



# APRIL NEWSLETTER

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## Social Events

### MGA Opening Dinner

Thursday, April 3rd | 7:00pm

Join us for the MGA Opening Dinner, kicking off the season with great food, camaraderie, and exciting updates for the year ahead!

### John Barker Retirement Party

Saturday, April 5th | 5:00pm-7:00pm

Join us in celebrating and wishing a farewell to John Barker! Please RSVP by April 1st. To RSVP, please visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJkNBB9svf9n56rSy9GkiVqkULxObIUwqgoKDpLwoWCFRexw/viewform>

### Opening Day Scramble Tournament

Saturday, April 5th | 10:00am shotgun

Tee off the season with the Opening Day Scramble Tournament, our second golf tournament of the year! Gather your team, enjoy a fun and competitive round, and kickstart another great season on the course. The informational flyer is attached in the Newsletter. To sign up, please contact Jordan Ryan at [jryan@huntinghillsgcc.com](mailto:jryan@huntinghillsgcc.com).

### Match & Mingle

Friday, April 11th

Enjoy a match of tennis from 6:00pm-7:30pm and join the tennis participants for dinner at The Clubhouse starting at 7:30pm.

### Blues, Brews & BBQ

Saturday, April 12th | 4:00pm-9:00pm

Join us for Blues, Brews & BBQ, an evening of mouthwatering barbecue, refreshing local brews, and live music from the Kerry Hurley Blues Duo from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Sit back, relax, and enjoy great food, drinks, and company! The menu is attached at the end of the Newsletter. Reservations are **required**.

### Putt & Pour

Friday, April 18th | 4:15pm at putting green | \$20/head

Kick off your Nine & Dine with Putt & Pour, a couples' golf clinic designed to sharpen your skills while having fun! Learn essential putting techniques, green-reading strategies, and warm-up drills, plus enjoy friendly challenges and prizes. It's the perfect way to fine-tune your game before heading out for a great evening on the course! The informational flyer is attached in the Newsletter. To sign up, please reach out to Brett Pennington at [bpennington@huntinghillsgcc.com](mailto:bpennington@huntinghillsgcc.com).

### Nine & Dine

Friday, April 18th | 5:30pm shotgun

Stop by for the first Nine & Dine of the season! Join us for nine holes on the course followed by dinner at The Clubhouse.

### Clay Courts Open

Saturday, April 19th

Spring is here, and our clay courts are officially open for the season! It's time to grab your racket, hit the courts, and make the most of the perfect spring weather.

### Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 20th | 11:00am-2:00pm | \$39.95++ for adults, \$19.95++ for 12 & under

Join us for Easter Brunch filled with great food and family fun! The Easter Bunny will be here from 11:00am-2:00pm for photos and smiles. Little ones can enjoy an egg hunt, with the Junior Egg Hunt (ages 6 & under) at 12:00pm and the Senior Egg Hunt (ages 7 & up) at 12:15pm. Reservations are **required**. The menu is attached at the end of the Newsletter.

### Birthday Day!

Wednesday, April 23rd

Calling all April birthdays! Celebrate with us for lunch or dinner with a complimentary meal. Only available for dine-in.



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## Tips from Golf

### On the Green: Eliminating Three-Putts

Not only do we use our putter on every hole, but we also use the putter more than any other club during a round of golf. Knowing this fact the question we need to ask ourselves is, "Why don't we practice putting more often?" Here are some helpful tips to guide you in putting to eliminate those three-putts.

Let's talk about set-up, or as I like to call it PGA (Posture, Grip, Alignment). To improve your posture, try bending over at the waist until your eyes are over the ball. This helps to create a pendulum effect with your arms leading to a more consistent stroke. The ball position should also be just forward of the center of your stance so that you strike the ball slightly on the upswing, this helps to create a forward and true roll on the ball. When gripping the club, remember to maintain light grip pressure; this will ensure that the action comes more from your shoulders opposed to your wrists or hands.

Finally, when talking about alignment, there are two factors to consider: distance and direction. If you do not do so already, start lining your ball up to your pre-determined line as part of your pre-shot routine. Lining your ball towards where you want to hit your stroke almost guarantees that you will hit the ball on the line that you want to; leaving only distance control to account for. When thinking about distance control, start trying to put a smooth stroke on your ball regardless of how far you are away. Any putt inside 10 feet is fine to try to make but as we get farther away from the hole, lagging the ball close to the hole is a safer and more reliable shot than trying to make every putt.

### PGA Tour Make Percentages (Putting)

2 feet - 99%, 4 feet - 77%, 10 feet - 40%, 15 feet - 23%, 20 feet - 7%

### Jordan Ryan, PGA

Head Golf Professional



## Hound Dog Swim Team

Hound Dog Swim Team registration will begin in April. All HH members, children and adults, are welcome to join!

Practices will start in late May. Regular season meets will be held on Mondays, June 2nd-July 7th. The Championship Meet will be held July 18th and 19th.

The Hound Dogs will be holding a Kick-Off Meeting at The Club Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30pm in the Clubroom. Come join us to learn more and dive into all the opportunities our Swim Team has to offer!

For more information visit the swim team website:

<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/hhcst/page/home>

Questions? Contact the team at [huntinghillsswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:huntinghillsswimteam@gmail.com).

