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## ANOTHER WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING WITH THE MARINES

*I*t was still dark as the North East Volunteer Fire Department truck, Duplin County Deputy Sheriff cars, and about 30 motorcycles, led by road captain Bobby Davenport, Director of *River Landing* Security, headed for Jacksonville to escort Marine guests back to *River Landing* for the day.

Before departure, Pastor Billy Toller led the group in a prayer that included a request that no deer would dart out on the highway in this pre-dawn time. It was later decided that next year's request will include bovines as well as deer. But more about that later...

Onslow County Sheriff deputies joined in on Highway 24 and the growing group made its way to the Beirut Memorial area. Two busses of Marines arrived and the impressive entourage of law enforcement, fire support, and almost 100 motorcycles headed for *River Landing*.

Somewhere between Catherine Lake and Chinquapin, the group had to stop for what is now being called "The Bovine Incident". Eyewitness descriptions have varied from a 300 pound cow to a 1200 pound bull, but all agree that the animal was running around on the road. A Duplin County Deputy Sheriff pulled his car over and managed to save the day by sending the large animal across the road.

Continuing on, the group arrived at the *River Landing* main gate and moved down Paddle Wheel Drive to the Clubhouse where families and friends waved and applauded in support as everyone entered and proceeded upstairs for breakfast.

Marines found their hosts and learned about the activities of the day which included golf carts, golf, fishing, kayaking, and, of course, Thanksgiving Dinner with their host families. A new activity was added this year: SCUBA lessons in the indoor pool. This very popular event was taught by resident Ted White.

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*Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!*



## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Happy Holidays! I hope and trust this season will be filled with joy for all. We are certainly all very blessed and have much to be thankful for!

As 2011 draws to a close, our planning for 2012 is nearly complete. We anticipate a very good year, fueled by modest growth, as we march towards being a completely self-sustainable community. In today's turbulent real estate market, to be a fully amenitized, private community that is financially self-sustainable, will put *River Landing* in a very rare and elite class. Due to your patronage and the aggressive cost savings measures implemented across our businesses, we will end 2011 ahead of budget for *River Landing*. Alone, that is a great accomplishment in a down economy. And together, 2012 will be the best year yet!

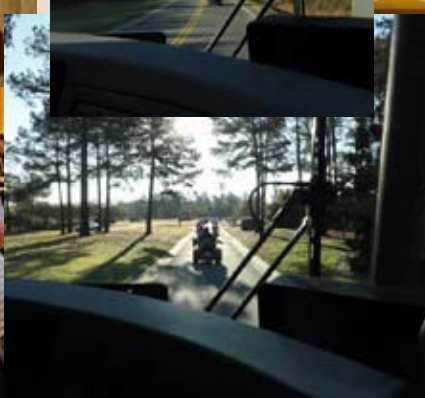
Thank you for all you have done to make 2011 a great year at *River Landing*. We pledge to continue our efforts to make this the very best place to live, work and play. On behalf of the entire *River Landing* staff, the Murphy Family and myself, we hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday season and a prosperous new year!

Rich Phaneuf  
*General Manager, The River Landing Companies*  
*Senior Vice President, Murphy Family Ventures*

Too soon it was time for the Marines to assemble at the Fitness Center for final farewells. Tom and Eileen DeSanctis again arranged for Walgreen's gift bags for the visitors, and Deborah Gallaway of the North Carolina Blue Star Mothers brought in boxes of cookies to add to the bags. Each Marine appeared to be loaded down with at least one good meal of Thanksgiving leftovers as well.

One Marine said to his host family, "I don't want to go back. No, really, I have not felt this good in a long time." Robert Steen, event organizer, summed up the feelings of all: "Our hearts and minds are refreshed each year when we experience, first hand, the youth and courage of these young men and women. They have a willingness to tackle immense challenges around the world without regard to the potential harm to which they will, in all likelihood, be exposed."

A marine who first came for Thanksgiving in 2008 joined the Steen family for the third time, bringing along her Marine husband this year. Residents may remember that last summer we sent gift packages to this Marine's unit in Afghanistan. She mentioned several times how special the gifts were, especially the coffee.



## INTO THE CUP WITH LARRY GEORGE

### SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The weather for the Senior Club Championship weekend was a perfect NC fall weekend! Shorts, sunny and 80 degrees, it really couldn't get much better, and the playoff for the Men's Senior Club Championship was just icing on the cake! When the 2<sup>nd</sup> round was complete, there was a 2-way tie at the top of the leader board! It was time to go to #18 River for the playoff between the current Men's Club Champion, Charlie Steinbraker, and the 2008 Men's Club Champion, Rick Gilliland. Both players hit great tee shots, but while Rick hit his approach shot to 15 feet, Charlie missed the green. Side note: if anyone knows Charlie, there are 2 things true to his game. First, he doesn't hit as many greens as he should and second, he can get it up and down from just about anywhere. Well as expected, Charlie got it up and down and Rick just barely missed his putt. Back to #18 River and more icing on the cake! They both hit great drives again but this time Rick's putt didn't find the hole for par and the Men's Club Champion is also the Senior Club Champion! Congratulations to all who participated in the Championship and to the winners!

