



MARCH 2020

**James River Country Club**

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Newport News, VA 23606

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**President's Report**

Jeffrey C. Verhoef

Great experiences continue to happen at JRCC! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the President of JRCC for the next two years. I can assure you that your new Board of Directors is committed to maintaining the momentum established under the leadership of John Lawson. We aim to make JRCC a place where every member consistently has an outstanding experience. Please take the time to personally thank Mr. Lawson for his leadership over the past two years and his vision and commitment to installing a culture of excellence and continuous improvements.

In early 2018, after several months of planning, the JRCC membership approved the ambitious capital investment program referred to as the "Centennial Plan." The objective was to invest in and enhance our facilities and programs to set the foundation for great membership experiences and growth. At this year's Annual Meeting on February 17, 2020, Mr. Lawson provided an update that included an impressive list of accomplishments related directly to the implementation of the Centennial Plan. There were too many accomplishments to list all of them here, but major projects and upgrades included indoor tennis, almost every structure, new bunkers on the golf course, a "backyard" and beach

overhaul, Golf Pro Shop relocation and enhancements and, most recently, the state-of-the-art fitness center. A special thanks to all the staff and our members who have contributed to bringing our Centennial Plan through the first stages of completion in record time. Rest assured, we will not stop and will continue to pursue the projects and improvements identified in the Centennial Plan. Note that the new group fitness room is under construction and planning for a new pier is complete and ready to break ground this spring.

All the service and facility improvements and the great work of our Membership Committee have had an incredible impact on membership growth. The net gain of 42 members in 2019 supports our vision for the future. Please take the time to look at our new Membership Campaign materials and help us bring in great people for a great experience.

It's your Club...use it! It is great to see the high utilization of our dining room, Huntington Lounge, fitness center, tennis courts, and golf course. A reminder that reservations in the dining room are critical to helping us deliver outstanding food and beverage services. Anxiously looking forward to a great spring and continued growth at JRCC.



# The Manager's Desk

Conrad C. Lickel, General Manager/COO

## Important Membership Benefits

James River Country Club and Norfolk Yacht & Country Club have partnered together to create a full comprehensive reciprocity program. Members from both clubs have membership privileges with each other. This is a great benefit to the entire JRCC and NYCC membership families. Details are shown below.

### Norfolk Yacht & Country Club/ James River Country Club Reciprocal Privileges ~ 2020

Activity	Participant	NYCC use of JRCC Facilities			JRCC use of NYCC Facilities
		18 Holes	9 Holes	Unlimited	
Golf	Member	\$55	\$33	Primary member & dependents under 23: \$1,200/yr. Spouse: \$480/yr.	N/A
	Guest	\$77	\$42		
	Cart	\$24	\$15		
	Practice Range	No charge			
	Golf Simulator	\$20/hr.			
	Guest Limits	4 times/yr. per individual guest			
	Tennis (Outdoor)	Member	No Fees or limitations		
Guest (Adult)					\$10
Guest (Youth)		\$10/person			\$5
Guest (Family)					\$20
Tennis (Indoor)	Member Singles	\$28/hr. for the court			1 ½ hrs. \$37.50 - \$45
	Member Doubles	\$32/hr. for the court			2 hrs. \$50 - \$60
	Guest	\$10			\$10
Pools	Member	No Fees or limitations			No fees or limitations
	Guest (Adult)				\$10
	Guest (Youth)	\$5/person			\$5
	Guest (Family)				\$20
Boat Slips	Day or First Night				1 <sup>st</sup> Night Free, once per qtr.
	Added Stay	N/A			\$1.50/ft. per day
	Annual Lease				\$5.25/ft. per month
Squash	Member				No fees; sign up within 48 hours
	Guest (Adult)	N/A			\$10
	Guest (Youth)				\$5
	Guest (Family)				\$20
Fitness Center	Member				No fees or limitations
	Guest (Adult)	Available to NYCC members and their families			\$10
	Guest (Youth)				\$5
	Guest (Family)				\$20
Clubhouse		18% gratuity added on all food & beverages			18% gratuity added on all food & beverages
Social Events		Costs as advertised			Costs as advertised
Lodging	Thursday- Saturday	N/A			\$120 - \$140/night
	Sunday-Wednesday	N/A			\$99 - \$119/night
Billing		Signing privileges; all charges posted to NYCC account (guests may use credit card)			Signing privileges; all charges posted to JRCC account

