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# Greetings

Dear Members,

I am proud to announce to you that Marielys Lee has been promoted to the role of General Manager! Many of you may not know that Marielys began working at MacGregor over 10 years ago, initially serving our membership as a Captain in the Food and Beverage department. In this role, she did everything from training, bev. cart, serving, bartending, to catering sales. For the last few years in her role as Clubhouse Manager, I have witnessed Marielys deepen her knowledge of the private club industry and continue to build strong bonds with you all. As the Assistant General Manager, she has proven herself to be a valuable leader and an integral part of this team.

In this new role, Marielys will be supported by our MacGregor team, as well as a new Regional Director of Operations and myself as the Vice President of Operations for Concert Golf. In making this transition, it was obvious who would take on this new role. While others may have had more experience, no one had more love for MacGregor Downs and its members.

Best Regards,

Joseph B. Nowell  
VP of Operations, Concert Golf Partners

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Dear Members,

I am excited to be serving as your new General Manager and want to thank Joseph for helping to make MacGregor one of the area's premier clubs. Many of you have already stopped me to say congratulations and provide words of encouragement. I appreciate everyone's support! Within this new role, I will be continuing to elevate the service you have come to expect and make sure that you, the member, are enjoying your home-away-from-home.

This holiday season, we will continue to offer your favorite holiday events, including our Ipswich Lobster and Clam Bake, Polar Express, Santa Brunch, Charles Dickens Wine Dinner, and more! I hope you will join us at these events and make some memories with your family that will last a lifetime. Speaking of important events, our annual maintenance period has been set for this January. The Clubhouse will be closed January 1-13. Our staff will be working hard to deep clean all areas of the Club and make sure we are prepped and ready for a successful year in 2020!

Please save the date for our annual Welcome Back Party, scheduled for Friday, January 17 from 7-11PM. This event is open to all members at no cost and Kids' Club will be available. Come dressed in cocktail attire and enjoy a full spread of delicious food as well as house wine and beer. We'll even have live music; I look forward to seeing you there!

Best Regards,

Marielys Lee  
General Manager

# Now's the Time

Membership Director Cricket Russell will be giving away a trip to Carrollwood Country Club in Tampa, FL to one lucky member at this year's Ipswich Lobster & Clam Bake! There is still time to enter for your chance to win; simply refer a friend, colleague, neighbor, or family member and receive 1 entry. Additional entries will be awarded depending upon the level of membership in which they join. Contact Cricket at 919-653-0173 or [crussell@concertgolfclubs.com](mailto:crussell@concertgolfclubs.com) to submit the names of potential new members and be sure to join us at this year's Lobster & Clam Bake!



# Pretty In Pink Classic

Thanks to the 27 member committee, 67 sponsors, and many participants in this year's tennis and golf tournaments, along with the Pink Party, this year's Pretty In Pink Classic was a success! Over \$116,000 was raised, a 65% increase from 2018, which will help approximately 50 uninsured and under-insured breast cancer patients! Thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored, and donated. Please save the date for next year's dates — October 1 & 2.





## Pro's Corner

Dear Members,

This has been a great year of golf! With the fall rolling in, we are finishing the golf season with our Tournament of Champions. The Tournament of Champions is a celebration for all the golfers that won either a flight or tournament this year. MGA final points results will be announced after the Tournament of Champions. Matt Crichton is currently in the lead with 197 points.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, November 11th when we will hold the Tee It Up for the Troops tournament. This year's proceeds will go to the North Carolina USO. Our own Mary Harrison is going to kick us off by singing the National Anthem. Grab a foursome and sign up on the Club's website.

Our staff appreciates your support and we look forward to serving you 2020. Until then, we will continue to provide great deals in our Pro Shop throughout the holiday season. On December 3 we will have our annual Wine and Cheese Party! This is a great opportunity to enjoy some refreshments while getting some holiday shopping done. That night, you will receive some steep discounts and even have a chance to win a trip to The Muttontown Club!

Congratulations to Paul Brewer and David Raymer, winners of the Poole Cup. They won 1 up in the finals over Faheem Amod and Jacob Lucky. Ian Mayer and Trey King also deserve a round of applause as they are this year's Member-Member Champions.

