

**December Fiesta
Friday**

Bring a unisex wrapped
gift to be exchanged!
Gift not to exceed \$10.00

Palmetto Pub
December 9th - 6 to 8 pm



**PAWLEYS PLANTATION
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

Sawgrass Tidings

December 2011

**Mark Your December
Calendar For:**

2nd Ladies Fashion Show
9th Fiesta Friday
24th Christmas Eve
25th Christmas Day –
facilities closed!
31st New Year's Eve Gala

**Mark Your January
Calendar For:**

1st New Year's Day



NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

December 31st, 2011

★ Featuring *The Marsha Morgan Band* ★

*Come say good-bye to 2011 and "Ring in the New Year" with
your extended family here at Pawleys Plantation.*

*Enjoy fine food, good drink, and fellowship
with your fellow Pawleys members.*



**Open Bar 7:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.
Seated Dinner 8:30 p.m.**

Appetizer

Pawleys Crab Cake Oscar with Asparagus and Finished with Hollandaise Sauce

Salad

Baby Caesar with Homemade Croutons

Entrée Choices

Herb Crusted Rack of Lamb and Seared Jumbo Shrimp served over Basil Oil Risotto,
Baby Carrots and Drizzled with a Lavender Demi Glace

Grilled 6 oz. Filet Mignon and Lobster Tail served with Reef Mashed Potatoes,
Baby Squash and Zucchini and Finished with a 1979 Merlot Reduction Demi Sauce

Dessert

Ladies – Triple Chocolate Truffle Cake
Gentlemen – Lemon Berry Mascarpone Cake

**\$99 ++ per person for Members and Guests of Members
Black Tie Optional (coat & tie required)**

Call (843) 237-6022 for reservations or email us at signup@pawleysplantation.com
Reserve your table now! Limited Seating Available!
Cancellations after December 20th will be charged.



A Note From the Pro

December is finally upon us and with it the promise of a brand new year is just around the corner, offering us one final chance to sit back and reflect upon the year that was.

2011 was the “turn around” year we all hoped for as we saw Pawleys Plantation return to the recognition and prominence it deserves. The course remained in excellent shape all year long and people came from all around the world to enjoy our fantastic golf course. The practice facility underwent major renovations under the keen eye of nationally recognized architect Craig Schreiner. The improvements to the putting green, chipping area, and practice bunkers were first class and the new short game area offered an excellent venue to hone every aspect of your short game. Improvements have also been made through-out the clubhouse and golf course and will continue through the month of December and beyond. The exterior of the entire clubhouse is receiving a major face lift as we speak and the building has never looked more beautiful. Projects like these will only continue into the future offering us all plenty of excitement for things to come!

2011 was an exciting year for our member activities as well. We saw the return of a Men’s Member-Guest tournament for the first time in three years and the event was a huge success. The tournament was a joint member-guest with our neighbors from Litchfield and we had 110 players participate! The golf, food, and festivities were first class and I am sure this event will only grow in years to come. A new Men’s Interclub was formed with our fellow Myrtle Beach National clubs to fill the void left when the old group dis-banded. The Pawleys Plantation men took the season long crown as 2011 champions and this will be an event that will only grow in 2012. The ladies won their respective Interclub competition as well and I expect to see the addition of a Myrtle Beach National Ladies Interclub next year. We also had the creation of a brand new couples golf event that was an instant success using a “Sadie Hawkins” format. Fifty-six players participated in this new event and it will certainly find a place on the 2012 golf calendar which will get released in February. In 2011 we yet again had great participation in all our member tournaments, and the “Race to the Finish” points series was expanded to recognize the top three point getters for both the ladies and men - look for the results elsewhere in this newsletter. There is also a “Tournament Survey” in this newsletter we are asking all our Pawleys members to fill out to help us better improve our member events moving forward.

The pro shop merchandise offered plenty for everyone in 2011. The shelves were full with shirts, shorts, pullovers, caps, and all kinds of knick knacks. We had three demo days to help solve your hard good needs and if we didn’t have what you wanted, hopefully we were able to find some way to get it for you. There will not be a wine and cheese Christmas sale in December but there will be plenty of discounts offered through out the month. The T.E. Blankenship limited edition painting of hole #13 has caught the eye of many a Christmas shopper, as well as our new logoed glassware and premium logoed head covers. Come check out the shop, Christmas is coming quickly and the Pawleys Plantation pro shop offers a great location to fill many of your shopping needs. Don’t forget to bring your certificates and all member discounts will be applicable.

