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THE RESERVE REVIEW

Official Newsletter of The Reserve Club at Woodside



MORE MEMORABLE MOMENTS
THIS NEW YEAR



THE RESERVE CLUB

AT WOODSIDE

IN THIS ISSUE

UPCOMING AT THE CLUB

2025 is here! See some of the events we have going on in January. Grab your friends and be sure to sign up for all of the happenings around the Club this month.

UPDATES FROM YOUR TRC TEAM

Get the inside scoop about what's happening at The Reserve Club. Read updates from Barry Garrett, Leah Barr, and Rich Zabel.

2024 AT THE CLUB

Check out some highlights from the fun events, activities, Pub Clubs, and sports tournaments we held at TRC in 2024. See some of the snippets of why we love the Club and our Members!

RACQUETS AND GOLF UPDATES

Nina Hon details winning strategies for pickleball doubles. Chris Bates shares his updates for the golf course.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We loved ringing in the new year with our Members and their guests! Take a look at some of the photos from the night full of music, dancing, good times, and great memories.

RESOLVE TO EVOLVE

If your resolution is to stay healthy this year, Village Fitness has the perfect program for you! Make your goals a reality this year with the help of their team.



2024 AT THE RESERVE CLUB

9 Holes Mulligan's Island



Adult Egg Hunt



Bocce Ball



USTA Thyroid Challenge



Camp Reserve



Pub Club Luau



Linda Day



St. Patrick's Day



RCWGA 18 Solheim Cup



Colors of Hope



Make a Splash Pub Club



Nerf Archery



Western Pub Club



Generations & Scholarship Tournament



RCMGA



JANUARY

UPCOMING EVENTS



JAN. 10

Meet the Team Pub Club

We have had quite the year filled with new Members and new Staff. Join us in the Pub to meet and mingle with the team!



JAN. 16

Prime Rib Night

You love Prime Rib Night, and so do we! Treat yourself to a featured dinner of Prime Rib and delicious sides.



JAN. 22

Burger and Brew Night

Who doesn't enjoy burgers and beers? Dig into a build-your-own burger bar while sipping on your favorite beverage.



JAN. 26

Sunday Brunch

Unwind from the week with Brunch on Sunday morning! Enjoy some of your favorite dishes and drinks.

Sign up for events on the Social Calendar on our website or with Club Concierge!

A NOTE FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER

December was a busy month, and the Club was appointed with beautiful holiday decorations as we hosted a wide variety of holiday luncheons, dinners, and organizational events. The feedback I have received has been overwhelmingly positive, with many acknowledging the continual improvements we are making in the Member experience. While we strive to make continual improvements each and every day, it is important to reflect back and acknowledge the successes we have made over the past year. I am proud to say we are in a much better place operationally than we were a year ago, we hope you agree. We still have plenty to accomplish to reach the level of consistency we are striving for, and we are committed to making a difference.

As we venture into 2025, I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and that you were able to spend quality time connecting with family and friends.

Your leadership team has been busy formulating plans for the Club's operation for the 2025 fiscal year. We are diligently planning our social, activity, and dining promotions calendar, along with our schedule of events for golf, tennis, pickleball, fitness, and the swimming pool. Our marketing associates will soon be sending out a quarterly communicate outlining our calendar of upcoming events and activities. We are also evaluating our current programs and looking for opportunities to refine and improve our service levels and Member satisfaction.



Our parking lot project is well underway, as the construction crew is currently installing all the required subsurface stormwater piping. When everything is completed, we will have 95 additional parking spots available. Staff parking will be relocated into this area to free up parking with closer proximity to the clubhouse. Be on the lookout for more updates on our progress.

In December, we launched a follow-up survey to gauge areas of improvement made since last year. We received a huge response, and a big thank you goes out to all who participated. This valuable feedback will be instrumental in setting priorities and operational plans for 2025.

