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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

What an exhilarating time of the year we find ourselves in! As the gentle breeze carries the scent of blooming flowers and the warmth of the sun beckons us outdoors, it's evident that the spirit of spring is in full bloom at GLCC.

With the return of dear friends from their winter retreats and the greens calling out to golfers for early rounds, our club is alive with activity. The diligent efforts of our hardworking staff have ensured that both the grounds and buildings are in impeccable condition, setting the stage for a season of unforgettable experiences.



Step into our Pro Shop and be greeted by shelves adorned with the latest apparel and equipment, a testament to our commitment to providing members with top-notch amenities.

The sight of sailboats gliding gracefully onto the water, sporting fresh paint and sails, heralds the return of the sailing season. Get ready to mark your calendars for the 71st annual Tulip Tune Up, set to take place from May 15th to 19th, promising thrilling races and vibrant camaraderie at the GLYC Pavilion.

Indulge your palate at The Boat Bar, where Chef Dave and his talented team have curated a menu of delectable choices and nightly specials to tantalize your taste buds. And that's not all – the Greenside Grill will soon unveil a new menu, promising to pair culinary excellence with a welcoming ambiance.

Looking for a cozy evening by the lakeside? Join us at the Pavilion on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the summer months, where you can bask in the glow of the fire pit while sharing stories and laughter with friends. And don't forget about our Wild Wednesdays – the perfect midweek pick-me-up!

Exciting developments are also underway on the racquet front, with the addition of Director of Racquet Sports, Jimmy Beckwith. His expertise and passion for the game will undoubtedly elevate our racquet program, offering members exceptional experiences and opportunities to hone their skills.

At GLCC, we take immense pride in our vibrant community, where members come together to form lasting connections, create cherished memories, and revel in the joys of the season. As we embark on this journey together, let us raise a toast to a season filled with laughter, friendship, and unforgettable moments.

Here's to an extraordinary season ahead!

Warm Regards,
Bill Sikkema
GLCC President





FROM THE MANAGER

Dear Gull Lake CC Members,

2024 season is here! As is the case every year, the management team has been hard at work getting ready with a full calendar of events for the summer season. I would like to thank them for their dedication and hard work. They work tirelessly to enhance the member experience.

Dan Urban is coordinating all of our Golf programming and the Pro Shop. As Vice President of the local PGA chapter, Dan is representing Gull Lake Country Club industry wide. Logan Bone starts his second year as Head Golf Professional and Addi Radcliff will make sure you all look good in Gull Lake CC golf apparel. We welcome Michael Carrillo to his first full year as a member of the golf staff.

The golf course survived the gentle winter as Jesse Shaver and his team will make the golf course experience second to none. Jesse also is assuming a leadership role within the Superintendent world as President of the Michigan chapter.

Keith Peterson and Executive Chef Dave Carey are finalizing our Food & Beverage offerings for 2024. Nate Kruse returns as Executive Sous Chef and Matt Askelson joins us as Chef de Cuisine. Steve George enters his second season as Assistant F & B Director with a primary focus being the Greenside Grill. Amy Collard will again take charge of the Boat Bar in 2024.

On the courts, we welcome Jimmy Beckwith as our new Director of Racquet Sports. Jimmy will lead the charge on creating programming and coaching for members of all ages. Be sure to save the dates of May 1st (Meet the Pro day) and May 17th (Racquets opener event).

We have a full calendar of events this year with some new ideas. Be sure to join us at the "Family Feud" night on April 27th and look for an email regarding "Nashville Night" in May. Wet & Wild Wednesdays will start on May 22nd with a great lineup of entertainment for the summer.

Gull Lake Country Club is such a unique place! We will continue to look for ways to take advantage of our lakefront presence and hope to create a culture here that makes this club as special as it can possibly be. We look forward to a fun and active summer season! Make sure you are signed up to our email database and text program to receive the latest on club events. Reach out to Taylor McCrone to add your name to these lists. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully,

Steve Williams
General Manager
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Steve's dog Shay AKA "Shady" enjoying a fun time at Dog Days Wet & Wild Wednesday!