So long 2011! What a great year you were. But you know what – 2012 is only going to be better. On behalf of all the staff here at Pawleys Plantation, I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season. Happy Holidays!

Riley Kinlaw
Head Golf Professional



*Please take the time to fill out and return the “Tournament Survey” located near the end of this newsletter.
Please return the surveys by the end of December. Thanks in advance for your responses!*

PAWLEYS PLANTATION

Ladies Fashion Show

COME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011

11:30 - 2:00 P.M.

Winter / Spring / Summer / Fall

FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA
\$21.95 ++ PER PERSON

Attire Provided By: AFFORDABLES,
CABANA GAUZE,
CRICKET SHOP,
MYRTLE BEACH NATIONAL,
PLAIN AND FANCY,
TAYLORS

Holiday Fare:

11:30	COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF CRANBERRY SPARKLER
12:00	LUNCH
12:45	FASHION SHOW

CALL DARCIÉ HOFFER AT 237-6042 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

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2011 Member-Member Results

Pawleys Plantation certainly appreciates everyone that participated in the 2011 Member-Member. The tournament certainly proved to be one of the best events we hosted all season long. The course was closed for the event allowing the membership to enjoy the tournament and festivities in a “members only” atmosphere. The course played tough but fair, the competition was fierce to say the least, and everyone raved about how fantastic the Member-Member dinner and dance went. Thanks again for making this event such a great success. Here are the results for the tournament.

Men’s Overall Champions – Phil McKean & Marion Parsons

Men’s Gross Champions – Mark Grzelak & Norman Eckley

Ladies Overall Champions – Mary Parks & Janet Parsons

Ladies Gross Champions – Lois Holland & Sandra Hood

Men’s First Flight

1st Net – Mike Bink & Larry Judge
1st Gross – Owen Wright & Jeremy Dick
2nd Net – Charles Holland & Tom Hood

Ladies First Flight

1st Net – Nickie Rutter & Ginny Boyer
1st Gross – Bev Stikas & Kathy Judge
2nd Net – Francois McKean & Betsy Nemeth

Men’s Second Flight

1st Net – Joe Morgan & Bruce Allan
1st Gross – Frank D’Antoni & Al Kareiva
2nd Net – Brian Humphreys & Hal Freeman

Ladies Second Flight

1st Net – Carol Sacco & Joan Bertolucci
1st Gross – Dale Oberg & Carrie Humphreys
2nd Net – Laverne Durdan & Mary Clay

Men’s Third Flight

1st Net – Dennis Wahl & Tom Long
1st Gross – Don Durdan & John LoCascio
2nd Net – Bill Harrington & Bob Depofi

Ladies Third Flight

1st Net – Cheryle Clark & Cyndee Long
1st Gross – Polly McCormack & Chris Buck
2nd Net – Carole Faulk & Martha Wahl

2011 Mixed Turkey Shoot Results

With the final putt dropping at the end of this year’s Turkey Shoot, the 2011 tournament season officially came to an end. The Turkey Shoot boasted 92 participants this year – the most the event has ever had! Thanks for spending a portion of your Thanksgiving holiday with your family here at Pawleys Plantation. The turn-out for the Member’s Holiday Party was also fantastic - it certainly was great to see so many of our membership enjoying each other’s company. Not to mention the “toys for tots” donations should certainly help many a family in need. Thanks again for all your participation in the events we host here at Pawleys Plantation. Here are the Turkey Shoot results.