Our next "State of the Club" meeting will most likely be scheduled in June and the tentative dates are being confirmed. Once confirmed, we will send a confirmation notice to the Membership, so you can plan your attendance well in advance.

In closing, I hope to see many of you this winter taking advantage of our dining operations and don't forget that the staff at Village Fitness can help you make good on those New Year resolutions about being physically fit. I wish everyone a healthy, prosperous, and happy new year.

Respectfully,



Barry Garrett

BARRY GARRETT
CCM, CCE
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND GENERAL MANAGER

A LETTER FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

It seems as though the holidays flew past us very quickly this year with a late Thanksgiving ushering us immediately into our Holiday festivities! We started December off with our annual Ugly Sweater Pub Club. Not only was it the first one I attended, but I also had the pleasure of being a judge for the competition, alongside Pam Ballard and Mike Battaglia. Thanks to all who participated in making it a fun and successful night! Congratulations to our winners, Roland Chretien, Tom Meers, Andy Palmer, Judy Ramsey, and Thomas and Jo MacGibbon!

As we ended the holiday season, I'd like to reflect on the many wonderful gatherings the Club had the pleasure of hosting for our Members with their families and friends. We also hosted several company holiday parties and December birthday parties. I am so proud of the way our Club was decorated in holiday style, it made Christmas and Hanukkah feel that much more special! It was wonderful to feel the Holiday spirit shared by all.

I'd like to mention how generous and giving our Members were during our very successful Toys for Tots drive. I had to call and ask them to do a pick-up before it flowed into the parking lot! Well done and many thanks for showing what a special place Woodside and The Reserve truly are.

As we welcome 2025, we loved celebrating with you at our sold-out New Year's Eve Extravaganza with entertainment by "Anybody's Guess" band and wonderful food by our culinary team! I'm wishing everyone all the best in 2025 and looking forward to all of the new memories we will make in the coming year!



Leah Barr

LEAH BARR
INTERIM MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

DECEMBER 2024

Elizabeth and Norman Myatt

Helen and Gerald Faulk

Lauraine Harper and Rick McKinnish

Theresa and Alan Schuering

Debbie and Jim Dirker

Meg and Peck Prior

Marilyn and John Blind

Heather and Richard Tucker

Elaine and John Desaulniers

Celeste and Leo McGahan

Lizabeth and David Thompson





Happy New Year! First off, I hope that everyone had a safe and Happy Holidays. It was certainly a booming month of December, as I will briefly recap what the Club had to offer and what we are looking forward to in January.

I wanted to start by giving a shoutout to our incredibly generous Membership for their contributions to the Annual Employee Appreciation Fund, which was disbursed to all employees. We are incredibly grateful! Also, a major shoutout to our Food and Beverage teams as it was a fun-filled, long month, but everyone showed up with a smile to take care of our lovely Members and their guests.

Throughout December, we hosted quite a few Holiday parties for neighborhoods, companies, golf groups, and more. It is never too early to start inquiring about hosting your holiday party for 2025. We also held three themed Pub Clubs, including Ugly Sweater, Santa Paws, and Tinsel and 'Tinis. All three were very well attended, and it was amazing to see everyone show up in their holiday gear! On December 8th, we hosted our annual Holiday Brunch with over 100 Members and guests in attendance! Last, but certainly not least, we had our New Year's Eve Extravaganza with over 140 Members and guests. We hope everyone had an amazing time, and we were so glad to ring in the new year with our incredible Membership.

Dining & Event Updates



As we look ahead to January, we will be hosting a few dining room promotions to be on the lookout for:

- **January 16th:** Prime Rib Night
- **January 22nd:** Burgers & Brews
- **January 26th:** Sunday Brunch

Please be sure to look out for registration information as these events tend to sell out rather quickly with limited seating!

As always, thank you for your incredible support of our Food & Beverage teams, and we cannot wait to see what 2025 brings!



