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President's Report

John R. Lawson II

This is my last newsletter; time really flies by! So many significant changes to our facilities, staff, and membership have occurred over the last two – three years, it feels like a different, but very positive experience. Many thanks to our hard working and dedicated staff, our Board and committees, and to the general membership who all worked to create a new and improved James River Country Club. Although much has been done, continuous improvement needs to be maintained as we approach our 100th anniversary.

It is truly amazing what can be accomplished when people believe in a vision and have the determination not to fail. My children are fourth generation members of our Club, and I am certain that many more generations will follow. Please do your part to ensure that we sparkle and have a membership waiting list on our Centennial anniversary. Volunteer for a committee, let us hear your suggestions for improvement, and make James River your first choice for fun, entertainment and friendship. Thank you for everything you have done to support our future direction.



Please mail in your proxy before the
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
Monday, February 17, 2020 | 5:30 p.m.

Around the Club



The Manager's Desk

Conrad C. Lickel, General Manager/COO

I would like to start my article by highlighting certain clubhouse social events that will be occurring in the months of February and March.

Sun., Feb. 2 – Super Bowl Party!

Sat., Feb. 15 – Valentine's Dinner Dance

Fri., Feb. 21 – Tarnished Truth Spirits Tasting

Sat., Feb. 22 – Carpet Classic at Norfolk Yacht & CC

Tues., Feb. 25 – Wine Pro Class – Spain Revealed

Tues., Feb. 25 – Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Specials

Wed., Mar. 11 – Wine Dinner

Tues., Mar. 17 – St. Patrick's Day Lunch & Dinner Specials

Sat., Mar. 21 – Spring Lobsterfest

Tues., Mar. 31 – Wine Pro Class, Argentina's Southern Charm

Watch your e-mails for specific event details and additional activities. Take advantage of these great opportunities to showcase your Club to friends and relatives as potential new members. Our 2020 membership campaign is aggressive—but so is our commitment to grow our JRCC family! You can read all about our promotion on page 5 of this month's newsletter.

Remember, *Membership Matters* and so does your ambassadorship! You are the ultimate sales force and your efforts have been both tangible and appreciated. Thank you!

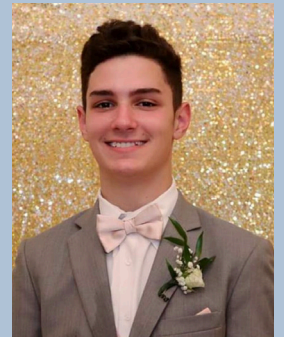
E-MAIL UPDATES: If you are not currently receiving the Club e-mails about upcoming events, please contact Cynara Colbert at 595-3327 or send her an e-mail: cynara@jamesrivercountryclub.com

Employee of the Month

Report by Katie Keane,
Director of Restaurants

SETH LEAGUE

Seth League only just joined our Club staff in October but has quickly become a true asset amongst his coworkers and our members. He balances his time attending college at Thomas Nelson and tutoring fellow students. Seth's authenticity shines during his attentive interaction with guests. He brings a stellar attitude and holds himself to a high standard. We are overjoyed to have him on our team!



“Wine Tourism” Wine Classes

CLASSES HELD MONTHLY ON TUESDAYS | 6:00 – 7:30 PM

February 25 ~ *Spain Revealed*

March 31 ~ *Argentina's Southern Charm*

April 28 ~ *Mediterranean Diet*

May 26 ~ *Sunny Sonoma*

June 9 ~ *Nothing but Napa*

August 25 ~ *It's a long Flight! Australia & New Zealand*

September 29 ~ *Buongiorno Northern Italy*

October 27 ~ *Buonanotte Southern Italy*

November 24 ~ *Beautiful Burgundy*

December 29 ~ *Understanding Bordeaux*

CLUB MEMBER monthly attendance, \$25

Club Member attendance subscription: 3-months, \$68

(10% savings) | 6-months, \$140 (15% savings)

WINE LOCKER HOLDER monthly attendance, \$20

Wine Locker Holder attendance subscription: 3-months,

\$54 (10% savings) | 6-months, \$104 (15% savings)



FEATURED ARTIST FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH



Gloria Coker

www.gloriacokerfineart.com

Some background, in her own words...