## Employee of the Month

Report by Rob Wilmans, Director of Golf & Grounds Maintenance

### THOMAS McCHRISTAL

Tom McChrystal started working at James River Country Club in April of 2019. In a short period of time, we quickly knew Tom was going to be a valuable addition to the golf maintenance team. His ability to master all his job tasks combined with his enthusiasm and eagerness to learn solidifies his future at JRCC. When the position of assistant superintendent became available in December of 2019, Tom applied for and was chosen for the position. Tom moved to Virginia in 2018 from Cleveland, Ohio, with his wife, Stacey. When he is not working, Tom enjoys golfing, paddle boarding with Stacey, and walking and playing fetch with his dog, Rex. Tom has embraced the added responsibility of his new position and has even started taking classes to obtain his turfgrass degree. If you see him on the course, please say, "Hello!"



**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



## FEATURED ARTIST FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH



Recently Gloria shared more of her inspirational background with Conrad.

### **A long time ago, I thought I would be a portrait painter.**

Fortunately for me I quickly realized that while playing at being a human camera was not satisfying, I did enjoy painting figures so long as the emphasis was on what they were doing. I started with JoAnn Falletta in the act of conducting the Virginia Symphony. Pre-digital cameras without flash resulted in blurred movement of arm and baton—this launching many series of people in motion.

One of the series is sports. Even though I am not a golfer or tennis player or sailor, I can produce art which I believe adds emotion to the motion even while realistic detail is sacrificed. So, if a client is interested and has done some usable photo reference material, I can certainly accommodate. Ernie Els owns a golfer painting, violinist Michael Ludwig and cellist Janet Kriner as well as JoAnn Falletta. I have also painted many children playing soccer, football, volleyball, etc.

## Gloria Coker

*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!

[www.gloriacokerfineart.com](http://www.gloriacokerfineart.com)

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.



Driftwood on the Beach – 24x36



Red Dancers – 30x40



Man with a Blue Guitar  
Plays Greensleaves  
24x18



# JAMES RIVER DAY CAMP

Weekly Sessions  
July 13 - August 7  
Ages 4 - 10



*9:00am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday  
Before-Care from 8:30am . After-Care until 4:30pm*

*Golf . Tennis . Swimming . Arts & Crafts  
Wacky Wednesdays . Fun with Foods  
Thankful Thursdays . STEM & More!*

*Weekly Tuition:  
Members \$205 . Guests \$240  
After-Care: \$30 Weekly  
A one-time non-refundable \$40 registration  
fee includes two camp t-shirts.*



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## Membership & Social Committees

Michael Remy, Chairman

Our membership campaign is off to a great start! Please continue to share this promotion with your friends and family. It is a terrific opportunity for extended families of JRCC to join within our continuing Legacy Program (see page 7).

We have received questions concerning family privileges.

- If you are 25 years old or younger and still reside in the Member household,

you have full membership privileges.

- If you are 25 years old or younger and serving in the armed forces, you have full membership privileges.

- If you are 25 years old or younger and pursuing continued education as a full-time student, you have full membership privileges.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you all around the Club!

## Member of the Month—Dennis P. Dalheim III

For March, our Member of the Month spotlight shines on a very familiar face at James River—Mr. Dennis P. Dalheim III! Dennis has very fond memories growing up at the Club, often accompanying his grandparents, Crosby C. and Mary Virginia Forrest.

At a very young age he was introduced to golf by longtime member, Mrs. Westa Morris. As he recalls, "It was Easter Brunch, she came to the table and asked if I wanted to learn to play golf. I replied, 'Yes!' She grabbed me by the ear, took me down to Wade Briggs and said, 'Sign this boy up for Junior Golf!'" The rest is history, he's been playing ever since.

Dennis is employed with Camping World Holdings, and while he travels extensively for them, whenever he is in town you can find him in the Huntington Lounge most evenings with his sidekicks, Mr. Dick Copeland and Mr. Sam White, among many others. He truly believes you make lifelong friends at the Club and is excited for the direction in which the Club is heading, and where it is today!