### LADIES SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion - Patty Frame  
1<sup>st</sup> Net - Cheryl Stamp

### SUPER SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion - Charles Winwood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gross - John Jaco  
1<sup>st</sup> Net - Gary Coe  
2<sup>nd</sup> Net - Bob Morgan

### SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion - Charlie Steinbraker  
Runner-up - Dr. Rick Gilliland  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gross - Gary Ange  
1<sup>st</sup> Net - Lenny Ward  
2<sup>nd</sup> Net - Joe Turner  
3<sup>rd</sup> Net - Bob Hickey

### HOLES-N-ONE

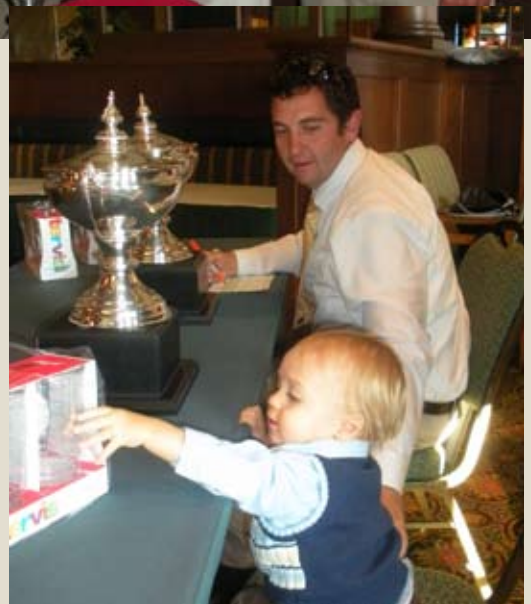
Congratulations to Caren Diaz for her Hole-n-One on September 25. She aced the 10<sup>th</sup> hole of The River Course using her 6-iron from 97 yards!!!

### CANCELING YOUR TEE TIMES

Remember if you have a scheduled tee time and are unable to play, please cancel your tee time. The courtesy of canceling your time will enable other members on a waiting list to move earlier. It is golf, it's the way we do it and "no-shows" will not be tolerated.

### PACE OF PLAY

Please remember to have a player from each group check-in with the Golf Shop to record your time, it's really not that hard and it will help us control the pace of play.



### POA WEBSITE REMINDER

If you are a property owner, please remember to register at the POA website, [www.riverlandingpoa.com](http://www.riverlandingpoa.com). There you will find vital news and information about your Property Owners Association and you can connect with other owners through the online directory. Sign up today!

## RL MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

### *Another Month of Competitive Golf!*

During this past month a number of winners were decided in several MGA competitive events.

First up was the conclusion of the season-long Match Play Tournament. Pete Weston and Tom Castellino played a strong final match with Pete Weston coming out as our 2011 Match Play Tournament winner. In the consolation bracket, steady Henry Briley overcame a determined Rob Flower.

Next up was our Old Goats vs Young Bucks tournament held on Saturday, October 22. There were a total of 23 matches with each better ball match consisting of 2 members of the Young Bucks (age 65 and less) competing against 2 members of the Old Goats (age 65 and over). In each match 3 points were up for grabs — one for the front nine, one for the back nine, and one for the overall 18. In what can only be described as an old fashioned 'butt kickin' the Young Bucks totally dominated the matches winning 44 ½ to 24 ½. Closest to the pin winners were Tom Stamm, Ed Schultz, Skip Romanet, and Connie Teetz (almost a hole in one). The winners were honored (see photo) during a cookout by Chef Charles. In addition to helping the Young Bucks to their victory, Joe Turner took home a wad of cash as our 50/50 winner.

Our second team competition last month was for the Village Cup. Each 'village' in *River Landing* fielded a team of players who played a modified Stableford format to determine which team will hold the title for the upcoming year. If a Village couldn't field a full team, tournament director Bob Miller 'adjusted' boundary lines to insure that everyone who played had a chance to compete for the overall prize. With an average score of 16.57 points per player, the Village winner is THE PINES/ LEGACY OAKS (The team consisted of Rob Flower, Paul Izzo, Benny Pulzone, Lenny Ward, Don Thompson, Connie Teetz and Paul Clemmitt). The order of finish after the winners was Red Fox, Firefly Meadow, Magnolia Bay, Cedar Point/Red Berry/River Woods, River Ridge (last year's winner), Maple Creek, and Legacy Woods.

If competitive golf at *River Landing* wasn't enough, the MGA took a road trip to Castle Bay in Hampstead last month. 19 members headed southeast to play a links style course. The net score (15 under) winners were Denny Zalar, Richard Russell, Skip Romanet, and Dave Long. The gross score winners (in a match of cards) at 2 under par and thanks to a snaking birdie putt by Connie on #18 were John Jaco, Ron Jarman, Connie Teetz, and Bill French. As the season winds to a close we'll report on the season ending tournament and overall playday prize winners next month.

**CONNIE TEETZ SINKS THE WINNING PUTT ON #18 AT CASTLE BAY.**



**CLOSEST TO THE PIN WINNERS – OLD GOATS VS YOUNG BUCKS TOURNAMENT**



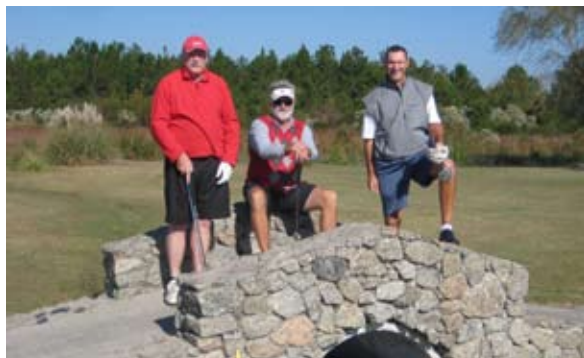
**PETE WESTON – WINNER OF MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**



**YOUNG BUCKS – WINNERS OF THE YB VS OG TOURNAMENT**



**CASTLE BAY PARTICIPANTS**



**LOW GROSS WINNERS — CASTLE BAY TRIP**

# *Gardening Note*

*From the Residents' Gardening Committee*

We never promised you a rose garden, but you got it! The confederate rose (as mentioned in the last newsletter) is blooming all over the Landings golf course and this year's shrubs are exceptionally beautiful.