Gloria was always the kid in elementary and high school who was prodded by her classmates to draw the teacher. A good way to get into trouble. But she never planned an art career—too much insecurity. So, no art school, but rather a major in psychology and employment in the mental health field which thrives on insecurity. Then after four years of taking classes while raising two children, Gloria received her M.ed in Counseling at William and Mary and immediately joined the staff of the Daily Press as a news illustrator and courtroom artist (including the spy trial of John Walker's brother, Arthur). So much for mental health except for lending an ear to various coworkers and friends. Reinforcing why she did not go into the field.

Her series of paintings of important women began and ended when she asked JoAnn Falletta to be a subject for the series and instead wound up producing art for four years for the Virginia Symphony and the Buffalo Philharmonic. Thus, began a continuing series involving music. Then after three years of ballroom dance lessons with her husband it was a natural evolution

to paintings of dance. And now she turns her attention to abstract landscapes that often have hidden figures. Just cannot shake the human figure!

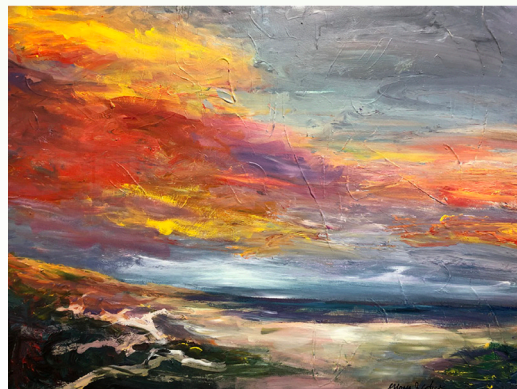
She has been a wine label illustrator, an art teacher, lecturer, book and magazine illustrator, workshop teacher, and all-around contributor to the arts in her community. And yes, there have been many galleries (some still in business), solo shows, prizes and collectors such as Tom Clancy, JoAnn Falletta, Fuzzy Zoeller, the family of Bruce Hornsby and Ernie Els. As well as many other celebrities who prefer to remain anonymous.

Her work was used in posters for the Harborfest in Norfolk and for three years for posters in Hampton Bay Days. Large pieces of children by Gloria hang in the Children's Hospital of the Kings' Daughters in Norfolk. A painting of the submarine, "Newport News," is in the collection of Harbor Bank with prints in every Newport News public school.

In 2013 her work was featured at the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in Portsmouth, Virginia. Included in the series of sports related art were many paintings of children and amateur athletes.



Man with a Blue Guitar
Plays Greensleaves
24x18



Driftwood on the Beach – 24x36



Red Dancers – 30x40

Membership & Social Committees

Michael Remy, Chairman

GREAT News! Our Board of Directors has approved our new 2020 Membership Campaign. Although similar in structure to last year's drive, we've added additional incentives for both new and prospective members. Please see our promotion on the next page).

As noted, if you are a tennis member, this is a terrific time to move to a higher membership category without

incurring any additional initiation fees. (Tennis members who move to a Social or Athletic membership will be required to purchase stock for \$200, refundable upon resignation.)

We are really excited about these incentives, so please invite your potential new members to "Experience the excellence, tradition and beauty of James River Country Club!"

Welcome, New Member!

MR. DILLON FOXX

Mr. Dillon Foxx and his wife, Dr. Suzanne Foxx, join us as Athletic members.

Sponsors: Mr. Kevin O'Connor and Mr. Stephen Ferguson

Welcome, New Tennis Member!

MRS. KAREN SPAULDING

Mrs. Karen Spaulding joins us as a tennis member.

Sponsors: Mr. John Holt and Mr. Robert Phillips

In Memoriam

Mr. William M. Westerman, Jr.

Member of the Month—Mr. James Diggs

Our February Member of the Month, Mr. James Diggs, shares the spotlight with his wife, Mary, and their two special companions, River, their beloved 13-year-old golden retriever and Rambunctious Roxy, their two-year-old labradoodle. James has worked in the defense industry for over 40 years and is currently Senior Vice President, COO of ISHPI Technologies. Golf plays a major role in James' leisure time. Currently, he is "The Commissioner" of JRCC's Saturday Morning Evite Group, the Club's largest golf group. While James plays golf, Mary loves James River's pools in the summer months! Both James and Mary enjoy many of the Club's social events throughout the year, dining in the River Room and, of course, the entertaining Acoustic Thursdays. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Diggs, for being part of the James River family and supporting your Club!



