

 *The Cardinal* Golf Club  
**NEWS & EVENTS**

## Note from the Manager, Scott Neal:

I hope everyone had a good holiday. If you're like me, I added a few pounds due to all the good food that was had, received a few gifts that I really appreciate, and I enjoyed time with the family. Now it's time to be back at work! I wish everyone a good post-holiday and hope things are well for you.



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 too much rain because the golf balls will plug in the soft ground and we're unable to retrieve them when picking the range. New rental clubs have arrived! Many people are taking advantage of the rentals and at \$8 you can't get a better deal anywhere. The one thing that I ask of all the people who use them is please take care of them as if they were your own.

Twilight starts at 1:00 p.m. As of January 1, sunset is at 5:02 p.m. As each day goes by the sunset time extends by at least one minute. So by January 31, sunset is at 5:32 p.m. I will keep everyone updated when start time for twilight changes.

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.

## Golf Pro Tip

Let's talk about fairway metal shots. Fairway metals are designed to "sweep" the ball off of the grass, which helps you generate more distance, due to the longer shafts and additional loft. I don't feel you necessarily have to create a new swing for the fairway metals but you may want to flatten your swing just a bit to help you "sweep" the ball off of the grass. Your ball position should be just a bit more forward in your stance versus having the ball in the middle of your stance as you might have for most of your iron shots. Experiment with this. If you make better contact with the ball in the middle of your stance, that's okay too, but I bet you'll have increased your chances of a solid golf shot with the ball just a bit forward in your stance. When you get to the top of your backswing, your back should be facing towards the target. As you start your downswing, unwinding your hips, shoulders and hands, remember, stay down and through your shot. As I've stated, this is more of a sweeping shot with a bit of a shallower or flatter swing. If you do take a divot, that's okay too, as long as you stay committed through your swing and don't just stop the swing because you may have taken a divot. Having finished your shot, your body should now be facing your target and hopefully you're staring at a successful shot.



There are still various items that are on Sale for the better part of January. Check with Golf Shop personnel for details. Take advantage of the sales and discounts while you can. Spend \$100 or more on merchandise and receive a complimentary round of Golf / Cart Included. Sale ends January 31!

**ALL SALES ARE FINAL!**



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## Maintenance Update from the Superintendent, Billy Edwards

When weather finally allows we will finish off cleaning leaves/debris from all areas of the golf course. As of late, we simply cannot get the tractors out there. Winter equipment maintenance is now taking place. Willie is grinding reels and rebuilding rollers on all mowers. This process is vital to growing season success. Sometime this month we will begin our winter cleanup spray applications of fall weeds along with our pre-emergence herbicides to all areas of the golf course.

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**OPEN SCRAMBLE**  
**FEBRUARY 20**  
**Shotgun 10 AM**

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**2-Person Scramble**  
**\$35 Club Members &**  
**\$50 for Non-Members**

**Golf, Cart, Range, Chili,**  
**Beverages & Prizes**

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### Winter Rates

December 1st - February 28th

Weekday Rates: Monday - Thursday: \$25.00

Weekend Rates: Friday - Sunday: \$30.00

Weekday Twilight: Monday - Thursday: \$20.00

Weekend Twilight: Friday - Sunday: \$25.00