



*Plainfield  
Country  
Club*



*Spring News and Views*

# /Presidents Corner/



*Dear Fellow Members,*

Welcome back! It appears that we are finally getting close to summer. It's great to see so many of you back at PCC, with the Clubhouse very active. We've had a long winter that took its toll, but I feel we are on track for a great season. I will attempt to keep my letter short, as I've been told that many are now just finishing my annual letter to the membership. Like Dickens, I am paid by the written word!

I hope by this point most of you have met Brent Merrill, our new General Manager. If you have not, please make sure to say hello when you are up at the Club. Brent has already made a big impact upon PCC with his focus on service and quality. He is supported by a tremendous team, and we thank them all for their efforts. PCC has already hosted a few events, and the feedback has been outstanding. Our new House Chair, Brett Rosely, and his committee have been hard at work planning the events for the rest of the year. We will send out communications on these events, but please also consult the Club calendar on the website.

On the golf front, Scott and his team are already well engaged with the season. Our clinics and lessons are underway as folks look to sharpen their game. Our member play is in full swing, with a few events already completed and winners crowned. The team has added some new events as well, so please make sure to consult the schedule to not miss anything. The Club hosted the season's first "Margaritas and Mulligans" to great reviews, with both in good supply. Congratulations to the WMGA team that won series 2 and their challenge match yesterday, earning them a spot in series 1. The Men's Hoffman Cup (made up of 32 NJ clubs) also won their division and semi-final match. I wish them luck in the four team final on May 31, 2015.

The Golf Committee has worked hard to prepare for the year and has put in place an excellent plan. One of the topics I've already covered is "Pace of Play". We all want to enjoy our round, and the best way to make sure that happens is for all golfers on the course to play in a fashion that does not negatively impact fellow members. We will continue to communicate about this topic to build upon our "Pace of Play" culture.

Mother Nature dealt us a tough hand this winter when it came to our course. While we have recovered a great deal and are headed the right direction, we still do have a few lingering reminders. The progress that has been made could not have been accomplished without Travis and his team leads: Mike, Joe and Matt. Travis and his staff have been proactive, consultative and communicative with the Board and membership about our course and their plans. By the end of this month, we should see the last of ill effects of winter. While this is not what any of us would have wanted, I appreciate the membership's patience and support. We have also reached the end of the spring project work and will have completed the efforts on #4, #16 and our forward tee work. Aside from a few minor reminders, the course is in great shape and will only improve as we go forward.

We are very excited to have with us again the world's best 125 golfers as our guests in August. The Barclays is a privilege to host, and we are eager and up for the challenge. Over the course of the tournament week, it is expected that over 150,000 patrons will attend, and the telecast will be seen in around the globe. While not only a prestigious event for us to host, it is of critical importance to us as a Club and to our membership. The financial benefits that are accrued support many of the capital investments we need to make in our Club. Without the event, we would have to forgo many of these needed improvements for both our Clubhouse and our course. Hosting events like this is a competitive business with top-tier clubs putting forth compelling options. One of the major factors that helps separate the winners from losers in this contest is member support of the event. Your help is vitally needed. Please help connect the PGA TOUR sales team with potential corporate clients, purchase Clubhouse passes and volunteer. In the current cycle, we are behind our run rate in 2011, so the time to act is now. I am confident that with a membership-wide effort, we will be very well placed to host this event long into the future.

I look forward to seeing you all up at PCC and enjoying our fantastic Club.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Keefe  
*President, Plainfield Country Club*

## /Managers Spotlight/



*Dear Members,*

Thank you so much, all of you, for your warm welcome and encouragement. I have found that Plainfield members express great pride in their Club history, as well as their friendships and respect for the game of golf. In the short time I have been here, all members have expressed the desire for the Club to be the best it can be, and I will work towards being a part of its success.

In the months to come, you will see more and more improvements in the dining rooms, as well as at Club functions. I take great pride in the fact that our goal of well-designed and flawlessly executed events really does make the PCC experience special.

Please stop me when you see me; I would love to get to know you. We will be working in the coming months on the menu items for each season to keep the selection fresh. Look forward to some new ideas for the pool area as well, and for exciting new adult Club functions.

I apologize in advance if you have to repeat your name to me once or twice until I get to know you all, but I know I will soon master everything I need to here at PCC.

Brent Merrill CCM  
General Manager  
Plainfield Country Club

## /Employee Spotlight/



**KEVIN M. McDONALD**  
SOUS CHEF

*Kevin started in the kitchen early. His first job was as a dishwasher at age 13. He held this summer job until the second year of college when he decided that the culinary field was for him. After attending Northeastern University for two years, he transferred to the New York Restaurant School in Manhattan. After acquiring a degree in culinary arts, Kevin started working in restaurants in Manhattan. Years later, he moved out west to Arizona, Nevada, Colorado and California. In each location, he learned regional and classic cuisine. In 2010 Kevin moved back east to New Jersey and joined the Plainfield Country Club.*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

*Dear Fellow Members:*

I would like to introduce myself to you in my new capacity as chairman of our Club's Membership Committee. I want you to know that I and the other members of the committee are always available to help you with the process of sponsoring new members at the Club.

As you are aware, the long-term vitality of Plainfield Country Club is and has always been dependent upon the quality of our membership, and the steady stream of qualified membership candidates you recommend. The Membership Committee -- Mary Ann Anthony, KC Artemenko, Jeffrey Kelly, Ronald Kent, James Mackey, Kate Rogers, Robert Summers and Peter Ventrella -- invites our fellow members to feel free to call us anytime to discuss and demystify the candidate proposal process.

