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Spring is here and we've planned some great events for everyone in your family at The Riviera Country Club

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Our 2020 Champion Adam Scott shot a one-under 70 to win the Genesis Invitational by two over Sung Kang, Scott Brown and Matt Kuchar.

GREEN MONSTER POSTPONED

Green Monster, Wednesday, April 1, 2020 has been postponed to a later date. However on the same day, Wednesday, April 1st, our Golf Course Superintendent, Matt Morton and his maintenance team, along with our pin-setter, Stephen Kirch, have decided to still prepare the course in "Green Monster Style" with the greens and pins set in the most interesting positions that Riviera can offer! You can play your own tees and at your own time, play with your regular group, or bring guests. If you do bring two or more guests, please contact the golf operations for a tee time.

Our hope is all the members can come out and enjoy the course and experience some of the greatest pin placements that the pros don't even see!

Please contact the Golf Pro Shop at (310) 454-6591 x259

VISION

Only the best is good enough

MISSION

We will create memorable moments by providing genuine hospitality and personalized service enabling the club to reach its targets

CORE VALUES

Respect Life • Healthy Life • Enjoy Life



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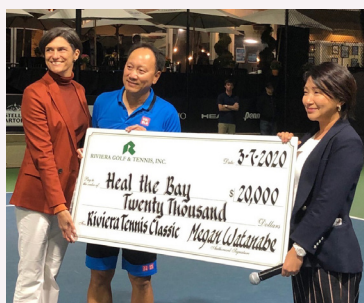
General Manager's Report



Don Smith
General Manager

'Heal the Bay' Receives \$20K Donation from 2nd Annual Riviera Tennis Classic

From the "CITI Taste of Tennis" with celebrity chef Richard Blais, to the presenting of a \$20,000 check to this year's beneficiary, Heal the Bay, all had a good time.



What an incredible event we had at this year's inaugural Genesis Invitational. Riviera Country Club received many accolades, written and said, about this year's event. However, none hit home more to me than when I was approached by a merchant in Palisades Village who said: "The tournament was Goldilocks-like; it was just right!" Mother Nature blessed us with a perfect week... not too hot, not too cold, no rain, minimal wind... just right. Golf course conditions were as close to perfect as they could have possibly been. The greens were firm and quick, but not too firm and not too quick ...again, just right. This year's tournament reinforced why Riviera was voted the number one "Favorite Tour Course" by tour professionals in Golf Magazine's 2019 Anonymous Tour Pro survey.

Sunshine always makes an event better; there is no doubt. For that, we thank Mother Nature for bestowing on us such glorious weather. A backdrop to showcase the months and weeks of planning and hard work that went into all areas of the club – seen and unseen – facilitating the best possible experience for players and spectators. Matt Morton and his 'band of merry men' made the golf course shine.

Todd Yoshitake and Co. welcomed all with open arms to the golf shop. Chef Edwin, Tanja, and our Martins, Alvarez and Fuentes, provided exceptionally tasteful and welcoming food and beverage hospitality in and around the clubhouse. There were so many dedicated and talented Riviera Country Club personnel who put extraordinary time and effort into the event, and we are grateful to each of them. For their prideful support of this event, all Riviera members deserve a shout-out as well. Thank you; thank you all.

Shortly after Genesis, we hosted the Second Annual Riviera Tennis Classic on Saturday, March 7th. This year Maria Sharapova, John McEnroe, Amanda Anisimova, Michael Chang, and Naomi Osaka joined us for an elevated event, full of great food, beverage, camaraderie, and, oh yes, great tennis! From the "CITI Taste of Tennis" with celebrity chef Richard Blais, to the presenting of a \$20,000 check to this year's beneficiary, Heal the Bay, all had a good time. Thank you to all who attended and supported this event. Plans for next year are already underway!

As we weather the current events both here in Los Angeles, and our members who are all around the globe. We wish you all the best of health.



APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 POSTPONED Green Monster Golf Tournament <i>April Fool's Day</i>	2	3 RTC First Friday Junior Spring Tennis Academy Session 1 and Camp Finishes	4
5	6	7 Ladies Golf Guest Day	8 <i>First Seder Dinner</i>	9 <i>Seder Dinner</i> <i>Second Seder Dinner</i>	10	11
12 Easter Brunch TDR Open 7am - 3pm Easter	13 Junior Spring Tennis Academy Session 2 Starts	14 Golf Event	15	16	17	18
19 Ladies Golf Mixed Couples	20 Golf Event	21 Golf Event	22	23 RTC Men's Night Out	24	25
26	27 Golf Event	28 Golf Event	29	30		

MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 RTC First Friday	2
3	4 Golf Event	5 Cinco De Mayo Riv Ball/Dinner Ladies Golf Guest Day T.T. <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6	7 Ladies Golf Club Championships	8 Ladies Golf Club Championships	9
10 Mother's Day Brunch Mother's Day	11 Golf Event RTC Mother's Day Drill	12 Ladies Golf Club Championships	13	14 Ladies Golf Club Championships	15	16 Golf Challenge Cup RTC Men's and Women's Single Championship
17 RTC Men's and Women's Single Championship	18	19 Ladies Golf Club Shotgun	20	21	22	23
24 Golf Mixed Couples 31 Scotch	25 TDR Open 6am - 3pm	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Member Events

RCC GREEN MONSTER

POSTPONED

On April 1st, the course will be set up in "Green Monster Style" with the greens and pins set in the most interesting positions that Riviera can offer! You can play your own tees and at your own time, play with your regular group, or bring guests. For more information, please call the Golf Pro Shop at (310) 454-6591 x259

RTC FIRST FRIDAY

SPRING INTO ACTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Riv Ball & Pickleball

Pizza, Pasta and Salad, Complimentary Wine and Beer. For more information, please contact Mary Pat Faley (310) 454-6162 or mpfaley@rccla.com

SECOND SEDER DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 | 5:00PM

Adults \$69++ | Children (12 and under) \$39++
For reservations, please call The Dining Room at (310) 454-6591 x420 or malvarez@rccla.com
72 hour cancellation policy applies



EASTER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

11:00AM - 1:00PM

EASTER EGG HUNT AT 2:00PM

Adults \$72++ | Children (12 and under) \$39++

For reservations, please call The Dining Room (310) 454-6591 x281 or mfuentes@rccla.com
72 hour cancellation policy applies

RTC MEN'S NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Members: \$20 each | Guests: \$50 each

For more information, please contact Mary Pat Faley (310) 454-6162 or mpfaley@rccla.com

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 10 | 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Adults \$72++ | Children (12 and under) \$39++

For reservations, please call The Dining Room (310) 454-6591 x281 or mfuentes@rccla.com
72 hour cancellation policy applies



Welcome Back Tanja



Tanja Janic
Director of Catering

To learn more about hosting your next meeting or special event at The Riviera Country Club, please contact Tanja at (310) 566-5327 or email at tjanjic@rccla.com.

Riviera Country Club Welcomes Back our New Director of Catering, Tanja Janic

I am thrilled to return to The Riviera Country Club after being away for four years! During my time away, I've had the privilege of opening the brand-new Rolling Hills Country Club in Palos Verdes, in addition to serving as a Director of Catering at the Jonathan Club's Beach facility in Santa Monica. As appreciative as I am of the wonderful experience I've gained at other clubs, I have come to learn that not many can compare to what we have here at The Riviera Country Club!

The Riviera Country Club is a one of a kind venue, where the staff goes to great lengths to make the Club a 'home-away-from-home' for our members and guests, in addition to our providing dedicated services by our Catering department. Our beautiful club can accommodate a variety of celebrations, including Weddings, Birthdays, Fundraisers, Charity Galas, Team Building events and other gatherings that our members wish to host. It's important to us to keep up to the latest trends to ensure that members have the best experience anywhere in Los Angeles. We are lucky to have four spectacular venue's that are available for events – the Grand Ballroom, the Crystal Ballroom, the George C. Thomas Room and the Vista Riviera Garden. Our Crystal Ballroom provides sweeping golf course and ocean views, with a private entry and seating for up to 240 guests. Our Grand Ballroom seats up to 300, with outdoor terrace space overlooking the first hole of our world-renowned golf course. The club is also capable of hosting smaller, more intimate events in the George C. Thomas Room, which provides the perfect setting for up to 70 guests.



Martin Alvarez
Dining Room Manager

Dining Room News

First of all, on behalf of all the team in the Club's Terrace Dining Room, we want to say Thank You!

To all our members, thank you for sharing a great winter with all of us in the Dining Room. From the cheer of the holiday season, all the way to a great Genesis Invitational featuring our new "Dine Like a Pro" buffet, we have all enjoyed the times of the season with the most important part of our Food & Beverage program: our members and their guests.

Spring has come back to sunny Southern California, and with those sunny days comes all the fresh produce and flavors of Spring, which we look forward to sharing with you before and after your golf outings, your luncheons, and of course at our dinners. Did you know that a great many of our products are sourced locally from nearby sustainable farms? Some of our produce is also organically grown in Riviera's own, on-site organic garden. We're definitely lucky to be so close to the best California farms and growers.

