# 2017 MEMBER-MEMBER ANDY KEYS & CRAIG HAMMER WIN IT ALL

Championship was played on June 2nd and 3rd. The full field of 120 men competed in 10 flights over two beautiful days. In the end the flight winners battled one another in the 3-hole playoff until a champion would be determined. For the first time at RiverCrest there were three teams all tied after the three holes. The teams went back to 18 for a sudden death playoff. All three teams found the fairway and all three teams found the green in regulation. Tim Engart was the first

to putt but his effort came up a little short. Next to putt was Andy Keys who had a 25 foot putt which was identical to one he missed only minutes before. This time he found the cup for a birdie three. Jason Henson still had the chance to tie, but his putt narrowly missed the cup. This is the second time the team of Andy Keys and Craig Hammer has won the event, also winning in 2014. Congratulations to them and all the players on a successful Championship!

OVERALL CHAMPIONS Andy Keys & Craig Hammer



#### FLIGHT WINNERS

FLIGHT 1: Tim Westfall/ Rob O' Brien 30 ½ pts. FLIGHT 2: Tim Engart/ Adri Osman 29 pts. FLIGHT 3: Vince Small/ Vince Lancenese 32 ½ pts. FLIGHT 4: Andy Keys/ Craig Hammer 30 ½ pts FLIGHT 5: Scott Craig/ Neal Pettinelli 30 ½ pts. FLIGHT 6: Carter Devol/ Jason Henson 28 ½ pts. FLIGHT 7: Justin Yaskowski/ Kevin Smith 30 pts. 29 pts. FLIGHT 8: Anthony Dibona/ Tom Barbine FLIGHT 9: Tim Franklin/ EJ Ryan 33 pts. FLIGHT 10: Bruce Alling/ Eric Neily 33 ½ pts.





#### 2017 RIVERCREST CHARITY CLASSIC

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

Registration now open!

Currently accepting auction items and member tee sign sponsors

#### **COMPANY & MEMBER TEE SIGNS**

Can't play golf or attend the dinner?

RiverCrest Charity Tee Signs are a great way to not only contribute, but show your support and appreciation of this great cause. We are looking for both companies and members to donate \$250 to have their tee sign at the Charity Classic tee boxes.



Member Tee Sign Example



















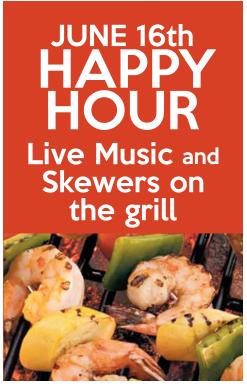
















Bob Miller takes his second tournament of the year and is beginning to pull away from the pack! RC poker mainstay, Rob O'Brien, finished second to qualify for November's Final Tournament. Other past champions such as Eric Neily, Mike Ryan, Jack Gill & Joe Miller have been silenced so far. Will June bring a resurgence of these players? Always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7:30...come out and test your skills.

NEXT HOLD'EM Wednesday, June 21st





### Superintendent's News

Chris McKernan - RiverCrest Golf Course Superintendent

COURSE UPDATE

THIS TIME OF YEAR IS ALWAYS EXCITING AS WE EXECUTE THE AERIFICATION PROCESS AND PREPARE FOR THE MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENTS. BELOW IS A QUICK UPDATE ON THE GREENS AND FESCUE.

#### Greens

The greens are healing at a good pace. The last 10 days weather has been very cool and cloudy slowing that final push we need but recovery has been better than last year. There are a few mounds and ridges that are still a bit behind but with some warmth and SUN, a few more nutrient hand sprays, lifting the mowers over these areas, we should be back on track. I know the Graden or aerification is an evil word but its something that must be done to remove thatch. Thatch accumulates rapidly and will lead to soft spongy greens, excess water retention and disease. The Graden is an excellent machine due to its ability to remove close to three times the material than a typical aerifier. Another positive is the sand that is immediately incorporated into the green which eliminates the need for heavy equipment to throw sand over open holes. This causes very bumpy greens which take quite some time to flatten. The negative, as I mentioned above, is the machine removes a significant amount more material which will take longer to heal. The great thing, once they're healed is I (and golfers) don't have to go through the mess once again in August.

#### **Fescue**

I have completed the second spray which contains a three pronged attack to combat weeds, weed grasses, and a pre-emergent. This spray will be repeated in fall once the heat subsides and will be put on an annual schedule in order to clean up our fescue areas. So far the spray has worked beautifully as fescue looks very clean. I have mowed the areas twice in the past week. My crew and I have been out with blowers and rakes cleaning up these areas. With 25 acres of mowed fescue it will take some time to complete all the areas. We will stay after it until it is completed. It will take a season or two, then a regular spraying schedule to achieve the results we are looking for but we're off to a good start. Please check out the blog (rivercrestgolfclub.blogspot.com) to see results of the sprays. This blog also contains info on many projects, issues, results, throughout the season.