We are dedicated to ensuring that qualified members continue to be introduced to the Club and to make the application process as straightforward as possible. It is our responsibility as members to introduce qualified candidates, which will secure the PCC membership of the future.

I can be reached at (732) 882-8458, or anytime you see me around the Club, please feel free to stop and chat regarding any membership matter. The Membership Committee and I look forward to working with our fellow members, and thank you all for your loyal and continued support and confidence.

Sincerely,

Tim Bronish  
Chair of the Membership Committee





### HERE ARE THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CLUBHOUSE BADGES

**1. Question:** If I have a Clubhouse Badge, can my children, grandchildren or guests holding Grounds or other forms of badges or tickets go to the Clubhouse area with me?

**Answer:** No. All children, grandchildren or guests must have a Clubhouse Badge to access the Clubhouse area.

**2. Question:** If I am a volunteer, does my volunteer pass give me access to the Clubhouse?

**Answer:** No. If you wish to have access to the Clubhouse areas, you will have to buy a Clubhouse Badge.

**3. Question:** If I have a Clubhouse Badge, can I go to the Mixed Grill, Member Grill, or my locker?

**Answer:** No, the Mixed Grill, Member Grill and all locker rooms are for player access only.

**4. Question:** Does the Clubhouse Badge provide onsite parking?

**Answer:** Yes. Each member who places an order for Clubhouse Badges will receive one onsite parking pass for the Tournament week.

**5. Question:** If I have a Clubhouse Badge, can I walk the golf course like a Grounds pass holder?

**Answer:** Yes, a Clubhouse Badge gives you the same access to the golf course as a Grounds pass.

**6. Question:** Will there be tickets for each day or is it one badge for the Clubhouse that will have to be used each day?

**Answer:** You will receive separate Clubhouse tickets for each day.

**7. Question:** Once on site, can I give my Clubhouse ticket to another person for them to gain access to the Clubhouse.

**Answer:** No, upon entering the clubhouse for the first time, each patron will have a wristband affixed to their wrist and the ticket will be perforated. Upon re-entry with a "perforated ticket", you will also need to display your wristband or be denied access.

**8. Question:** If I am unable to attend a particular day can I give that day's ticket to someone else to come for the day instead?

**Answer:** Yes, as long as they have that day's ticket with them.

### HOME RENTALS NEEDED FOR BARCLAYS WEEK

*Dear Members:*

Many of you have heard that players look to rent homes during the tournament as an alternative to staying in a hotel for their families, and in some cases, their caddies or managers. In order to make sure everyone has accurate information, The Barclays would like to take a minute to explain how the process works if you are interested in renting your home.

The Barclays Tournament Office has enlisted Bernadette Houston, to oversee this process as she did in 2011. Bernadette - not the Tournament Office - is the point person and will handle all rental agreements.

*Bernadette's contact information is as follows:*

**Bernadette Houston (Neill), CRB**  
**Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage**  
209 Central Ave.  
Westfield, NJ 07090  
Houston460@aol.com  
(908) 209-3370 cell

If you are interested in renting your home from August 23 - 30, please contact Bernadette. She will ask to take a tour of your home, take pictures and will work with you on the price and rental requirements. Once the decision is made to definitely offer the home for rent, Bernadette will add your home to a website she is building. This website gets distributed by the Tournament Office to players, agents, wives, etc. If a player determines that he would like to try to rent a home, he will then touch base with Bernadette, who will then touch base with the homeowners. Bernadette will handle all rental negotiations and will handle all arrangements for when the player arrives in town.

To give you a general idea, about 10-15 players usually rent homes each year. They typically prefer homes that are close to the course (less than 15 minutes) and in quiet areas. If you choose to rent your home, you can expect to receive approximately \$4,000 to \$5,500 for the week, which is the amount players paid last year for homes in the Ridgewood area.

Please understand that while The Barclays is very appreciative to homeowners who are willing to rent to players, we are not asking anyone to leave their home. The decision to offer the home for rent is completely up to the homeowners. The Barclays does not offer an additional compensation.

Please do not hesitate to ask Bernadette if you have any questions or need any additional information. Thank you!





## Personal Touch

**Party at PCC in 2015!** It's always great to see our PCC members enjoying our beautiful Club as the venue for their special gatherings, whether to celebrate the Holidays, a Graduation, Communion, Confirmation, Sweet 16, Engagement Party, Rehearsal Dinner, Wedding, Retirement Party, Business Meeting, or for a Business/Golf Outing or Charity Event. We're ready to accommodate your event for 2015, so please book your dates for any type of occasion as soon as possible!

**Share Your Memories.** If you're celebrating something special at PCC this year, we'd love to feature your photos in News and Views! Please share them with us by forwarding any pictures and the information on your event (including the date and type of occasion) to Dina Picchione, Communications & Technology Manager

**Know Someone Newly Engaged?** If a friend or family member has recently gotten engaged, we invite you to bring the happy couple to PCC any Friday or Saturday evening for a complimentary dinner.

To make arrangements for an engagement dinner or any other type of event or outing, please contact Mercedes Vazquez, Event Coordinator, at (908) 757-1800 ext. 104, or email her at: [eventcoordinator@plainfieldcc.com](mailto:eventcoordinator@plainfieldcc.com).

