the Bagpipe
macgregor downs country club
March/April 2015

Happy Spring
Dear Members,

We are a little more than 90 days away from the golf course projects beginning. We are approaching the last spring with our Bentgrass greens and look forward to the new Champion Bermuda greens. Following are some questions that have been frequently asked about the greens in recent weeks:

Why did we decide to go with Champion Ultra-dwarf Bermuda grass over other types of Ultra-dwarf grasses?
Several factors have to be taken into consideration when evaluating grasses for putting surfaces. A few of these factors are: putting quality, Club expectations, maintenance inputs, genetic vigor, growth habit, genetic purity of supply, and local success of area courses. After detailed consideration of turf types and the goal of providing the best putting surface for our membership, Champion Ultra-dwarf Bermuda grass was chosen. Area clubs using Champion include Hope Valley, Old Chatham, Brier Creek, Pinehurst #2, and Sedgefield.

Will the Bermuda greens have the same green speed as the Bentgrass?
No. Bermuda greens will provide a faster and firmer play surface more months of the year than Bentgrass greens. In particular, the summer months green speed will be greatly improved compared to Bentgrass.

Will the greens have the same contours and shapes?
The greens will remain similar in contours. The location of the greens will be in the same area as the Bentgrass greens.

How frequently do we need to aerify?
In most cases, Bermuda greens can be managed with one summertime aerification. However, if excessive thatch buildup is occurring, it may be necessary to schedule a second aerification to provide the best playing conditions. In normal circumstances the aerification would be scheduled in July. This is a large advantage compared to Bentgrass greens as recovery time will be limited.

When will the Club need to cover the greens?
When freezing temperatures are expected and to protect from frost during spring green up, covers will be used. The covers will be removed when temperatures are above freezing.

What causes grain on Bermuda and how is it reduced?
Sunlight, traffic, and rolling causes grain and it is remedied by cutting, brushing, mowing, grooming, and top dressing.
Congratulations Christian Beck!

Christian was named the 2014 Junior Player of the Year!
We encourage all junior players to take part in this fun competition throughout 2015.
Sign ups begin March 1.

Will the collars of the greens be regrassed?
Yes, collars will be regrassed with an improved variety of Bermuda which will enhance the playing conditions right outside the green surface.

Russ Curtis, CCM, CCE
General Manager

Staff Directory
For clubhouse information, reservations, clubhouse personnel, etc., please dial 919-467-0146.
For to-go orders, please dial 919-467-5965.

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**Book Club**

**Date: Thursday, March 12**
**Book:** *The Hangman's Daughter* by Oliver Potzsch
**Synopsis:** Germany, 1660: When a dying boy is pulled from the river with a mark crudely tattooed on his shoulder, hangman Jakob Kuisl is called upon to investigate whether witchcraft is at play. So begins *The Hangman's Daughter*--the chillingly detailed, fast-paced historical thriller from German television screenwriter, Oliver Pötzsch--a descendent of the Kuisls, a famous Bavarian executioner clan.

**Date: Thursday, April 23**
**Book:** *Fanchon's Daughter* by local author Faye Hueston. She will visit us this meeting!
**Synopsis:** Faye Hueston was born in a Salvation Army Home for Unwed Mothers in Los Angeles, California. Adopted at 18 months, she was raised in a home of affluence as the daughter of Fanchon of Fanchon and Marco, the foremost producers of musical revues in the '20s and '30s. Bing Crosby, Myrna Loy and Judy Garland were some of the performers who got their start in a Fanchon & Marco revue. In her forties, while living in England, Faye embarked on a search for her birth parents, whose names she had discovered on her original birth certificate. Since the relationship with her adoptive father had been difficult, it was her birth father she most wanted to find. A friend sent her to the foremost medium in England, who told her that her father was dead, that he had been an alcoholic, and that he was filled with remorse for what he had done to Sarah. Three years later she found her birth mother through clues that came from the same medium. “Sarah” was the name of her birth mother, whom her father had abandoned when she became pregnant. None of this did Faye want to be true. Months later, her private investigator’s report confirmed the medium’s clairvoyance. How the meeting with Sarah ended forms part of Faye’s story, which has many twists and turns along the way.

**Garden Club**

The March Meeting of the MacGregor Downs Garden Club will be held on **Wednesday, March 18** at 10 a.m. in the Gleneagles Room. "Plants" will be the topic of discussion led by Dr. Dennis J. Werner from the Department of Horticulture Science at NCSU. He will answer our questions following his discussion. The election of officers for the 2015/2016 Garden Club year will be held following our program.

