



JANUARY 2020

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President's Report

John R. Lawson II

As the new decade rolls in, I am happy to report that your Club is in very good shape and looking to an even better future. Significant improvement in new member development, retention and returning members is where it starts and the results were impressive. This year we rebuilt the bunkers, built a new Golf Pro Shop, a new Golf Simulator, rebuilt the 10th Tee rest facility, built a new Fitness Center, new men's locker room restrooms and saw many landscape and clubhouse enhancements.

Banquets, dining and business functions were plentiful this fall and our Food and Beverage team is really on top of their game! We have great momentum heading into the New Year but our overall plan and goals are not complete. Future projects include a new pier, wine

tasting room, parlor renovations, Phase II of the Fitness Center and many other upgrades to our classic clubhouse.

The most notable change is to our Membership where many young, new members and their families enjoy new friendships while long time members make JRCC one of their top selections for a nice, relaxing and enjoyable day or evening.

We have a privilege and responsibility to be the guardian of a classic Country Club, the oldest Golf Museum in the world, and generations of fond memories of those who came before us. We are committed to continuous improvement.

Happy New Year—you make our job a true pleasure!



Around the Club



The Manager's Desk

Conrad C. Lickel, General Manager/COO

December proved to be a Club record in catering food and beverage revenues deriving solely on holiday parties—the majority rebooking already for 2020! Thank you to all the members who entrusted us with their special events! It was a wonderful month of excitement and holiday spirit.

Once again Marni Longacre and team did a fabulous job in creating a winter wonderland at JRCC. We all look forward to a fantastic 2020 and wish you and yours a healthy and prosperous New Year!



One of the regulars!

Photo by Mr. Conrad Lickel

Employee of the Month

Report by Daniel Soehren, PGA

JOHN WHITE

John White was promoted this past summer to our Golf Shop Manager role and has been a great addition to our full-time team! John has been a team member at James River for over seven years, and we are excited about the contributions he has made to the golf operation thus far! His continued growth and development in the golf business and commitment to serving our membership day-in and day-out has been on full display and we are grateful to have him as a part of the JRCC Family!



Save the Date

Friday, February 14, 2020
Check your e-mails for
Valentine's Dinner at the Club!

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

Special Acoustic Thursday,
December 26,
with The Whiskey Rebellion



EXTENDED THROUGH JANUARY

Dorothy Fagan

At seven, Dorothy Fagan knew she would be an artist. When the nuns handed her a box of colored chalks, she painted a picture of the Virgin Mary on the blackboard. As a young mother, she sent her delicate, pastel landscapes off to international exhibitions at Pastel Society of America, Pastel Society of Canada, Copley Society, and the National Arts Club, while she did the twins' diapers.

After an attacker threatened her life, she lost her ability to paint the abstract landscapes that won her international recognition. In search of a new reality, she began painting en plein air. Her incredible journey home took her to France, where she discovered the healing spectral colors, unleashing her energetic calligraphy, paralyzed in the assault.

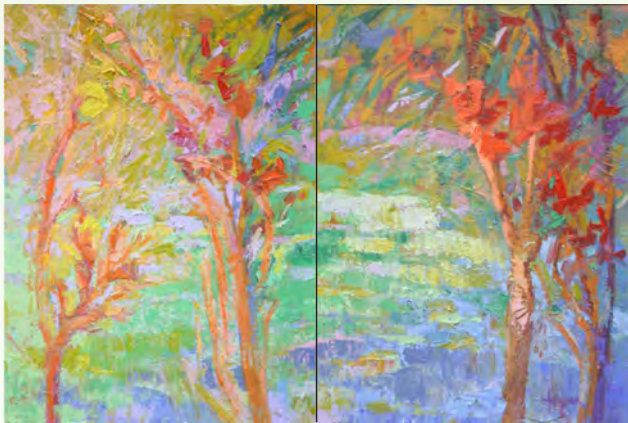
Dorothy's colorful pastels, oil paintings, mixed media, and fiber art stand apart in international collections including; Musee de La Grande Vigne, Dinan, France, Boston Children's Hospital, U Mass. Memorial Research Center, City University of New York, and Longwood University Art Museum.

Studying oil painting and watercolors as a child, Dorothy completed her B.F.A. in Printmaking and Painting at East Carolina University in 1974. In a ten-year Master Painting Mentorship, Robert Bowers Mayo guided Dorothy to look inside herself in painting from her heart, helping her to heal with heart colors. During her residency in France, she further developed her Color Prowess Palette, six colors aligned with the chakras.

