



AUGUST AT RAINTREE

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End of Summer Pool Party Saturday, August 20th

The pool season is coming to an end, but we're not going to let it end without a HUGE party! This party will feature the live band "Jared Allan & Company" from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, a Member Bar from 12:00pm to 4:00pm and a buffet from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Food this day will include corn dogs, hamburgers, chicken fingers and more. Adults as well as kids can get their "teams" together and play Cornhole, we'll have raffle prizes to give away and other fun activities planned! This party is free... you only pay for any guests and your food & beverages. So we'll see you on the 20th!

Just For Kid's! Wednesday, August 10th & Saturday, August 27th

Fun & Games at the Pool... Wednesday, August 10th... Join us for our second Kid's Night this summer! Starting at 5:30pm we'll be playing fun tunes, playing games, creating crafts, and having a "blast" as we bring out Raintree's "famous" HUGE pool floats. Parents, while the kids are playing, you can visit our Pool Shack... enjoy a cold drink and/or dinner while you relax pool side. The festivities will last until 7:30pm and there will be no cost for the fun and games, you only pay for your food & beverages. No reservations are required... just show up and have some fun!

Kid's Back to School Night... Saturday, August 27th... Come to the Lakeside Grille between 5:00pm and 9:00pm to enjoy one more fun night at the Club before you get bombarded with science projects & reading assignments. You can create your own pizza with such toppings as Sausage, Pepperoni, Bacon, Mushrooms, Pineapple and more. Then make a sundae with chocolate & caramel syrup, whipped cream, cherries & other goodies. Soft drink included. (\$9.00 per child)



BINGO & PASTA BUFFET • Friday, August 5th

August is our "Last Summer Adventures & Back To School" Bingo night. The Pasta Buffet will begin at 6:00pm and will be available until 7:00pm at a cost of \$8.00 per person. As always, there will be complimentary popcorn all night. Bingo begins promptly at 7:00pm and cost \$7.50 for three cards. Keep in mind that each time you attend Bingo your name is entered for the Grand Prize Drawing to be held in March 2012. Please call 704.542.8150 to make your reservation.

August Specials in the Grille

You know you're in the South when you experience these hot August nights! So to cool off and have a good time, the Lakeside Grille offerings this month will be going "Southern"

Low Country Boil... Wednesday, August 10th... Get a taste of the South with our Low Country Boil from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. Enjoy a half pound of Jumbo Shrimp, Corn on the Cob, Andouille Sausage and Red Bliss Potatoes all simmered together in a Creole Broth. The meal will include Slaw & Cocktail Sauce and your choice of She Crab Soup or Salad (\$19.00).

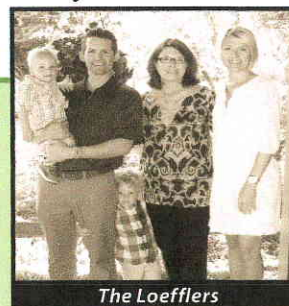
Every Tuesday is "Burger Night"... Come to the Grille every Tuesday night between 5:30pm - 9:00 and enjoy our Raintree Burger followed by Banana Pudding with Vanilla Wafers for \$8.75 (no splits). The Raintree Burger is an 8oz. char broiled Black Angus Burger with Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Cheese and choice of one topping: Bacon, Mushrooms or Grilled Onions. French Fries or Sweet Potato Fries and a Soft Drink is also included.

Every Friday Night... "Oyster Mania"... If you enjoy Oysters, this is your night! We will be dishing them up four different ways to satisfy your craving (A la carte pricing): Oyster Stew (Cup \$3.50 or Bowl \$4.50), Fried Oysters Appetizer with Cajun Aioli and Cocktail Sauce (\$8.75), Mixed Green Salad tossed in Creamy Lemon Parmesan Dressing topped with lightly breaded Fried Oysters (\$9.25) Oyster Po Boy on French Bread with Lettuce, Tomato, Cajun Aioli, Slaw and Fries (\$9.75)

Bar Features... John Daly's (\$3.50) & Bottled Coronas (\$2.00). These will be featured on our Low Country Boil Night & for Oyster Mania to compliment your Southern meal and help quench your thirst on these humid nights.

Wine Feature... Hess Select Chardonnay (\$7 Glass / \$21 Bottle). Aromas of pineapple and green apple are followed on the palate by crisp citrus flavors. Medium-bodied and refreshing, this wine has a rich mid-palate, with just a hint of oak toast. Well-balanced acidity gives this wine a clean, crisp mouthfeel, with a zesty, fruit forward finish.