Dennis resides in Poquoson, where his family has lived for multiple generations. In his free time, he enjoys golf, fishing, traveling and spending time with his family and friends. And, of course, being at his second home, JRCC!



Sigmon Taylor Photography | www.sigmontaylor.com

## Welcome, New Member!

### MR. JEFFERY TRIMBUR

Mr. Jeffery Trimbur and his wife, Joanne, have joined us as Athletic Members.

*Sponsors: Mr. Randall Kingsbury and Mr. Edward P. Maroney*

### MRS. SHARON LAMB

Mrs. Sharon Lamb and her family join us as Social Members.

*Sponsors: Mr. Robert Wharton and Mr. Michael Remy*

### MRS. CHRISTY WILLIAMS

Mrs. Cristy Williams and her husband, Jeffrey, join us as Social Members.

*Sponsors: Mr. Stephen Ferguson and Mr. Michael Remy*

### MR. MARK DUNCAN

Mr. Mark Duncan and his wife, Heather, join us as Athletic Members.

*Sponsors: Mr. Jeffrey D. Ellington and Mr. Trevor A. Manning*

## In Memoriam

**Mrs. Virginia J. O'Donnell**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**





# 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 <b>\$2625</b>	\$2500 <b>\$1875</b>	\$500 <b>\$375</b>
Out-of-town or Extended OOT	\$2000 <b>\$1500</b>	\$1250 <b>\$937</b>	\$500 <b>\$375</b>
Military or Divorced Spouse	\$1000 <b>\$750</b>	\$750 <b>\$562</b>	\$500 <b>\$375</b>

**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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**Conrad Lickel**, General Manager  
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**Jen Hicks**, Membership Director  
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# WE APPRECIATE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

*as active members and for being a part of the James River Country Club family!*



JRCC has a long standing reputation of being a Club where multiple generations of families raise their children, celebrate holidays and make memories last a lifetime. That being said, we have a unique program in place for family members to become a part of JRCC. **THE LEGACY PROGRAM** encourages our younger, potential members to join the Club and save an **ADDITIONAL 25% OFF** their initiation fees. We're currently offering lower initiation fees so combining that with a legacy discount makes this a **50% SAVINGS**.

For many, it will be a time of returning and remembering the summers spent by the pool, playing golf and tennis. For others, it will be a time starting their own family traditions. This is a perfect time for you to pass this information on, or perhaps make it a gift and continue your family legacy here at **James River Country Club**.

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Out-of-town or Extended OOT	\$2000 <b>\$1000</b>	\$1250 <b>\$625</b>	\$500 <b>\$250</b>
Military or Divorced Spouse	\$1000 <b>\$500</b>	\$750 <b>\$375</b>	\$500 <b>\$250</b>

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# Upcoming Events

## St. Patrick's Day

LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS | TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

**Potato and Leek Soup with bacon 4.50/6**

**Loaded Potato Wedges 6**  
sour cream, cheddar, bacon, scallions

**Duo of Irish Cheeses 9**  
Guinness mustard, soda bread

**\*Guinness Battered Fish & Chips 17**  
tartar sauce

**\*House Cured Corned Beef 21**  
boiled potatoes, cabbage

**\*Steak and Guinness Pie 15**

\*All entrées served with soda bread  
and include soup and salad bar

**Jameson Pot de Crème 7**



## Spring Lobsterfest

Saturday, March 21, 2020

5:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the River Room



*Reserve your LOBSTER, choice of:*

**Lazy Lobster**  
**\$35.95**

*(lobster meat removed from shell & sautéed in white wine/butter sauce)*

**Broiled**  
**\$33.95**

**Steamed**  
**\$33.95**

**Broiled/Stuffed**  
**\$39.95**

*(with crabmeat)*

**Surf & Turf**  
**\$37.95**

*(1/2 broiled lobster & 4 oz. filet mignon)*

Salad Bar ❖ Rock Salt Rolled Baked Potato ❖ Outer Banks Coleslaw ❖ Hushpuppies

Please call 595-3327, ext. 0, to make your reservations and to  
reserve your lobster BY Wednesday, the 18th of March.

Limited specials (non-shellfish) menu available for those not having lobster.