1st Flight

1st Place – John & Barb LoCascio, Don Durdan and Joy Grzelak
2nd Place – Dennis & Martha Wahl, Bill Shoup & Stan Bielinski
3rd Place – Mickey & Sue Coffey and Phil & Françoise McKean

2nd Flight

1st Place – Gene & Betsy Nemeth and Marion & Janet Parsons
2nd Place – Jim & Mary Clay, Peggy Kastner and Chuck Muravik
3rd Place – Gil & Nancy Goldsmith and Bruce & Kathy Allan

3rd Flight

1st Place – Vince & Ginny Skubish and Peter & Linda Raymond
2nd Place – Bern & Annette Sweeney and Roy & Dale Oberg
3rd Place – Joe & Kathy Fox and John & Evon Grosskortenhaus

“RACE TO THE FINISH” POINTS SERIES

The “Race to the Finish” Points Series has officially come to an end for the 2011 season. Many improvements were made this year to help make the race much more competitive! Participation was the key to success and the competition was extremely tight making for a down to the wire finish in both the Men’s and Ladies divisions. The top three point’s winners in both the Men’s and Ladies divisions were recognized and we had over 200 different members play in at least one tournament this year with several players participating in them all! The “Pawleys Plantation Point Series Champions” receives a \$250 gift certificate, second place receives \$125 and third place will receives \$75.

The 2011 Men’s Champion was Don Durdan and 2011 Ladies Champion was Lois Holland. Both are extremely worthy competitors and Pawleys Plantation is proud to have them as this year’s champions. Phil McKean and Dale Oberg were this year’s runner-up’s and Charles Holland and Francoise McKean were the third place finishers. Thanks again to everyone that participated tournaments this season and Pawleys Plantation certainly appreciates the tremendous support it receives from its members. Here are the final top ten standing for both the Men’s and Ladies Divisions:

<u>Men’s Standings</u>		<u>Ladies Standings</u>	
1.	Don Durdan 310 pts	1.	Lois Holland 325 pts
2.	Phil McKean 255 pts	2.	Dale Oberg 315 pts
3.	Charles Holland 245 pts	3.	Francoise McKean 295 pts
Tie 4.	Bill Harrington 210 pts	4.	Sandra Hood 255 pts
Tie 4.	John LoCascio 210 pts	5.	Laverne Durdan 250 pts
6.	Gene Nemeth 200 pts	6.	Janet Parsons 230 pts
7.	Dennis Wahl 195 pts	7.	Cheryle Clark 210 pts
Tie 8.	Frank D’Antoni 190 pts	8.	Martha Wahl 205 pts
Tie 8.	Marion Parsons 190 pts	9.	Barb Locascio 200 pts
Tie 8.	Roy Oberg 190 pts	10.	Betsy Nemeth 185 pts

HANDICAP COMMITTEE REPORT

Many of you may have noticed this change already, but Pawleys Plantation has recently adjusted the way we allocate strokes during competitions when play is from both the white and yellow tees. In years past strokes were always taken away from the yellow tee players; the majority of play was always from the white tees. That has changed. Now in club events men are playing almost equally from the white and yellow tees. All club events involving participation from both the white and yellow tees will now be set up from the yellow tees. That means all white tee players will have strokes added to their handicap rather than the yellow tee players having strokes taken away, which is what the USGA recommends. The following excerpt is from the USGA Handicap Manual:

Section 3-5 in the [USGA Handicap Manual](#) addresses players competing from different tees in the same competition. Different tees usually have different ratings. Because a USGA Course Rating reflects the probable score of a scratch golfer, the higher-rated course is more difficult, and the player playing from the set of tees with the higher USGA Course Rating receives additional stroke(s) equal to the rounded difference between each USGA Course Rating. The additional stroke(s) are added to the Course Handicap of the player playing from the higher-rated set of tees. Decision 3-5/1 covers the case where the majority of the field is playing from the higher-rated tees and allows for the reduction in handicaps for those playing from the lower-rated tees. Furthermore, Section 3-5 prescribes that the correction be applied to the player’s Stroke Allowance in events where it differs from the player’s Course Handicap.

Handicap Committee: Mickey Coffey, Chairman
Ron Handley, Larry Judge, Penny Philo, Peter Aubrey



The Salvation Army and Toys for Tots
Extend a warm thank you
to all the members who donated
presents to the children!

We had a record number of toys to donate this year!
Kudos to you all!



Happy Holidays to all of our friends and students at Pawleys Planatation.