CONGRATULATIONS JESSE & DAN!

Congrats to our very own **Grounds Superintendent, Jesse Shaver** and **Director of Golf, Dan Urban** for taking leadership roles in their respective associations. Jesse was voted into the President's role this year. Dan will serve as the Vice President of the PGA (Michigan Section) on a two-year term. Both Jesse and Dan have served through the ranks for many years and have taken the "give back" mentality through the journey. Having two leaders from the same club in these roles is rare, and maybe unprecedented. We are immensely proud of how Jesse & Dan are representing the membership at Gull Lake Country Club.



Jesse Shaver, GCSAA, Golf & Grounds Superintendent is a Michigan native, Michigan State graduate and has been in his role at GLCC since 2007. Jesse has overseen the Golf & Grounds of beautiful Gull Lake Country Club and been a passionate caretaker for the past seventeen years, mentoring and inspiring many individuals to pursue careers in turf management and the agriculture industry. Elected to the board of directors of the MIGCSA by his peers in 2016, Jesse has served multiple terms over the years and was elected to the executive board in 2021 serving as Secretary, Treasure, and elected President for 2024.

Dan Urban, PGA, Director of Golf is a PGA of America Member and has been in his position at GLCC since 2016. Dan has seen success on and off the course, capturing the Michigan PGA Professional Championship (2015), Merchandiser of the Year (Private) (2020 & 2023) and has been a devoted mentor with a desire to better the club member experience as well as the future of the Michigan PGA. His commitment to service has included officer roles as MIPGA Tournament Chair (2020-21), MIPGA Secretary (2022-23), and is currently the Vice President of the Michigan PGA and will move to the presidency role in 2026.



GOLF

Dear Members,

What a great start to the golf season, A mild Winter has led to a warm spring and a record number of February & March rounds. We hope the weather continues to cooperate keeping us on the course as we head toward summer. Be sure to start planning your schedule by reviewing the golf calendar on the website to plan for club events, leagues, PGA Junior League, and junior golf. Registration for golf events will be executed through club email distribution & Golf Genius. Please make sure Taylor has an updated email address as this will be mandatory for all event registration and information. Spring marks the arrival of new apparel and equipment, and Addi has the shop looking better than ever with new lines for your golf and lifestyle needs. New products and technology from the top equipment companies are arriving daily and will be featured at fitting events starting in May and throughout the season. On the apparel side we continue to make strides in targeting the lifestyles brands, making the golf shop your one stop shop for the full wardrobe. New companies will be introduced, and we will have exclusive options for the Spring, Summer & Fall. For the second time in four years the golf shop was recognized as Michigan PGA Merchandiser of the Year (private) and a big congratulations to Addi and the entire team for their dedication.

As we start the new season, please review the current Rules & Regulations. We want to stress the importance of making sure members on the course, as well as guests, are following the set standards for Dress Code, Course Care, as well as paying close attention to the strict Driving Range Rules, as safety of the membership and staff is our primary responsibility. Please do your part to repair/sand divots, repair multiple ball marks, and keep all golf carts at least twenty feet from putting greens when a cart path is not available.

We look forward to seeing everyone back for what is going to be a wonderful year at Gull Lake Country Club.

Respectfully,

Daniel Urban
Director of Golf, PGA
Secretary, Michigan PGA
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GRASS CLIPPINGS



Dear Members and Friends,

We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of spring here in South West Michigan and hopefully you are preparing for another fun and exciting season here at Gull Lake Country Club. There have been many members out already this spring getting some swings in and tuning on their games, which has been wonderful to see on the nice weather days. Masters week is here and we always mark that as the start of golf season here in the mitten state!

The grounds TEAM has been hard at work and was afforded some quality, bonus time on the course to get a nice productive start on the season. We removed a few dead and or dying trees from the property, along with trimming most all other trees. This was a huge project but we think you will find our trees to be healthier, cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing this year and for the future. We also were able to get a nice jump start on the removal and grassing of the cart path around #14 green. The section of cart path at #14 tee will be removed and replaced this spring once the area asphalt plants open for the season, usually around the beginning of May.