Lastly, I would like to give a special thanks to Michael Brooks for a job well done with our junior program. Join us in wishing him good luck in his new role with Operation 36. In the interim, Assistant Professional Jon Mansberger will be serving our families and making sure the kids have opportunities to play the course!

Thank you for a great golf season,

Jens Klemsche, PGA  
Director of Golf  
jklemsche@macgregordowns.org

## Drive Safely

As the course transitions to dormant grass, it important that all golfers keep carts off wet areas. We ask that you drive responsibly and follow all cart rules for the health of our course!



*Above: Chris Hrnicek holds her grandpuppy at this year's Member-Member Cookout*

# Operation 36



## Operation 36 - MacGregor Junior Academy

The 2019 Operation 36 season has come to a close. Looking back on the year, it is truly inspiring to see this outstanding community of junior golfers come together on a weekly basis to motivate one another, learn perseverance, and celebrate accomplished goals and milestones along the way. 2019 was a record-breaking year on the golf course. The Coaching Staff would like to thank participating families and the entire MacGregor membership for the support this year.

Below are a few highlights from September/October as well as 2019 records.

**Total Strokes Improved (2019): 345**

**Average Strokes Improved (Per Junior): 9.6**

**Most Strokes Improved (Individual): 23**

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER - Operation 36 Division Passers

Congratulations to the following juniors who shot 36 or better in an Operation 36 Match!



**David Wolgin**  
Date: 9/10/19  
Score: 30  
Division: 1 - 25 yards

**Wyatt Savage**  
Date: 9/28/19  
Score: 35  
Division: 1 - 25 yards

Date: 9/14/19  
Score: 32  
Division: 2 - 50 yards

**Grant Long**  
Date: 10/12/19  
Score: 35  
Division: 2 - 50 yards

**Luke Hervey**  
Date: 9/10/19  
Score: 36  
Division: 4 - 150 yards

**Mary Harrison**  
Date: 10/26/19  
Score: 36  
Division: 3 - 100 yards



**Raina Patel**

Date: 9/28/19

Score: 35

Division: 1 - 25 yards

**Ben Withers**

Date: 9/28/19

Score: 35

Division: 3 - 100 yards

**Madison Myers**

Date: 9/28/19

Score: 36

Division: 5 - 200 yards

**Operation 36 Mobile App**

When you join the Academy, your family will be invited to the MacGregor Downs community in the Op 36 web/mobile app software. The app was designed to gamify the golf experience and to provide a platform for students to work towards accomplishing individual goals and milestones set by your coach to reach the common goal of shooting 36 or better for 9 holes. Play, Train, and Social actions can be logged in a community feed for points to help move MacGregor Downs up the global leaderboard of 450+ facilities playing Operation 36!

**Op 36 Winter Challenge**

Junior players enrolled in the Op 36 program are encouraged to participate in our upcoming Winter Challenge. This program will run from Tuesday, November 5 through the end of February. Each month we will hold six supervised practices and run two Op 36 matches. Contact Interim Academy Director Jon Mansberger, PGA at [jmansberger@macgregordowns.org](mailto:jmansberger@macgregordowns.org) for more information and to register for 2020 programming!



**Play Day**

Make sure to join us for our last Senior Play Day of the year will be held on Wednesday, November 6. Register today for this 9AM Shotgun!

**Top 10 SMGA Points Winners**

1.	Dennis Zilavy	378	6.	Dave Roberts	227
2.	Tom Corby	309	7.	Mike Senter	208
3.	Tom Carney	291	8.	Steve Doan	205
4.	Jimmy Raley	256	9.	Frank Holding	201
5.	Mike Wagner	237	10.	Bob Haas	195

# LGA

The 2019 LGA season has come to an end. We enjoyed the beautiful fall weather with the ladies Fall Fling Invitational. In the first flight, Dokim Elphick placed second. Miriam Beck and Anna Merritt were the winners of the second flight. Louise Crichton finished in 2nd place in her flight. Jackie Earle and Wanda Smith placed second and Cindy Roberts and Charlotte Oehman placed third in their respective flights! All MDCC lady golf members are welcome to celebrate the season on December 10 at Noon for the LGA Luncheon. Thank you to all the ladies who supported the LGA this season!



# Tennis News

Dear Members,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pretty in Pink Tournament this fall! We had 100 players join us for the event! We have several more events coming up for our adult players and will continue to offer adult clinics throughout the fall. These include the 2.5, 3.0-3.5, 4.0-4.5+ Clinics, the Beginner Clinic, and Cardio Tennis. Please visit our online calendar to view dates and times, as some of the clinic times will be changing with Combo Doubles coming to an end.

