizelle, Editor*



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James River Country Club
Fall Events
Highlights Video*



Holiday

OPERATING SCHEDULE

December 24th & 25th	Entire Club & Grounds Closed
December 26th	Normal Business Hours Resume
December 31st	Open for Normal Social and Athletic Activities <i>New Years Pre-Fixe Dinner with Live Music</i>
January 1st	Open for Normal Social and Athletic Activities <i>NY Day Brunch with food & drink specials</i>
January 2nd - 8th	Clubhouse Dining will be Closed for the Beginning of the Remodeling Project; <i>Fitness, Tennis, Golf, and Tenth Tee will Follow Normal Hours of Operation</i>
January 9th	Clubhouse Dining will Resume with "Burger Night" in the Ballroom and Porch Rooms

GOLF

GOLF SHOP HOURS

Weekdays:

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Weekends:

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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A TEE TIME](#)

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THE GOLF SIMULATOR](#)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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RYAN SMITH

DIRECTOR OF GOLF



Golf Shop Fall and Winter Hours

BEGINNING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

- Weekday TeeTimes begin at 8:30 a.m. & Weekends at 8 a.m.
- On Weekdays the Golf Shop, Range, & Bag room will open at 8a.m
- On Weekends the Golf Shop, Range,& Bag Room will open at 7:30a.m
- The Range will close at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays & at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursday-Saturday.
- ALL Golf Carts MUST be returned by 6:30 p.m.

BEGINNING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

- Weekday TeeTimes begin at 9 a.m & Weekends at 8:30 a.m.
- On Weekdays the Golf Shop, Range,& Bag Room will open at 8:30a.m & Weekends at 8 a.m
- The Range will close 30 minutes prior to sunset EVERYDAY
- ALL Golf carts MUST be returned by Sunset.

The Golf shop will close at 5pm
Tuesday-Sunday all season long

Matt Lockhart hit a hole-in-one
on hole #13 on November 30th

Jeff Howe hit a hole-in-one
on hole #3 on December 1st

The same *exact group of guys*
were witnesses to both hole-in-ones,
two days in a row!

AMAZING!!!

JAMES RIVER COUNTRY CLUB

HOLE-IN-ONE!





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GOLF SHOP
PRESENTS**



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**For More Information Contact:
Ryan Smith
Golf Pro
757-596-3112**



JAMES RIVER COUNTRY CLUB

Golf Shop Holiday Open House

Thursday, DECEMBER 7th
8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

JOIN US IN THE GOLF SHOP TO
KICK OFF OUR 12 DAYS OF
CHRISTMAS SALE

- Special Holiday deals happening all-day
- Complimentary Food & Beverage available starting at 3 PM
- Complimentary Gift wrapping available



SANTA SCRAMBLE

BENEFITING TOYS-FOR-TOTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH



11 AM SHOTGUN



JOIN US FOR A 4-PERSON CAPTAIN'S CHOICE
BENEFITTING TOYS-FOR-TOTS

PRIZES WILL BE DONATED BY THE GOLF SHOP

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES TOY DONATION + CART FEE

*Applicable Guest Fees

NOT Included*



RACKET SPORTS

TENNIS HOURS

8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday - Sunday

5 State of the art Outdoor
Har-tru Courts (2 lighted)

4 Indoor Hard Courts (heated)

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SPORTS CALENDAR



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For More Information Contact:
Tennis Professional Brian Hogge



TENNIS LEAGUES

Men's 3.5 Level Doubles

Tuesday, 6:00 PM

Friday, 8:00 AM

Men's 4.0-4.5 Level Singles/ Doubles

Wednesday, 6:00 PM

Saturday, 9:30 AM

Ladies' 3.5 Level Doubles

Wednesday, 8:30 AM

Ladies' 3.0-3.5 Level Doubles

Friday, 8:30 AM

Mixed Doubles 3.5 Level

Sundays, 4:00 PM

CARDIO TENNIS

**THURSDAYS
9:00 AM
&
SATURDAYS
8:30 AM**



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Pickleball

AT THE JRCC TENNIS COURTS

Tuesdays at 8:30 AM

&

Thursdays at 6:00 PM

**TO SIGN UP - RSVP TO BRIAN HOGGE:
(757)814-5019 • hoggetennis@gmail.com**



TOTS TENNIS

AGES 4-6

SELECT FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30

\$15

Join Us!