#### RYDER CUP SIGN UPS

The 2017 Ryder Cup event will be held on Saturday, August 5th. Sign Ups for the event began on June 1st at 8:00am and are filling up quickly. The 144 player field is comprised of eight player teams that will break into two foursomes playing four formats on the front and back nine. This is a marquee event at the Club so don't miss out. Sign up online asap!

#### 4th of July Mixed Golf

Join us on Sunday, July 2nd for some mixed golf fun. The event will be a 4 person, step aside scramble. The team will select a tee shot to play from. The players whose shot is selected may not play the next shot (they step aside). The three remaining players will play from within one-club length of the selected shot. After the second shot, the team will choose the best shot and that person steps aside for the next shot. The person that stepped aside for the previous shot comes back in. This process is repeated until the completion of the hole. This is a gross and net event with 10% of the team handicap being used.

# LADIES 9 & DINE THIS MONTH GUESTS WELCOME!

The first Nine & Dine of the season comes to RiverCrest on Wednesday, June 28th at 5:30pm. The event will be a perfect setting to invite a guest to the club, have a stress-free night on the links with a fun format, and then come inside for some drinks—and maybe food! Registration for this event is online through the calendar, so talk it up and get your friends in on the fun!

#### **US Open Saturday Event**

There will be an optional Better Ball of Partners event on Saturday, June 17th. Your partner will be a Professional in the US Open field on Saturday (in the third round). You will pick the Professional that will be your partner. The better ball score between you (net) and your selected Professional (gross) will be your team score, in relation to par. Play all 18 holes, turn in your scorecard, and then we'll fill in your partner's scores on Sunday morning.!

### FATHER'S DAY SALE 20% OFF

Make it a special day for your RiverCrest Dad this Father's Day by getting him a gift he will love and use from the Golf Shop!

From Monday, June 12th till Sunday, June 18th, the Golf Shop will have a Special 20% OFF SALE on all Men's Apparel, Hats, Golf Shoes and Leather goods. New collections just in for Father's Day from Puma and Adidas. Other Popular brands include: Bobby jones, FootJoy, Johnnie-O, Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, Sunice and Vineyard Vines!

JUST ARRIVED! New Special Father's Day Item: Vineyard Vines RiverCrest logo belts!

All Father's Day presents will be complimentary gift wrapped to make it a one stop shopping experience!

#### JUNE TOURNAMENTS

DATE	TOURNAMENT
June 5	Happy Hackers (9:00-10:00am times)
June 7	Senior Golf (9:00-10:00am times)
June 7	Men's League (5:30pm shotgun)
June 8	Ladies Member-Member
June 12	Happy Hackers (9:00-10:00am times)
June 14	Senior Golf (9:00-10:00am times)
June 15	RiverCrest Day Member-Guest (1:00pm shotgun)
June 17	US Open Saturday Event
June 19	Happy Hackers (9:00-10:00am times)
June 21	Senior Golf (9:00-10:00am times)
June 21	Men's League (5:30pm shotgun)
June 22	Ladies Golf (9:00-10:00am times)
June 23	Junior League Match
June 25	Junior Golf Clinics
June 26	Happy Hackers (9:00-10:00am times)
June 28	Senior Golf (9:00-10:00am times)
June 28	Ladies 9 & Dine (5:30pm shotgun)
June 29	Ladies Golf (9:00-10:00am times)
June 30	Sign Ups begin for Men's Invitational



#### June RiverCrest Day

The June RiverCrest Day one day member guest will be held on June 15th. Members can bring anywhere from 1 to 3 guests. The format is a 2 best of 4 better ball with a 1 o' clock shotgun. There will be several competitions out on the course the course that day which include a "Beat The Pro" on number 17! Following golf there will be dinner on the terrace and the awards presentation at that time as well. You will not want to miss out on this fun event!

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MONTH IS COMING SOON!

July is the month for the girls and boys to become ladies and gentlemen. Plan ahead and save the dates for the various Club Championships next month: Ladies, Seniors and Young Executives will be competing on Saturday & Sunday, the 8th and 9th. The Men's Championship will be on the 22nd and 23rd. All tournaments will consist of 36 holes of individual stroke play, with 18 holes being played on each day. For the first weekend, the Seniors will lead off with tee times at 7:00am, Ladies will follow at 9:00am, and the Young Executives will tee off at 11:00am. Registrations are live, so feel free to throw your name into the ring today!

### SUNDAY JUNIOR CLINIC SERIES

Beginning this month, the Professional Staff will be running our annual Summer Sunday Clinics. These clinics are perfect for the beginner golfer and those looking to gain a little more knowledge in the game of golf. We will be offering two different sessions for each date, with 4 to 6 year olds (Rookies) in one, and 7 to 9 year olds (Minors) in the other. Each session is \$15 and you can register online through the calendar. Below are the dates and times.

Rookies Clinic 1:30 – 2:20 Clinic Minors Clinic 2:30 – 3:30 Clinic

Sunday, June 25th - Clinic

Sunday, July 2nd - Clinic

Sunday, July 16th - Clinic

Sunday, July 30th - Clinic

Sunday, August 6th - Clinic







#### **INVITATIONAL SIGNUPS BEGIN JUNE 30TH**

The 2017 Men's Invitational will be held on Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th. Below are the sign up timeframes:

June 30th – Signups begin for all Full Members at 8:00am. There will be a priority given to Full Members that participated in 2016. That priority will end at 8:00am on July 7th. At that time the list of signups will be set by 1) Full Members that participated in 2016 and 2) Full Members that did not participate in 2016.