Sigmon Taylor Photography | www.sigmontaylor.com



2020 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Experience the excellence, tradition and beauty of James River Country Club!

Below is a table of revised initiation fees that will be in effect from February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

Note: initiation fee must be paid in full at time of signing to receive reduced rate.

Bring friends and relatives and let the Club sell itself!

OUR GOAL IS 50 NEW MEMBERS BY THE END OF JUNE 2020

We will achieve this goal through:

- Reduced initiation fees for all new members
- Credit incentives for new members and sponsoring members
- Offering prizes for the top three sponsors of new members

DETAILS OF OUR 2020 SPRING MEMBERSHIP REWARDS

PRIMARY SPONSORS of a new member receive **10** points.

SECONDARY SPONSORS of a new member receive **5** points.

FIRST PLACE (most points) receives one year **FREE** of all dues and fees

SECOND PLACE receives six months **FREE** of all dues and fees

THIRD PLACE receives three months **FREE** of all dues and fees

PRIMARY SPONSORS receive **10%** of the new member's initiation fee in food/beverage credit

Type of Membership	A Over 40	D 30-39	F Under 30
Athletic or Social	\$3500 \$2625	\$2000 \$1875	\$500 \$375
Out-of-town or Extended OOT	\$2000 \$1500	\$1850 \$937	\$500 \$375
Military or Divorced Spouse	\$1000 \$750	\$750 \$562	\$500 \$375

IN ADDITION TO REDUCED INITIATION FEES, NEW MEMBERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE:

- **\$800 in Food & Beverage Credits** to be used over four consecutive months from the time of joining (*up to \$200/month—no carrying over of credits please*)
- **NO dues and fees during the months of February, March and April** for those that take immediate advantage of this great opportunity!

We're offering tennis or social members the option to move into a higher classification of membership without paying any additional initiation fees. (*Note: tennis members who move to social or athletic memberships will need to purchase refundable stock for \$200.*)

This membership campaign offers so much opportunity for new and existing members. Please take advantage and invite your guests to enjoy the many programs and activities that James River Country Club has to offer.

Membership Matters! Thank you for your support!



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Upcoming Events



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

February 2, 2020

5:30 p.m. PREGAME | 6:30 p.m. KICKOFF



Saturday, February 15, 2020

Music provided by the five-piece Band



To make your reservations, please call Cynara at 757-595-3327, ext. 0, or send an e-mail to: cynara@jamesrivercountryclub.com
by NOON on Friday, February 14, 2020.

Tables will be set up as reservations are made. Cancellations required 24 hours prior to the event to avoid billing.

Pre-Fixe Menu from
Executive Chef André Ebert

\$65++ per person

Greeting:

6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres & Champagne Social

Main Event:

6:45 p.m. Dinner & Dancing

First Course:

Frisee and Red Oak Leaf Salad

avocado, citrus, strawberries, feta cheese, citrus herb dressing

Appetizer:

House Made Sautéed Potato Gnocchi

confit duck leg, roasted grapes, kombucha squash, sherry jus

Intermezzo:

Champagne Sorbet

lemon and lime sorbet topped with champagne

Entrée Duo:

Surf and Turf

*5 oz. Tenderloin of Beef and Two Lobster Claws
scalloped potato, grilled asparagus, charred onion,
brandy demi-glace*

Dessert:

Raspberry Napoleon

dark chocolate sauce

...and Red Long-stem Roses for the Ladies!

OPEN TO THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE – With our cabaret-style venue, table space is limited.

Upcoming Events

YOU'RE INVITED

Join Tarnished Truth Distilling Co. Mixologist Katie Keane and Chef André Ebert for a very special evening of featured cocktails and small tapas plates.



FEBRUARY 21, 2020 | 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. | HUNTINGTON LOUNGE



ABOUT TARNISHED TRUTH DISTILLING CO.