Rich Zabel
RICH ZABEL
ASSISTANT MANAGER



2025

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all of our Members and guests who joined us for the 2024 New Year's Eve Extravaganza! We hope you all had as much fun as we did. It was so great to see everyone boogying on the dance floor to music from the fantastic "Anybody's Guess" band with Brooke Lundy. Thank you for allowing us to ring in 2025 with you. We can't wait to see what this next year holds for The Reserve Club and all of our Members!







Chef José's Signature Brandy Alexander Crème Brûlée

INGREDIENTS

6 c. Heavy Cream (warmed)

8 ea. Egg Yolks

1/2 c. Sugar

1/2 c. Brandy

1 tbsp. Vanilla Paste

1/4 tsp. Nutmeg

1 tsp. Salt



José Figueroa Seary

JOSÉ FIGUEROA SEARY
EXECUTIVE SOUS CHEF



Jon Gamlen

JON GAMLEN
EXECUTIVE CHEF

Chef José's signature dish has been a huge hit with the Membership! Here's the recipe so you can make it at home. This recipe makes about 6 Crème Brûlée.

DIRECTIONS

1. In a heatproof bowl, whisk the Egg Yolks, Sugar, and Salt together. Don't leave the Eggs and Sugar together, and don't whisk for too long, or solid specks of Yolk will begin to form.
2. Gradually stir the warm Cream into the Egg mixture, then add the Brandy and Nutmeg.
3. Sit your Crème Brûlée dishes or ramekins in a large roasting tin or similar.
4. Strain the mixture through a sieve into a jug, then divide between the dishes. Pour enough hot water into the roasting tin to come halfway up the sides of the dishes.
5. Bake at 325 degrees, 20 minutes for shallow Crème Brûlée dishes, 30 minutes for ramekins. The Crèmes are done when they are almost set with a slight wobble in the center.
6. Remove immediately from the water bath and leave to cool, preferably on a rack.
7. Once cool, chill the Crèmes. They can be kept, covered, in the fridge for a few days.
8. Sprinkle each Crème with a thin layer of Caster Sugar and apply blow torch. Or put them under a hot grill, close to the heat, and keep watch. Re-chill until ready to serve.

Cranberry Ginger Aperol Spritz

Ingredients

- 1.5 oz. Aperol Aperitivo
- 1 oz. Cranberry Juice
- 1 oz. Ginger Beer
- 2 oz. Prosecco

Method

1. In a wine glass, add ice, Aperol, Cranberry Juice, and Ginger Beer.
2. Top with Prosecco.
3. Garnish with fresh Cranberries and an Orange Slice.



Michelle Walker

MICHELLE WALKER
BAR MANAGER



Thank You Members!

Your Contribution Doesn't Go Unnoticed

Members,

We wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who contributed to the Employee Appreciation Fund. We experienced many changes and challenges this year, from new staff to Hurricane Helene. Through it all, the Members have stayed loyal to the Club, our staff, and each other. This year has taken a toll on many, but our Membership stood behind us. We have seen many great improvements to The Reserve Club, and we are thankful to be a part of it with you.

It is always a great time seeing our Members and staff bringing joy and excitement to the Club. Because of Members like you, we are thankful to share the Employee Appreciation Fund with our team, who work day in and day out to make The Reserve Club an enjoyable experience for all.

Thank you for making TRC not only a great place to work, but a great place to *enjoy* our work. Thank you for all of the memories you have made with us this year. We have shared many laughs, stories, and smiles this past year. We love The Reserve Club because of Members like you.

We walk away from 2024 with grateful hearts for those who made our associates' holidays a bit merrier. Thank you for all you do for our staff and associates. We hope you all had a happy, merry holiday season, and here's to all of the good things that 2025 will bring!

Love,

Your Reserve Club Team



WINNING STRATEGIES FOR PICKLEBALL DOUBLES



For many people who have been playing pickleball for a while, they begin to wonder, "What strategies can I use to win more games?" How can you take your doubles game to the next level? Obviously, practice makes perfect, but also incorporating these quick tips can make a huge difference.