*Cancellations required 24 hours prior to the event to avoid billing.*



# Upcoming Events

## “Wine Tourism” Wine Classes

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

### March 31 ~ *Argentina’s Southern Charm*

April 28 ~ *Mediterranean Diet*

May 19 ~ *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)



## Easter Egg Hunt & Kids’ Carnival

**Saturday, April 11, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.**

**Kids’ Carnival** will feature Face Painters, Balloon Artists, Moon Bounce, Giant Slide and, of course, the Easter Bunny!

**After the Easter Egg Hunt LUNCHEON BUFFET**

**DETAILS COMING SOON!**

If you would like to make reservations early, please call Cynara at 757-595-3327, ext. 0, or send an e-mail to: [cynara@jamesrivercountryclub.com](mailto:cynara@jamesrivercountryclub.com)



## Easter Sunday Buffet Brunch

**April 12, 2020 | 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**DETAILS COMING SOON!**

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# JRCC's Men's Locker Room Makeover!



*Putting all belongings inside your locker helps us keep your Men's Locker Room looking its best!*

**THANK YOU!**



## **Fitness Rooms Policy**

1. **HOURS:** Tuesday – Sunday, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
2. **No one under the age of 15 is permitted in the exercise rooms or permitted to use the exercise equipment unless accompanied by an adult.**
3. **Use of alcohol or tobacco products in the exercise room is prohibited.**
4. **Read and follow all instructions contained on the equipment.**
5. **Please limit your workout on any piece of equipment to 30 minutes if there are others waiting.**
6. **Any member who is starting an exercise program should first consult their personal physician for a medical evaluation and advice. Do not use the equipment after the use of alcohol.**

**The fitness rooms are provided for the members of JRCC to use at their own risk. Anyone using the equipment assumes the risk of injury caused by their physical or health condition and by misuse or overuse of the equipment. Failure to observe these rules will result in revocation of the privilege to use the fitness rooms.**





## A Note from the Pro

Jeremy K. Franks, PGA

March is one of the most exciting and frustrating months of the year for golfers. As the days get longer, the Masters commercials begin broadcasting—subliminally calling us to the golf course! But so often than not, the weather does not allow for great golf this early in the season. This year we are praying for great weather to jump start the JRCC golf season. The golf calendar is attached to this newsletter and we have several social and competitive events planned.

We have a great Junior Golf initiative planned for this spring. Following on the success of Operation 36 last year we have developed a Junior Golf League JRCC Team. The Junior Team,

ages 7-17, will have instructional clinics on Wednesday evenings this spring with practice matches on Saturday afternoon. Players will be paired for practice and matches based on age and ability. The CNU Golf Team has volunteered to help with the instruction and assisting juniors with practice matches. We also are asking for parent volunteers to assist. If you and your family have interest in learning more about our spring Junior Golf plans, please e-mail me at [jfranks@jamesrivercountyclub.com](mailto:jfranks@jamesrivercountyclub.com).

Ladies' Golf has grown these past two seasons. The growth has come from the instructional aspect of the league. Our focus is three-fold: 1) teach

ladies the game of golf, 2) provide ways to get ladies comfortable playing golf on the course and, 3) develop friendships through golf. If you want to learn more about Ladies' Golf at JRCC, we are having a Ladies' League Kickoff Luncheon on March 31.

Sign-up sheets for upcoming events will be posted in the Golf Pro Shop. Keep an eye out for the Golf Update Weekly e-mail on Friday mornings. If you are not receiving the golf update e-mail, please e-mail Cynara Colbert to get your e-mail on the list, [cynara@jamesrivercountryclub.com](mailto:cynara@jamesrivercountryclub.com)!

Let's have a great golfing season!



## 10th TEE Reopens for the Weekends beginning Saturday, March 7, 2020

**Saturdays & Sundays | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

*(Inclement weather may affect these times—always check with the Golf Pro Shop before starting play.)*

## Golf & Grounds Maintenance Report

Rob Wilmans, Director of Golf & Grounds Maintenance

The end of February brought our first measurable snow event of the winter. Thankfully the roads stayed clear and the two inches that settled on the ground were beautiful to look at. Unfortunately for the golf course it was the same as another rain event in a long line of rain events that have occurred in February. Seems like every time the course finally dries out enough to get off the paths another front comes through bringing rain with it. Maybe we can get the wet weather out of the way earlier this year and enjoy some drier conditions when spring arrives.

