From the Prez

Happy 4715th (Chinese) New Year all. February 16 marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year which is also known as the Spring Festival and after January's weather who among us isn't ready for some fabulous spring golfing weather? Clean out your golf bag, wash up those clubs, stock up on sunscreen and wash up those clubs. But before that remember to stock up on sunscreen and get ready for a great golfing season.

Many thanks to Pat Hruska for taking the lead on publicity for our group. She arranged for a great write up in The Pilot highlighting our group. Thanks, also, to Nancy O'Connell for her help.

A reminder from our membership chairperson, Patty Allan, The best way to grow our club is by word of mouth. If you bring a new member into our chapter we will be preparing that meal and you would be responsible to see that it is paid for. Someone in our chapter will pay on site and take the meal with them. It is still your meal so you can arrange to pick it up or whatever you want.

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Upcoming Events
Dinner Meetings
Our dinner meetings are always on the second Thursday of the month.
- February 8 at Nina's
- March 8 at Magnolia Inn

This month's events
7 February
3:00 start, 12 & Dine
Longleaf's Bottlebrush short course.
Golf - $6
Game ante - $3
Games - CTP & Hocus Pocus
This is basically a pitch and putt walking only

11 February
The Cradle at Pinehurst, 2:36 start
Golf $35
Game ante - $5
Games - CTP & TBD
This is another very short course
The longest hole being 125 yds.
Under an hour for 9 holes.
Also walking only.
Small canvas bags are provided.
One greens fee enables us to play all day as many loops as we desire.

20th 9 & Dine at the Azalea
25th 18 holes at The Legacy

Mark your calendar for an exciting year of golf
March
6 9 & dine at Hyland GC
11th 18 holes at Mid Pines *
20th 9 & Dine at the Holly course
25th 18 holes at Beacon Ridge **
April
1st 18 holes at The Pit
4th 9 & Dine at The Legacy
7th 18 holes at Tillery Tradition *
17th 9 & Dine at Whispering Pines
22nd 18 Holes at the Holly course *
25th Clinic at Knollwood Fairways
May
2nd 9 & Dine at Hyland GC
6th 18 holes at Carolina Trace
15th 9 & Dine at The Legacy
20th 18 holes at The Magnolia course *
23rd Clinic at Knollwood Fairways
30th 9 & Dine at Fox Fire

June
2nd 18 holes at 7 Lakes **
6th 9 & Dine at Longleaf
17th 18 holes at The Legacy
20th Clinic at Knollwood Fairways
30th 18 holes at Hyland GC

July
10th 9 & Dine at Little River
18th Clinic at Knollwood Fairways

September
1st Pinehurst Cup at Mid Pines **
2nd Pinehurst Cup at Pine Needles **

October
7th Club Championship at The Legacy

November
18th 18 holes at Pine Needles *
25th 18 holes at Talamore **

From The Golf Chair
We have an extensive schedule planned for this year, and I'm planning to be here for almost all of it. So far we have a full lineup through June, with our Pinehurst Cup set for the Labor Day weekend back at Pine Needles and Mid Pines. Our Club Championship is on the calendar at The Legacy on the first Sunday in October. We have added some courses new to our rota - Pinehurst #3, and The Cradle. But Wait!!! That's not all!!

We are planning on a trip back to Cheraw State Park in South Carolina. We are in the midst of lining up Pinehurst #8, and hopefully adding Pinehurst #1. The Charlotte Chapter is planning on an event at Tot Hill Farm which they will invite us to participate in. Their outings are almost always on a Saturday. Tot Hill Farm is just under an hour from Pinehurst with the course set in beautiful rolling hills with woods framing a few fairways. But be ye forewarned - there are a few rocks in amongst those rolls.

If anyone has any course in mind for us to play please let us know. We'd prefer courses within an hour's drive of Pinehurst. On to a couple of your least favorite topics - STAY HYDRATED!!! nuff said.

None of us is 39 anymore and we don't get around quite as quickly as we did before. That adds up to slower play. We have had a threesome take over 4 hours to play 18 holes with no one in front of
them. Followed by a foursome at just over 4 and a half hours. Playing at these paces will limit our choices of tee times and courses. This has been a topic with some of our local pros. We can make a few minor adjustments to alter this. Play ready golf. I know - I was brought up paying attention to honors. But this is not the PGA, USGA, nor the LPGA. Be prepared to play. Have tees, a divot repair tool and a ball marker readily available. And then play when you are ready. Don't wait for your playing partner who is away to complete raking the trap before you play. PLEASE!!! It is up to us.

We closed out 2017 with a trip to The Dormie Club. The Dormie has recently been sold to owners who want to make it exclusively private within a year or two, so we shall need to play there now or, possibly never again.

As our tee sheet was depleted by some cool weather we dispensed with our usual games, but we did have some individual highlights. Jolly struck the ball well (essential to scoring here). Frank had 4 straight pars on the front 9. Mike shot a 36 on the front 9. But the real accolades went to Norm who birdied 3 of the 4 par threes!! That's three 2's on the scorecard. Way to go, Norm!!!

Mother Nature cancelled our 9 & Dine at Whispering Pines, so we tried it again in January and she froze us out again. We are not deterred - Whispering Pines is on the calendar again. We did have our Hangover Invitational at Pinewild's Holly course, but, again, Mother Nature gave us a cold shoulder. However, Jolly, Kim and I went over to the Magnolia course and had a terrific time. Foxfire hosted us for an 18 hole event and we were blessed by a $25 Winter rate. Picnic Basket Patty, Bob Flesca and Norm Farnham prevailed with Mike claiming Closest to the Pin accolades.

Little River had a pipe burst and they are now renovating their clubhouse so, for our 9 & Dine, Ray found us an excellent alternative for our dining - Pete's a bit north on 15/501. Thanks, Ray. Meanwhile, out on the golf course, Picnic Basket Patty took first place with Eagle Earl second. Jim Legg and Mike tied for third (I think we need some nicknames to compete). Closest to the pin went to Mike as the green rejected a few shots.

We had an opportunity to add Pinehurst #3 to our schedule and, once again, Mother Nature intervened. However, despite raining most of the morning, when Susan, Scott and Mike went out onto the course, the rain had stopped. In fact, the rain did not resume until we were finished and inside dining at The Deuce. Despite Susan's fine tee shots, Scott prevailed and took Closest to the Pin laurels. Personal highlights had Susan making a par on the 17th hole while Scott made maybe the toughest putt of the year (at least so far) for a birdie on the sneaky 11th and Mike birdied the 14th. We are going to attempt to reschedule Pinehurst #3 within a month or two - stay tuned.

As always, we welcome your feedback and input. That's how we can best serve our membership.

Let's make 2018 another wonderful year.

Words of Wisdom - Just as fear has an element of excitement, stubbornness is also determination. It's simply a matter of shifting from "won't power" to "will power".

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:
Bonnie Baker - 02/26
Norm Farnham - 02/04
Jamie Fisher - 02/18
Bob Flesca - 03/07
Larry Knott - 02/28
Ann Sacco - 02/19
Gary Shannon - 02/25

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Norm Farnham - 02/28/2018
Thomas Hempstead - 02/28/2018
Earl Quam - 02/28/2018
Sook Shin - 02/28/2018
Dean Sterling - 02/28/2018

Welcome newest members:
Gary Shannon - Joined 12/11/2017

These members recently renewed:
Bobbi Amato
Patricia Hruska
Be Schilling
Kathy Schlagel
Ira Schugar
Susan Thomoe

These members did not renew their dues:
(date shown is date membership expired)
Mercer Hicks - 12/31/2017

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POSITION ________________________  __________________________________________

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