July 7th – Signups begin for all other Memberships at 8:00am. There will be a priority sequence for that week which will end at 8:00am on July 14th. At 8:01am on July 14th the next list of signups for that week will be set by 1) Full Members; 2) Associate Members; 3) Young Executive Members; 4) House Plus Members and 5) House Members.

July 14th – All signups after 8:01am on July 14th will be accepted first signed up-next on the waiting list regardless of membership type.

All Signups will be ONLINE ONLY. Members will be required to sign themselves up online. No Staff Members will be permitted to sign Members up, even if the Member is asking them to do so in person or over the phone. The Member WILL be required to go to a computer and sign up.

# Colby's Rule # Month

Colby and I both love the month of June. Summer is right around the corner, school is ending for another year (Colby's favorite part), and throw in the US Open. But the best part of June has to be Father's Day! I will be celebrating my 8th Father's Day. And what would a Golf Professional father like as a gift? A family golf excursion of course!

Colby knows I am a huge fan of the Bandon Dunes resort in Oregon and that my bucket list includes other courses in the Mike Keiser portfolio (Cabot Links in Nova Scotia and Sand Valley in Wisconsin.) Since I need to get my passport updated, Colby and his Mother elected to stay stateside and take me to Sand Valley. Sand Valley just recently opened its' first course featuring massive sand dunes promising to catch any stray shots. We couldn't wait to see the

#### Rule 1-4 Points Not Covered by Rules By Jamie Komancheck, PGA Head Golf Professional

course and start a new adventure.

The first hole at Sand Valley is a short Par 4 dogleg left measuring 335 yards. There is ample sand on both sides framing the green fairway, a beautiful hole to start the round. We all teed off and began our journey. As Colby and Kelly walked ahead of me, I had a few moments to reflect.

Being a father and watching Colby grow up has been such a rewarding experience. I've enjoyed teaching him the game of golf along with all the various rules, etiquettes and traditions. Golf is a beautiful game. It is different every day; challenging, rewarding, frustrating, etc. Life and parenting is much the same (times ten!) A detailed, organized golf rules book helps to find the appropriate rule to apply. It would be great if they also had a detailed, organized book on parenting as well.

The written rules of golf will be changing in the near future. The unwritten rules of parenting, depending on who you ask, are constantly changing. My favorite golf rule is Rule 1-4 Points Not

Covered by the Rules. It states: If any point in dispute is not covered by the

Rules, the decision should be made in accordance with equity. It gives the Golf Professional the ability to make an "unwritten rule" based on fairness. And just like parenting, depending on what mood I'm in determines what level of fairness I want to dole out. Just kidding (...kind of.)

We spent the day walking a beautiful golf course; helping reposition much of the sand after our golf balls left the fairways. While no unique situations came up on the course to apply Rule 1-4, I did apply one verbal rule of parenting I've received from many parents. Enjoy every minute with your kids as it goes by very fast. Funny how a four hour round can feel like four minutes when you don't want it to end. Colby is quickly becoming his own young man, needing less and less "advice" from Dad. While I'm still figuring out the "unwritten" rules of parenting, I look forward to every minute of the journey.

Happy Father's Day to all Dads!



BRIAN MOOSE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

## GOLF ACADEMY NEWS with Moose

# ARE OBJECTIVES PART OF YOUR PRACTICE ROUTINE? THEY SHOULD BE!

If you are not setting objectives or goals for every practice session then you are not getting the most out of your time working on your game. Here are a few great putting drills/objectives to simulate pressure on the golf course and get your game in shape for summer.

#### LAG PUTTING AND SHORT RANGE PRESSURE

#### WARM-UP

Make 100 putts from 3 feet

#### LAG PUTTING

Lag 23/25 within 3 feet of hole from 30 feet. Restart if you fail. Lag 21/25 within 3 feet of hole from 40 feet. Restart if you fail. Lag 19/25 within 3 feet of hole from 50 feet. Restart if you fail.

#### PRESSURE PUTTING - CIRCLE DRILL

Make 10 putts in a row (2 laps around circle) from 4 feet Estimated Completion Time: 50-60 minutes







#### 2 HOUR LESSONS? YES!

I am going to offer a new lesson option for the remainder of the summer. The lesson option will be for 3-TWO HOUR LESSONS (6 Hours Total). When you book the lessons choose the 2 hour member or non-member option to distinguish what type of lesson package you will be choosing. I have had quite a few students book 2 hour lessons this spring and we have found them to be quite beneficial. Within these two hour blocks students have found more success and it also allows for me to spend adequate time switching back and forth between two or sometimes even three different skills. i.e. Driver, putting, bunker. The 3-TWO HOUR LESSON PACKAGE will be \$390 for members and \$440 for non-members. If you have any questions regarding the 6 Hour Lesson package option please contact me.