This week might be the beginning of some frosty nights, thus ensuring that most of our blooming plants will be losing their color and begin browning. Time to get rid of those annuals but..... what will you do with all those great looking mums? If you're energetic, why not plant them for color next fall! The chrysanthemum is an interesting flower. It belongs to the Asteraceae family, which is one of the largest families of flowering plants. It was brought to Japan by Buddhist monks in AD400. Japanese emperors so loved the Chrysanthemum that they sat upon thrones and were featured on the imperial Crest of Japan. The Chrysanthemum flower symbolizes fidelity, optimism, joy and long life. A red chrysanthemum conveys love. A white chrysanthemum symbolizes truth and loyal love. The yellow chrysanthemum symbolizes slighted love. The mums that we buy for our garden belong to the Morifolium family (aka Florist's mum), a garden variety of mum. So, let's get them ready for next year's show. Plant your mums into well prepared, fertile, sandy soil. Mums resent wet feet, so dig that hole deep. If you prepare your soil well, your mums should return for a



few years. After the plants have been killed by a hard frost, cut them back to the ground and provide a light airy mulch of evergreen branches or similar material. In the spring, start feeding with a balanced all purpose fertilizer every two weeks. When the plants are about 6 inches tall, pinch back about an inch to promote more blooms and bushier plants. When they reach a foot tall, pinch again.

Now is the perfect time to plant your spring bulbs. With a little bit of planting knowledge, you can be assured of beautiful sturdy daffodils, crocus, hyacinth, allium, etc. But leave those tulip bulbs at the nursery – deer (and other critters) love them too much and yours will not even have a 70-30 chance of making it to bloom time. Planting rule of thumb: plant a bulb at a depth equal to three times the bulb's height. Some exceptions: Heavy soil? Plant a little more shallowly. Light sandy soil? Go deeper. Luckily, we southern gardeners can plant out bulbs a little more on the shallow side. So don't stress, have fun with it. Put some fertilizer under the bulbs as you plant, but be sure to work the fertilizer in or spread a thin layer of soil over it. If the bulb sits directly on the fertilizer, it can burn or damage it. When the tips start poking through the soil in the spring, sprinkle granular bulb food over the area. A 10-10-5 or 9-9-6 is a good balance to aim for.

Have you seen all the pansies planted on our grounds? Amy Dail (our landscape designer/guru) takes great care to purchase only the best ones. She knows that they will survive our winters and really perk up next spring because she always amends the soil first. A nice thick layer of mulch helps to keep the plants warm allowing for good root development. When you see her out working, make sure you stop and thank her for all her design efforts every season.

Are you somewhat disappointed about your flower choices this past spring and summer? What worked? What didn't work? What about the common zinnia? One of our residents planted the smaller, spreading zinnia during late March, and they are still hanging on strong. That's almost 9 months of flowering with no worry about the deer eating them, no unusual watering needs, and they can tolerate very sunny locations and hot dry conditions as experienced last summer.

*Listen....with faint dry sound, Like steps of passing ghosts,  
The leaves, frost-crisp'd, break free from the trees. And fall. — Adelaide Crapsey*

## *National Mah Jongg on Mondays*

Monday has now been added to the regular schedule of National Mah Jongg which takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Members Room at the Fitness Center. Open to anyone who wishes to play. Be prepared to play three, four, five and even six if necessary at a table. There will be no sign up sheet for Monday, just show up and play. On Mondays that Quilt Club meets, tables will be set up in the Tennis Room at the Fitness Center.



## Area Events

*through December 21*      *Enchanted Airlie — Wilmington*

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the family together to share in the joy of the season. Showcasing more than 400 holiday plants, more than 300,000 festive lights, live musical entertainment, three massive model train exhibits and a meet and greet with Santa. Airlie will again present its Wilmington-themed LEGO display featuring more than 250,000 LEGOs! Tickets must be pre-purchased. No tickets available at the gate. *Visit [airliegardens.org](http://airliegardens.org).*

*December 2-4*      *The Santaland Diaries — Wilmington*

David Sedaris' hilarious one-man play about the author's experiences working as an elf in Santaland at Macy's department store in New York City. A truly funny, acerbic take on the holidays. At City Stage. *910-264-2602.*

*December 3*      *Raleigh Winterfest Kick Off and Ice Rink Opening — Raleigh*

Bundle up for Raleigh's premier holiday event, featuring an outdoor skating rink in City Plaza. The celebration begins at 5 pm with local artists and performers, sledding ramps, a trackless train, carriage rides, Santa's Village, and Raleigh's official tree lighting ceremony. The fun continues with music headliner The Breakfast Club and opening act Café Mars! Stay and enjoy skating until 11 pm! *For more information, visit [RaleighWinterfest.com](http://RaleighWinterfest.com)*

*December 3-4*      *Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour — Downtown Wilmington*

Usher in the holiday season with this festive walking tour now in its 38th year. See private and public sites in the historic district of Wilmington. Tickets: \$30. Sat. 4-8 pm, Sun. 2-6 pm. *Call 910-762-0492 or [info@hslcf.org](mailto:info@hslcf.org).*

*December 4*      *9th Annual City of Wilmington Holiday Parade — Wilmington*

Parade kicks off at 6:15 and reaches reviewing stand at Riverfront Park around 6:30. *Call 910-341-4602 or visit us online at [www.wilmingtonrecreation.com](http://www.wilmingtonrecreation.com) for more information.*