We have shifted our general focus from winter projects and spring cleanup to preparing the playing surfaces for golf. Greens were mowed for the first time of the season on March 13th and treated for poa seedhead control on March 14th. This start to our agronomic programs is about two to three weeks ahead of our normal annual start. Soil temperatures were on the rise pretty significantly early on but have somewhat stabilized with the colder temperatures mid March into mid April. We are scheduled to DryJect the greens on Monday, April 29th and the course will be closed all day.

We are excited about our grounds TEAM this season and have assembled a quality group of individuals to care for your club. We have many returning faces and a few new additions in a few select positions that will help us continue to elevate course and club conditions daily. Danielle and Curtis will both be back again this season to care for the flowers and keep everything looking beautiful throughout the busy summer season.

The grounds TEAM is here to make your club experience as special and enjoyable as possible. If there is anything we can do, please feel free to give me a call anytime. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting season here at the club and we hope to see you all very soon.

Best Regards,

Jesse Shaver
Golf Course Superintendent
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FOOD & BEVERAGE

Welcome back, members!

It was awesome seeing so many of you at Easter brunch. We have already had a full house at the Greenside Grill—twice, for St. Patrick’s Day and for the Oberon release party, and the Grill hasn’t even officially opened yet. This is a great sign for the summer we have ahead of us. Steve George, our Assistant Food and Beverage Director, will be focusing on the Grill and Amy Collard will be managing the Boat Bar again this year. We have a great returning staff as well as some promising new hires this season.

Executive Chef Dave Carey and his team, led by Executive Sous Chef Nathan Kruse and Chef de Cuisine Matt Askelson, have been working hard on some innovative menu ideas. The Boat Bar menu has been going over extremely well so far and we can’t wait for you to check out our elevated Greenside Grill menu. We have also done an overhaul of our wine menu including new house wines, glass pours and wines by the bottle.

We will be continuing to make improvements at the Quarterdeck as we did last year. Our goal is to exceed your expectations every visit. Who’s ready for a milkshake? If you haven’t signed up for our “Family Feud” gameshow night yet, you should. (Saturday, April 27th starting at 6pm.) It is going to be a night filled with fun and you are not going to want to miss out!

I am excited for all of the amazing events we have planned for you and can’t wait to see you all at Wet and Wild Wednesday down at the Pavilion!

Keith Peterson

Food and Beverage Director

Ps- We’ll keep the cookies coming for ya!



We had a great time at St. Patrick’s Day at the Greenside Grill!



CULINARY

Dear Members,

Summer dining at the Country Club: A Culinary Delight as the warm summer breeze fills the air and the sun shines brightly, it's time to indulge in the delightful culinary experiences that await you at the country club. Whether you're a long-time member or a first-time visitor, the Boat Bar, Greenside Grill, and Quarterdeck are the perfect spots to satisfy your taste buds and enjoy the summer vibes.

The Boat Bar has a nautical theme and relaxed atmosphere. As you step onto the deck overlooking the picturesque lake, you'll be greeted by friendly staff ready to serve you refreshing beverages and mouthwatering appetizers. From classic cocktails to local craft beers, the Boat Bar's drink menu has something for everyone. When it comes to dining, the Greenside Grill is a true gem. Nestled amidst the lush greenery of the golf course, this casual eatery offers a diverse menu that will please even the most discerning palates. Start your meal with a light and refreshing summer salad, featuring seasonal ingredients sourced from local farmers. For those craving something lighter, the Greenside Grill also offers a variety of sandwiches and wraps made with the freshest ingredients.

Complement your meal with a glass of fine wine from their extensive selection, and let the impeccable service take your dining experience to the next level.

In addition to these exceptional dining options, the country club also offers a range of exciting events and activities throughout the summer. Indulge in the finest cuisine, sip on refreshing drinks, and savor every moment of this memorable season at the country club. Wednesdays at Wet & Wild are a club favorite! Make sure to check the club's event calendar and mark your calendars for an unforgettable summer filled with delicious food and delightful experiences.

