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The Cardinal Golf Club

# NEWS & EVENTS

## Note from the Manager, Scott Neal:

As I write this letter I find it hard to believe it's already February. Seems like yesterday when I was writing for the holiday specials that we had in the Pro Shop. But February is here which means the days are getting longer and more daylight to play golf. Before we know it, it will be spring and we'll be moving the clocks ahead one hour.

Thanks to all for your patience regarding the closure of the Practice Range. When we get as much rain as we've had, we have no choice but to close until conditions get a bit dryer. For those who aren't aware, we have to close the range if we get to much rain because the golf balls will plug in the soft ground. When that happens we are are unable to retrieve them when picking the range. As I write this letter, it's snowing outside which means more moisture. I'm hoping we will find a happy medium with Mother Nature and things will dry out soon. Having said that, I would rather have too much rain than deal with a drought.

New golf clubs have been released. We also have demo clubs for all to try prior to your purchase. Twilight Starts at 1:00 P.M. As of February 2, sunset is at 5:34 p.m. As each day goes by the sunset time extends by at least one minute, so by February 28, sunset is at 6:02 p.m. This gives everyone PLENTY of time to finish a round. We are still fighting this issue of golf carts losing their charge and breaking down during your round because of battery issues. We are actively working towards a resolution regarding this. Please be sure to have the Pro Shop number on hand (804) 734-2899 and we will send someone out right away with a new cart.

The next Golf Council meeting is scheduled for March 2.

Hope to see you on the course soon!

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# Golf Pro Tip

I got this tip from another Instructor when I was having trouble releasing my body and hands through the shot. Some people believe that you have to keep your head still until well after the ball has been hit. This can lead to people not turning their bodies after impact, which can lead to poor ball-striking. Start with a wedge. As you look about 6 to 12 inches in front of the ball, continue to move your body through the shot as well as your head so eventually you are looking at your target at the finish of your swing. British Open winner, David Duval is someone who looks ahead of his golf ball when he swings. It's less about lifting your head up and more about staying down through your shot and looking down range as you swing. Think about it. When a player is at the foul line in Basketball, he or she doesn't look at the ball while trying to make the shot. He or she is more likely looking at the basket (target) to finish their shot. Give this a try and let me know if it works out for you. I enjoy getting feedback from people in their pursuit of improving in their game, so feel free to share with me your accomplishments.

**Callaway Fitting Day**
**Thursday, March 18**
**Call 804-734-2899 to make your appointment.**

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# Maintenance Update from the Superintendent, Billy Edwards

We will have new chemistry in our application to help us battle the pesticide resistance on annual bluegrass that we have been experiencing the last few seasons. This should help us have much more clean turf to start the spring season. Mother Nature is not on our side at the moment. It's looking like late February will bring a major push by the Maintenance Crew to get things ready for spring.

**Winter Rates**

**December 1st - February 28th**

Weekday Rates: Monday - Thursday: $25
Weekend Rates: Friday - Sunday: $30
Weekday Twilight: Monday - Thursday: $20
Weekend Twilight: Friday - Sunday: $25