*December 8-11*      *Wilmington Choral Society's Holiday Concert — Wilmington*

"Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" will be held at the Cameron Art Museum on December 8th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Please bring a non-perishable food item for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. *Tickets are available at the door or from their website [www.cameronartmuseum.com](http://www.cameronartmuseum.com)*

*December 8-14*      *A Christmas Carol by Ira David Wood III — Raleigh*

Theatre In The Park presents the 37th annual production of A Christmas Carol now with more HEART than ever! Ira David Wood III returns as Scrooge in this international musical comedy hit at the PECPA's Memorial Auditorium. *For tickets visit Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).*

*December 12*      *Santa Claus Cruise — Wilmington*

Cruise aboard the Henrietta III to the North Pole to pick up Santa Claus. Talk to Santa and enjoy some holiday cheer on the Cape Fear. Admission is 6 cans of non-perishable food for the Salvation Army. *Call 800.676.0162 or 910.343.1611 for reservations.*

*December 13*      *Annual Holiday Pops Concert — Wilmington*

Santa's not the only one coming to town. Join the North Carolina Symphony, under the direction of William Henry Curry, for a festive celebration of the holiday season. *Information: 910.962.3500*

*December 22*      *'Twas the Night Before Christmas — Raleigh*

Skip the last-minute Christmas shopping and bring the whole family to a heart-warming holiday celebration at the Meymandi Concert Hall at Progress Energy Center. The Symphony, Capital City Girls Choir and WRAL anchor David Crabtree perform your seasonal favorites — and you may even meet a special visitor, straight from the North Pole! *Visit [www.ncsymphony.org](http://www.ncsymphony.org)*

# Club Calendar: December

GOLF EVENTS | SOCIAL EVENTS | ACTIVITIES  
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For updates and details visit [www.riverlanding.com](http://www.riverlanding.com) or

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<p><b>Clubhouse Restaurant Hours of Operation:</b>  <b>Wed - Sat:</b> 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lunch                      5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Dinner • Bar open till 10 p.m.*  <b>Sunday:</b> Brunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.                      Lunch 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Bar open till 8 p.m.*  <i>Beverage service only*</i></p> <p><b>Golf Shop Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Closed Mondays</b></p>				<p><b>1</b>                      Gingerbread Class                      Mahjongg                      Men's Tennis                      Core Blast                      Yoga                      Water Aerobics</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      Mixed Doubles Tennis                      Pilates</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      Christmas Mixer</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>                      Bowling                      Mahjongg                      Men's Tennis                      Knitting &amp; Creative Handwork                      Watersize</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      Party Bridge                      Mahjongg                      Core Blast                      Yoga                      Water Aerobics</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Member's Night                      Walking Golfers &amp; Sports Round Table                      Women's Tennis                      Duplicate Bridge                      Pilates</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Children's Christmas Steak Night                      Golf Shop Sale                      Mahjongg                      Men's Tennis                      Core Blast                      Yoga                      Water Aerobics</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      Christmas Gala                      Mixed Doubles Tennis                      Pilates</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
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<p><b>25</b>                      Christmas Day                      Clubhouse Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      Mahjongg                      Men's Tennis                      Knitting &amp; Creative Handwork                      Watersize</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      Party Bridge                      Mahjongg                      Core Blast                      Yoga                      Water Aerobics</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Member's Night                      Walking Golfers &amp; Sports Round Table                      Women's Tennis                      Duplicate Bridge                      Pilates</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      Mahjongg                      Men's Tennis                      Core Blast                      Yoga                      Water Aerobics</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      Mixed Doubles Tennis                      Pilates</p>	<p><b>31</b>                      New Year's Eve Party</p>



## PAUL BURCH EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD OCTOBER NOMINATIONS

### **The Entire Banquet Staff of The River Landing Companies**

*“As the Banquet business continues to grow, the entire staff should be recognized as they continue to exceed the expectations of those in attendance or hosting an event!”*

### **Melinda Bond – POA Administrative Assistant**

*“She is a true professional who is always ready to help property owners and members in any way she can. Melinda deals with all sorts of questions and requests and often helps with issues outside of her own department!”*

### **Kevin Caulfield – Director of Hospitality**

*“Kevin is one of the most outstanding professionals in this industry and his expertise in hospitality management is above and beyond. We sometimes do not show our appreciation for his many talents, exceptional skills and unwavering dedication to all of the entities of The River Landing Companies in which he oversees!”*

### **Kelly Cavanaugh – Village Subs**

*“Kelly gives 110% all the time and that is hard to find in someone. I could not ask for a better employee!”*

### **Mary Jo Cham – Banquet Manager**

*“I met with Mary Jo regarding an upcoming banquet I was hosting and left the meeting feeling most confident that there would be nothing for me to worry about. And the banquet was perfect!”*

### **Carlos Chirinos – Golf Course Maintenance**

*“Carlos does the work of two people!”*

### **Amy Dail – Department Horticulturist**

*“I know she has already received the Employee Excellence Award, but she should be once again recognized for all of her hard work!”*

### **Aaron Futral – Outside Operations – Golf**

*“First point of contact for many guests is most important and he does this exceptionally. No matter what the circumstances are, Aaron is always there and can handle any situation graciously!”*

### **Leon Gurganus – Event Coordinator**

*“Leon has been nominated for the Employee Excellence Award numerous times, for many reasons. He has been a dedicated employee of the company for many years. He gets rave reviews from banquet guests and goes the extra mile to ensure that their experience is a success!”*