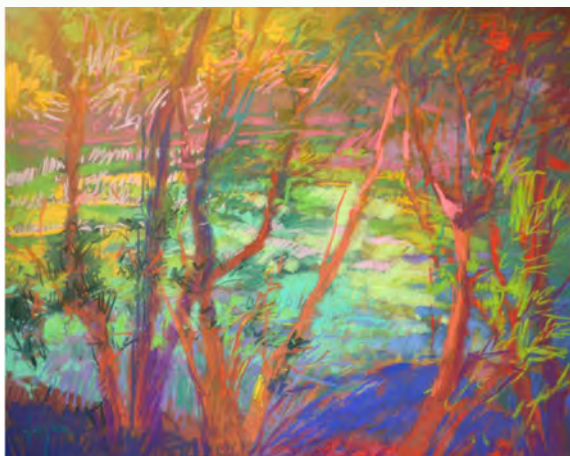


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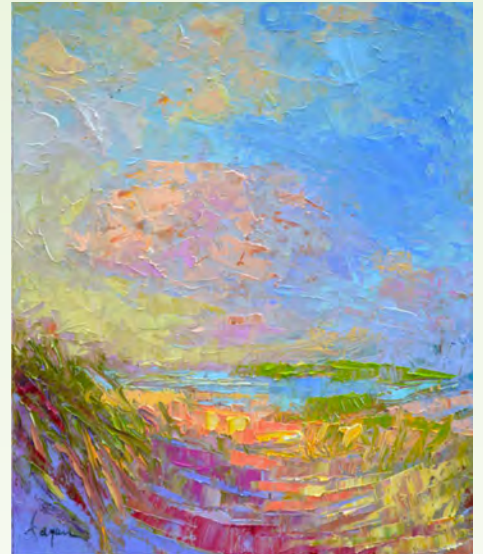
Thursday, January 9
5:00-6:00 p.m.



Coming Home | Oil | \$5,200



River Tapestry | Pastel | \$2,600



Walk with Me | Oil | \$2,500



New Morning | Pastel | \$900

Member News

Membership & Social Committees

Michael Remy, Chairman



Happy New Year!

To those of you who haven't met me...I've been a member here for almost three years. My wife, Danielle, and I both work for Keller Williams and know the area very well. We've enjoyed the Club and all of the new social events over the past year! I am so excited to continue our membership growth. We have some new committee members and some fresh ideas for 2020. If you have any friends or family who are interested in joining the Club, please reach out to me or Jen Hicks. We'd love to share all the new and exciting changes that have happened here at JRCC. Cheers to a great year and I look forward to seeing you all around the Club!

Welcome, New Member!

DR. JAMES SPILLER

Dr. James Spiller and his wife, Lisa, join us as Athletic Members. Sponsors: Dr. Chip Trieshmann and Mr. Mark Sarrett

In Memoriam

Mr. Jeffrey L. Mendelsohn

Member of the Month—Pete Paine

January's Member of the Month is Pete Paine. Mr. Paine is a retired financial consultant, and his wife, Stephanie, is an attorney for the Virginia Court of Appeals. He and his wife are recent empty nesters. Their son, Stuart, is a first-year student at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Paine, who has played golf at JRCC since the 1970s, is a former Golf Committee Chair and Member-Guest Chair. "I'm most proud of the member-guest tournaments I ran with the help of Deck Hankins. We had larger budgets back then thanks to the sales of raffle tickets and generous donations from area businesses. The winner would go on to play in the 'BMW CUP'; a global event, thanks to Casey BMW. We always had a theme. One year our theme was 'Smokey Moe's Cafe, combining the name of our then general manager with a well-known Broadway play. The staff all wore Smokey Moe's T-shirts, and even the cups and napkins carried the Smokey Moe's logo. We had 'ice luges' for drinks, a six-foot flaming Baked Alaska, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a great band. Each year, I don't know who was more excited: the JRCC staff or the golfers. We started so many of the traditions that

are still carried on today. By 7:00 a.m. on sign-up day, we would have seventy to eighty people waiting in line for sixty spots. Members would often send proxies just to stand in line. The three days were very high energy."

For years, Mr. Paine enjoyed his regular foursome with Lou Taylor, Mike Piland, and Jerry Jackson. Today, Mr. Paine's foursome includes Rex Davis, Nelson Cutler, and Chuck "Wingi" Wingfield. After knee and hip replacements, Mr. Paine will be the only one riding in a cart.