Sunday Brunch... 10:00am to 2:00pm every Sunday. Come enjoy fresh salads, entrees and desserts along with breakfast items. (Adults \$13.00, ages 6 to 12 \$6.50 and Complimentary for age 5 & under) Reservations are not required.



The Loefflers



Club News

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE Phyllis Hollingsworth, Membership Director

Please help me in welcoming the following new Members and their families who joined our Club in June: Clifford & Rebecca Boyd, Susan Stanfield, Thom Perez & Renee Hooper, Mike Libretto, Brent & Wilkie Pitman, Ed & Kim Keady, DJ & Staci Wittek, Thomas & Barbara Peterson, John & Colleen McKibbin, Dave & Rhonda Styka, Paul Stayert and Bob & Jacquelyn Gerenza.

As most of you can tell - we have had a busy summer with many new Members joining. A huge contribution to this effort has been from you, our established Raintree Members, encouraging your families and friends and co-workers to make Raintree their "Country Club of Choice". Thank you to Kim Companion, Tim Hurley, Mike Stephens and Si Iyob who sponsored the new Members in June.

We are still offering the "Trial Membership" program that permits potential members a chance to participate in our membership for one full year paying monthly dues and meeting the quarterly dining minimums... all this for a \$1,000 deposit which will be a credited towards the current Initiation Fee.

We are also offering a "Buddy Program". This program applies to the Full Privilege Membership only. When more than one prospective member applies for Membership and is accepted, each of their Initiation Fees is reduced by \$1,000. Each prospect must join at the same time. So, if you know of someone who may be interested in Membership at Raintree please let me know and I will be more than happy to explain the details of membership (704.542.8150).

Member Spotlight

We would like to recognize one of Raintree's Lifetime Members, Lavern and Doris Wells. They have been Members of Raintree Country Club since August 6, 1971. Mr. and Mrs. Wells built the first custom home on Smokerise Hill where they continue to reside today. The family has enjoyed all 40 years of the Raintree life including golf, tennis, swimming, special parties, dining and wedding receptions...all have been a joy. From the very beginning until today they want us all to know how much they have enjoyed living in Raintree and plan to continue on doing so for many more years. To quote Mr. Wells... "This is the good life!" *(Thank you to Mr. & Mrs Wells for being a part of our Raintree Country Club Family for so long).*



WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Orientation Day for current and prospective members of the Raintree Ladies Bowling League will be Monday, August 29th at 10:30am at the Park Lanes on Montford Lane off Park Road. This is a wonderful day to meet with league bowlers and discover how much enjoyment there is in playing for the RLBL. We hope you will drop by to meet us and get your questions answered about bowling in this league. It's the right league for anyone who wants to bowl and have fun at the same time. Park Lanes is honoring our current contract so fees will remain the same. Park Lanes has also offered us a bonus if we maintain at least our current ten 3-lady teams. So, if you want to bowl, we want you to join us!

There is plenty of parking and a nice restaurant for lunch, snacks or beverages at Park Lanes. We play on Mondays at noon and we have two parties a year; one at Christmas right at the bowling lanes and an end of the season party at a local restaurant. Both events are always great fun. Contact any of the RLBL officers with questions: Karen Covington, President (704.366.4759) / MaryAnn Johnston, Vice President (704.552.5123) / Kim Martin, Treasurer (704.364.3900) / Debbie Levine, Secretary (704.996.7635). See you on the lanes!



BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

This Beginners Bridge class has been very popular. About 30 Members have completed the first two series of lessons, "Introduction to Bridge" and "Basic Bidding". Over the summer the group continues to meet weekly for play only; lessons will resume in September. If you missed the first opportunity to join in this activity, but are still interested in the program, please call Rod Wood at 704.814.9794.

RED CROSS MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE... Thursday, August 4th / 2:00pm to 6:30pm. Blood Drives at Raintree are open to all Members, their guests and to others in our surrounding community. All donations to the Greater Carolinas Red Cross stay right here in our immediate area. You can set up your appointment time by calling 704.542.8150.



Golf News

2011 MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT RESULTS

This year's tournament was held on Thursday, June 23rd – Saturday, June 25th with a field of 60 two-man teams making up ten 6-team flights. The participants enjoyed three days of food, drink and friendly golf competition. The first place winners of each flight were tallied after completing five 9-hole matches. These flight winners then competed in a three-hole shoot out to crown the 2011 Member-Guest Champions. The champions of this year's event were Matt Williams and his guest, Scot Kiser. Congratulations to the 2011 Champions and following flight winners!