Our April meeting is our annual bus trip and what a great trip Beth Blackman has planned. We will be traveling to the Pinehurst Resort where we will be given a tour of the Resort greenhouses. All plants used at Pinehurst are grown in these greenhouses. We will then have lunch at the historic Carolina Inn. Following lunch, we will tour the Sir Walter Raleigh Garden at the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens.

The MacGregor Downs Garden Club will be selling plant coupons to raise funds for our Club projects. We plan, plant and maintain the Grief Garden at the Hospice of Wake County facility on Trinity Road, provide a scholarship to a deserving student at Wake Tech, support several local public gardens, and donate to other local charities, such as the Flower Shuttle, as need and funds permit. You can contact any Garden Club Member to purchase a coupon. The coupon will allow you to purchase annuals and other specialty plants from Campbell Road Nursery.

We would love to have you join us! Contact Membership Chairman Ann Brunswick at 919-468-2034 or President Pat Hudson at 919-467-6213.
Ladies- a final message

The Lassies ended the 2014 season and traditional organization at MacGregor with the Christmas lunch on December 2. The party had record attendance and the members enjoyed the table with Lassies memorabilia which was organized beautifully. Past Presidents Patty Wangen, Ann Brunswick, Colette McCarty, Betty Peck, Alice Ward, Bonnie Walt, and Gwen Crowder were recognized and given flowers. Gwen Crowder was the first President.

A special thank you was given to Patty Wangen for her leadership during this year of transition for women’s golf. The gift exchange, per usual, provided much levity and one or two sought after gifts!

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of our special season long contest.

**Most Pars:**
- Flight 1: 1st Place: Kathy Lynch, 2nd Place: Bev Kilpatrick
- Flight 2: 1st Place: Joanie Ritsema, 2nd Place: Ann Brunswick

**Lowest Score:**
- Flight 1: 1st Place: Kathy Lynch, 2nd Place: Bev Kilpatrick
- Flight 2: 1st Place: Joanie Ritsema, 2nd Place: Colette McCarty

**Most Improved:**
- Flight 1: 1st Place: Judy Kelsch, 2nd Place: Linda Tuffey

**Consistency Award:** Ann Carney

Appreciation was given to the chairs, Mary Lou Clark and Donna Fitchett for planning a delicious lunch, activities, and awards to celebrate the Lassies. It was a very enjoyable reunion of the Lassies who will always appreciate so many good times and memories. Good wishes and luck to the MacGregor Ladies’ Golf Association!

Ladies Golf Association- Kick off Party!

**Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.**
Come meet fellow lady golfers and learn more about the women’s golf opportunities at MDCC over drinks and hors d’oeuvres. Please RSVP to Joellyn at proshop@macgregordowns.org or on the website.

Ladies Golf Clinic

This three day clinic will be held March 17-19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Grab your girlfriends and sign up for this great golf opportunity. Have no experience or just need some extra assistance? Joellyn can help you fine tune your game. Enjoy instruction in putting, chipping, and driving with discussions of golf rules and etiquette. A social lunch will be held afterward with contests and awards. $135 per person includes 9 hours of group/individual instruction and lunch each day. Sign up online or in the Golf Shop.

**Tuesday**
9:15 a.m. Registration
9:15-10 a.m. Putting
10:15-11 a.m. Chipping
11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. Driving Range
12-1 p.m. Lunch

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**Senior Men's Golf**

The 2015 season gets underway with our Opening Senior Golf Day on Wednesday, April 1. Format will be 2-net best balls of foursomes made up by the Golf Shop staff. Registrations are now being taken online or in-person in the Golf Shop. A reminder that a $10 cash fee is due at check-in to cover prizes for the winners. Also, after golf, a special Chef's choice lunch with beverage will be served. Cost is $15.

Our full schedule of events for 2015, registration information, and other important details about our program can be accessed by visiting the men's golf page on the MDCC website.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The 2015 Senior Men's Tartan has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 8th & 9th. Registrations are now being accepted. Field is limited to 40 Teams. Secure your guest now for this traditional and exciting event.

**MGA**

The 2015 MGA Handbook has been released! If you haven't taken a look, we encourage you to do so. Check out the handbook for schedules and formats for each event including these upcoming tournaments:

- March 7- Rob Roy
- March 15- Green Tee Tournament
- April 11- Opening Day
- April 18- Beer Club Tournament
- May 1-3- Clan Clash

**Best Hole**

On Monday, January 19, Mr. Jeff Hahn hit a nice drive on hole #7 while playing with Mr. Lee Clark. Sitting at 155 yards, Jeff hit a beautiful 5 iron shot that went in the hole! An eagle on the par 4 7th hole. That great shot was truly the best hole at MacGregor for the month of January!