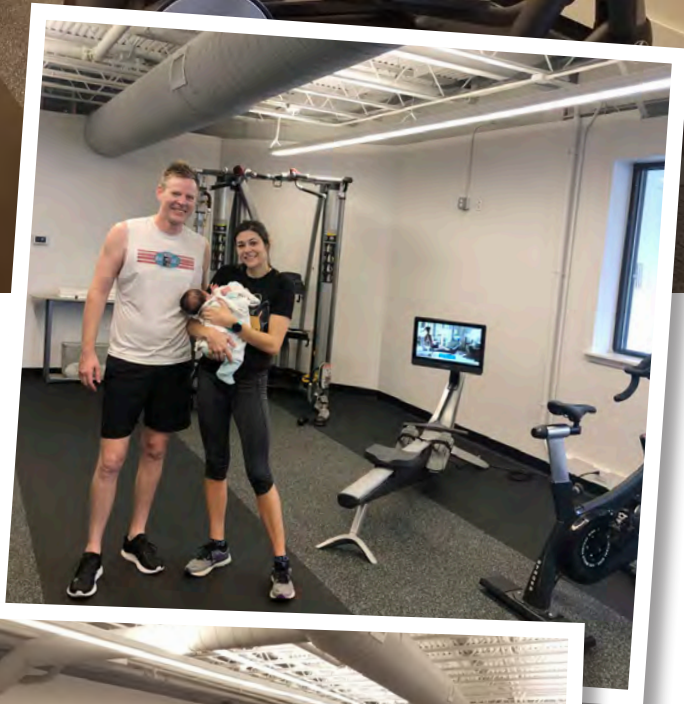
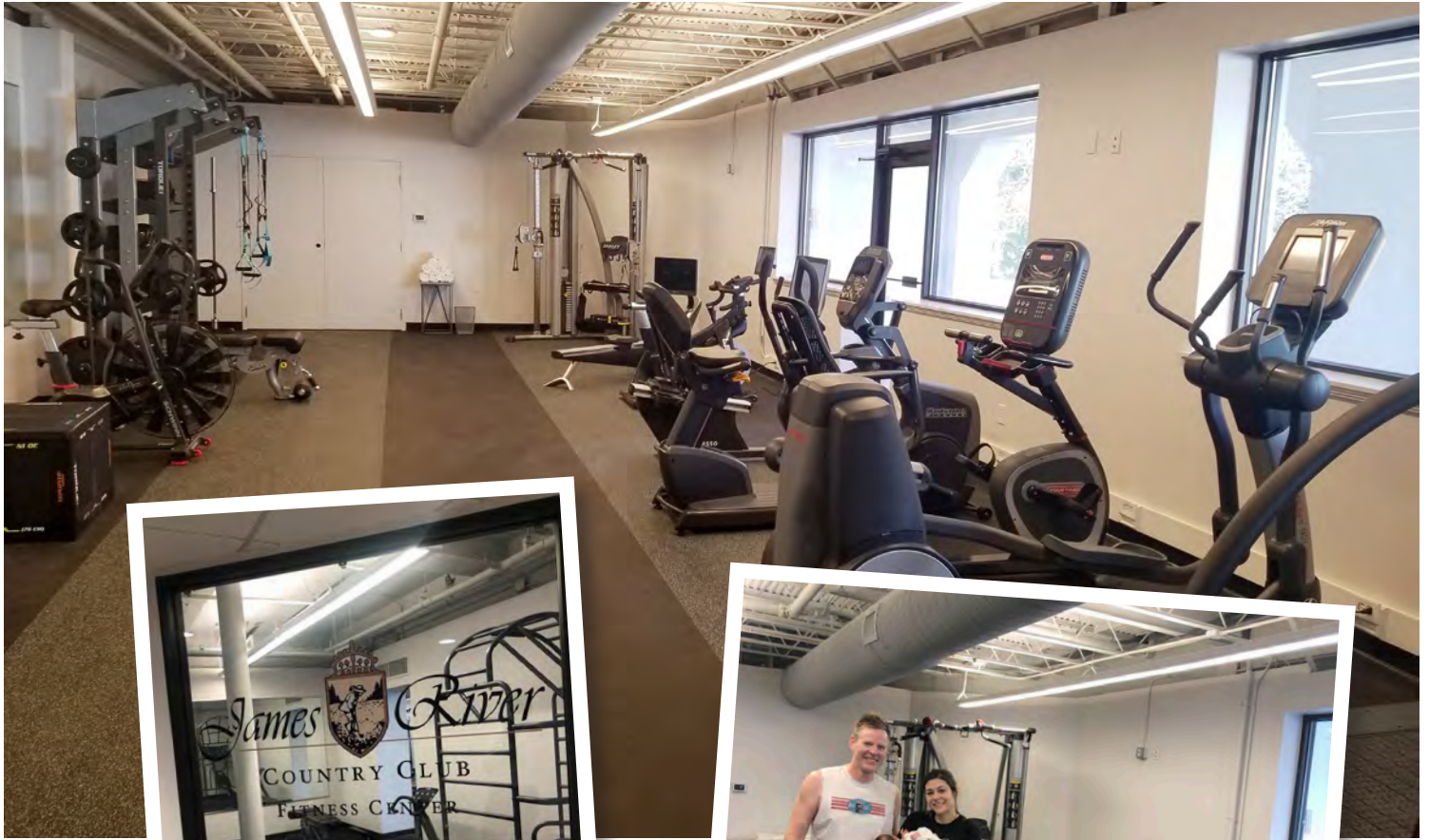
Currently, Mr. Paine has taken up some creative projects in his retirement—some JRCC projects! In addition to his recent JRCC YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/-J7tpgtVcNA>, showcasing JRCC's