Our fall junior tennis programs are off to a great start! Our Junior Team Tennis teams are doing extremely well so far in the matches. We will continue to offer a wide variety of instructional programs for kids ages 3-18. The clinics will offer drop-in registration, rather than multi-week registration this November and December, as we know that many families travel this time of year. Players are welcome to join us for clinics anytime they are available.

We are starting adult winter programs and have the MD3 League for the ladies that like to play on weekdays. We will also offer organized evening play for both men and women. Please contact me for more details on winter programs. Finally, sign up for spring league is just around the corner. Please keep an eye out for the sign up, which will be announced in the Court Report email in early December.

Francie Barragan  
Director of Tennis  
[fbarragan@macgregordowns.org](mailto:fbarragan@macgregordowns.org)

### **Ladies Member-Member Tennis Tournament — Tiebreaks & Tailgates**

Friday, November 8, 8:30AM

Ladies of all levels are welcome to join us and wear your favorite team's colors. The format will be a doubles round robin. \$50 per player includes breakfast, lunch, a signature drink, a player gift, awards, and balls.

8:30AM — Morning Refreshments & Coffee

9AM — Tournament Begins

12PM — Lunch Served at Clubhouse

### **Doubles Challenge Ladder**

November 2018-February 2019

Show off your tennis skills this winter! Find a friend of your same gender within one NTRP of you and get practicing! Play will take place on nights and weekends only. Those wishing to play during the day are encouraged to sign up for the MD3 league. Visit the Tennis Programming page on the private MDCC site to view rules and restrictions. \$10 per player; please register by emailing Francie Barragan and include the name of your doubles partner along with both NTRP ratings.

### **Ladies' Tennis Holiday Luncheon**

Thursday, December 5, 11:30AM

Join us for a festive luncheon with your fellow lady tennis players. Enjoy a three-course meal with your choice of entree. \$30 per person includes lunch and a signature drink.

### **Cardio Tennis**

Saturdays at 10AM

Our Cardio Tennis clinics will continue to be offered during the upcoming season. Help burn off some of those holiday calories during this fun group activity. Cardio Tennis includes a warm-up, cardio workout, and a cool down phase. Programs and drills are geared towards helping existing players get a great cardio workout while improving skill. Open to all levels of play. \$15 per class.



## STANDARD DINING HOURS

**Monday**  
Closed

**Tuesday**  
11:30AM-Dusk  
*\*Kitchen Closes at 4PM*

**Wednesday**  
11:30AM-9PM

**Thursday**  
11:30AM-9PM

**Friday**  
11:30AM-10PM

**Saturday**  
11:30AM-9PM

**Sunday**  
11:30AM-Dusk  
*\*Kitchen Closes at 5PM*

Brunch Offered Weekly  
11AM-2PM

Please check our weekly e-newsletter, the MacGregor Insider, for any updates to this schedule.

### TO GO

All items offered on our Regular and Express Lunch menus may be ordered and picked up curbside. Please call the Club at 919-467-5965 to place your order and let us know when you have arrived.

## Dining / Social

### Sunday Brunch (Offered Weekly)

We invite you and your guests to enjoy our weekly Sunday Brunch buffet from 11AM-2PM. The culinary team will offer both savory and sweet options. Reservations now available online!

Pricing: Adults \$12.95++, Children 5-12 \$9.95++, Complimentary for children 4 and under.

### Ladies' Night (Offered Weekly)

We are continuing our Ladies' Night every Wednesday from 5-9PM. Ladies, grab your girlfriends and head to the Club for some delicious signature cocktails, at only \$5++ each.

### Ipswich Lobster and Clam Bake

Friday, November 15, 6:30-9:30PM

The special MacGregor Downs event will feature all you can eat lobsters, clams, and dessert. Other grilled fare will be provided for those who do not eat seafood and a member-sign bar will be available. We invite you to wear your wackiest, wildest pants to this fun and light-hearted event! Children will enjoy an extra-special Kid's Club with an inflatable and their own buffet. Live music will be provided by Kerry Long.