COMMUNICATE:

First and foremost, you need to communicate with your partner on the court. You need to TALK! Not only do you need to call balls that you are going to hit, but you also need to let your partner know if you need him or her to get a ball. Some partners need you to help call the ball in or out as well. What often gets overlooked when we discuss communicating with your partner is having a discussion about what is going well when you are winning, and what isn't working when you are losing. Sometimes, just taking a time out and having a quick discussion with your partner can change the entire course of a game.

GO FOR THE FEET:

Target your opponent's feet! It sounds simple, but aiming for your opponent's feet forces your opponent to hit up on the ball, forcing them to play defense. When we get our opponents to play defense, that means usually we get to play offense! Offense wins points! Targeting the feet doesn't have to mean hitting the ball hard or fast. You can be very effective at this simply by placing the ball near the opponent's feet. Sometimes, less is more with this idea. Visualize where you want to hit the ball, and then take your time making the shot.



Nina Hon

NINA HON

HEAD PICKLEBALL PROFESSIONAL

HIT MORE DROPS:

If you and your partner are getting overpowered, sometimes the best strategy is to change course and hit more drop shots. Hit more balls that drop or bounce in the kitchen. This will make it more difficult for your opponents to continue to bang the ball at you repeatedly. Remember to look for body language on your opponents that suggests they will be hitting the ball hard (large backswing, speeding the ball up below the net, etc.). When you see these indicators, be ready, soften the ball if possible, and watch to make sure you aren't hitting "out" balls.

BACK UP TO RECEIVE THE SERVE & RETURN :

Many players have a bad habit of standing directly behind the baseline when they receive a serve. This can actually hinder your return. Step back from the baseline and give yourself space to move into the serve. Usually, setting up about 3-4 feet behind the baseline is optimal. Remember, you can always move forward into the ball easier than you can move backward. Similarly, remember to stay back when you or your partner serve the ball. People often get into the habit of serving and then taking a step into the court. If that return of serve comes back deep, you can get in trouble here.

Private Lessons

By Appointment

Contact Nina to Schedule

Three & A Pro

Thursdays | 10:30 - 11:45

Sign Up on the Racquets Calendar

Beginner Clinics

Tuesdays | 10:00 - 11:15

Sign Up on the Racquets Calendar



GOLF UPDATES

Frost Delays:

Winter temperatures are sure to bring on more frost delays. To give The Reserve Club Membership the best chance to finish their round on those frosty days, we will implement periodic 11:00 AM shotgun starts. However, if the daytime temperatures are not expected to reach 55 degrees, we will not use a shotgun start and continue with the adjusted times on the tee sheets.

Temporary Local Rule:

Given the turf conditions during the winter months, beginning December 1 of each year, and extending through March 31 of the following year, The Reserve Club will be implementing the following Local Rule:

Model Local Rule E-2:

"When a player's ball lies in the general area cut to fairway height or less, the ball may be lifted, cleaned, and placed. The ball must stay within one club length, no closer to the hole than the original ball lay."



Chris Bates

CHRIS BATES
DIRECTOR OF GOLF





SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

While the weather outside can be frightful this time of year, a fire is so delightful, and now is a great time to talk about some “hot topics” of discussion around the Club. First up, fairway speeds and too much water on the fairways. I’ve heard from some Members about “mudballs” in the fairway, stating they want them firm and fast, and I agree! So why so much water? The main reason for so much water in the fairway is the design of our irrigation system. When architected, irrigation heads were placed lining each side of the fairway and spray in a circle, so each head hits the fairway. Unfortunately, this design only throws ~50% of the water on the rough, which means to have a growing rough, more water will hit the fairways, resulting in occasional mudballs. It’s a fine line between just enough and too much water, and un-forecasted precipitation can impact conditions. I continually monitor our watering practices in search of the perfect balance, and will continue to do so.