NEW at the school is the expansion of our afternoon golf clinics. Thanks to your support, we now feature a Monday afternoon Women's Clinic, a Tuesday afternoon Men's Clinic, and a Mixed Clinic (men & women) on Wednesday afternoon. These clinics start at 1:30pm and last from 1 to 2 hours, depending on number of participants. Cost is \$35 per person, cash payment, and advance registration is required by calling 843-237-4993. Special note: The clinics will cease for part of December and all of January when Mel teaches at his Mexico golf school. Mon-Wed, Dec. 12-14 will be the last clinics Mel conducts until early February. Your February Sawgrass newsletter will provide you with the starting dates for the 2012 season.

Let us know if you'd like to purchase clinics, private lessons, 1 to 3-day programs, or teaching aids as holiday gifts. We'll get gift certificates or training aids to you promptly!

As always, if you're having difficulty with part of your game and need a quick tip, see Mel's Golf Tips at www.ritson-sole.com. If you'd like to take a 1-day school (3.5 hours), 2-day school (7 hours), or 3-day program (10.5 hours), we have two other excellent PGA Teachers who can work with you in December, January and year-round. Just call the golf school and arrangements will be made for Pat Hofmann or Tim Calcagno to schedule your lessons.

For further info, please call 843-237-4993 or 800-624-4653. You may visit our website at www.ritson-sole.com or email us at melsole@ritson-sole.com.

Wishing you the best of the seasons from
Mel, Rosemary, Sharon, Pat and Tim.

PAWLEYS PLANTATION GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
MEMBER TOURNAMENT SURVEY

Pawleys Plantation Members,

The Golf Committee and Staff would like to conduct a brief survey in an effort to finalize and possibly improve our member's golf calendar for 2012. Please take the time to respond to the following questions and return the survey to a member of the Pro Shop staff. You may also mail the survey to the club attention to the pro shop, 70 Tanglewood Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. If you would like to keep your responses anonymous, please leave your name off the survey.

Here were the events Pawleys Plantation hosted for the members in 2011 along with the date they were held and the entry fee that was charged. Please rank these events from 1 to 10 and then answer the following questions.

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| ___ Easter Bunny Hop - \$30 - April 23 rd | ___ *<u>Men's</u> Derby - \$85 - September 4 th |
| ___ *<u>Men's</u> Member Guest - \$400 - May 21 st & 22 nd | ___ *<u>Ladies</u> Derby - \$50 - September 5 th |
| ___ Member Mixer - \$40 - May 29 th | ___ Club Championship - \$50 - September 17 th & 18 th |
| ___ *<u>Ladies</u> Member Guest - \$320 - June 6 th & 7 th | ___ Member-Member - \$110 - November 12 th & 13 th |
| ___ Independence Day Mixer - \$30 - July 3 rd | ___ Couples Sadie Hawkins - \$43 - November 20 th |
| ___ Couples Championship - \$25 - July 17 th | ___ Turkey Shoot - \$20 - November 26 th |

What do you like about the event you ranked #1? _____

What do you not like about the event you ranked #10? _____

The Derby tournaments have not been well attended the last few years, yet it still remains one of the most well received and talked about events the club hosts. What improvements need to be made for the Derby tournaments to be more successful? _____

What improvements could be made to the Club Championship? _____

What improvements could be made to the Member-Member? _____

What other suggestions would you make to improve the Pawleys Plantation tournament calendar? _____

MEMBER NAME _____ * = only check these boxes depending on gender



DECEMBER

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		1	2	1	2 Ladies Fashion Show	3
4	5 MGA 11:45 Tee Times	6	7	8	9 Fiesta Friday in the Pub 6-8	10
11	12 MGA 11:45 Tee Times	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 MGA 11:45 Tee Times	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 10:00 Shotgun
25 Merry Christmas! Facilities Closed	26 MGA 11:45 Tee Times	27	28	29	30	3 New Year's Eve Gala 7:30-12:30

Pawleys Plantation Staff

Administration

Phil Cappel, Clubhouse Manager 237-6063
 Darcie Hoffer, Administrative Assistant 237-6042
 Linda Schwandt, Rooms Division Manager 237-6041
 Jim Ford, Food Service Manager 237-6044
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 Riley Kinlaw, Head Golf Professional 237-6072

Dining

Palmetto Pub 237-6036
 Security 237-6300
 Sawgrass Dining Room 237-6022
 Pro Shop 237-6200
 Phil Ritson-Mel Sole Golf School 237-4993

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