



"To find a man's true character, play golf with him." - P.G. Wodehouse

Dear Members and Friends,

As we head into the final days of the 2026 season, the warmth of this community has never been more evident. From pizza parties to Thanksgiving dinners, volunteer recognition to heartfelt farewells- this is what ICC is all about. Read on for all the news!

Thank You, Anne!

The Executive Committee, staff, and members would all like to give a big shoutout of thanks to Anne Douglass for volunteering as Secretary on the Executive Committee. Anne shared great knowledge and insight on every topic related to ICC and the island. Anne is the epitome of grace, wisdom, and kindness and we appreciate her sharing her gifts with us. Thank you, Anne- this club is better for having you in it!

Clubhouse Siding Update

After much discussion among members, committees, staff, and the Executive Committee, it has been decided that more time is needed before undertaking the clubhouse siding replacement project. Siding replacement will be discussed during the 2027 summer board meetings, with the goal of replacing the siding in the fall of 2027 or spring of 2028. Thank you to everyone who weighed in on this important decision.

Thanksgiving Dinner- This Wednesday, September 2nd at 5pm!

Gobble, gobble! Thanksgiving in September is one of our favorite ICC traditions and it is almost here! If you have not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible with your last name and the number of people in your party. We need exact numbers, so please do not wait- call the front desk or sign up at the club.

Our menu is looking wonderfully plentiful- with one glaring exception. We need MASHED POTATOES! If you are able and willing to bring a batch, please sign up or call the front desk to let us know. And as always, if you are bringing a hot dish, please arrive with it ready to serve by 4:45pm. We cannot wait to share this meal with you!

Fairway Cafe

We know many of you felt the absence of your weekday lunch fix this week- but do not despair! Roxann is here every weekend, and the cafe is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 2pm for the next few weeks. Lobster rolls, crab rolls, and whatever delicious special she has dreamed up are waiting for you. Come see us this weekend!

Pizza Party Recap

Yesterday's Pizza Party was a huge success and an absolute blast! The pizza was delicious, the company was even better, and the energy in the room was everything we love about this community. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered their time- and an extra special thank you to Cory and Shaun Webb, whose idea this was in the first place and who put in many hours of pizza work to make it happen. We have a feeling this will not be the last pizza party ICC sees!

We Would Like to Thank Linda Kimbrell

We would also like to take a moment to thank Linda Kimbrell for all of the time and effort she has put into making this first season of pickleball at ICC a success. From organizing open sessions to personally teaching beginners and making every single player feel welcome on the courts- Linda, you are truly serving up something this club will be talking about for years. Thank you!

LAST ROUNDUP! HIP Food Pantry Donations

We are at 722 items....800 items is our goal. Thank you for getting us across the finish line!

WEDNESDAY after the Thanksgiving Dinner will be the final collection and delivery to HIP.

Grab an item from your pantry as you head to the Thanksgiving Dinner and drop it in the basket in the Pro Shop. A big shoutout to our members for supporting this effort for the third year.

Many hands have made this happen. Well Done!

-Jeannette Parker

A brief message from the Superintendent,

At the Annual Membership Meeting, there was a question as to why chipping onto the new Practice Putting Green is prohibited. I will try to address this question better than simply "because I said so!"

Even though we are technically past the "grow in period" for the Practice Putting Green, chipping onto the new green risks severe damage to the fragile, and yes still developing turf.

- **Ball Marks and Surface Gouging:** The sandy soil below the new turf is still too soft and cannot withstand the impact of balls hitting the green. These marks are often not visible, but can certainly ruin the smooth surface required for putting.
- **Soil Compaction:** Heavy foot traffic and the impact of balls landing on the soft, new green pack down the delicate soil. This stops water and air from reaching the still shallow and weak roots.
- **Sickness and Disease:** Open scars and torn blades of grass create entry points for fungi and other diseases that spread quickly across the turf.
- **Etiquette and Course Rules:** By prohibiting chipping onto the new practice putting green, we are protecting the club's investment. Most courses require players to use dedicated practice chipping areas. While we do not have this dedicated practice chipping area yet, the hitting net is available as is the old #7 green to chip onto.

So please, Do Not chip onto the new practice putting green. I hope this helps.

Keith

A Fond Farewell to Mahjongg- For Now!

This week marks the last Mahjongg session of the 2026 season. It has been a wonderful year of tiles, laughter, and great company every Tuesday from 2 to 4pm. Thank you to everyone who joined in- whether you were a seasoned player or a curious beginner. We will see you back at the table next season!

What a season it has been. We are so grateful for every single person who has made ICC the vibrant, welcoming, joyful place it is. Here's to a wonderful close to 2026- and to everything still to come. See you out there!

"Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness." - William Wordsworth

Best regards,
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