### Valente First Holy Communion - May 9, 2015

Dear Mercedes:

I want to thank you and the PCC staff for a wonderful event this past weekend when we celebrated Sophie's First Communion at PCC. So many of our family members and friends complimented us on the food, service and the beautiful scenery. It was truly a great event! Thanks again.

Regards,  
Michael and Doreen Valente



## New Members // Welcome to the following new PCC members and their families for 2015:



**Mr. Joshua Adler**, An Active Member who resides in New York City. Mr. Adler is a member of the Adler Development Corporation, in Edison, New Jersey.



**Mr. Matthew Jacobs**, An Active Member who resides in Fanwood with his wife Erin, and three children: Kendall, Avery and Braden. Mr. Jacobs is an Insurance Agent with KRA Insurance Agency.



**Mr. Jared Larson**, An Active Member who resides in Morristown with his wife Halie. Mr Larson is a Financial Wholesaler with Franklin Square Partners.



**Mr. Christopher MacDonald**, A Jr. Active Member who resides in New York. Mr. MacDonald works for Sizmek Inc. in New York.

### CALLING ALL MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR 125th ANNIVERSARY GALA!

Your help is needed in preparation of Plainfield Country Club's 125th Anniversary Gala! We know there are many members who have great talents and a keen eye for detail. We are looking for volunteers willing to give their time and dedication to make this a special evening celebrating the history of our Club. Contact Brett Rosely if you would like to volunteer by emailing him at [brosely@cloudpartnerstm.com](mailto:brosely@cloudpartnerstm.com).

## In Memoriam

Let us keep the following in our thoughts, and their families in our prayers:

**Sal Badalamenti**, on April 10, 2015

A longtime PCC member and husband of Jean Badalamenti  
Father to John, Mark, and Catherine

**Laurence "Larry" Andrews**, on March 18, 2015

A longtime PCC member and the husband of Elizabeth "Libby" Andrews  
Father of member Larry Andrews and his wife, Kathy  
Grandfather of member Katharine Gullo and her husband, Francis

**Nancy Ann Bishop**, on January 13, 2015

A longtime PCC member

**Ruth Kennedy Trumpore**, on January 15, 2015

A longtime PCC member



## PCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND HOW TO:

### PROFILE UPDATE:

It is important to keep your profile updated in the PCC system.  
Member and Spouse each have their own profile page.  
Log into [www.plainfieldcc.com](http://www.plainfieldcc.com) with your user-name and password.

- Click on the **Member Directory tab** located on the Home Page.
- Click the **My Profile tab** at the top of that page.
- **Update your information** in each field.

*(Remember to include email addresses, phone numbers, business information and GHIN number)*  
*The phone numbers listed in the fields (Home/Cell & Business/Cell) are used for the Directory Booklet.*

Check the box to the right of each field to indicate if you want that field viewed by other members.

**Note:** this information is for Club use only.

Most importantly, remember to **SAVE** all your information when you are done by scrolling down and clicking Save at the bottom of the Profile page.

### ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS AND OPT IN OR OUT OF EMAILS:

Members have the option to "Opt Out" of paper statements. Go Green viewing them only on PCC's website. You can also update the email groups you would like to receive emails from whether Clubhouse, Golf or Racquets. If you are interested in going paperless or updating your email group follow these steps:

1. Click the **Profile** page under the **Member Directory**.
2. Scroll down to **Opt-In Groups**, click **Electronic Statements** or the group you would like to receive emails from whether Clubhouse, Golf or Racquets.
3. Click **Update Opt-In Groups** button under the group boxes.
4. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click Save My Profile.

### ELECTRONIC FUNDS:

Simply log onto [www.plainfieldcc.com](http://www.plainfieldcc.com) under **Member Corner, My Billing**. Your current statement (LAST STATEMENT ACTUALLY BILLED) will appear, scroll down to the bottom of your statement.

1. Click on **"Bill Pay"** (this will bring you to a page requesting your banking information; follow the instructions to set up your bank. Once this is done initially, you will have the option to make a single payment or set up auto pay)
2. Enter the amount of the payment that you wish to make.
3. Select the "Account" that you will be paying from (you may have initially entered more than one account for use with bill pay).
4. Select the "Date" that you would like for the payment to be processed.
5. Click on the "I Agree" box.
6. Click on "Pay Bill."

Please allow 3-5 business days for your payment to post to your account.

### POSTING SCORES ON PCC WEBSITE:

1. Click on **"My Rounds/Post Scores"** tab formerly "My Tee Times."
2. Find a round that has not been entered and click **Post Score**.
3. Select course played, round length and tee box and enter your GHIN number.  
(Once you enter your GHIN number it will import all your scores).
4. Enter your score and then hit **Post Score**.

Information will be instantly sent to the GHIN system so your handicap will be up-to-date in both locations. You have the ability to see your past 20 rounds and review scores posted by others without logging into GHIN by just clicking the "Peer Review" tab. You can also access the GHIN Link via the directory by entering your GHIN number in the GHIN field on your profile page.

### Q. I don't know my default user name and password for the PCC website?

**A.** The default for everyone is as follows below and then you can reset it to what you would prefer.

#### EXAMPLE FOR USERNAME:

**Member** = LastNameMemberNumber (no spaces) ex: Smith1234

**Associate Member/Spouse** = LastNameMemberNumber-1 ex: Smith1234-1

#### EXAMPLE FOR PASSWORD:

**Member** = Member Number ex: 1234

**Associate Member/Spouse** = Member Number-1 ex: 1234-1

### Q. If I forget my password or want to reset it how can I do this?

**A.** Upon logging in, if you forget your password or have trouble with your current password and want to reset it, click on the "Forgot or Reset my Password." This will direct you to enter your email address in the system.