outstanding golf course and current improvements, Pete was on a mission to somehow preserve JRCC's beloved old oak tree that has been part of the JRCC landscape and in the hearts of members for so many years. His first woodworking project is a beautiful tribute to the grand old oak, as shown to the left. Thank you, Mr. Paine, for your dedication to the Club and for your artistic way of preserving the history of JRCC for current and future members. We would also like to extend a big thank you to your wife and son for sharing you with us!

Club Event Snapshots

The Fitness Center Grand Opening—Tuesday, December 3



Club Event Snapshots

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party—Thursday, December 19, 2019



Christmas Eve Tennis-CHENNIS! Tuesday, December 24, 2019



Pickleball

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Pickleball was a tremendous success!



A Note from the Pro

Jeremy K. Franks, PGA

The Christmas Holiday was a busy time for the Club. Parties filled every room, the golf course remained active and the Simulator Room and Fitness Center provided a great escape for those not wanting to brave the cold. Our goal is to provide all members with off-season opportunities! Read on for new options the Club has to offer with our new capital projects. We are poised for growth leading up to our 2032 centennial year.

The **Fitness Center** is fully operational and has been well received by all who have participated this past month. During the winter months the fitness center's hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The team at Fit Bodies will be providing free consultations on the equipment and available to help you get connected to the programs that are currently in the planning stages. The hours of the staff will be:

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

As always, we value your input. Please feel free to give us your feedback on your experiences in the Fitness Center.

The Golf Pro Shop Simulator Room is up and running. It has been a special blessing to be able to provide a new golf experience this past month as the weather has been below average. The golf staff is promoting its first **Winter Simulator League**. This will be an individual stroke play net event. The league will start in mid-January and participants will have two weeks to complete each stage.

- Winter Simulator League, January – March
- Format: 100% Handicap, Individual Stroke Play with a Match Play Finale
- Cost: \$100, includes 4 Hours in the Pro Shop Simulator & Prizes
- Play St. Andrews Old Course, Pebble Beach, Spanish Bay & Spyglass
- Winners will be announced in the Club Newsletter

For those who prefer to experience simulator golf in a non-competitive environment, contact the golf shop to book an orientation with the professional staff. The facility is open for individuals and groups up to four players. We are also in the process of training the Club managers on how to operate the simulator for those who like after hours golf opportunities! The Simulator Room is also open for parties! If you

would like to host an event in the Simulator Room, please contact the golf staff and we will help you plan with Kristin Bremer, Director of Banquets and Special Events.

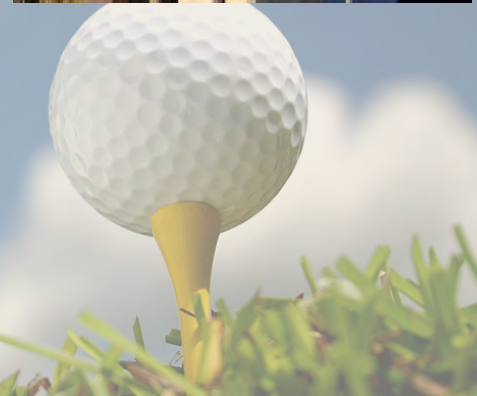
The **2020 JRCC Golf Tournament Schedule** is just about complete. If you have any questions regarding specific dates, please contact the golf shop. Below is the planned dates for some of our major events for men and women.

