



# COURSE NEWS

## NOTICE REGARDING CURRENT CONDITIONS

First, we would like to thank those of you who have submitted a Course Conditions Report either online or at the course. We truly appreciate the feedback and your reports are shared regularly with our course maintenance contractor, Shearon Golf.

We listened to your comments last season on the overgrown rough caused by record rainfall. Leading into 2019, we focused on making changes to our maintenance specifications in order to keep the rough at a more reasonable and playable height. We had a Course Consulting Service visit with a USGA agronomist. We diligently reported course conditions and member feedback concerns to Shearon Golf. After a rocky start, our message is getting through and we hope you would agree that today's rough height is much better than last year. However, as you all have noticed, we have a major problem with our greens due to a sprayer malfunction and other contributing factors.

We share your frustration and are as disappointed in current conditions as you are. We are working closely with Shearon Golf to ensure they take the necessary steps to bring the course back to ideal condition. Our former course superintendent has returned, and we are confident his history with Coakley-Russo will be instrumental in improving conditions. Temporary greens will be set up as needed, starting with hole 9. Shearon Golf held a site visit with Dr. Douglas Linde, Ph.D. Agronomy and Professor of Turf Management, and his full report can be found [HERE](#). His recommendations are being followed and we hope to see full grass coverage on the greens by the end of September.

We have heard the rumors and can tell you they are simply not true. We have not reduced the course maintenance budget, we are not purposefully neglecting the course and it is not closing after this season. We are committed to providing a home course we can all be proud of.

Sincerely, The Golf Advisory Committee & Bernards Township Parks & Recreation

***The Course will be CLOSED for Aeration on September 3rd.***

## REMINDER: No Play When Course is Closed!

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When the course is posted as closed, entrance sign reads closed and starter building is locked, golfers are not permitted on the property.

The course opens at 7AM daily. Golfers will not be permitted on the course earlier than 7AM. We thank you for your cooperation!

### **Minimum Age to Play as a Guest**

The minimum age to play as a guest has been reduced to 8 years old. Guests under 12 must play with a member age 15 or older.

### **1 Before 6!**

Groups are not allowed to begin on the 6th hole without permission.

### **NEW Guest Hours**

Guests are permitted, accompanied by a member from 7AM M-F and from 8AM Sat-Su until **2 hours prior to the posted closing time** for the day. Guests under the age of 12 are not permitted to play the course prior to 1PM on Sat-Sun.

### **Make a Tee Time**

**908-604-2582**

Reservations are highly recommended!

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

Failure to do so could result in a loss of your tee time and future tee time privileges.

### **Have Your ID Ready!**

**NO CARD, NO GOLF!**

ALL members must present their Golf ID card at sign in.

ID cards are obtained at the Rec Dept., at 1 Collyer Lane in Basking Ridge. Monday-Friday, 8:30AM—4:30PM. It is \$10 to replace a lost card.

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## Refer & Earn Rewards!!!

Receive 2 complimentary guest visit credits for each membership referral valid ANY DAY the course is open!



**CONTEST ALERT!**  
**REFER 3 MEMBERS & BE ENTERED TO WIN A COMPLIMENTARY 2020 GOLF MEMBERSHIP!**

Credits are loaded onto your membership ID card. For a complete list of contest rules, [click here](#) or visit [www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org).

## Advance Purchase GVCs

Save time & money by purchasing guest visit credits in advance! **Credits are loaded directly onto your membership ID card immediately at time of purchase.** Both discounted and full price credits are available for purchase [online](#) or at the Recreation Office.

Cash or check payment only when paying regular guest fees at the course. *Discounted credits cannot be purchased at the course.*

## View your GVC balance [online!](#)

Log-In and under "My Account" select "My History".

Your remaining credit balance will appear in the "Credits Remaining" column of the row for your Guest Visit Credits Pass.

Questions? Call 908-204-3003 or email [golf@bernards.org](mailto:golf@bernards.org).

## Hole Sponsors Wanted!

See [flyer](#) for details or call 908-204-3003.

**Thank you to our sponsors!**  
 Putting Green—Men of St. James  
 Hole 1—Riverwalk Physical Therapy  
 Hole 6—Shearon Golf  
 Hole 8—Riverwalk Chiropractic & Real Health Rehab  
 Hole 9—Tancredi Plumbing

**Visit us ONLINE! [www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org)**

Under Departments & Services -> Parks & Recreation -> Golf

### **COURSE CONDITIONS FEEDBACK**

Complete an online [Course Condition Report](#) After you play the course to let us know what you thought. We will be reviewing feedback daily and sharing aggregate reports with our maintenance contractor.

### **Golf Advisory Committee**

The GAC is scheduled to meet 9/16 and 11/18. If you have a comment or suggestion for the GAC, you may submit your remarks in writing to: Bernards Township Parks & Rec, Attn: Golf Advisory Committee 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. Public comment is welcome at all meetings!

### **MAVERIC Driving Range**

*It is unknown at this time if/when the driving range and café will reopen. Those facilities are managed under a separate contract with the VA and are not affiliated with the CR Golf Course or Bernards Township.*

### **Solorider Golf Car**

Equipped with hand controls and a 350-degree, hydraulic swivel seat that elevates to a standing position allowing an individual with a disability access and assistance while playing the game. Reserve with your tee time. For more info refer to the [membership handbook](#).

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## Upcoming Tournaments

Our tournament schedule is currently on hold until course conditions improve, but save the date for our potential Fall Coakley-Russo Cup Tournament on October 5th! Details to follow in September.



### HOLE IN ONE!

Congratulations  
Jim Heller  
Hole #8, 5 Wood

Congratulations  
John Meyers  
Hole #8, 9 Club



### Congratulations to our Mayor's Cup Winning Team!

Daniel Baurkot, Andrew Baach, Chris Baurkot & Tom Kirby with Mayor Carol Bianchi

Longest Drive—Evan Carlson  
Closest-to-Pin—Eric Frankel

### **Looking for a new way to play 9 or 18 holes at Coakley-Russo?**

Thanks to member Dan Zugale who drafted a layout using a mix of the White, Blue and Gold tees to provide different angles, opportunities and challenges. Click [HERE](#) to print a copy of his sample scorecard.

### **Tell a Friend About Our Prorated Membership!**

Membership valid from September 1 through closing day.  
New resident members will save up to \$300! Non-Residents save \$125!  
Residents—Prior members or additional family members can save even more!  
Click [here](#) for more info. Earn rewards for referrals—see page 2!