### Q. How can I avoid logging in when I receive an email with a link to the website?

**A.** On each device used, you can enter your login information and check the **"Remember Me"** box so you do not need to type in the user name and password every time to log in on that device. You will just need to click the login button. Set it up on each device whether your cell phone, PC, tablet or other you use. Remember, if you change your password you need to update it on all devices separately.

### Q. Where can I see all my reservations that I have booked online for PCC?

**A.** Whether booking a Tee Time, Dining Reservation, Club Event or Lesson, Go to the Home page or Member Corner page, and click on My Reservations tab which will show all the reservations you have made online.

### Q. I registered for an event and now I can't update my guests...

**A.** First check to make sure the registration is still open. All registrations and updates must be entered prior to the registration close date; otherwise you need to contact the Golf Shop to update any information.

### If you are unable to book a Tee Time a few things could have happened...

1. Only one tee time reservation is allowed per day, and you may already have a tee time on the books for that day.
2. Only three tee time reservations are allowed going forward. In any case you can contact Dave Preacher, Caddy Master at [davep@plainfieldcc.com](mailto:davep@plainfieldcc.com) or (908) 757-1800 ext. 130
3. If you are unable to sign-up for a tee time on the Golf Tee Sheets for 18 or 9 Holes, a couple of things could have occurred...either you are not logged in with your credentials or you are not listed as a part of that group in Accounting. You must log in with your Associate/Spouse login and be a part of the group to access these specific tee sheets.

If you need assistance or have trouble logging in, please contact:  
Dina Picchione, Communications & Technology Manager  
at (908) 757-1800 ext. 112 or via email at [dinap@plainfieldcc.com](mailto:dinap@plainfieldcc.com)

# First Tee Talk

Bill Castner,  
West Nine Head Golf  
Professional & General  
Manager

## The First Tee at Plainfield - Looking forward to 2015

I hope everyone had a healthy and happy winter season. We are already experiencing a very busy and exciting season for The First Tee of Plainfield Programs.

### The First Tee of Plainfield has three primary functions:

- Certifying Life Skills programming
- Outreach
- Path to College

Certifying Participants are defined as youth who take part in at least one 6-week program where they go through a structured life skills curriculum with the goal of retention and progression through the levels of The First Tee. Most students in our program take multiple class sessions during the course of the year. Last year, 288 students certified at The First Tee of Plainfield. Our levels are Target, PLAYer 3, 6, and 9 hole, Par, Birdie, Eagle (comparable to Eagle Scout) and Ace. Ace students are expected to seek out enjoyment of golf for life, seek out college and career opportunities, and give back to the community. Many volunteer as assistant coaches and help run the PLAYer and Par classes. To certify, participants must pass both a written and golf skills test.

During the winter and spring seasons, 180 youngsters took advantage of the certifying "Life Skills" program. We will have over 300 participants this year and are rapidly reaching capacity.



Outreach is when we visit with local youth organizations and programming is at their site, or when students travel to the West 9 as a group. Either way, students are introduced to golf with the goal of enrolling these students in The First Tee Certifying program mentioned above. We also regularly conduct programs with the Plainfield YMCA and the Plainfield Department of Parks and Recreation with the same goal in mind. We call it the Drive Program. The goal is to bring students to the West 9. Our Outreach program primarily focuses on the Plainfield community. We recently had a very successful meeting with James McLaughlin, the superintendent of the North Plainfield school system, and I believe they will become a big part of our programming in the near future.

Our most successful Outreach Partner remains the Plainfield YMCA. With them, we started a Champions Committee, which is made up of Plainfield community leaders. Their responsibility is to recruit children from Plainfield for our program. We will easily reach over 350 students in our Outreach Program this year.

At The First Tee of Plainfield, we supplemented The First Tee programming with an innovative program called Path to College that encourages The First Tee of Plainfield children to select the correct school for them and to ultimately become successful citizens by graduating college.

The Path to College program works with children from third grade until they graduate from high school and teaches them the steps to get into college through college tours to Universities like Drew and Rutgers, presentations by college admissions staffs, PSAT/SAT/ACT Tutoring, financial aid guidance and guidance in the college application process.

The goal of the Path to College program is to help all of our junior golfers attend and graduate from the correct college for them. All donations from Plainfield Country Club members support the Path to College program.

So far the program provided 10 college scholarships to supplement financial aid packages for our most committed need-based children. Donations from the members of Plainfield Country Club fund the Path to College program. All of our recipients have graduated or are matriculating.

In 2013, The First Tee made Path to College into a national program.

### PATH TO COLLEGE AND MARCIA MANNS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS (\$3,000 A YEAR FOR AS LONG AS THEY STAY IN SCHOOL.)

#### Class of 2013:

Rachel Ford - Georgetown University (Graduated)

#### Class of 2014

Richard Szeliga - Stevens Institute of Technology (Graduated)

#### Class of 2015

Iziah Thompson - Monmouth University (Graduated)

Dominique Wilcher - Albright College (Graduated)

Makuachukwu "M.K." Okongwu - Union County College

#### Class of 2016:

Kofi A. Woananu - Bethune-Cookman University

Kevin Flanagan - Coastal Carolina University

#### Class of 2017:

Aakash Parekh - Carnegie Mellon University



The First Tee of Plainfield is one of the finest First Tee programs in the nation. We hope to be able to showcase our program during The Barclays in August. I know that with the guidance and support that we receive from the Plainfield Country Club membership that we are well on our way to reaching that goal.