Chef Edwin has incorporated new seasonal specials to our now signature Taste-of-the-World menu selections. This winter we featured Peruvian and Spanish items like

Ceviche and Paella. This upcoming season we will have many surprises, including some fine South-of-the-Border specials. Don't forget to stop by our Lounge Bar and try our SoCal Spring inspired cocktails, as well as our Wine of the Month and other beverage specials.

The Terrace Dining Room team is ready to plan and serve all your dining needs. We can plan and customize menus and parties for any occasion: family reunions, book clubs, milestone birthdays, engagement celebrations, and more.

We are also looking forward to our seasonal events -- our Easter and Mother's Day brunches, our Guest Days, Opening-Day, and our Second Seder dinner.

Again, from all of us, cheers to a great Spring! We look forward to seeing you at the Terrace Dining Room.



SENIOR MATCH PLAY

Sign up by Wednesday, April 1
Senior Match Play is open to all
players, ages 50+. Contact the Golf
Pro Shop for more information and
to sign up (310) 454-6591 x259

BETTER BALL OF PARTNERS

Sign up with a partner by
Wednesday, April 1.
Please contact the Golf Pro Shop for
more information, and to sign up
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In response to the COVID-19 information and reporting, the Club will be suspending normal operations as of 5:00 PM Sunday, March 15th. We anticipate this closure will likely remain in effect through the end of March, and that we hopefully reopen April 1st. However, we will continue to diligently monitor expert and authority updates to ensure our actions align with the most current recommended protocols.

- Golf course and tennis courts will be accessible to members from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily, at their own risk.
- All club water stations will be out of service.
- Golf carts and caddies will not be available.
- Driving range remains closed.
- No guests permitted on club property.
- There will be no staff on property to provide services of any kind, with the exception of ongoing security monitoring activities.

A limited staff will be on property to maintain the golf course, perform necessary plant and property maintenance, and answer telephone calls and address emails.

Pro's Report

Riviera's Course Maintenance crew does an amazing job keeping conditions on the golf course as optimum for play as possible, but it is everyone's job to help keep the course clean and immaculate, just as if they were the first person on the course that day.

Here are a few reminders of how we can all do our part for the golf course: Repair all ball marks correctly. Push the outside toward the center; do not lift up the center as this will rip the roots and cause a brown spot. Please fix your mark, plus one!

Fill all divots with the sand on the carts. If sand is not readily available, use your club and close the divot by pounding the edges inward. Always cover the wound as this will speed up the recovery.

Cigarette and cigar butts must be disposed of in the trash, or in ashtrays provided on the range, by the clubhouse, or on the golf carts. Just as we do with the Genesis Invitational breakdown when it comes to a close, our goal is to get the course as clean as possible, as quickly as possible. Golf Maintenance, course Marshals, our golf professionals, and all the golf staff are determined to make the course spotless by April 1st.

We can use everyone's help!



Todd Yoshitake
Director of Golf Operations

LADIES GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Starting Thursday, May 7
Contact the Golf Pro Shop
for more information.
(310) 454-6591 x259



Course Report

Hello everyone. As we transition to the 2020 spring season, we have a few changes in our department and around the course. First and foremost, our lead assistant, Jordan Holcomb, has decided to venture onto a new career path in golf. He has accepted a position as a manufacturer's sales representative for BASF, for their California and Hawaii territories. Jordan spent seven years with us and we wish him all the best. His lead assistant position will be filled by Tyler Shuman, who has been on our team for four years. Joining Tyler to help manage will be Fabian Pacheco. Fabian has been employed by Riviera for fifteen years and, over the past two years, decided to pursue and obtain a sports turf degree at UC Riverside, a crucial step on the way to becoming a leader for our team. Please join me in congratulating them on their new positions here at the club.



Around the course you will see the golf cart entry stakes have returned, now that winter is behind us. Please use these areas to enter and exit fairways, which helps our course maintenance team to manage the wear and tear on the turf more efficiently.

Please feel free to reach out to Tyler, Fabian or myself should any course questions arise. Thanks for all your

continued support of our efforts.

See you around the course!

Matt Morton
Golf Course Superintendent



Junior Tennis

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Collin Braun
Director of Junior Tennis



THE RIVIERA JUNIOR TENNIS ACADEMY

Sign ups for all Tennis Academy classes are now available on the website at www.rivieracountryclub.com, call (310) 566-5324 or email cbraun@rccla.com

Match Point News

Happy Spring! We've had a lot of successful events and now the weather is getting even better!

Our first Men & Women's Night Out was held on January 16th. It was a huge success with great tennis, wonderful food, special wines and beer, and special friendships were formed. Our Members can't wait for the next one.