**Mixed Doubles**

Grab a partner and sign-up for our monthly Mixed Doubles Social at the MDCC Tennis courts. Get ready for a night of food, drinks, laughs, and of course some great social tennis. Regardless of level of play, mixed doubles night is a great way to meet tennis players here at the Club. Kid's Club is Available!

- Saturday, March 21st, 6:30 p.m. - March Madness Theme
- Saturday, April 18th, 6:30 p.m.
Daddy Daughter Dinner and Dance

Saturday, March 14, 5:30- 9 p.m.
You are cordially invited to this annual favorite! Let us give you a magical evening with your daughter that will create lasting memories. Join us in your coat and tie while your daughter wears her finest dress. The evening will begin with a photo opportunity and elegant dinner, served promptly at 5:30. Our DJ will provide entertainment for the evening along with a funny photo area! Make your reservations now for this sell-out event.

Daughters- $19++
Dads- $29++

Wine Club

MacGregor Downs Country Club takes great pleasure in offering membership in our very own Wine Club. The Wine Club offers an ideal way to learn about the subtleties and complexities of wine while offering connoisseurs a chance to experience unique wines that they otherwise might not be able to find. We feel the best way to learn about wine is to drink it. Wine Club Tastings are held on the third Thursday of the month and Kid's Club is available.

March 19, 6:30 p.m. - Scott Alboum: California vs Washington
April 16, 6:30 p.m. - Kelli Beck: Wines of California

Oyster Roast

Join us for a fun filled Oyster Roast and Kid's Carnival!
Friday, March 27th 6:30-9:30 p.m.

This event will feature live music, all you can eat oysters, member-sign bar, and dessert! Other grilled fare will be available for those who don't eat oysters. The Kid's Carnival will be held in Lakeside and feature an inflatable obstacle course and games! Children will enjoy their own buffet. Sign up online for this event.

Adults $30++
Children $15++
Social

**Easter Egg Hunt**

*Saturday, April 4th, 10:30-11:30 a.m.*

This event is complimentary for the whole family!

Join us for our annual MDCC Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures and there will be prizes for those lucky hunters who find the metallic eggs! Muffins, juice, and coffee will be available. Make your lunch reservations for afterwards today! *Weather Permitting*

**Schedule of Events**
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.- Face Painting/Activities
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.- Photos with the Easter Bunny
- 11 a.m.– Egg Hunt for 4 years and under
- 11:15 a.m.– Egg Hunt for 5 years and up

*Golden egg prizes can be redeemed near the photo area at the end of the hunt. Three prizes will be given out per age group.*

**Easter Brunch**

*April 5th 11 a.m.-2 p.m.*

Celebrate Easter with your family and friends at the Club! You won't want to miss the bountiful buffet created by Executive Chef Carl Burton. Don't forget to visit the Easter Bunny! He will be here too!

Check out the site to view the full menu and register!

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Join us for the next session of our Pilates Fusion and Yoga Lite Classes! All classes are designed to incorporate the best of several traditions and styles for a safe, effective workout and experience. To sign up for the session, please email Gabby McCalister at gmccalister@macgregordowns.org.

**PILATES FUSION** -Tuesdays 9-10 a.m. March 3rd- April 28th
Sculpt your torso & support the spine and back with the powerful, fun, low repetition Pilates Fusion method! Forget about doing a hundred boring crunches! Come do the powerful low repetition Pilates Fusion method! Be sure to bring your Pilates mat and either a Pilates Ring (Magic Circle) and a foam block OR two foam blocks.

**YOGA LITE** -Wednesdays 9-10 a.m. March 4th- April 29th
Designed for those who want a slower, more relaxing, less vigorous way to strengthen and stretch. Many people also may want a gentler yoga practice on a temporary or regular basis if they have certain injuries or special conditions. Make sure to bring your own yoga mat. A yoga strap and one or two standard foam yoga blocks are also recommended.

Try out either Pilates Fusion on March 3rd or Yoga Lite on March 4th at no cost!
$120 for 8 weeks
*$17 +tax Drop In Rate (if there is room available)
10% multi-class discount if you register for both classes!

**Click here for details.**

**Personal Training.**

The MDCC Fitness Center is conveniently located in the St. Andrews Room, between the pool and tennis facilities. It houses treadmills, Arc trainers, the Bravo Trainer, and Cybex circuit units. Fitness Hours are 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ashley and Erika, MDCC's personal trainers, are available for free fitness orientations during their scheduled hours. The two have a combined 25+ years of experience and are available to assist you with getting into a fitness routine, performance enhancement, and event rehab! Don’t hesitate to contact either trainer for your fitness related questions, including having them set up a personal training session or group training session outside of the hours listed below.