If anyone would like to volunteer for any of our programming during the season, please contact me at the West 9 Pro Shop.

#### THE FIRST TEE OF PLAINFIELD 2014 OUTREACH PROGRAM

**Barack Obama Green Charter High School:** April 30 through June 25 - 13 students

**Home First:** April 22nd through June 24 - 12 Students

**Kiah Institute, Community FLDC:** October 18 - 14 Students Attended

**Plainfield High School:** April 3 through June 24 - 12 Students

**Sayreville Golf Team:** April 3 through June 24 -- 16 Students

**Plainfield Housing Authority:** July 8 through September 4 - 60 Students

**Plainfield Neighborhood House:** July 9 through September 3 - 36 Students

**Plainfield YMCA:** July 23 through August 29 - 132 Students

**Shiloh Baptist Church:** July 12 through November 1 - 8 Students

**South Plainfield High School:** April 4 through June 25 - 12 Students

**The Queen City Academy Charter School:** May 1 through June 19 - 22 Students

**Open House** - Saturday, March 29 - 11 New Participants Enrolled

**YMCA of Plainfield Healthy Kids Day** - Saturday, April 26 - 8 New Participants Enrolled

**Edison Family Day** - Saturday, June 14 - 14 New Participants Enrolled

**Community and Life Development** - Saturday, October 18 - 0 New Participants Enrolled

#### VOLUNTEERS AND GOLF CLUBS NEEDED

Volunteers of The First Tee are passionate about helping young people succeed. By contributing your time and talent, you can directly help further our mission. At The First Tee of Plainfield, we operate year-round and rely on the help of volunteers. While many opportunities relate to golf, we have the need for support off the course as well. Some of the volunteer opportunities include:

- Fundraising/Events
- Operations/Administration
- Mentoring/Tutoring
- Coaching/Assistant Coaching
- In-school programming

As a volunteer, you will be looked upon as a model of The First Tee's Nine Core Values: Honesty, Integrity, Perseverance, Judgment, Responsibility, Respect, Courtesy, Confidence, and Sportsmanship. In addition, you will be identified as a trustworthy, caring adult.

Currently programming is offered on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. For additional information on becoming involved in the First Tee at Plainfield, contact Bill Castner at The Plainfield West 9 Golf Shop (908) 769-3672 or mobile telephone (917) 208-5197, email: [billc@plainfieldcc.com](mailto:billc@plainfieldcc.com) or at visit the First Tee website, [www.thefirstteemetny.org/plainfield](http://www.thefirstteemetny.org/plainfield).

Also we need golf clubs for our participants. If you have any sets or odd clubs you are not going to use we would love to put them in the hands of a deserving youngster. Please bring them to the West 9 at your convenience.

*Bill Castner, General Manager Plainfield West 9 Golf and Director, The First Tee at Plainfield.*  
*Contact Pro Shop (908) 769-3672, or cell (917) 208-5197.*

A big Thank You to The First Tee of Plainfield Committee:

Stephen Fisher, David Gannaway, Marc Greenberger, Jeffrey Hill, Tom Keiser, Ron Kent, James Mackey, Gary Mann, Patrick O'Keefe, Scott Paris, Michael Stemmler, Jayne Summers, Paul Zoidis.



# The Tee Box

Scott Paris, Director of Golf



Now that the course has nearly recovered from the harsh winter, your professional staff has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season. Please let us know if there is anything you need to start your season. I encourage you to use this issue of News and Views, upcoming emails and the PCC website for updates on events and golf news.

## TOURNAMENT SIGN UP REMINDERS:

- **Thursday Night Flights, starts May 28** (entries due May 21)
  - **Ladies League, starts May 28** (entries due May 21)
  - **Husband & Wife Championship, June 6-7** (entries due June 3)
  - **New England Clambake/One-Day Member-Guest, June 25** (entries due June 16)
  - **The Four Ball, June 27 & 28** (entries due June 24)
  - **The Battle of the Short Hills, July 4** (entries due July 1)
  - **Men's Club Championship, July 11** (qualifier), 12, 18 & 19 (entries due July 8)
  - **Ladies' Club Championship, July 11** (qualifier), 18 & 19 (entries due July 8)
  - **One-Day Member-Guest, July 23** (entries due July 14)
  - **Parent-Child Tournament, July 26** (book tee times w/ Dave Preacher)
- The **2015 Junior Golf Programs** and schedule are available on the PCC website!
- Come in to **"DEMO" the latest in technology** (Drivers, Fairways, Hybrids, Irons, Wedges and Putters) from:



- **Demo Day** is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Titleist, Taylor Made, Ping, Callaway, Adams and Cobra are all scheduled to be here. Additional companies may be added.
- **New apparel is arriving** from Polo, RLX, Peter Millar, Donald Ross, Under Armour, Greg Norman, EP Pro and many more.