Founded by two Virginia natives in 2013, Tarnished Truth Distilling Co. is an artisan craft distillery operating inside the Historic Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach. The company offers a portfolio of six great tasting spirits, including a 3-year high-rye bourbon, our 11-year Old Cavalier straight bourbon, and Old Cavalier Bourbon Cream. The distillery is open for tours and tastings every Thursday through Sunday.

TarnishedTruth.com

Upcoming Events



CARPET CLASSIC

*Joint Club Indoor Putting Tournament
Hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Norfolk Yacht & Country Club

Join us for NYCC's first ever Carpet Classic, a fun putting tournament throughout the Norfolk Yacht clubhouse. Play a few holes, grab a drink, eat a bite, and play some more!

Bring your own putter or request one from NYCC. Fun golf attire is suggested!

Families welcome!
Compete for Men's, Women's, and Children's champion prizes.

• COST •

\$20++ for adults; \$10++ for kids;
Free for ages 4 and under
(cost includes food)

RSVP TO NORFOLK YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB
Call (757) 423-4500 or Email reservations@norfolkyacht.com





PICKLEBALL & PIZZA FAMILY MIXER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
6-8PM



ADULTS - \$10
KIDS - \$5



RSVP TO BRIAN - 757-814-5019



A Note from the Pro

Jeremy K. Franks, PGA

It is with great honor that I announce to you that our very own Wayne Jackson and former member Wynsol Spencer will be inducted into the Virginia State Golf Association Hall of Fame, Class of 2020. Both men had amazing amateurs' careers.

Wayne Jackson won the VSGA Amateur in 1957 and 1966. He also won the inaugural VSGA Mid-Amateur in 1977. He appeared in six US Amateurs and the 1963 US Open. Wynsol Spencer won the VSGA Amateur five times, won the Valentine and Belle Haven Invitational and two state high school championships. He reached the round of 16 in the US Amateur and was runner up in the North and South Amateur. For a complete list of accomplishments and to read more about these amazing golfers, pick up the January/February addition of Virginia Golfer magazine. Congratulations to both of these men. Mr. Jackson, we hope to congratulate you in person next time you're at the Club.

The golf season calendar is in its final draft and will be posted in the March newsletter. If you have any questions about the 2020 event schedule, please contact the golf shop as most of the calendar is complete. We have quite a few amazing events scheduled and could not be more excited to continue the momentum from last season.

These events are run by the annual tournament fund. The more participation we have, the better these events can be. Please consider playing in this popular tournament program.

Ladies' Golf continues to grow at JRCC. This past season we had 67 ladies join our Ladies' Golf League, the most since 2011. As we strive to get more ladies on the course, we have developed three programs for all skill levels:

1) **The 3-Hole Club**, Tuesdays at 9:05 a.m., is an on course instructional program that teaches our lady golfers every detail of getting on the course from checking into the golf shop to learning how to play holes, rules, course and time management.

2) **The 10:20 Club**, Thursdays at 10:20 a.m., is a way for ladies to play in a fun and relaxed golf setting playing as many or as few holes as time and patience allows.

3) **League Play**, Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m./spring and fall, 8:30 a.m./summer, is a competitive golf opportunity with three divisions:

1. **18 Holvers**, 100% handicap
2. **9 Holvers**, 100% handicap and
3. **Medallion** (70 years of age or older, 100%).

We will also be providing group instruction for all ladies of the Club. Those who join the league will get clinic instruction at a reduced rate. If you interested in socializing with a great group of ladies, learning the game of golf or playing competitive golf, this is a perfect fit for you.

Health and Wellness is a big part of the golf operation at JRCC. Golf is a

low impact exercise that can be played at any age. To keep you fit for golf, we have developed a fitness plan. George Gori from Fit Bodies and I are providing two group fitness classes on Wednesdays from February 12 - March 4, 10:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. The program will help strengthen you in set up, turn, impact and finish. The four pivotal points in the golf swing. If you have any questions regarding this Golf Fit Program, please contact me in the golf shop. The fee for the course is \$80.

The Simulator has been a huge success this off season. Fittings, golf instruction and league play are great opportunities to get your golf game ready for 2020. It's not too late to join the JRCC Simulator League. If you want to participate, contact the golf shop and we will provide the instruction you need to play. The cost is \$100 and provides you with rounds at St. Andrews, Spyglass, Spanish Bay and Pebble Beach!