Pricing: \$59.95++ for Adults, \$17++ for Children

### Thanksgiving Day Buffet

Thursday, November 28, 11AM-2PM

Bring your friends and family to enjoy Thanksgiving MacGregor-style. Executive Chef Norma Sanchez has prepared a bountiful menu for your dining enjoyment, including a carving station, seafood display, extensive dessert spread, and more. Visit the site to view the full menu!

Pricing: \$34.95++ for Adult Members, \$17.95++ for Children, Complimentary for Children 5 & Under, \$37.95++ for Adult Guests

### Polar Express

Sunday, December 1, 5:30-8:30PM

Our beloved Polar Express event is back once again! Children, put on your PJs, grab your Christmas list, and head to the Club for a yummy dinner and pictures with Santa. You'll event get to ride on the Polar Express!

Member Pricing: \$24.95++ for Adults, \$12.95++ for Children 6-12, \$4.95++ for Children 5 & Under.

Guest Pricing: \$28.99++ for Adults, \$16.95++ for Children 6-12, \$4.95++ for Children 5 & Under.



## DINING RESERVATIONS

Dining reservations  
are now accepted  
through the website!

To make a reservation for  
our weekly Sunday Brunch,  
please access the  
calendar and register to  
secure your spot!

To reserve a table in the  
19th Hole, please access the  
Dining Reservations page  
and let us know  
you are coming! If you  
would like to sit on the  
deck, please make a note  
in the comments section of  
your reservation.

To reserve a table in the  
Main Dining Room,  
please contact the Club  
at 919-467-0146 for  
availability.

### **Gingerbread Workshop**

Tuesday, December 3, 4-6PM

Join us on the Garden Terrace for this sweet event. Gingerbread houses will be constructed by our culinary staff, awaiting your personal touches. Frosting, candy, and other trimmings will be provided to decorate your house and display for the holidays!

Member Pricing: \$25++ per Gingerbread House (includes one child buffet), \$15.95++ per Buffet (cost for children and adults).

Guest Pricing: \$29.95++ per Gingerbread House (includes one child buffet), \$17.95++ per Buffet (cost for children/adults)

### **Santa Brunch**

Sunday, December 8, 10:30AM-2PM

The Club will be sparkling with holiday decor, the tables will be set, Santa will be waiting, and a festive spread of food will adorn the tables! Santa will be available for pictures, so come dressed in your most festive attire. Visit the website for our holiday-themed menu.

Member Pricing: \$24.95++ for Adults, \$12.95++ for Children 6-12, Complimentary for Children 5 & Under.

Guest Pricing: \$28.95++ for Adults, \$16.95++ for Children 6-12, Complimentary for Children 5 & Under.

*Cancellation Policy applies to all events. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Please register by calling Lynette at 919-467-0146 or visit the MDCC website.*



## Wine Club



Experience unique wines and learn about their subtleties and complexities with your fellow members.

**November Wine Club Tasting**  
Thursday, September 19, 6:30PM

Remember, we will have the Charles Dickens Wine Dinner in December, as opposed to our monthly tasting.

### Join the Wine Club

Complimentary  
Admission to 11 Tastings

Purchase Wine at 20% Above  
Our Cost

Discount Price for  
MDCC Wine Dinners

### Join the Beer Club

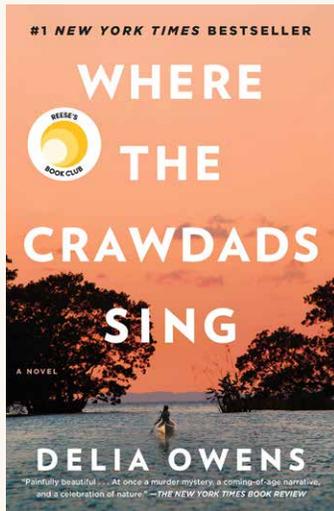
Your Own Personalized  
Beer Glass

24oz Pour at Normal  
16oz Price

Help Determine Future  
Offerings for Beer Tap  
System

Contact Clubhouse  
Manager Marielys Lee at  
mlee@macgregordowns.org  
for details and to join!

## Book Club



The MDCC Book Club is open to all MDCC members. No annual fee or commitment is required. The cost per meeting is \$20+,, which includes dinner. Register online for the next MDCC Book Club meeting and get reading!