## PCC PACE OF PLAY

- "Ready golf" will be promoted. Please be ready to play when it is your turn. Take 2-3 clubs from your caddie while he assists others, read putts while others are putting and rake your own fairway bunkers. While moving to your ball, plan your next shot. Help others maintain a proper pace with suggestions/reminders. If you have reached your maximum allowable score, pick up.
- Using our tee time system, every group's start, finish and elapsed time will be tracked and recorded.
- When guest play is allowed, tee times will be scheduled every 11 minutes (was previously 10-minute intervals).
- Caddies will be encouraged to assist with each group's POP.
- When schedules allow, the Professional Staff will monitor POP on the course.
- The Golf Committee will contact every member of a "slow group" within 24 hours of completing their round. A group is considered "slow" if they fell behind the group in front of them, held up the group behind them and took longer than 4 hours. During time when guest play is allowed, groups will be required to finish in 4:10 or less.
- A second slow play violation could result in a Member having their access to the course limited.

### Standard Golf Info:

*Please Note: R Registration for all Members Prize Fund events and Member Guest events (including 9 & 18-Holer Guest Days) must be submitted in writing to the Golf Shop in person, by mail, fax or online. Please visit [www.plainfieldcc.com](http://www.plainfieldcc.com) or the Golf Shop for tournament entry forms and details.*

*Please let us know if you have a need for corporate gifts or favors (i.e. logoed golf balls, shirts, bags, etc.). Many suppliers offer bulk discounts that we will pass on to you.*

*Plainfield Country Club Golf Shop: (908)769-3666; [www.plainfieldcc.com](http://www.plainfieldcc.com)*



## Margaritas and Mulligans







# The Racquet Report

Curtis Guy Moore,  
Director of Racquets

## Tennis News

The season is underway with plenty of nice weather and tennis to go with it. We have events for our entire membership including Men's Nights every Monday, Pro Ams, Member-Guests, Ladies Margarita Night, Beginner Tennis Clinics, and even various Twilights with different themes and live music. Coming in the near Future a New Junior Program for the Summer Months and Ladies Cardio in the morning. Look for upcoming details. We look forward to the continuation of a beautiful spring and great summer.

## Paddle News

We have a couple of reasons to celebrate a tremendous paddle season. I am more than proud of a few of our Juniors who've participated in the program the last few years. Some background: The Junior paddle circuit has been growing steadily over the last decade with many national ranking tournaments throughout the year, and finally the Nationals to cap it off at the end of the season. This year we had two players participate during the year with fabulous results. It is my honor to introduce:



### Peter Gajewski

Peter and his partner played several tournaments throughout the season to get a sectional ranking and even lost in the semis of an event at Indian Trail. On to the Nationals, he finished fifth, which gives him a National Ranking of 8th in the entire country. What an accomplishment! Peter G, I am awfully proud and happy for you...and cannot wait until next year. Let's keep up the hard work!

## Jake Mayer

Jake is known for his golf game but has honored us with his presence at Men's Night for the past couple of seasons to learn the game. He has really become a smart, experienced player. Jake spent some free time playing in the winter when he could not hit golf balls, and his hard work has paid off. The Big Man played the Nationals and finished tied for 18th in a tournament of over 100 competitors. Congratulations Jake! Thank You for bringing some pride to the PCC Men's Program!

## Hawaiian Luau at the Tennis Courts

Friday May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Cost \$40.00

The season really gets started this night, with live music, an awesome island menu and umbrella drinks!

Throw out the whites - colored attire welcome!

Play as much or as little tennis as you like.

Reserve by logging into the PCC website at [www.plainfieldcc.com](http://www.plainfieldcc.com) and clicking on the Calendar Event.

## 2015 Tennis Calendar

Friday, May 29	Tennis & Tunes Kickoff Party 6:00 p.m.
Friday, June 5	Ladies Member-Guest Day 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 14	Men's Member Guest Day 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Friday, June 19	Tennis Twilight Night 6:00 p.m. Start
Friday, June 19	Ladies Intraclub Matches begin through July 26
Monday, June 22	Men's Tournament BBQ and Ale Night 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 27	Parent/Child Round Robin 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Tuesday, June 30	Kids Kamp and All Sports Camp begins (for 6 weeks)
Thursday, July 9	Ladies Margarita Night 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 12	PCC 16th Annual Pro-Am Juniors, Ladies, Men
Friday, July 17	Tennis Twilight Night 6:00 p.m. Start
Monday, July 20	Guy and Brett on the "Grill" Men's Round Robin 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 23	Ladies Cardio/ Round Robin Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sat-Sunday Sept. 12-13	PCC Men's Singles and Doubles Club Championships

**Congratulations to our own Guy Moore Who Won the Peachtree Invitational National Ranking Tournament!**



Men's Club Paddle Champions:  
From Left to right - Champions  
Pat Collins, Tim Walsh,  
Finalist - Biff Brunhouse, Jonathan Nitchy

# Makin' A Splash

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## 1ST DAY OF SWIM PRACTICE

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

## TIME TRIALS

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25

## SWIM SUIT SALE

TBA

## PRE-SEASON PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 26 - Friday, June 19, 2015

**AGES 6 & UNDER: START IN DIVING WELL 3:45 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

Ages 7 & 8: 3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 9 & Up: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*If there are any conflicts please make one of the practice group times!*

## REGULAR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 15- Friday, July 31, 2015

Ages 9 - 17: 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Ages 6, 7, 8: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Ages 5 and under: 11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon (Diving Well / Big Pool)