Whether you're a food enthusiast, a social butterfly, or simply seeking a place to relax and unwind, the country club's culinary offerings are sure to leave you satisfied. So, gather your friends and loved ones, head to the Boat Bar, Greenside Grill, or Quarterdeck, and let the flavors of summer unfold before your eyes.

Respectfully,

Dave Carey
Executive Chef
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Pictures from our Easter Brunch dessert table creatively put together by our culinary team!

INTRODUCING JIMMY BECKWITH

Dear Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Jimmy Beckwith as our new Director of Racquet Sports. Jimmy is a Western graduate where he earned a degree in Business Administration and competed on the Men's D1 tennis team. Currently, Jimmy is the Women's D1 Head Tennis coach. He worked here back in 2019 and has coached at Kalamazoo Country Club and The Franklin Athletic Center in the Detroit area.

Jimmy is married with one small child. His goal is to create more interest in our racquet programs and boost participation in all racquet sports by creating programming for all ages and building a strong teaching and coaching staff.

Please help us welcome Jimmy to our community and our club!
His contact information is below.

Also, be sure to join us on **Wednesday, May 1st** at 5pm to meet Jimmy and his staff. There will also be summer programming sign-up! Details will be sent out early in May.



Jimmy Beckwith
GLCC Director of Racquet Sports
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GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB

Greetings Members,

As Commodore, it gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to what promises to be an exhilarating racing season ahead. With the warmer weather upon us, our sails are set for thrilling competitions, camaraderie, and memorable moments on the water.

Our club has a rich tradition of excellence in sailing, and I have every confidence that this season will be no exception. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a newcomer to the sport, there's something for everyone to enjoy. From exhilarating regattas to casual races, our calendar is filled with exciting events designed to challenge and inspire.

I encourage each and every one of you to seize the opportunities this season presents. Take advantage of our training sessions, participate in social events, and most importantly, cherish the time spent out on the water with fellow members. Together, let's make this racing season one to remember.

I extend my sincerest thanks to all of you for your continued support and dedication to our club. Your enthusiasm and passion for sailing are what make our community so special, and I look forward to seeing you out on the water as we embark on this incredible journey together.



Who Has More Fun!?

Jon VanderMolen
Commodore



MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP

Dear Members,

Get ready to make the most of the sunny days and warm nights as we bring you a summer filled with golf, tennis, social events, and sailing. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just looking to relax and unwind, we have something for everyone. So, let's dive into what awaits you this summer at the country club! We believe in creating a vibrant social atmosphere for our members too. Throughout the summer, we have planned an array of social events that cater to all interests. From elegant cocktail parties to lively BBQ nights, these events provide the perfect opportunity to mingle with fellow members and forge lasting friendships. Join us for live music performances like Nashville Night, Wet & Wild Wednesdays, themed parties, and exquisite dining experiences that will leave you wanting more!

Whether you're teeing off on the golf course, rallying on the tennis court, dancing the night away at a social event, or sailing into the sunset, we provide an experience that will exceed your expectations. Join us this summer and make memories that will last a lifetime. We can't wait to see you around the club!

Want to stay updated with upcoming events at the club?

On the website you'll find the GLCC calendar and events. Visit gulllakecc.com, click on "Upcoming Events" to view the events page. In the Main Clubhouse and Greenside Grill you'll find physical copies of flyers with all upcoming events to take home with you.

Stay on the lookout for emails at the beginning of the week; "This Week at GLCC" to see all that GLCC has to offer throughout the week, and at the beginning of the month; "This Month at GLCC" to see all that GLCC has to offer throughout the month.

At our club, friendship and warmth are always in style! As we welcome new members this season, embrace with open arms and genuine smiles! If you're looking to receive elite access to more amenities, reach out to me directly and I'm happy to talk through options to upgrade your level of membership.

If you have not yet received text messaging updates from the club, text "GLCC" to 38316 to opt-in to our MemberText program!

We love seeing memorable moments at the club. We want to stay connected with you! Follow and tag us in your photos on Facebook and Instagram social media pages: [@gulllakecc](https://www.facebook.com/gulllakecc)

Respectfully,
Taylor McCrone
Marketing & Membership Director
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**Having a fun time at the Greenside Grill
at Winterfest!**



CATERING & EVENTS

Dear Members,

I cannot believe I am approaching my fourth summer here at the club! I am looking forward to another summer working with the incredible team we've built and are continuing to build to make each summer better than the last.