Topic number two is to tarp or not to tarp. During a recent cold snap, Members noticed tarps on the greens of some of our neighboring courses and wondered why we didn’t tarp our greens. The short answer is “because we didn’t need to.” The longer answer is that, with the work that we’ve done removing trees around the greens in order to provide for year-round sunshine, we don’t need to tarp for short cold snaps. Our policy is to tarp the greens when high temperatures stay below freezing for several days in a row. We have 12 permanent tarps in storage, and should we need more, I have access to temporary tarps combined with pine straw.

Another hot topic is unrepaired ball marks and spike marks on the greens. For most of 2024, the Membership has been great about filling divots in the fairway and fixing ball marks on the greens. Unfortunately, Members are now noticing many unrepaired ball marks and spike marks on our greens. Please, please, please...fix your ball mark, plus one more, when you walk onto the green, and be careful as you walk around. This simple act can make the difference between the great greens we enjoy and a very poor surface for putting.

With the departure of our seasonal workforce at the end of November, the Greens Team will primarily be in maintenance mode until they return in February. Along with maintaining the playability of our courses, we will attack ad hoc projects as resources and time allow. This includes additional tree removal and Helene cleanup activity, along with selected drainage projects.

From a process perspective, we have begun changing hole locations twice per week until the grass starts growing again, on Tuesdays and Fridays. We do this to protect the greens and minimize damage from changing locations. In addition, we have again implemented a two holes per course per week cart path only policy. This policy was partially responsible for the improved rough conditions we experienced this past summer.

From the entire Greens Maintenance Team and the Greens Committee, we wish you a very Happy New Year!

The minutes from the Greens Committee meeting can be found on the Club website. Simply go to the “Resources” tab and select “Advisory Board & Committee Role and Responsibility” and click on “Recent Committee Minutes.”



Robert Padgett

ROBERT PADGETT
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

	# of		Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	HC	HC	HC	HC
Month	Surveys	Score	Greens	Fairways	Tees	Bunkers	Greens	Fairways	Tees	Bunkers
September	92	9.10	4.49	4.36	4.15	3.48	4.39	4.34	4.22	3.66
October	74	9.22	4.76	4.60	4.47	3.68	4.68	4.51	4.52	3.66
November	61	9.13	4.69	4.53	4.34	3.64	4.61	4.41	4.28	3.50
December	20	9.20	4.56	4.25	4.44	3.25	4.57	4.14	4.43	3.21
2024 Total	928	8.57	4.35	4.03	3.94	3.40	4.33	3.90	4.02	3.45

RCMGA NEWS

"We have Something for Everyone!"



2025 RCMGA BOARD

Dave Hemingway, President
Bill McKool
Tom Butler
Ron Kuntz
Scott Calhoun, Secretary
Andy Stolarski
Wayne Powell, Events

ADVISORS

Scott Johnson
Mike Lee

RCMGA UPCOMING EVENTS

Kick-Off Meeting
February 26th
(Details to Follow)

Medal of Honor Tournament
March 20th
(Details to Follow)

2025 RCMGA SEASON

March 20th
April 17th
May 22nd
June 19th
July 17th
August 21st
September 25th
October 16th
October 30th (Rain Date)
November 20th (Banquet & Awards)

President's Message:

Over the past four years, with two years as President of the RCMGA, I had a wonderful experience working with several men who shared a passion for continued growth and excellence. The most rewarding part of my presidency was to sit back and observe the men of TRC interact. They all strive for a common goal of enjoying life at TRC through golf with a little help from the RCMGA. The last few years, we have witnessed incredible growth in golf and Club Membership. The RCMGA gives new Members the opportunity to expedite their transition to their new life.