*If schools are not out by Monday, June 15, come in the afternoon!*

## 2015 SWIM MEET SCHEDULE

1. **Wednesday, June 24:** Home vs. Woodside: Warm-ups 5:15 p.m.
2. **Saturday, June 27:** Home vs. University: Warm-ups 9:15 a.m.
3. **Monday, June 29:** Home vs. Springwood: Warm-ups at 5:15 p.m.
4. **Wednesday, July 1:** Home vs. Village: Warm-ups at 5:15 p.m.
5. **Wednesday, July 8:** Away vs. Wynnewood: Warm-ups at 5:15 p.m.
6. **Saturday, July 11:** Away at Woodside: Warm-ups at 9:15 a.m.
7. **Sunday, July 12:** Relay Carnival At Village: Leave 8:30 a.m.: Warm-ups at 9:15 a.m. (Rain date: Monday, July 13: Leave 4:30 p.m.; Warm-ups at 5:15 p.m.)
8. **Wednesday, July 15:** Away vs. Springwood: Leave 5:00 p.m.; Warm-ups 5:15 p.m.
9. **Saturday, July 18:** Away at Village: Leave 8:30 a.m. Warm-ups 9:15 a.m.
10. **Monday, July 20:** Away vs. University: Warm-ups at 5:15 p.m.
11. **Saturday, July 25:** TBD
12. **Monday, July 27:** Qualifying Meet at Woodside: Warm-ups 4:00 p.m.: Rain date: Tuesday, July 28
13. **Wednesday, July 29:** Qualifying Meet at Woodside: Warm-ups at 4:00 p.m.: Rain date: Thursday, July 30
14. **Saturday, August 1:** Championship Meet at University: Leave 7:15 a.m.: Warm-ups; 8:00 a.m. (If bad weather the latest start time is 10:30 a.m. Coaches will score the meet by seed times!)

## 2015 POOL HOURS

### May 23

#### Opening day

11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### May 24 - May 25

11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### May 27 - June 21

Weekdays 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Limited Snack Bar Menu

Weekends 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Full Snack Bar Menu

### June 22 - August 2

Sunday to Wednesday 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday to Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### August 3 - August 21

11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Daily

### August 22 - August 31

Pool Closed

### September 1 - September 8

11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Daily

## SNACK BAR HOURS

### May 23 - May 25

11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### May 27 - June 21

Weekdays - 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Limited Snack Bar Menu

Weekends - 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Full Snack Bar Menu

### June 22 - August 2

Sunday to Wednesday

10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday to Saturday

10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### August 3 - August 21

Monday - Wednesday

Open 11:30 a.m. (Snacks/Beverages)

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Full Menu)

2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Snacks/Beverages)

Closed at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - Sunday

Open 11:30 a.m. (Snacks/Beverages)

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Full Menu)

2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Light Snacks)

Close 6:30 p.m.

### August 22 - August 31

Pool and Snack Bar Closed

### September 1 - September 7

11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.





## HOUSE HAPPENINGS

### **Memorial Day Weekend**

**Friday, May 22**

A la Carte Lunch & Dinner

### **Saturday, May 23**

Pool Open 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lobster Feast Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Remember to Reserve your Lobster before noon on Thursday, May 21

A la Carte Lunch Only

No A la Carte Dinner Service

### **Sunday, May 24**

Pool Open 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

A la carte Lunch and Family Night

### **Monday, May 25**

Pool Open 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Day BBQ - Pool Side

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pool Activities

Reservations Requested - Open Seating

A la Carte Lunch Only

No A la Carte Dinner Service

### **Tuesday, May 26**

Club Closed

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Independence Day BBQ**

**Friday, July 3, 2015**

Details to follow

Visit the PCC website at [www.plainfieldcc.com](http://www.plainfieldcc.com) for further details and up-to-date information for all Club events!

Reserve your table for all PCC events by registering online on the PCC website calendar on the day of the event.

If you are unable to register online please contact Sarah at the Front Desk by calling (908) 757-1800 ext. 101 or via email at [frontdesk@plainfieldcc.com](mailto:frontdesk@plainfieldcc.com)



## Easter





# June Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>Club Closed</b>	2 A la Carte Lunch Only 18 Holers 1BB odd, 2 BB even 18 Holers Interclub 9 Holer Clinic Private Golf Event Ladies Tennis Leagues Matches	3 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner 9 Holers Tee to Green Jr. Golf Academy Spring Semester Ladies Tennis Leagues Matches	4 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Private Golf Event Ladies League Racquets - Cardio/Round Robin Swim Team Time	5 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Jr. Golf Academy Spring Semester	6 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner  Husband & Wife Championship
7 A la Carte Lunch & Family Night Dinner  Husband & Wife Championship  Junior Golf Elite	8 <b>Club Closed</b>  Men's Tennis Night 7pm  Private Golf Event	9 A la Carte Lunch Only 18 Holers Kathy Linney (Ringers) Private Golf Event Ladies Tennis Leagues Matches	10 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner 9 Holers Match Play Private Event CH RM Ladies Tennis Leagues Matches	11 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner  The Hillside MG - Practice Round Steak Night  Swim Team Time Trials	12 No A la Carte Lunch or Dinner Service Today  The Hillside Member Guest	13 No A la Carte Lunch A la Carte Dinner Only  The Hillside Member Guest
14 A la Carte Lunch & Family Night Dinner  Racquets - Men's Member Guest	15 <b>Club Closed</b>  Men's Tennis Night 7pm  Private Golf Event	16 A la Carte Lunch Only 18 Holers USA Cup Ladies Tennis Leagues Matches	17 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner 9 Holers "No Frills" Guest Day Ladies Tennis Leagues Matches Jr. Golf Academy Spring Semester	18 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Private Golf Event CH RM Ladies League Racquets - Cardio/Round Robin Swim Team Time Trials	19 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Racquets Ladies Intracub matches begin Jr. Golf Academy Spring Semester	20 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner  Private Event
21 Father's Day / Summer Solstice  Father's Day Brunch	22 <b>Club Closed</b> Racquets - Men's Tournament BBQ & Ale Night  Private Golf Event	23 A la Carte Lunch Only Private Golf Event 18 Holers Stroke Play	24 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner  9 Holers Four Clubs  Swim Meet - Home	25 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner "New England Clam Bake" One Day Member Guest Tri-Member Cocktail Party Swim Team - Time Trials	26 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner  Private Event  Jr. Golf Academy Spring Semester	27 A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Racquets - Parent/ Child Round Robin  The Four Ball Swim Meet - Home vs. University
28 A la Carte Lunch & Family Night Dinner  The Four Ball	29 <b>Club Closed</b> Men's Tennis Night 7pm Private Golf Event Swim Meet - Home vs. Springwood	30 A la Carte Lunch Only 18 Holers Tri Member Kids Camp & All Sport Camp				