**Erika Smith**  
(910) 386-3722  
erikasmith8584@yahoo.com  
Free fitness orientations on Thursdays 4-6 p.m.

**Ashley Edwards**  
(919) 625-3247  
ashleyptr@yahoo.com  
Free fitness orientations on Mondays 1-3 p.m.
Camp MacGregor

Camp Dates:

JUNE 15-19
JUNE 22-26
JULY 13-17
JULY 20-24
JULY 27-31

Schedule:

8:45-9  DROP OFF
9-10    TENNIS
10-11   OUTDOOR GAMES/
        SNACK TIME
11-12   GOLF
12-12:45 LUNCH
12:45-1:30 THEMED ACTIVITIES

Monday- Cooking with Chef
Tuesday- Sports Activities
Wednesday- Dance
Thursday- Karate
Friday- Science Experiment

1:30-2:45  POOL TIME
2:45-3      PREPARE FOR PICK UP

*Arrangements can be made for late pick up

Camp MacGregor is our five-day summer program packed full of fun! The Camp MacGregor experience includes instruction with our PGA and USTA professionals, supervised swim time, outdoor games, and specialized activities. All member children, grandchildren, and sponsored friends are welcome and are encouraged to participate in multiple weeks. During Camp, there will be three carefully selected counselors to supervise your children throughout the day. Each camper will receive a complimentary stainless steel water bottle.

Ages 4 & Up

MEMBER CHILDREN: $235
GRANDCHILDREN/GUESTS: $260

QUESTIONS? CONTACT GABBY @ GMCCALISTER@MACGREGORDOWNS.ORG
Lego Workshop

A Lego Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 1 from 2-3:30 p.m in the Youth Room. Bricks 4 Kidz will be here to build spinning tops and each participant will go home with a complimentary mini-figure vehicle. All members and their guests are welcome. Children ages 4 are welcome with a parent/guardian.

Day Camps

Join us for Day Camp each of these Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Each day will feature a theme. $25 per child includes activities, lunch, and supervised care! Ages 4 and Up!

Saturday, March 7 - Unslumber Party
- Come to camp in your PJ's!
- Pancakes and sausage links for lunch
- Decorate your own pillowcase
- Fort Building
- Games & More!

Saturday, March 21 - St. Patty's Day Party
- Wear as much green as you can!
- Cook with Chef Carl—green quesadillas and green rice crispy treats
- Learn your leprechaun name
- Make a shamrock hat
- Games & More!

Saturday, March 28 - Camping Party
- Eat lunch picnic style
- Trail mix station
- Find creepy crawlies outside
- Take home a Watch-A-Bug bracelet
- We'll even have a tent in the Youth Room!

Saturday, April 18 – Mad Science Party: Movie Special Effects
- Mad Science will join us!
- Explore the wonders of many movie favorites
- Get your own bag of popcorn
- Watch a movie
- Games & More!

Teen Committee

Join us in the Youth Room for these upcoming events!

March- Sunday the 8th, 3-4 p.m.
I didn't know that…: Unknown Facts about the College Admissions Process
Presentation with Sherry Andrews
*Open to members and guests grades 7-12.
*Parents are invited too!
*Just in time for the Greater Raleigh National College Fair

April- Sunday the 12th, 3-4 p.m.
Meeting to plan May Pool Party and September Charity Event/Volunteering
# Upcoming Events

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# Did You Know?

1. With the lowering of the lake, a variety of bird species flocked to the area. Many members and residents spotted birds such as seagulls, hawks, and even bald eagles. The photos of the eagles above and on the cover page were taken by Lindsay W. and shared on the MacGregor Downs HOA Facebook page!

2. Members and their spouses have separate log ins on the MDCC website. In order to update your online profile, you must be logged into your own account. Please contact Gabby McCalister or Madeline Cavanagh to determine your username and password if you have not already done so.

3. Parents and Guardians must stay on MDCC property while children attend Kid's Club, but for all other youth events, unless otherwise noted, parents may drop children off for the event.

4. The new double doors at the main entrance are made of walnut. We hope you will find the new entryway to be more inviting, well lit, and aesthetically pleasing.

5. The Club has selected Swim Club Management Group to manage the pool for 2015. Since its founding in 2002, Swim Club Management Group has established itself as a leader in the aquatics industry. SCMG and its affiliates have built a solid track record of providing the industry's best management services. The organization has a strong commitment to safety and service, and currently manages aquatics for many fine private clubs in North Carolina. We are excited to be working with this company and are confident you will find their supervisors and lifeguards to be well prepared and professional for this important responsibility.