The JRCC Trip to Northern Ireland is August 3-10. If you have interest in playing four of the top 100 courses in the world for an amazing price, please join us. We have eight spots left! Contact the Golf Pro Shop for addition information.

Stay in the know this year. Watch video updates on the Club's Facebook page. Instructional tips, course conditions and the Care for the Course video series will be available regularly. Golf Update Weekly comes to you by e-mail every Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. If you are not currently receiving the Club e-mails about upcoming events, please contact Cynara Colbert at 757-595-3327, ext. 0. We don't want anyone to miss out on all the golf program has to offer. Thanks for making 2019 and unbelievable year!



Photos by Jeremy Franks

Golf & Grounds Maintenance Report

Rob Wilmans, Director of Golf & Grounds Maintenance

January was an unusual (maybe unusual for Southeast Virginia) weather month with high temps ranging from the upper 70's to lower 30's. The bermuda is not sure if spring or winter has arrived. Fairways started greening back up in the middle of the month, but colder weather charging in again put the grass back to bed until spring arrives. From a maintenance standpoint we need the turf to go completely dormant so we can make our application of summer weed pre-emergent. The herbicide can do damage to green turf and will certainly delay the green up in the spring if any green leaf material is present when the application is made.

We continue to run the deep tine aerator throughout the entire course in an effort to break up the clay soil we have and to create channels for water

to move into the soil, helping to dry out the top layer. In conjunction with this project we are locating all irrigation heads, valves and quick couplers so they can be edged and accessible going into the 2020 season.

We have switched over to raking the edges of the bunkers in the winter months instead of smoothing them as we have been doing since the new bunkers went in. Not turning the sand over very often has started to create a problem with algae growing in the sand causing it to lose some its whiteness. Exposing more of the sand to the sun by raking the edges will help to combat this problem. Because the sand does pack so well preventing balls from plugging it also tends to hold some moisture leading to an environment conducive to algal growth. If we continue having trouble,

there are other ways to attack the problem.

The last week of January I will be in Orlando for the annual Golf Industry Show. This meeting of superintendents, educators and industry partners provides a platform to learn, network and submerge yourself in all things golf maintenance. For a turf geek like myself it is a great way to spend four days in the off-season, fine tuning both our agronomic programs and our human resource management programs. As one of my educational blocks I will be going on a field trip to Bay Hill Lodge to tour the maintenance facility and interact with their maintenance crew. I always learn something new on a shop tour and love seeing how everyone else does it. If you are not moving forward, you are falling behind!



FEBRUARY CLUB EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Night Supper Club February 2 – SUPER BOWL MENU at 5:30 p.m. There will be no à la carte dinner service this evening. February 9–Russian Beef Borscht potato, carrot, onion, beet, caraway dill sour cream February 16 – Blackened Fish Tacos black bean pico de gallo, pickled cabbage, chorizo dirty rice February 23 – Chicken Parmesan capellini, marinara, mozzarella cheese SPECIAL AS NOTED OR CHEF'S CHOICE. All entrées include our Gourmet Soup & Salad Bar, rolls, butter & dessert of the day. \$14.95 Available 5:30-8:30 p.m. Come early while selections last.		HAPPY HOUR TUESDAY-SATURDAY ~ TUESDAY - SUNDAY ~ The Huntington Lounge opens for lunch with the River Room. \$7.95 Soup & Salad Bar (DURING DINNER HOURS)				Cardio Tennis 1 10:30-11:30 a.m. 1/2 Price Wine Bottle Birthday Night Saturday Night SPECIALS
 2 Groundhog Day SUPER BOWL PARTY! No à la carte dinner service this evening	3 CLUB CLOSED	4  Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	5	BREAKFAST CLUB 8:00 a.m. 6  PICKLEBALL, PIZZA & Family Mixer! ~ PICNIC BASKETS ~ ACOUSTIC THURSDAY 6:00-9:00	PRO PLAY 12:30 p.m. 7	Cardio Tennis 8 10:30-11:30 a.m. 1/2 Price Wine Bottle (for most wine selections) with purchase of two entrées Birthday Night Birthday person's entrée 1/2 price plus compl. dessert Saturday Night SPECIALS
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