### **Carmen Howard – Clubhouse Kitchen Staff**

*“Some 10 years ago, Carmen first began her career at the Mad Boar Restaurant and is now one of the key team members of the kitchen staff at the Clubhouse!”*

### **Pam Hurt – Beverage Cart Attendant**

*“Even though she has received the Employee Excellence Award, she is deserving of this recognition again!”*

### **Will Lovick – Clubhouse Locker Room Staff**

*“Will is an all-around team player. His versatility is an attribute to the entire Clubhouse staff!”*

### **James MacArthur – Holiday Inn Express and Village Store Maintenance**

*“James is one of those people who does everything with a smile. He is so reliable and is a wonderful attribute to the entire River Landing Companies organization!”*

### **Andra McKinnie – Mad Boar Restaurant Hostess**

*“She is the smiling face of the Mad Restaurant and is a vital part of our team!”*

### **Cam McLemore – Director of Marketing**

*“Cam constantly goes above and beyond. He is pulled in so many directions and yet manages to juggle all tasks with a smile!”*

### **Drew McLure – Outside Operations - Golf**

*“He always has the right attitude and truly enjoys greeting members. He takes a genuine interest in their golf game and their lives!”*

### **Michelle Parker – Landscape Maintenance and POA Common Property**

*“No matter when you see her, 100 degree or 20 degree days, she is always working hard and smiling while doing so. She has a great personality and a great passion for her work!”*

### **Wanda Parker – Clubhouse and Club Cottages Housekeeping**

*“As we only visit two times per year, we always enjoy staying in the club cottages. What is most enjoyable is that Wanda always makes sure that we have everything we need to feel comfortable. She is most personable and goes above and beyond just doing her job!”*

### **A. J. Sherrill – Clubhouse Administration**

*“A. J. is such a big help with most anything at the Clubhouse. She is not only a valuable assistant to Kevin and Libby, but to all of us!”*

### **Travis Spearman – Mad Boar Restaurant**

*“Always friendly and lending a helping hand. Travis keeps everyone upbeat!”*

### **Wes Wright – Assistant Golf Professional**

*“He is a perfect example of teamwork!”*

### **Jen Young – Clubhouse Waitstaff**

*“A member of the ‘Leaders of Tomorrow’ program, Jen is most personable and such an asset to the Clubhouse staff!”*

Thank you for your nominations in recognizing these individuals. I look forward to your nominations for recognizing excellence for the month of November. Please submit your nominations to Dawn Sprye at dawn\_sprye@riverlanding.com by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**THE PAUL BURCH EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD**  
**IN RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE, OUTSTANDING SERVICE,**  
**AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION**

There are so many deserving employees — those who you see every day but also those who work behind the scenes — equally contributing to the success of The River Landing Companies.

*October Award Winners*

*JoHannah Fitzwater ~ Clubhouse Wait Staff*

*Pat Odom ~ Fitness Center Housekeeping*



**Jo Hannah Fitzwater**

Club Members truly enjoy JoHannah - she is ever so friendly and personable but with a professional and positive attitude. And it is evident, that she really does enjoy her job. JoHannah always greets you by your name, remembers your favorite beverage of choice, and anticipates your needs. You can be certain that when dining at the Clubhouse, you will be taken care of.

As one of the inaugural team members, JoHannah contributes to making a Clubhouse dining experience a most enjoyable one.

*“JoHannah provides an exceptionally pleasant atmosphere for us to always enjoy our dinner at the Club!”*  
— Sandy and Verne Jacobson



**Pat Odom**

Most of her work is behind the scenes, so you may not know who is responsible for keeping the Fitness Center as clean and tidy as it always is. Pat constantly and consistently keeps the Fitness Center immaculate. She never stops, whether it is the walls or the windows, she is always cleaning something.

We are fortunate to have someone like Pat and this is one of the many reasons why she is deserving of the Paul Burch Award. A facility like the Fitness Center takes an extremely dedicated person to keep it in perfect condition and she has been committed since her first day back in the Spring of 2008.

So the next time you are in the Fitness Center and see Pat, take a moment to thank her for all she does in making one of our many amenities shine.

*“I wish I had 10 more employees like her. She covers her responsibilities seamlessly!”* — Kevin Caulfield

*November Nominations Due*

Please submit your nomination of a full or part-time employee of any River Landing Company who you feel performs at an exceptional level. The River Landing Companies include: Clubhouse Operations, Fitness Center, Golf Operations, Golf Maintenance, Landscaping Department, Property Owners Association, River Landing Sales, Marketing and Administrative Departments, The Village Store, Mad Boar Restaurants, and the Holiday Inn Express.

*Food Drive Update*

On November 15th, *River Landing* held its 7th Annual Food Drive. The generosity of the community resulted in the collection of 240 bags and cartons of non-perishable food and personal care items to benefit the Helping Hands Food Pantry. The shelves are once again well stocked and our contributions will enable Duplin county families, most of whom reside in the immediate area of Wallace, Rose Hill and Teachey, to receive assistance in times of need.

Many thanks to all who donated so generously to the drive and to those who helped by distributing grocery bags to residences, transporting the bags to the Food Pantry, and sorting and shelving the items. The success of the food drive once again illustrates the compassionate caring of the *River Landing* community. Thank you too, to the many individuals who donate throughout the year.

We also thank the Wallace Food Lion and Piggly Wiggly for again donating grocery bags for the drive.