Looking ahead at our events calendar, we are looking at an incredibly busy summer with a lot to look forward to! On top of our many club events, golf and racquet programs, and sailing, I am very excited about all the special life events we are going to help people celebrate here at the club with private events and weddings! We have updated the Quarter Deck women's vanity area to create a beautiful oasis for GLCC brides to get ready and hopefully be a selling point for future couples to host their wedding day with us! Starting in May, we have at least one private event, wedding, or club event scheduled every Saturday through the month of October, with Friday and Sunday dates quickly filling up as well.

Dates are filling up fast! If you are still looking to host a bridal shower, baby shower, graduation party, or any other celebration here at the club, please don't hesitate to inquire through our website or by contacting me directly at mgustine@gulllakecc.com or 269-629-1974.



Respectfully,

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ACCOUNTING NEWS

Dear Members,

As we approach our busy season, it's a good time to review your account information and make sure we have your current address, phone number and email address. Also, make sure we have birth dates for everyone in your family so they can receive their Free Birthday Drink certificates! All this information can be viewed and updated in Member Central on the GLCC website. In Member Central you can also view the membership roster, your billing statements, chit detail, and make payments to your account using our Mobile Payment portal.

The Mobile payment portal is a secure and convenient way to make your payment. There is no fee for debit card or ACH payments and credit card payments are charged a 4% fee. Another secure electronic payment option is our fully automated PAP (pre-authorized payment) plan where a monthly payment is automatically generated on the 20th of each month. If you'd like assistance in setting up either of these plans, please contact Lisa @ 269-629-1975 or lzentz@gulllakecc.com.

If you're new to Member Central, please contact Taylor @ 269-629-1973 or taylorm@gulllakecc.com to create a login. To verify your account information by phone or email, please contact Lisa Zentz @ 269-629-1975, lzentz@gulllakecc.com.

Thank you for your assistance with keeping your account information current.