- Hagen Flight:** 1st – Matt Williams & Scot Kiser / 2nd - Jason Jacobs & Jay Barnes
- Hogan Flight:** 1st – Henrik Aittola & Sean Torpey / 2nd - Paul Danielson & John Weiss
- Jones Flight:** 1st – Terry Kute & Tommy Kute / 2nd - Wade Moyer & Wade Moyer, Jr.
- Nicklaus Flight:** 1st – Bob Fritsch, Jr. & Grayson Mumma / 2nd - Lee Lane & Calvin Lane
- Palmer Flight:** 1st – Randy Stone & Chris Schwartz
2nd - Jim Martin & Frank Gavel
- Player Flight:** 1st – Greg Bender & John McCormick
2nd – Don Adams & Steve Presson
- Sarazen Flight** 1st – Jim Doolittle & Keith Daleb
2nd – Bruce Berry & Bill Holland
- Snead Flight:** 1st – Mark Schmidt & Jim Busam
2nd – Don Simpson & Scott Holloway
- Vardon Flight:** 1st – Jim Rembowski & Ron Anderson
2nd – Tom Phillips & Mike Butler
- Watson Flight:** 1st – Jim Van Winkle & Chuck Van Winkle
2nd – Brian Durrett & Rex Noble



2011 Overall Champions & Hagen Flight Winners



Hagen Flight Runner-Ups



Hogan Flight Winners



Hogan Flight Runner-Ups



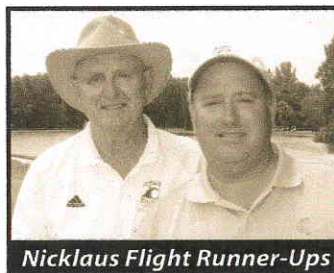
Jones Flight Winners



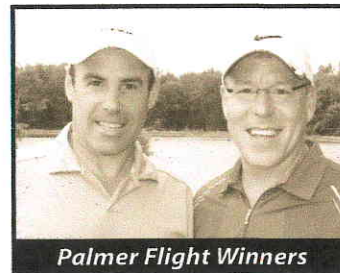
Jones Flight Runner-Ups



Nicklaus Flight Winners



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Palmer Flight Winners



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Player Flight Winners



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Sarazen Flight Winners

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Sarazen Flight Runner-Ups



Snead Flight Winners



Snead Flight Runner-Ups



Vardon Flight Winners



Vardon Flight Runner-Ups



Watson Flight Winners



Watson Flight Runner-Ups

ADDITIONAL GOLF EVENTS IN AUGUST (Not mentioned in printed golf articles)

- **Three-day Junior Golf Camps:** These Golf Camps are open to all skill levels for ages 10 and above. They run from 8:00am to 1:00pm and are limited to 10 students per camp. Each day campers get the opportunity to play with the Pros on the course after instruction in the morning and lunch each day. Camp dates in August are as follows: 2nd – 4th, 9th – 12th & 16th – 18th. Sign up by calling the Golf Shop.
- **Saturday Clinics for Juniors:** A Junior Clinic is held every Saturday from 11:00am to 12:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per clinic. These clinics provide instruction that our juniors can work on during all seasons. Sign up each week in the Golf Shop. (Clinics are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather situations.)
- **Senior Men's Club Championship – Saturday, August 6th & Sunday, August 7th:** This Championship is open to all male Members 50 years and older.
- **RMGA Skins Tournament – Saturday, August 13th & Saturday, August 20th**
- **RMGA Interclub – Saturday, the 14th at Firethorn Country Club; Saturday, the 21st at Cabarrus Country Club; Saturday, the 27th at Raintree vs. Olde Sycamore.**
- **2011 Men's Club Championship & 2011 Women's Club Championship – Saturday, September 3rd through Monday, September 5th (Awards Ceremony following tournament play on Monday).**
- **Parent Child Tournament – Sunday, August 21st:** This fun event is open to all Members. Format is Captain's Choice. Ages 11 & under play 9 holes and ages 12 & over play 18 holes. Cost is \$15.00 plus cart fee per team and includes a cookout following play and prizes. Space is limited so sign up soon.
- **Guest Days and Guest Day Scramble: Every Tuesday and Wednesday is Guest Day at Raintree!** The Greens Fee these days is only \$22.00 for eighteen holes and only \$14.00 for nine holes (additional cart fees apply). August's special Guest Day Event will on Friday, the 26th. You are invited to bring up to three guests. The cost will be \$45.00 per person, which includes carts, green fees, prizes and boxed lunches. Please contact the Golf Shop for additional information and to sign up.