**Thursday, October 24, 6:30PM**

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

**Friday, December 5, 6:30PM**

*In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende

For the final 2019 Book Club meeting, members will enjoy the annual book exchange. Please bring a new gift-wrapped book in order to participate. Monetary donations will also be accepted for the Guardian ad Litem program. In addition, 2020 book selections will be voted on along with next year's book presenter. For additional information, please contact member Debbie Fox at debfox56@icloud.com or (919) 621-2314.

## Yard of the Month

### October Winner

Mr. & Mrs. James Moriarty  
120 Bruce Drive

### October Honorable Mention

Mr. & Mrs. John Park  
105 Dundee



# Garden Club

The November meeting of the Garden Club will be held Wednesday, November 20 at 10AM. Alice Moore, Hillsborough Artist and Floral Designer, will be here to present “A Williamsburg Holiday.” View various holiday arrangements and learn the history of Williamsburg’s traditional designs.

The annual Christmas Luncheon will follow the Holiday Home Tour on Wednesday, December 11. MacGregor Downs Garden Club members and their guests will gather together in celebration of the holiday season and enjoy a three-course meal with a glass of wine. 9:30AM Home Tour, 11:30AM Social Time, 12PM Luncheon

The Garden Club always has an excellent program of monthly meetings, bus trips, and a holiday home tour. To become a member, please contact Membership Chair Karen Clemmer at [kclemmer4@gmail.com](mailto:kclemmer4@gmail.com).

# Fitness

The holiday season and winter weather is upon us. With this typically comes more eating, decreased exercise, and less outdoor activity. This combination can leave you feeling sluggish, lazy and fatigued, and often results in gaining weight during this time of year.

Don’t let this be an excuse — be proactive! Winter is a great time to get your body prepared for next year’s golf or tennis season. Take advantage of the cold weather that keeps you indoors to get any chronic aches and pains evaluated and treated by your health care professionals. Once you are able to move pain-free, your body can maximize results of any strength and conditioning program during the off-season. This all translates to a more efficient golf swing or tennis stroke and helps reduce risk of potential injuries.

In the gym, try to use LESS machines and MORE free-weights, cables, and bands, make your body function like it does in the golf swing or tennis stroke. These exercises will challenge your body to remain stable while adding or controlling rotation, which is vital for a safe and efficient golf swing and tennis stroke. Workouts don’t have to be mundane and boring 60-minute bouts. Keep them short (even 20-minutes!) and focused with less recovery time between sets to keep your heart rate up and get more benefit from the exercise session.

## CONTACT OUR FITNESS TEAM

Digby Watt is a Physical Therapist and Strength and Conditioning Specialist who works with professional golfers in the PGA Tour Player Performance Center. He is available to members for assessment and treatment of any musculoskeletal injuries, or those looking for advice on improving their health and fitness.

Mike Hendricks is a Personal Trainer who specializes in better overall movement and performance for his clients. Whether you’re an active golfer, tennis player, or just have a desire to feel better, Mike wants to work with you. He is available to all members for their “movement screen” and personalized fitness program.



# Youth

## **Kids' Club**

Our in-house sitter care will continue to be offered Thursday and Friday evenings throughout the holiday season. Have family coming to visit? Want to treat your friends to a festive dinner at the Club? Keep in mind guests are welcome and Kid's Club will not be offered on Thanksgiving.

Thursdays — 5:30-9PM

Fridays — 5:30-9:30PM

Saturdays — 9:30-11:30AM\*

*\*Kid's Club is offered on select Saturdays through November 23 during Cardio Tennis*

## **Stay & Play**

Friday, November 1 and Monday, November 11

Stay and Play is a mix between our popular Day Camps and Kids' Club. Offered on select teacher workdays this winter, Stay and Play is a relaxed Day Camp that allows kids to free play in the Youth Room with friends, head out to the playground, and participate in themed activities. Charged at an hourly rate of \$7, children can stay one hour or the whole day (9AM-4PM). Lunch is also available to order between 11AM-2PM for an additional charge of \$4.95++.

## **Toddler Time**

Thursday, November 7 & 14, December 5 & 12

\$4 per family per session | 2 sessions daily at 9:30AM and 12:30PM

Come join us in the Youth Room for fun activities and important socialization and bonding for both children and their grown-ups. Toddler Time is for children and babies ages four and under. Each week, come free-play in the youth room, meet other families, and join in a short themed activity. Themed activities vary each session and could include: story time, musical fun, sensory play, sports, water fun, parachute games, or arts and crafts. We will have two scheduled sessions that accommodate morning and afternoon nappers, as well as preschool students. Advanced registration is not required.