We focus on developing your little one's basic fundamentals of tennis through fun games and simple drills.

To RSVP Contact Brian Hogge
(757)814-5019
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JUNIOR TENNIS CLASSES

Tuesday & Thursday

4:30PM - 6:00PM

Ages 7-13 • \$20

RSVP TO BRIAN HOGGE:

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hoggetennis@gmail.com



**INTERMEDIATE
LEVEL**

JUNIOR TENNIS CLASSES

ADVANCED
LEVEL



Wednesdays
4:30PM - 6:00PM

Ages 12+ • \$20

RSVP TO BRIAN HOGGE:
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JUNIOR TEAM MATCHPLAY

Fridays
4:30PM - 6:30PM
Pizza After Play
Ages 12+
\$20

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FITNESS



KENNEDY WELLNESS
AT JRCC

Classes for everyBODY



\$25 per class

Or take advantage of a 10 class pass
**see pricing page for more information*



Classes that focus on improving mental, physical and emotional wellbeing.



Courses that are accessible to all fitness levels, health situations, and body types.



Affordable pricing plans and flexible class schedules in a private environment.

Join Carmen Kennedy's fitness classes!

Classes are offered for both beginner and intermediate level members, and focus on opening up both mind and body to heal, relieve stress, and strengthen the body.

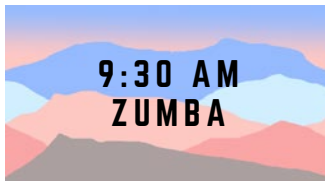
Kennedy Wellness is privately run by Carmen and Justin Kennedy, with James River Country Club as the proud host to a fitness program offered exclusively to its members.

TUESDAY



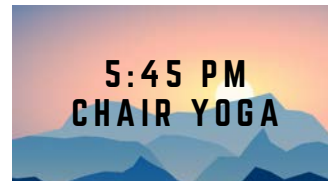
**NO
CLASSES**

WEDNESDAY



**9:30 AM
ZUMBA**

THURSDAY



**5:45 PM
CHAIR YOGA**

[CLICK HERE FOR CLASS DETAILS AND PRICING INFORMATION](#)

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DAILY DINING



HOURS OF OPERATION

LUNCH SERVICE

The River Room Lunch Menu & Huntington Lounge Menu

Tuesday – Sunday

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

DINNER SERVICE

The River Room Dinner Menu & Huntington Lounge Menu

Tuesday – Thursday & on Sunday

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

HOURS OF OPERATION

LUNCH SERVICE

The River Room Lunch Menu & Huntington Lounge Menu

Tuesday – Sunday

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Huntington Lounge Menu

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

DINNER SERVICE

The River Room Dinner Menu & Huntington Lounge Menu

Tuesday – Thursday & on Sunday

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

LATE NIGHT FOOD SERVICE

Huntington Lounge Menu

Tuesday – Thursday & on Sunday

Until 9:00 PM / Last Call 9:00 PM

Friday & Saturday

Until 10:00 PM / Last Call 10:00 PM

JAMES RIVER COUNTRY CLUB



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DAILY SPECIALS

THURSDAY NIGHT MUSIC

IN THE HUNTINGTON LOUNGE

THURSDAY
7
DECEMBER

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

FEATURING:
BAR BITES

SMALL PLATE DINING
SPECIALS AND SHAREABLES



CHARLTON
PHANEUF



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SOCIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

IT'S TIME TO **PARTY** *Social Events Calendar*

DEC

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- 03 Brunch with Santa!**
Brunch for the whole family with a meet & greet and photos with Santa
 - 17 Ladies Paint Party**
Bottomless mimosas bar & painting party featuring local artist Megan Berg
 - 20 Holiday Lunch & Dinner Buffet**
Sprawling buffet for the whole family
 - 21 Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**
Live music, bar bites, UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST!!
 - 31 New Year's Eve Dinner**
Pre-Fixe menu with hand selected wine pairings
 - 01 New Years Day Brunch**
Omelet station, Loaded Tater Tot Bar, Bloody Mary Bar & More!
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Ladies' Paint Party

Featuring Local Artist Megan Berg

Sunday | Dec 17, 2023 | 1:00PM

Bottomless Mimosa Bar
Holiday Themed Painting

Artists will be featured
in the JRCC Newsletter

Artwork will be displayed
on the JRCC Wall
through New Years

\$38

per person

RSVP:

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JAMES RIVER COUNTRY CLUB

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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