We have been continuing the deep tine process in the breaks and only have a couple of holes left to do. There seems to be no denying that the aeration has helped to dry out the top few inches much more quickly than in the past. Fierce winds a few weeks in a row have dropped a ton of sticks, pinecones and pine straw on the property. The staff has done a great job of cleaning it up once conditions dried out enough to get the machinery out. While we wait, the maintenance compound has been getting a good cleaning, new coat of paint and lots of organization. Taking care of the equip-

ment we use and the buildings where we work is all part of protecting the Club's assets, not to mention making the work environment much more enjoyable for the team members!

As the winter winds up, we will finish up the annual clean out of landscape beds and begin the mulching process. We'll finish deep tining, repair sunken areas around catch basins, and wrap up pre-emergent applications. Spring will be here soon and another great year of golf at JRCC will begin!

# 2020 Golf Tournament Schedule

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## MARCH

30th (M) **AERIFICATION**

## APRIL

11th (Sa) **Member-Guest Sign Up, 7:00 AM**  
11th (Sa) **Men's Opening Day**, 9:00 AM SG  
12th (Su) **Men's Match Play Deadline**  
23rd (Th) **PLGA**, 9:00 AM SG  
26th (Su) **Twilight Golf**, 4:00 PM SG  
28th (T) **Ladies' Golf Opening Day**, 9:00 AM SG

## MAY

2-3rd (Sa-Su) **Men's MEMBER-MEMBER**, TT Start @ 8:00 AM  
15th (F) **One-Day Member-Guest**, 1:00 PM SG  
18th (M) **SoundScapes**, 1:00 PM SG  
21st (Th) **Ladies' Putting Championship**  
22nd (F) **One-Day Member-Guest\* ONLY**  
25th (M) **Memorial Day Sweeps**  
31st (Su) **Twilight Golf**, 4:00 PM SG

## JUNE

1st (M) **MAPGA Pro Senior-Junior**  
7th (Su) **Riverside Par for Hearts**, 1:30 PM SG  
9th (T) **Ladies' Member-Member**, 9:00 AM SG  
12-13th (F-Sa) **Springfield Matches @ SGCC**  
14th (Su) **Husband & Wife**, 18, 9 & Mixed Division\*\*\*  
16-19th (T-F) **Junior FUNdamentals Camp #1**, 9:00-11:30 AM  
23rd (T) **Ladies' Day**, 9:00 AM  
25-27th (Th-Sa) **2019 RIVER INVITATIONAL (Member-Guest)**  
30th (T) **Ladies' Day**, 9:00 AM

## JULY

4th (Sa) **Flag Tournament**  
6-7th (M-T) **USGA 119th US Amateur Qualifier**, 1:00 PM  
12th (Su) **Twilight Golf Member-Guest**, 4:00 PM SG  
21st (T) **Ladies' Member-Member**, 9:00 AM SG  
24th (F) **Junior Putting Championship**, 5:00 PM  
25th (Sa) **Family Championship**, 1:00 PM SG  
26-29th (Su-W) **VSGA Junior Championship**

**\*ALL DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

## AUGUST

15th (Sa) **DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT Championship**, 2:00 PM  
16th (Su) **Twilight Golf**, 4:00 PM SG  
21-23rd (F-Sa-Su) **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP\*\***, Championship, Senior, Super Senior, Legends, Ladies Divisions;  
**F: 1:00 PM SG; Sa/Su: TT Start @ 8:00 AM**  
29-30th (Sa-Su) **First Tee Ryder Cup**, 3:00 PM

## SEPTEMBER

4th (F) **One Day Member-Member/Member- Guest Putting Championship**  
7th (M) **AERIFICATION**  
8th (T) **VSGA One-Day**, 10:00 AM SG  
20th (Su) **Twilight Golf**, 4:00 PM  
21st (M) **Habitat for Humanity**, 9:00 AM SG  
22nd (T) **Ladies' Handicap Tournament**, 9:00 AM SG  
26th (Sa) **Law Enforcement Outing**  
28th (M) **Aces for Autism**, 10:00 AM SG  
29th (T) **Ladies' Member-Guest**, 9:00 AM