## CUSTOM HOME PROGRAM CORNER

**Property Owners, Mark Your Calendars!**  
*Are you thinking about building in the near future?*

**You will not want to miss the  
first Custom Home Program Tradeshow for 2012.  
February 17th and 18th**

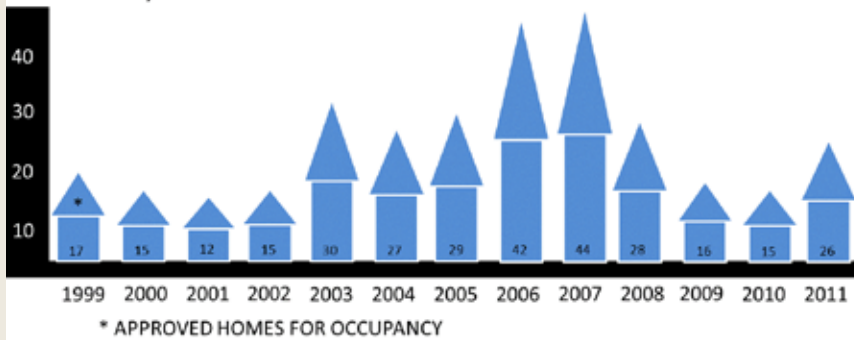
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### RIVER LANDING

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETED HOMES- 365

#### **2011 Results to Date**

26 New Homes Occupied  
23 New Homes Approved  
15 Currently Under Construction



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## *From Chef Charles*

I enjoy doing cooking classes here at the Clubhouse. It is a lot of fun and it is always something different for you to enjoy. I also like the idea that what we prep up is what we use. In most of the recipes, we prepare all items that night. Where we eat dinner is always a surprise! There is limited space of fourteen for each class. It will start at 6:00 pm and will last til 8 or 9:00 depending on the dishes. Call AJ at 285-1480 for reservations. The class will cost \$50.00++ and will include a three course meal that we prepare and wine and cheese (for the class only). We have all the tools for the class so you don't need to bring in your knives.

### **Cooking Class Menu Tuesday, January 10, 2012**



Classic New England Clam Chowder  
Fresh chopped clams with sautéed vegetables, potato, and sherry cream



Octo-Chicken Leg and Thigh  
Fried chicken served with Momofuku's octo-vinaigrette, mashed wasabi potato, and sautéed savoy cabbage



Crepes Suzettes  
Dan's homemade crepes served with fresh orange and deglazed with Grand Marnier. Accompanied by pink peppercorn ice cream

## All Aboard the D&RL Railroad!

With the Holiday Season just around the corner, Mary and I would again like to invite all *River Landing* residents, and visitors to come over and enjoy the D&RL RR (DellaRossa & *River Landing* Railroad). Come see the band marching down Main Street, the carnival at the end of town, and of course Santa on skis. You also don't want to miss the view from inside a passenger car as it travels around the layout.

To date, the 12' X 18' circa 1920 Standard Gauge layout is about 90 percent complete, with five train operation, race cars, plenty of noise, smoke, and operating accessories for kids, and adults to run. The children are given a scavenger hunt sheet to locate different items on the layout, and if successful, are given a certificate of appreciation for helping the Engineer run the Railroad!

This is the second year the Railroad is in operation. I'm hoping to continue the tradition of opening my house to all residents and visitors to enjoy one of the holiday traditions of our youth. You're invited to make the DellaRossa and *River Landing* Railroad one of your stops during this holiday season. Please call (910) 665 1203 and visit at 263 Red Fox Run Drive (the house with pineapple light).



## *New Years Eve at River Landing*

*Dining rooms will close at 4pm  
for all regular services.*

### *Prix Fixe Menu*

*Your entrée selection includes your choice of one appetizer, one salad, one dessert, freshly baked bread and butter, coffee and tea*

#### Appetizer Selections:

Gulf Shrimp Cocktail with Bloody Mary cocktail sauce

Classic French Onion Soup topped with garlic crouton and grated gruyere

#### Salad Selections:

River Landing Salad with fresh field greens with oven roasted tomatoes, herbed croutons, black cured olives, sliced cucumbers, and local goat cheese. Served with your choice of dressing.

Iceberg Wedge Salad with chopped bacon, diced tomato, crumbled bleu cheese, snipped chives, and herbed buttermilk dressing

#### Entrée Selections:

Twin Lobster Tails with drawn butter and lemon: \$55.95

Grilled Filet Mignon topped with Sauce Béarnaise: \$35.95

Herb Seared Pork Tenderloin with wild NC Mushroom Sauce: \$25.95

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Sauce Mornay: \$25.95

Entrees served with garlic mashed potatoes and steamed asparagus

#### Dessert Selections:

Crème Brulee or Belgium Chocolate Mousse

### *New Year's Eve Celebration*

*9:00 pm - Until  
in the River Room*

Light Hors d'Oeuvres, Member Charge Bar, Party Favors, Champagne Toast and DJ Music from CK Entertainment.

*Bob and Luanne Johnson invite Members to view the Firework display at 10:30 from the lower level of the Clubhouse to celebrate the marriage of their son Nash and bride Martha Anne.*

Don't miss out on the fun!

Jackets are suggested for Gentlemen. Please call 910-285-1010 by 4 pm Tuesday, December 27th to make dinner reservations.

*Please remember to bring your member card if you would like for this event to apply toward your Food & Beverage Minimum.*

# RL GALS

It's sad to report that our golfing year has come to an end. We started off the year with the opening day tournament and absolutely great weather. We ended our year with another outstanding weather day. The number of golfers who came out on a regular basis throughout the season broke all records. While other clubs may be suffering with loss of interest, our club is gaining momentum. Kudos to everyone.