- Men's Opening Day, April 11
- Ladies' Opening Day, April 28
- Men's Member-Member, May 2-3
- Ladies' Member-Member, May 12
- Ladies' Member-Guest, June 9
- Men's Member-Guest, June 25-27
- Club Championship, August 21-23

Finally, we have six more spots for the JRCC Club trip to Northern Ireland, August 3-10. Please let me know if you have interest ASAP! Happy New Year!



Pro Play Friday



Golf & Grounds Maintenance Report

Rob Wilmans, Director of Golf & Grounds Maintenance

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and are gearing up for an awesome 2020! In the golf and grounds maintenance department we are now looking past the successful year we had in 2019 and working toward fine tuning our programs for an even better 2020. The late and wet leaf season this year was really the only disappointing part of the past year. The golf course stayed wet for an extended period of time making it difficult to get the leaves under control—probably the worst of the five years that I have been here. On days we could get out and work on them, the staff crushed it and

did a thorough job of cleanup. As the course dries out, we will continue to deep aerate in an effort to move the water off of the surface and down into the clay soil below. We have already worked on #9 and some of #6. We will be doing some dormant sod work this winter on bare areas as well as installing some drains in our chronically wet areas. Normal cutting back of the landscape material, brush clearing and some tree trimming are also on the slate for this winter. We look forward to making JRCC even better in 2020!

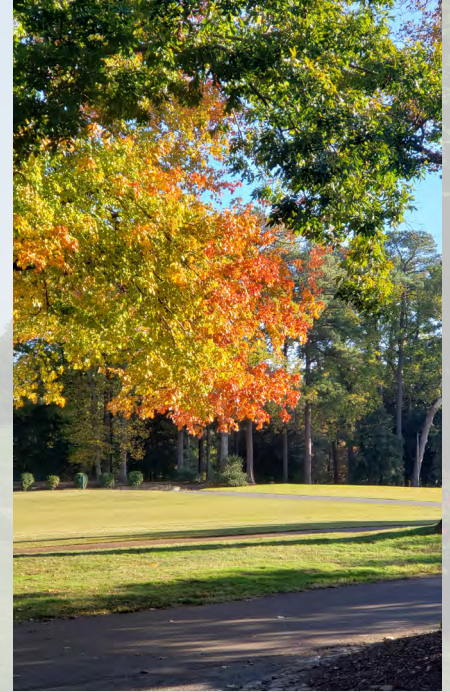


Photo by Sean Gilmore



Ladies' Christmas Golf Luncheon—December 3, 2019

JANUARY CLUB EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Night Supper Club January 5-Rosemary Roasted Chicken with garlic sautéed carrots, redskin potato, and chicken volute January 12-Pan Seared Salmon roasted asparagus, mashed potato, honey mustard glaze January 19-Garlic Sautéed Shrimp over capellini with sautéed spinach and pink Alfredo January 26-Beef Lasagna SPECIAL AS NOTED OR CHEF'S CHOICE. All entrées include our Gourmet Soup & Salad Bar, rolls, butter & dessert of the day. \$14.95 Available 5:00-8:00 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)	1 Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. CLUBHOUSE CLOSED Happy New Year!	2 Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. ~ PICNIC BASKET ACTION STATION ~ Full Baskets or 50/50 Baskets with Gourmet Soup & Salad Bar ACOUSTIC THURSDAY 6:00-9:00	3 PRO PLAY 12:30 p.m. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres CARVING STATION	4 Cardio Tennis 10:30-11:30 a.m. Pickleball at the courts! 1:00-4:00 p.m. 1/2 Price Wine Bottle Birthday Night Saturday Night SPECIALS
OMELET STATION \$9 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5 Sunday Night Supper Club	6 CLUB CLOSED	7 Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. \$6 Burger Night	8 Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. PASTABILITIES with Gourmet Soup & Salad Bar	9 Book Signing w/Artist Dorothy Fagan 5:00-6:00 p.m. ACOUSTIC THURSDAY	10 PRO PLAY 12:30 p.m. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres Friday Night CARVING STATION & ACTION STATION	11 Cardio Tennis 10:30-11:30 a.m. Pickleball at the courts! 1:00-4:00 p.m. 1/2 Price Wine Bottle Birthday Night Saturday Night SPECIALS
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