THURSDAY NIGHT DOGFIGHTS

All Raintree Male Members 18 years old and older with an established handicap are eligible to play. The format is 9 holes of Captains Choice, with ABC&D players in each group. As the season progresses, other formats will be announced, in order to keep everyone interested. Cost is only \$10.00, plus cart fee. Signup on Thursdays in the Men's Locker Room by 5:00pm. It's great fun and fellowship every week. After play everyone meets in the 37th Hole.

Due to the advanced time frame in which this newsletter is compiled and printed, all dates, times, events and other information are subject to change. If any changes occur, they will be posted as soon as possible in all areas of the Clubhouse. Members will also be notified via email. Thank you for your understanding.



Raintree Senior Men's Golf Association



The RSMGA is halfway through our 2011 Season and we welcome all male golfers age 50 and above. We currently have 125 members with 40 to 70 playing each Wednesday morning. A signup sheet is posted each week in the hall outside the men's locker room showing the starting time and the game we will be playing. 20 of our members enjoyed an invite day with the Raintree Women's Golf Association during July (Thanks, we all had a wonderful time). On Tuesday, August 16th we will be playing the Cookie Open with the Raintree Lady 9 Holers, which is always one of our yearly highlights.

We participate in the OMEGA Golf League playing 12 matches each year - we are currently 3 wins and 3 losses against other clubs around the Charlotte area (must be 55 years old to participate). Our annual dues are \$40 per man. If you are interested please see someone in the pro shop or call Larry Witham at 704.541.7252.

Course Maintenance Update Please remember to repair ballmarks' fill divots and rake bunkers

The heat is well upon us now as we travel into August. This is typically one of the hottest months and our goal is to survive this month both physically and emotionally. The heat can take its toll on all of us so be sure to drink plenty of fluids while out on the course.

Our stress begins on the greens. As normal, we try to keep the greens breathing well until the aerification in September. We try to limit top growth and save the carbohydrate reserves in the roots to aid in plant respiration and survival. Our venting will continue this month followed by growth regulators and wetting agents to prevent top growth and dry spots.

We are also extremely careful about water during August as well. As the roots in the green fluctuate, our watering practices must adapt as well. We constantly monitor soil moisture with soil probes and moisture meters. An evening thunderstorm can throw a monkey wrench into the whole equation, and even though we might need rain, successive days with afternoon thundershowers can make the situation incredibly tough. We would like to see the greens get the water they need and then dry out. As you can see, timing and implementing applications can be extremely difficult this time of year. We use the tools at our disposal to make the best-informed decisions and applications that will benefit the turf's survival.



Senior Women's Golf

"Forever Young" Monday golf is open to any Raintree woman golfer 55 years and older. We play on Mondays through the summer and end on August 29th (we will not play on July 4th). We will have two tee times each Monday (8:00am and 8:10am). A sign up sheet will be posted on the RWGA Bulletin Board each week on Fridays providing more information about this fun golf group. Questions? Call Judy DiGregorio (704.969.3878).

Nine Holer's News

On Thursday, July 28th the Raintree Nine Holer's attended the Pine Lake Invitational and enjoyed a day of golf and fellowship with members from area clubs.

Our August Events are as follows: Tuesday, the 2nd - 8:30am Tee Times, North Front / Tuesday, 9th - 8:30am Shotgun, North Back / Tuesday, the 16th - Cookie Open, 8:30am Shotgun, South Course, Lunch to follow in the Lakeview Room / Tuesday, 23rd - 8:30am Shotgun, North Back / Tuesday, the 30th - 8:30am Shotgun, South Course.

If you are interested in joining the Nine Holer's, please contact Anne Traxler: (Home: 704.541.1384 / Cell: 980.230.3229 / annetrax@carolina.rr.com).

HANDICAPS Submitted by Raintree's Handicap Committee

The USGA Handicap System, in its Decisions under Section 6, has the following Question and Answer: 6-1/1. Procedure for Player who Discontinues Play for Lengthy Period and Then Resumes Play. Question: A player with an established Handicap Index discontinues play for a lengthy period, and then resumes play. Should the player use the last Handicap Index on resumption of play or establish a new Handicap Index? Answer: The player does not have a Handicap Index until the next scheduled handicap revision. The player's club Handicap Committee may issue a Handicap Index (M) sooner if at least five scores exist in the scoring record.