## Wednesday, October 12 – Whack N' Hack

18 holers teed it up with 2 teams coming out on top. 1<sup>st</sup> place team with a score of 148 includes Patty Frame/Lynda Goodman/Pat Schaeffer/Angela Smith. 2<sup>nd</sup> place team with a score of 152 includes Susan Bartnick/Elaine Masinick/Helene Zupko/Carol Suter.

## Wednesday, October 26 – Sweeps

Teams were flighted. Azalea Flight: Low Gross Linda Guglielmi; 1<sup>st</sup> low net Jan Zoesch; 2<sup>nd</sup> low net Jacque Moore; 3<sup>rd</sup> low net Jackie Fiala. Camellia Flight: Low Gross Ginny Mountcastle; 1<sup>st</sup> low net Thuy Johnston; 2<sup>nd</sup> low net Judy Sayko; 3<sup>rd</sup> low net Anne Walker. Dogwood Flight: Low Gross Carol Cossette; 1<sup>st</sup> low net Lynne Hurst; 2<sup>nd</sup> low net Suzanne Powers; 3<sup>rd</sup> low net Pat Wilson.

## Wednesday, November 2 – Stableford

Flight I: 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Zoesch/2<sup>nd</sup> Patty Frame/3<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis Miller. Flight II: 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara White/2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Simpson/3<sup>rd</sup> Judy Sayko. Flight III: 1<sup>st</sup> Cindy Cogan/2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Wilson/3<sup>rd</sup> Carol Cossette.

## Wednesday, November 9

Our 9 holers played Three Clubs and a Putter and the winners of the day include Karen Brown at Low Gross; Sandy Ward at 1<sup>st</sup> low net; Cory Briley at 2<sup>nd</sup> low net.

The 18 holers played Nassau. Azalea Flight's 1<sup>st</sup> place to Maureen McCarthy; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Linda Guglielmi; low net overall to Sue Bartnick. Camellia Flight's 1<sup>st</sup> place to Ginny Mountcastle; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Sandra Phillips; low net overall to Barbara Kukoski. Dogwood Flight's 1<sup>st</sup> place to Jeanne Murray; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Susan Merrill; low net overall to Pat Schaeffer. Magnolia Flight's 1<sup>st</sup> place to Susan Falls; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Hazel Bell; low net overall to Geri Cullen.

**Coastal Seniors** were at Timberlake on November 7<sup>th</sup> with some good showings. Maureen McCarthy took 2<sup>nd</sup> low gross in the 1<sup>st</sup> Flight. Lynda Goodman took 3<sup>rd</sup> low gross in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight. Jackie Bardin took 1<sup>st</sup> low gross in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight. Pat Gasparini took 3<sup>rd</sup> low gross in the 5<sup>th</sup> Flight. Susan Merrill took 2<sup>nd</sup> low net in the 5<sup>th</sup> Flight. And Maureen McCarthy won closest to the Pin on #6 and #18.

Additional GALS accomplishments: Three RL ladies played in the Wilmington City Championship on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Maureen McCarthy won the tournament, Sherry Armani took 2<sup>nd</sup> net in the 1<sup>st</sup> Flight, and Carol Mann took 1<sup>st</sup> gross in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight.

## Saturday, November 12 – Closing Day Tournament Results

B Flight's 3<sup>rd</sup> place team went to Barbara Kukoski/Jackie Sickels/Hazel Bell/Cindy Cogan; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Judy Sayko/Jackie Bardin/Joy Jones/Carol Suter; 1<sup>st</sup> place team to Phyllis Miller/Helene Zupko/Pat Wallace/Sandy Gholsen.

A Flight's 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Linda Guglielmi/Rose Dumas/Heidi Morgan/Pat Wilders/; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Colleen Early/Susan Falls/Gail Vance/Gail Norris/; 1<sup>st</sup> place to Jackie Fiala/Susan Merrill/Dina Hepler/Jenny Livermore.

Our year-long match play event culminated with Cheryl Stamp taking the grand prize. However, our match play tournament director for next year will be Jane Gray, who was the overall runner up.

The Ringer's Tournament for the 9 holers gave Front Nine Landing course record to Judy Hodgson; Back Nine Landing course record to Janet Lanier; Front Nine River course record to Dawn Jeffcoat and Judy Hodgson; and the Back Nine River course record to Dawn Jeffcoat.

The 18 holers Ringer's Tournament records were divided into flights. Flight 1: 1<sup>st</sup> low net to Carol Romanet; 2<sup>nd</sup> low net to Jacque Moore; 1<sup>st</sup> low gross to Linda Guglielmi; 2<sup>nd</sup> low gross to Maureen McCarthy. Flight 2: 1<sup>st</sup> low net to Helene Zupko; 2<sup>nd</sup> low net to Kathy Russell; 1<sup>st</sup> low gross to Judy Sayko; 2<sup>nd</sup> low gross to May Young. Flight 3: 1<sup>st</sup> low net to Donna Schulz; 2<sup>nd</sup> low net to Carol Cossette; 1<sup>st</sup> low gross to Anita Iacovino; 2<sup>nd</sup> low gross to Pat Wilson.

Awards for the most birdies in the 9 hole group went to Judy Hodgson.

The 18 holers awarded most birdies in the 6<sup>th</sup> Flight to Anita Iacovino; 5<sup>th</sup> Flight's birdies to Thuy Johnston; 4<sup>th</sup> Flight's birdies to Susan Merrill; 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight's birdies to Barbara Kukoski and Pat Simpson (tie); 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight's birdies to Connie Stamm and Phyllis Miller (tie); 1<sup>st</sup> Flight's birdies to Jackie Fiala. Three of our girls had over 60 birdies and they are Maureen McCarthy, Jan Zoesch and Linda Guglielmi. Three of our ladies had eagles and they are: Anita Iacovino, Maureen McCarthy and Patty Frame.