## OCTOBER

1st (Th) **Golf Museum Tournament**, 1:30 PM  
3-4th (Sa-Su) **James River Ryder Cup**, 9:00 AM SG both days  
18th (Su) **Twilight Golf**, 3:30 PM  
19th (M) **HRA**, 12:30 PM  
20th **Ladies' Invitational**, 9:00 AM SG  
23rd (F) **CNU Alumni Tournament**  
25th (Su) **Twilight Golf Member-Guest**, 3:30 PM SG  
27th (T) **Rally for the CURE**

## NOVEMBER

3rd (T) **Ladies' Turkey Shoot**  
6th (F) **Fall Finale**, 1:00 PM  
14th (Sa) **Military Appreciation Tournament**, 4:00 PM

**Mar. 1st: Sign-up Sheet Posted for Severn White Match Play Championship & Two-Person Team Net & Gross Match Play Championship**

**GREEN** Events: covered by the Tournament Fee

**RED** Events: Non-member tournaments



# Waterfront & Water Sports Committee

Joshua A. Dornan, Chairman

It's hard to believe but it is less than three months until the unofficial beginning of summer with the opening of the pool and the first swim practice for your JRCC River Ratz. With that in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce everyone to our new head swim coach, Mrs. Jihan Minson.

Mrs. Minson has been a swim coach in the Hampton Roads area since 2004. She grew up in Pennsylvania and swam for Eastern Express Swimming in Princeton, New Jersey. She attended the University of Rhode Island on a swimming and academic scholarship and received a degree in Marine Resource Development. While in college, Mrs. Minson became trained as a Site Supervisor for Swim America Lessons, a program of The American Swimming Coaches Council for Sport Development.

After finishing her undergrad program, she moved to the Hampton Roads area for graduate school. While in graduate school, Jihan was the Head Development Coach for Typhoon Aquatics before joining Coast Guard Blue

Dolphins Swimming (CGBD) in 2006. Shortly after transitioning to CGBD, Mrs. Minson became Head Development Coach and Assistant Team Office Administrator. When CGBD started Swim America Lessons, Jihan assumed the role of Site Supervisor for the program. In 2012, Mrs. Minson was awarded CGBD Coach of the Year.

Jihan worked as a Marine Biologist while coaching. Her specialty was Harp and Hooded Seal stranding research before transitioning to Educational Outreach. Mrs. Minson also coached the Marlbank Mudtoads for three summers leading them to a GPSA championship.

After taking a break from CGBD to be a stay-at-home mom, Jihan rejoined the CGBD staff in 2019, primarily with the developmental program. Jihan and her husband, Craig, have a 7-year-old daughter, Alivia Rose, and a 6-year-old son, Jameson. The Minson family lives in Carrolton with their pug, Rocky, and a Shetland sheepdog puppy, Kona. In her spare time, Jihan is the Vice Chair of Trinity Lutheran

School, Recording Secretary of the Hampton Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and is the Social Media Coordinator for Pugs U Gotta Save. Mrs. Minson enjoys baking and loves to travel.

Jihan and the boosters are diligently putting together a wonderful schedule for this upcoming summer swim season, with more information to come shortly. There is one exceptional program to which I would like to bring your attention—a formal swim lesson program. Jihan will be offering three separate two-week sessions (six 45-minute lessons per session) this summer for swimmers ranging from those just learning to put their faces in the water to those wanting to get more comfortable in deep water and put their swim strokes together. Sign up and additional information will be coming in the April newsletter, but this will be a very exciting offering to start getting your kids excited about swimming and swimming at JRCC.





# 2020 DON WATSON MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

at James River Country Club

**March 27-29**

Divisions: 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 – combined NTRP

Fee: \$80 per team\*

Sign-up at [pentennis.org](http://pentennis.org) | 757-912-0601

*\*A portion of the proceeds will go towards ALS research.*



## Pickleball Family Mixer

Thursday, February 6, 2020





# Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.