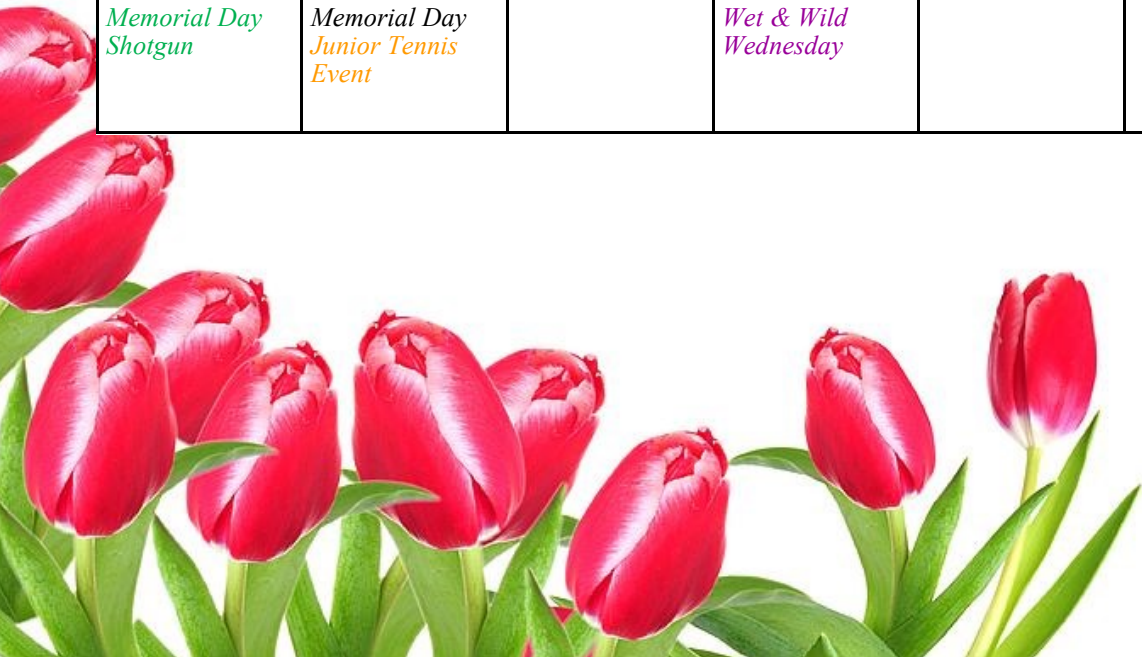


**WE LOOK
FORWARD
TO A GREAT
SUMMER
WITH YOU!**



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>Cinco de Mayo at the Grill</i>	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Polar Bear Shotgun</i>	11
12 <i>Mothers Day Brunch</i>	13	14	15 <i>Nashville Night Tulip Tune-Up</i>	16 <i>Men's League Opening Day Tulip Tune-Up</i>	17 <i>Racquets Opener Tulip Tune-Up</i>	18 <i>Tulip Tune-Up</i>
19 <i>Tulip Tune-Up</i>	20	21	22 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday</i>	23	24	25 <i>Memorial Day BBQ</i>
26 <i>Memorial Day Shotgun</i>	27 <i>Memorial Day Junior Tennis Event</i>	28	29 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday</i>	30	31	



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Gull Cup Start</i>
2	3	4	5 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday</i>	6	7 <i>Racquets Mixer</i>	8 <i>Columbo Cup Junior Tennis & Pizza</i>
9	10	11	12 <i>Wet & Wild Wednes- day KNO</i>	13	14 <i>Couples Golf Twilight #1 KNO</i>	15
16 <i>Fathers Day</i>	17	18	19 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday Women's Match Play Starts KNO</i>	20	21 <i>Women's Classic KNO</i>	22 <i>Women's Classic</i>
23	24	25	26 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday KNO</i>	27 <i>Junior Golf #1</i>	28 <i>Junior Golf #1 KNO</i>	29 <i>Ladies Pickleball Member-Guest</i>
30						

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday KNO</i>	4 <i>Fireworks Stars & Stripes Shotgun</i>	5 <i>KNO</i>	6 <i>Independence Day BBQ</i>
7	8	9	10 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday KNO</i>	11	12 <i>Couples Golf Twilight #2 KNO</i>	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday KNO</i>	18	19 <i>Men's Member -Member KNO Junior Tennis & Pizza</i>	20 <i>Men's Member -Member</i>
21 <i>Couples Club Championship</i>	22	23	24 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday KNO</i>	25 <i>Junior Golf #2 Bubbles & Buoys- Ladies Night</i>	26 <i>Junior Golf #2 Racquets Mixer KNO</i>	27 <i>Hully Gully</i>
28	29	30	31 <i>Wet & Wild Wednesday KNO</i>			



August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Men's Invitational</i>	2 <i>Men's Invitational</i> <i>KNO</i>	3 <i>Men's Invitational</i>
4	5	6	7 <i>Wet & Wild</i> <i>Wednesday</i> <i>KNO</i>	8 <i>Junior Golf #3</i>	9 <i>Junior Golf #3</i> <i>KNO</i> <i>Racquets Mixer</i>	10 <i>Men's Senior</i> <i>Club</i> <i>Championship</i>
11 <i>Men's Senior</i> <i>Club</i> <i>Championship</i>	12	13 <i>Women's Club</i> <i>Championship</i>	14 <i>Wet & Wild</i> <i>Wednesday</i> <i>KNO</i>	15 <i>Women's Club</i> <i>Championship</i>	16 <i>Couples Golf</i> <i>Twilight #3</i> <i>KNO</i>	17
18	19	20	21 <i>Wet & Wild</i> <i>Wednesday</i> <i>KNO</i>	22	23 <i>KNO</i>	24 <i>Men's Club</i> <i>Championship</i>
25 <i>Men's Club</i> <i>Championship</i> <i>Junior Club</i> <i>Championship</i>	26	27	28 <i>Wet & Wild</i> <i>Wednesday</i>	29	30	31 <i>Beach Bash BBQ</i>