The RCMGA prides itself on being innovative. The innovations and continued improvement ideas come from our Members. One of this year's innovations was moving from paper to electronic surveys. This gave all our Members the opportunity to share ideas at their leisure. Using that data has helped with expediting the scoring. The RCMGA created a separate scoring area. With this private enclave, we were able to reduce the wait time for results by 20 minutes. Another innovation we added was our second major. "The RCMGA Masters", played in April, was a huge success. Our winners received the RCMGA Masters logoed Foot Joy vest. With these and many other innovations, we were able to increase our survey results with an *overall score of 9.37 in 2022, 9.46 in 2023, and a high mark of 9.55 in 2024.*

I would be remiss if I didn't mention my friend and board partner Jim Ruthven, who also finished his four-year term as an RCMGA Board Member. Jim's fingerprints on the RCMGA growth and success are forever lasting, and will certainly be remembered. Thank you for your continued support and dedication, Jim.

Well, it's time for our new Board team to carry on. I'm very confident in the new leadership, led by recently elected president Dave Hemingway. Good luck, Dave, and to all the 2025 RCMGA Board Members.

In closing, I say thank you. Thank you for trusting me to lead the RCMGA for the past two years. It has been a rewarding experience and now I look forward to participating in the monthly events. I have the same common goal as our mission statement states: "To create an environment that will allow Members to meet new Club residents, discover new groups, and build new friendships."

See you at the next RCMGA event!

Mike Battaglia, 2023 - 2024 President



Dave Hemingway - 2024 Jim Hudson Cup Winner



2024 Jim Hudson Leaderboard

Find more information about the RCMGA on the Club website.

RCWGA NEWS



9 - HOLERS

The Reserve Club Women's Golf Association 9-Hole League is focused on creating a fun, relaxed golf environment that encourages the development of golf skills and personal relationships. We enjoy monthly fun team games, special golf, and social events. All skill levels are welcome to join the Niners, we would love to have you!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE RESERVE CLUB NINERS?

If you are interested in becoming a part of The Reserve Club Women's Golf Association 9-Holers for the 2025 season, contact the Membership Director or the Golf Shop.



18 - HOLERS

Join the Reserve Club Women's Golf Association 18-holers and meet other golfers within the Club and in the area! We have fun weekly games and several unique tournaments during the year. As a member of the RCWGA 18, players have the opportunity to participate in other events locally, and statewide. Team Play events are also held with other clubs throughout the Central Savannah River Area.

JOIN THE 18 HOLERS!

If you are interested in joining the 18-hole ladies' league, please contact Holly Connelly, the TRC Membership Director, or the Golf Shop.



Resolve to Evolve!

Make 2025 Your Healthiest Year Yet!

As a valued Classic Reserve Club Member with basic Village Fitness access, we invite you to join our 6-week Resolve to Evolve Challenge, running from January 20 - March 1, 2025. This is your chance to fully immerse yourself in all that Village Fitness has to offer and kickstart your fitness journey for the new year!

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned fitness enthusiast, this challenge is designed to give you the support, motivation, and tools you need to succeed. You'll have access to a variety of fitness classes, expert guidance, and a community of like-minded individuals committed to wellness.

What's Included?

6 Weeks of Unlimited Access

Take part in group fitness and team training sessions, providing you with diverse workout options to keep you motivated.

Goal Setting & Assessments

Start with an initial consultation, followed by mid-point, and final assessments to track your progress and ensure you're on the right path.

Personalized Nutrition Guide

A step-by-step nutrition plan designed specifically for your individual needs and fitness objectives.

Non-Competitive, Supportive Environment

Stay energized and inspired in a welcoming atmosphere where everyone is focused on their own progress, free from intimidation.

1-Hour Assisted Stretch Session

Improve flexibility and recovery with a guided stretch session to support your fitness journey.

Certified Coaches

Work with a team of experienced, certified trainers who are dedicated to helping you succeed and achieve your goals.

Daily Proactive Accountability

Receive daily check-ins and support to keep you motivated and on track throughout the challenge.

This challenge is designed to provide you with the tools, support, and motivation to make lasting changes in your fitness and health. Let's make 2025 the year you evolve! Contact Village Fitness today at 803-339-8138 to learn more!



6 - WEEK
RESOLVE
to **EVOLVE**

Challenge





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