## *Event Snapshots*



Tarnished Truth SPIRITS TASTING, Fri., Feb. 21, 2020



Getting ready for Super Bowl Sunday's Game!  
Feb. 2, 2020





# MARCH CLUB EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Supper Club</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>CLUB CLOSED</b></p>	 <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday   4:30 - 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>PASTABILITIES</b> with Gourmet Soup &amp; Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>~ PICNIC BASKET ACTION STATION ~ Full Baskets or 50/50 Baskets with Gourmet Soup &amp; Salad Bar</p> <p><b>ACOUSTIC THURSDAY</b> 6:00-9:00 featuring VHS</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>PRO PLAY</b> 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres</b></p> <p><b>Friday Night CARVING STATION &amp; ACTION STATION</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Cardio Tennis</b> 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>10th TEE Reopens on Weekends 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting)</p> <p>1/2 Price Wine Bottle <b>Birthday Night</b></p> <p><b>Saturday Night SPECIALS</b></p>
 <p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b></p> <p><b>Supper Club</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>CLUB CLOSED</b></p>	 <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday   4:30 - 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Frog's Leap Wine Dinner <b>SOLD OUT!</b> Thank You!</p> <p><b>PASTABILITIES</b> with Gourmet Soup &amp; Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>ACOUSTIC THURSDAY</b> 6:00-9:00 featuring Joe Heilman</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>PRO PLAY</b> 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres</b></p> <p><b>Friday Night CARVING STATION &amp; ACTION STATION</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Cardio Tennis</b> 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>1/2 Price Wine Bottle (for most wine selections) with purchase of two entrées</p> <p><b>Birthday Night</b> Birthday person's entrée 1/2 price plus compl. dessert</p> <p><b>Saturday Night SPECIALS</b></p>
 <p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Night Supper Club</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>CLUB CLOSED</b></p>	 <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday   4:30 - 6:00 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>PASTABILITIES</b> with Gourmet Soup &amp; Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>~ PICNIC BASKETS ~</p> <p><b>ACOUSTIC THURSDAY</b> 6:00-9:00 featuring Jimmy Masters (Jazz Night!)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>PRO PLAY</b> 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres</b></p> <p><b>Friday Night CARVING STATION &amp; ACTION STATION</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Cardio Tennis</b> 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>SPRING LOBSTERFEST</b> 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Limited specials (non-shellfish) menu available for those not having lobster.</p> <p>1/2 Price Wine Bottle <b>Birthday Night</b></p>
 <p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Night Supper Club</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>CLUB CLOSED</b></p>	 <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Winter Youth Tennis Classes Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday   4:30 - 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>PASTABILITIES</b> with Gourmet Soup &amp; Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>~ PICNIC BASKETS ~</p> <p><b>ACOUSTIC THURSDAY</b> 6:00-9:00 featuring Johnny Smallwood</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>PRO PLAY</b> 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres</b></p> <p><b>Friday Night CARVING STATION &amp; ACTION STATION</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Cardio Tennis</b> 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Don Watson MIXED DOUBLES Tournament</b></p> <p>1/2 Price Wine Bottle <b>Birthday Night</b></p> <p><b>Saturday Night SPECIALS</b></p>
 <p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Don Watson MIXED DOUBLES Tournament</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Night Supper Club</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>CLUB CLOSED</b></p> <p>Golf Course Aeration</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>WINE PRO CLASS</b> 6:00-7:30 p.m. "Argentina's Southern Charm"</p> <p><b>\$6 Stir Fry Night</b></p>	<p><b>HAPPY HOUR</b> TUESDAY-SATURDAY ~ TUESDAY - SUNDAY ~ The Huntington Lounge opens for lunch with the River Room. \$7.95 Soup &amp; Salad Bar (DURING DINNER HOURS)</p>	<p><b>Sunday Night Supper Club</b></p> <p>March 1 - Lemon &amp; Herb Roasted Chicken with mashed potatoes, asparagus, chicken gravy                  March 8 - Roasted Pork Roulade with Dijon cream sauce with garlic wilted spinach and wild rice pilaf                  March 15 - Blackened Shrimp over Capellini with vegetable medley and gorgonzola Alfredo                  March 22 - Pan Roasted Salmon over white bean puree, roasted vegetables, honey lemon glaze                  March 29 - Chicken Cordon Blue over mashed potatoes with baby kale, roasted tomato, and roasted garlic cream sauce</p> <p><b>SPECIAL AS NOTED OR CHEF'S CHOICE.</b>                  All entrées include our Gourmet Soup &amp; Salad Bar, rolls, butter &amp; dessert of the day. \$14.95                  Available 5:30-8:00 p.m. Come early while selections last.</p>		