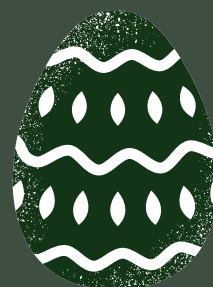


## Easter Brunch - April 20th | 11:00am-2:00pm



Join us for a memorable Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 20th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm! Enjoy a delicious buffet and visit with the Easter Bunny, who will be here from 11:00am to 2:00pm. We'll also have two Easter Egg Hunts: the Junior Hunt (ages 6 & under) at 12:00pm, and the Senior Hunt (ages 7 & up) at 12:15pm.

Reservations are **required**, so be sure to reserve your spot early for this festive and fun-filled day!





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## Racket Sports News

### A Legacy of Dedication: Farewell to John Barker

In tennis, each point must be played one at a time until the match reaches a conclusion. It's a timeless game. Whether it's a back and forth battle, or a one sided blowout – the game is played one point at a time.

John Barker is a master of this.

John plays every point and takes every day as it comes regardless of the score. He represents not only himself, but his family, and his Club – as a true professional in every sense of the phrase.

Thank you for teaching us.  
Thank you for showing us how.  
Thank you for your listening ear and your patience.  
Thank you for your kindness, encouragement, and loyalty.

This is probably way too sappy, knowing that you're still going to be here with us at Hunting Hills. We just love you, man, and we're grateful for a chance to celebrate with you! The humility and confidence with which you carry yourself demands no recognition or extra attention– but did you really think you'd get out of a retirement party after 39 years?

April 5th, 5:00pm-7:00pm – see everyone there! Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 1st.

*Shepherd Newcomb*



## Coming up at HHCC...

Ritas & Fajitas  
Friday, May 2nd

HHCC Open House  
Sunday, May 4th

Ladies Member-Member Golf Tournament  
Saturday, May 10th

Mother's Day Brunch  
Sunday, May 11th



## Roanoke Ballet Theatre Performance



A heartfelt thank you to the Roanoke Ballet Theatre for bringing the magic of fairy tales to life with a beautiful performance! We also want to thank our members for joining us—we loved sharing this enchanting evening with you. We'll see you at the next one!

HUNTING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

# OPENING DAY SCRAMBLE



**APRIL 5TH**  
**\$25/PERSON +**  
**APPLICABLE CART FEES**  
**18 HOLES**  
**PRIZES AND MORE!**

**ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS**  
**10:00AM SHOTGUN**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
**MARCH 30TH**



To sign up, contact:

**JORDAN RYAN**

[jryan@huntinghillsgcc.com](mailto:jryan@huntinghillsgcc.com)



Hunting Hills Country Club

# PUTT & ★ POUR ★

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An exclusive couples golf clinic  
before your monthly Nine & Dine!

Learn to recognize the high & low points of the  
green, putting drills that can improve your game,  
what ball best fits your game, warm-up  
stretches, putting essentials, on-course strategy,  
fun couples' challenges, prizes & more!

**4:15PM ON  
PUTTING  
GREEN**

**\$20/HEAD  
OR  
\$40/COUPLE**

For more information, email Brett at  
[bpennington@huntinghillsgc.com](mailto:bpennington@huntinghillsgc.com)



BLUES

BREWS

BBQ

# DINNER MENU

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Saturday, April 12th

Kerry Hurley Blues Duo on the Patio  
from 5:00pm-8:00pm

**St. Louis Pork Ribs**

*Half Rack - \$15, Full Rack - \$25*

*Served with mac & cheese & coleslaw*

**Slow Smoked Beef Brisket \$25**

*Served with cornbread & green beans*

**Pulled Pork Sliders \$15**

*Served with fries & coleslaw*

**BBQ Burger \$17**

*Fried onion rings, Cheddar cheese & bacon*

*Served with fries*

**Slow-Roasted BBQ Split Chicken \$16**

*Served with sweet butter corn & mashed potatoes*

**Combo Plate \$30**

*BBQ ribs, beef brisket & BBQ chicken*

*Served with cornbread & coleslaw*



# *Easter* **BRUNCH**

Sunday, April 20th | 11:00am-2:00pm  
\$39.95++ per adult | \$19.95++ per 12 & under

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**Easter Egg Hunt**  
12:00pm for ages 6 & under  
12:15pm for ages 7 & up

## *Buffet Menu*

Fruit & Cheese Display  
domestic & imported cheeses, fresh fruits & berries

Display of Baked Goods  
french baguettes, croissants, muffins, cinnamon rolls &  
assorted danishes

Cold Seafood Display  
chilled shrimp & smoked salmon salad

Salad Display  
pasta salad, caesar salad, spinach salad & spring salad  
with a variety of toppings

Chef Attended Stations  
**Omelet Station**  
grilled chicken, ham, bacon bits, mushrooms, onions,  
tomatoes, peppers, feta cheese & cheddar cheese

**Belgian Waffle Station**  
with whipped cream, fruit jams & warm maple syrup

**Carving Station**  
brown sugar maple ham & herb-roasted leg of lamb

Buffet Line  
grilled chicken breast & shrimp  
beef stew  
mashed potatoes  
mixed spring vegetables

Dessert Display  
apple pie, pecan pie, cheesecake, chocolate cake,  
lemon meringue pie & chocolate cream pie