If the scoring record of the player is unavailable when resuming play, the player has no Handicap Index until five scores have been posted and a handicap revision passes.

Raintree Women's Golf Association

August Events

- Mon., 1st - 3rd - CGA 4 Ball Tourn. @ Porters Neck CC
- Thurs., 4th - Little Ringer Tourn. / 8:15am SG South
- Tues., 9th - CCWGA @ Rolling Hills Country Club
- Thurs., 11th - Little Ringer Tourn. / 8:15am SG South
- Thurs., 11th - Little Ringer Awards & Business Lunch
- Tues., 16th - Team Match / 9:03am TT North
- Tues., 16th - Exchange Day @ Cedarwood CC
- Thurs., 18th - Points Tournament / 8:15am SG South
- Thurs., 18th - Little Ringer Tournament Rain Date
- Fri., 19th - Interclub
- Wed., 24th - Board Meeting @ 4:00pm
- Thurs., 25th - 1:2 Best Ball / 8:15am SG North
- Thurs., 25th - CWDGA @ Providence CC
- Sun., 28th - Couples Golf 2:00pm SG North



The Derby

This year's exciting consecutive two day Derby Tournament held in June began with qualifying on the South Course under some difficult conditions, and the next day finished up on the North Course Back Nine. Additional spectators followed to cheer our ladies along and a celebration luncheon concluded the event. Congratulations to the Winners (*Pictured*) & Qualifiers: 1st - Wenona Van Winkle / 2nd - Dee Dee Bohannon / 3rd - Inga Lill Lofgren / 4th - Dale Yaged / 5th - Mary Ann Mc Gill / 6th - Melissa Sage / 7th - Rachel Yancey / 8th - Jona Maiorano / 9th - Mary Villier / 10th - Irma Turner / 11th - Kathleen Lebedz / 12th - Martha Moyer.



Exchange Day

On Thursday, September 1st, Raintree will host an Exchange Day. Watch for the sign up sheet which will be posted in the Ladies' Locker Room mid August. For more information contact Kaye Lamb (704.543.6535).

Interclub

Congratulations to our Ladies Interclub Team! In June they played against Pine Island Country Club at Pine Lake Country Club and won 7 points to 2. The team consisted of: Dee Dee Bohannon, Jona Maiorano, Diane Duke, Debby Earle and Jan Eckstrom.

Member Guest Tournament

The 2011 RWGA Member Guest Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 6th. Practice rounds and a putting contest will be on the 5th followed by a cocktail party this evening. A sign up sheet will be in the Ladies Locker Room on August 1st, and invitations will be available for your guests the middle of August.

COUPLES GOLF

Couples played a Stableford format giving points for net scores so the higher the score the better. Congratulations to Flight A winners: 1st Place - David Earle, Debby Earle, George Denliker & Laura Brown / 2nd Place - Bob Sage, Melissa Sage, Ron Lebedz & Kathleen Lebedz. Flight B winners: 1st Place - Sal Maiorano, Jona Maiorano, Herman Schweinle & Mary Ann McGill / 2nd Place - Jim VanWinkle, Wenona VanWinkle, Randy Halm & Barbara Halm / 3rd Place - Joe Pierson, Kaye Lamb, Ted Turner & Irma Turner.

The next Couples golf event will be a Battle of the Sexes on Sunday, August 28th. Couples events are open to all Raintree Members with an established handicap. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Golf Shop and signup deadline is 6:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the event - cost is \$15 per couple. If you have any questions, please contact Dee Dee Bohannon at 704.756.3887 or dbohannon@carolina.rr.com.

Summer at Raintree has been Great!



Hard to believe the summer months are coming to an end. This summer has been busy with many successful golf and social events! Each Golf Association was active holding their own tournaments; the weather turned out great for the Men's Member-Guest Golf Tournament and Raintree's Junior Tennis Championship; the children had an abundance of activities to choose from... joining the Swim Team, participating in a Junior Golf Camp, attending Summer Camp or just enjoying the many fun events at the pool. The Club was also host to many Member Pool Parties, Birthday Parties, Wedding Receptions, End of Season Banquets and special dinners. Keep in mind that before we know it the holidays will be here. Therefore, if you are interested in scheduling a holiday party for your family or office please contact our Catering Director, Tracy Nazaruk, as soon as possible to reserve a date (catering@raintreecountryclub.org).