And, last but not least, the presidential gavel was handed over to Judy Sayko by this year's president, Elaine Masinick. In appreciation for her dedication to the ladies golf program, the members presented Elaine with a gorgeous golf bag and matching headcovers and a gift certificate to Lori's Golf Shoppe.





## Over The Net

The “Fall Season” is in full swing. There is action on the courts four days a week.

**Oct. 16th** - Tom Szemiot/Howard Paskow defeated Jim Mercure/Frank Partyka in a tie-breaker 7-6 (2). They came back from a 1-4 deficit to take the lead at 6-5.

**Oct. 17th** – Once again Tom Szemiot was involved in a comeback. He and Frank Partyka were down 0-3 to Jack Forehand/Floyd Johnson and won the next six games for a 6-3 victory.

2<sup>nd</sup> set was a four game “mini-set” and it was won by Szemiot/Partyka in a tie-breaker 3-2. The tie-breaker was the first team to win three points with each player getting to serve a point.

**Oct. 21st** – The format was a five player rotation with four game “mini-sets” played. Frank Della Rossa/Floyd Johnson were 3-1 victors over Tom Szemiot/Bob Farina. In a tie-breaker, Szemiot/Johnson dealt Frank Partyka/Della Rossa a 3-2 (1) setback. Della Rossa/Johnson defeated Farina/Partyka 3-1. In an upset, Szemiot/Farina won in a tie-breaker 3-2 (1) over Della Rossa/Partyka. The final set of the day had Partyka/Farina leading 2-1 over Johnson/Szemiot. Johnson had the best individual record of the day with three “mini-set” wins.

**Oct. 24th** – Floyd Johnson/Tom Szemiot took two sets from Jack Forehand/Bob Farina, 6-3 and 7-5.

**Oct. 26th** – Eight players participated in (7) four game “mini-sets”. Frank Della Rossa was the leader with a 6-1 record. His lone loss was a 1-3 score to Tom Szemiot/Frank Partyka. Finishing with 5-2 records were Keith Jay and Partyka. Della Rossa, Szemiot, Partyka, Floyd Johnson, Jim Mercure and Jack Forehand all played in (3) tie-breakers.

Noteworthy: The last set of the day saw Bob Farina play at an unbelievable level. Nothing but “winners” came off his racquet in a 3-0 thrashing of his opponents.

**Oct. 30th** – Ed Silberhorn was returning to the courts after a lengthy absence due to injury. He and Tom Szemiot defeated Frank Partyka/Howard Paskow 6-3. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> set, Partyka/Szemiot were 6-4 winners over Silberhorn/Paskow. For the third time in a week, the “freaky shot” occurred. That’s when the ball is hit with a lot of backspin, lands on the opponent’s side of the net and then spins back over the net for a winner.

**Oct. 31st** – Floyd Johnson was a two set winner. He partnered with Jack Forehand in a 6-4 win over Frank Partyka/Keith Jay. He then teamed with Partyka in a 6-1 victory over Forehand/Jay.

**Nov. 2nd** – The format was a six player rotation every two games. Players partnered twice and opposed four times. Every player played twenty games. Tom Szemiot and Ed Silberhorn each had the best record at 12-8. Not far behind was Keith Jay at 11-9. Noteworthy: Of the (30) games played, only (11) service games were won.

**Nov. 9th** – Five players rotated every two games resulting in (4) six game sets played by each player. Bob Farina/Tom Szemiot tied Ed Silberhorn/Keith Jay 3-3. Silberhorn/Frank Della Rossa shutout Jay/Szemiot 6-0. Della Rossa/Szemiot defeated Farina/Jay 5-1. Silberhorn/Szemiot beat Farina/Della Rossa 4-2. Della Rossa/Jay tied Farina/Silberhorn 3-3. Best individual record was 16-8 by Silberhorn and Della Rossa.

**Nov. 11th** – Frank Della Rossa/Bob Farina were 6-1 winners over KC Ladish/Tom Szemiot. Farina lead the way with some nice shot making and service winners.



### *Mad Boar November Entertainment Schedule*

*Entertainers play in our authentic Irish Pub every weekend from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Free Admission!*

Fri., Dec 2: Forrest Tabor — *Popular Favorites*      Sat., Dec 3: Jeremy Norris — *Popular Favorites*

Fri., Dec 9: Boe Edens — *Modern Country*      Sat., Dec 10: Bill Powell — *Popular Favorites*

Fri., Dec 16: The Fustics — *Popular Favorites*      Sat., Dec 17: Matt Livingston — *Popular Favorites*

Fri., Dec 23: Scott Mueller — *Beach Music*

Fri., Dec 30: Kim Dicso — *Popular Favorites*      Sat., Dec 31: Steady Eddies — *Popular Favorites*



RIVER LANDING MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS GATHERED ON NOV 10 TO COMMEMORATE THE 236TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY. THE BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION INCLUDE BIRTHDAY MESSAGES, CAKE AND BEVERAGES.

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## River Landing New Neighbor Update

*Homes currently under construction: 14*

*Homes completed in 2011: 28*

*Homes approved for construction in 2011: 24*

*Total number of completed homes: 367*

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- River Landing Sales Office ..... (888) 285-4171
  - River Landing Golf Shop ..... (800) 959-3096
  - River Landing Gatehouse ..... (910) 285-1020
  - River Landing Clubhouse ..... (910) 285-1010
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  - River Landing POA ..... (910) 285-1038
- [www.riverlandingpoa.com](http://www.riverlandingpoa.com)

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