## **Turkey Trot**

Saturday, November 9, 7:30AM

Come exercise, have fun, and help our community in our next Family Fun Run opportunity. Wake up early and come get in the holiday spirit! Our first Turkey Trot will be kicking off at 7:30AM where families and friends can come together to walk and run the first 9 holes on the golf course. Hot chocolate and snacks will be available when you arrive back at the clubhouse to gobble up and celebrate your victory! We will continue accepting non-perishable food items to donate to a local food bank in the area to help others in our community have a happy and full Thanksgiving! Receive up to \$2 off by bringing a minimum of 1-2 canned goods for donation when you check in for the race. \$5 per participant

## **Winter Day Camps**

Back by popular demand, we are offering camp during select days during your Thanksgiving and Christmas Breaks. As we continue to grow our offerings, we will now offer day camps through January 3rd! With AM, PM, and Full Day options, we make the holidays even easier! Campers will have a structured day of activities and tons of fun.



### **Winter Day Camp Dates**

Wednesday, November 27-AM, PM, Full Day  
Friday, December 20 — AM, PM, Full Day  
Monday, December 23 — AM, PM, Full Day  
Friday, December 27 — AM, PM, Full Day  
Monday, December 30 —AM, PM, Full Day  
Tuesday, December 31—AM Only  
Thursday, January 2 —AM, PM, Full Day  
Friday, January 3 — AM, PM, Full Day

### **Drop & Shops**

Friday, November 29, Saturday, November 30, and Saturday, December 7 and 14, 10AM-2PM  
Drop your children 4 and older off at the Club and go Christmas shopping! They'll enjoy activities in the Youth Room while you get some time to check things off your to-do list! Cost is \$7 per hour per child. Lunch will be offered during these events at 12PM for an additional fee. Cancellation Policies apply.

### **Christmas Craft Workshop**

Saturday, December 7, 2-3:30PM

Children ages 4 and older are invited to make a gift for mom, a gift for dad, a card, an ornament, and decorate their own wrapping paper or box. Cost: \$15 per child

### **Teen/Tween Holiday Hangout**

Sunday, December 8, 2-4:30PM

Join us for Santa Brunch with your family (priced separately) and then come chill out and celebrate the holidays with your friends. It is time to get into the holiday spirit! We will watch The Nutcracker and the Four Realms, decorate Christmas cookies (and eat them!), and do some crafting. Come dressed in your wackiest Christmas sweater and get ready to celebrate. Open to 11-17 year olds, the cost is \$10 per person and your first non-member friend is complimentary.

### **Math Masters**

Thursdays 3:30-4:30PM | Through December 14

Join distinguished Wake County Public School math teachers for guided practice and tutoring at the Club! Our fantastic teaching partners are specialists in Common Core, MVP/Open UP, and traditional methods of math education. Each child will receive personalized attention as tutoring sessions are limited to 7 students. Light and healthy snacks will be provided each afternoon! \$39.95 per session, includes a snack

+Licensed in NC Grades K-12

+EOG, EOC, Unit Test, Ap Test, SAT Prep

+Receive Direct & Personalized Instruction

+Online Tutorials Provided for At-Home Use

CONCERT CLUB  
of the Month



## Crestview Country Club

Crestview Country Club, founded in 1921, is the only 36-hole club in the state of Kansas. Both the challenging North Course, which has now hosted the PGA Tour's Web.com event for 16 consecutive years, and the more relaxed South Course, are dramatic parkland style, mature tree-lined, 18-hole Robert Trent Jones designed golf courses. The Web.com Tour's Air Capital Classic is played each June on the North Course, which carries a slope of 131 and a 74.3 course rating from the black tees. The course measures 6,913 yards, the par threes average over 200 yards, and water comes into play on 11 of the 18 holes.

Crestview CC also boasts 10 indoor and outdoor tennis courts, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a beautiful 29,000 square foot clubhouse designed for elegant and casual dining and social entertaining, excellent cuisine, plus parties and special events for the entire family.

Go to:

[www.crestviewcountryclub.com](http://www.crestviewcountryclub.com)  
for more information.