During our Mixed Doubles Championships at the end of January, we had a full field of players in two divisions. In the 4.5 division there were some very competitive matches, resulting in the finals being our closest match of the tournament. Jeff Jacobsen and Teresa Zien were victorious over Boutie Lucas and Maria Lupu, 0-6, 7-6, 6-2. In our 4.0 division, Steve Kolker and his wife, Tanya Mac Donald, were the strong team that day against the other five teams in the draw. They were victorious, while the newcomer team of Jeff Valle and Ninkey Dalton came in second place. Thanks to all the participants who played. Color Wars was another sold out event. Four teams played, with six Riviera Tennis Coaches to compete against another; both looking for the bragging rights of the victors! This year, Jack Tadevosian's Red Team was victorious. His winning team consisted of Sanah Chung, Jeff Jacobsen, Matt Klein, David Wong, Christian Klein, Jenny Kastner, Peter Fodor, Jay Levitt, Sarah Milliken and Zvia Weinstein. Afterwards, we all enjoyed a wonderful Barbecue and drinks. Thanks to all the coaches and participants who made the Color Wars event another success!

March 7th was our 2nd Riviera Tennis Classic. Joining us this year was Maria Sharapova, John McEnroe, Amanda Anisimova, and Michael Chang. A spectacular addition to our lineup was Naomi Osaka, who joined to play in the matches in place of Maria Sharapova. During the 'Taste of Tennis', Maria teamed up with John, and Amanda teamed with Michael in a cook off. Members and guests raved about the food creations at the action stations. A popular item were the Dates stuffed with nut butter and sprinkled with sea salt and chocolate. Yum! Then we headed to the courts to participate in some clinics. It was fun watching our members hit passing shots against John McEnroe at the net, and try to out-rally Amanda Anisimova and Michael Chang, the human backboards.



The food trucks were a big hit, and everyone wanted to see more of the Mixed Doubles Match as 'the future of Women's Tennis' got to play with some of Tennis' past greats. This year's charitable organization beneficiary was Heal the Bay. Happy hitting! George C. Thomas Room, which provides the perfect setting for up to 70 guests.

Mary Pat Faley
Director of Tennis

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to our Mixed Doubles Champions; (Top/Down + L to R) Boutie Lucas; Jeff Jacobsen & Teresa Zien; Maria Lupu, Boutie Lucas, Teresa Zien, Jeff Jacobsen; Maria Lupu, Boutie Lucas; Maria Lupu; Ninkey Dalton, Tanya Mac Donald, Dr. Steve Kolker; Tanya Mac Donald, Dr. Steve Kolke.

JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Golf Event	2	3	4	5	6 Golf Hogan Cup
7 Golf Hogan Cup Ladies Golf Mixed Couples Scotch RTC French Open Drills	8 Golf Event	9 Aeration TDR Closed	10 Aeration TDR Closed	11 Aeration TDR Closed	12 Dinner on the Golf Course Aeration TDR Closed	13
14 Champagne Brunch	15 Junior Tennis Camp Starts Junior All Sports Camp Starts	16 Junior Spring Tennis Academy Session 2 Finishes	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day Brunch Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26 RTC Weekend Warrior	27 RTC Weekend Warrior
28 RTC Weekend Warrior	29	30				



CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

11:00am - 2:00pm

\$34.95++ Adults

\$17.50++ Children (12 and Under)

Members and Guests Welcome

Come and join us for a Champagne Brunch, complete with Bottomless Mimosas, Tea, and Coffee. Please RSVP to (310) 454-6591 x420

72 hour cancellation policy applies

WE'RE GOING DIGITAL

As we continue to improve our conservation efforts, and better our club communication, we would like to announce we will be moving our printed newsletter to a digital platform.

If you would like to continue to receive the printed newsletter, simply call or email Rebecca Brunk, Membership Development Manager at (310) 566-5323 or email rbrunk@rccla.com.



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Hogan's Alley

Ben Hogan made a dramatic return to golf at the 1950 LA Open at Riviera Country Club, following his horrific head-on collision with a Greyhound bus in 1949. He tied Sam Snead over 72 holes, but ultimately lost in the playoff. Still, his remarkable feat was just one more bit of lore at the club that was already referred to as "Hogan's Alley."

The moniker stemmed from Hogan's three victories at Riviera in 18 months: the LA Open in 1947 and 1948 and the 1948 U.S. Open, with the incredible comeback in 1950 another great piece of the story.

Today, among the 28 rooms upstairs at Riviera, "The Hogan Room," where Hogan frequently stayed, is still available to members, there are numerous photos of the great golfer throughout the clubhouse and a statue of him near the upper putting green, all fitting testaments to the Texan who found a home for his game in California.