# July Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner 9 Hokers Member-Member Pairing Jr. Golf Academy Swim Meet - Home vs. Village	<b>2</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner	<b>3</b> A la Carte Lunch No a la carte dinner <b>Independence Day Celebration &amp; Fireworks</b>	<b>4</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner The Battle of the Short Hills
<b>5</b> A la Carte Lunch & Family Night Dinner	<b>6</b> <b>Club Closed</b> Men's Tennis Night 7pm	<b>7</b> A la Carte Lunch Only 18 Hokers ABC - 1BB Nassau (8:30 shotgun)	<b>8</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner 9 Hokers Club Championship - Round 1 Jr. Golf Academy Swim Meet - Away vs. Wynnewood	<b>9</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Donald Ross Cup Match (1:00 shotgun @ PCC) Tennis - Ladies Margarita Night 6:30pm	<b>10</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Jr. Golf Academy	<b>11</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Mens CC & Stroke Play Ladies CC Qualifying Swim Meet - Away vs. Woodside
<b>12</b> A la Carte Lunch & Family Night Dinner Men's CC (1st rnd all flights; 1st & 2nd rnd champ flight) Tennis - PCC 16th Annual Pro-Am Juniors, Ladies, Men Jr. Golf Elite Swim Meet - Relay Carnival at Village	<b>13</b> <b>Club Closed</b> Men's Tennis Night 7pm Swim Meet - Relay Carnival at Village (Rain Date)	<b>14</b> A la Carte Lunch Only 18 Hokers Club Championship (Flights 1st Round)	<b>15</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner 9 Hokers Club Championship Final Stroke Play Jr. Golf Academy Swim Meet - Away vs. Springwood	<b>16</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner	<b>17</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Jr. Golf Academy	<b>18</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Men's CC (semi-final) Ladies CC (semi-final) Swim Meet - Away at Village
<b>19</b> A la Carte Lunch & Family Night Dinner Men's CC Final Ladies CC Final Junior CC Final	<b>20</b> <b>Club Closed</b> Private Event Guy & Brett on the Grill Men's Round Robin 6:30pm Swim Meet - Away vs. University	<b>21</b> A la Carte Lunch Only 18 Hokers Club Championship (Flights 2nd Ro & Match Play)	<b>22</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner 9 Hokers Stroke Play - Keep Putts Jr. Golf Academy	<b>23</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner "South of the Border" One Day Member Guest Ladies Tennis Cardio/Round Robin Night 6:30-8:30pm	<b>24</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner	<b>25</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Private Event LL/MDR/BR/Patio - 5pm Swim Meet - Home vs. Wynnewood
<b>26</b> A la Carte Lunch & Family Night Dinner Parent/Child Tournament	<b>27</b> <b>Club Closed</b> Private Golf Event Men's Tennis Night 7pm Swim Meet - Qualifying Meet at Woodside	<b>28</b> A la Carte Lunch Only 18 Hokers Club Championship Finals (flights) Stroke Play Private Golf Event Swim Meet - (Rain Date) Qualifying Meet at Woodside	<b>29</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner 9 Hokers Alibi Jr. Golf Academy Swim Meet - Qualifying Meet at Woodside	<b>30</b> A la Carte Lunch & Dinner Swim Meet - (Rain date) Qualifying Meet at Woodside	<b>31</b> A la Carte Lunch No A la Carte Dinner Birdies & Bogies at the Beach	



# Plainfield Country Club

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TENNIS	EXT. 149
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## PCC CLUB OFFICERS

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Vice President - Edward English

Treasurer - Kevin Quinn

Secretary - Patricia Sigmon

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Brett Rosely

Patricia Sigmon

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## EMERGENCY PHONES, DEFIBRILLATOR & OXYGEN LOCATIONS:

### EMERGENCY PHONES:

**7th Tee - Located on Water Fountain**

**8th Green - Located on Water Fountain**

**17th Ladies Tee - Located on Water Fountain**

**Storm Shelter near 4th and 7th Greens**

**Halfway House**

### DEFIBRILLATOR & OXYGEN TANK:

**Cloak Room in Front Lobby of Clubhouse**

**Racquets Area**

**Halfway House**

**West Nine**

## VISIT THE PCC WEBSITE:

Be sure to check in regularly for updates on all aspects of Plainfield Country Club including Tournament Schedules, Registration, Rosters, Results, News & Views and more! [www.plainfieldcc.com](http://www.plainfieldcc.com)