

# Down Coharie Way

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## Valentine's Dinner/Dance Set Feb. 13

"Cupid is coming to Coharie."

That's the sentiment expressed by Debbie Valenti, who, along with fellow member Lori Huff, is coordinating the club's St. Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance on Feb. 13.

As was the case a year ago, this Friday night function will be a sit-down dinner catered by Ginny Evans. DeeJay Clint Spell will provide the entertainment.

The evening begins with a cocktail hour from 7 p.m. til 8:00

and the dinner will be served sit-down style from 8 p.m. til 9:15. Our deeJay will start spinning the platters at 9:25 and will play until midnight.

An additional twist will be provided this year. With Chris Fann serving as master of ceremonies, members will participate in some romantic contests, which will be

loosely modeled on old TV shows such as the Dating Game, the Newlywed Game and perhaps even Divorce Court.

As for the actual dining, the menu will consist of two choices:

(1) a 7 oz. filet mignon with haystacked onions, baked potato, steamed asparagus

with dill sauce, rolls and a salad that includes mandarin oranges, feta cheese, caramelized pecans and raspberry vinaigrette dressing.

(2) Spinach stuffed chicken (the stuffing includes seasoning, spinach, parmesan cheese and mushrooms), baked potato, steamed asparagus, rolls and the salad described above.

The fee for dinner and dancing is \$50 per couple (tax and tip included), with

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## Beauty Replaces Beast at Coharie

Meet **Illona Egge**, the club's new book keeper/secretary/office manager. Mrs. Egge, who has been on the job for about two weeks now, replaces Roy Brown, who was hired on a temporary, part-time basis last April.

Before we get to know her, perhaps we should work on the pronunciation of her name. It's "e LAH' nuh Eggy."

Illona is married to Sgt. Chris Egge, a six-year veteran of the Marine Corps currently deployed in Iraq for the second time. When Chris returns stateside in March, he will become a member of the Marine Corps reserves.

The Egges have known each other virtually their entire lives. They first met at church nursery school in Long Beach, CA, became high school sweethearts and were married at age 23. They have two daughters, six-year-old Kaylia and Dahlia, age 1.



*Illona Egge (L) has replaced Alfred E. Brown as Coharie's bookkeeper.*

Illona spent most of her life in Southern California, including a stint as an office manager for an engineering firm. But two years ago, she moved to North Carolina after her father, who is still on active duty in the Army, was stationed at Fort Bragg. "We moved here because I wanted to be near my

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# PGA Tour Player Lancaster Shoots 71 at Coharie

PGA Tour player Neal Lancaster and a few of his cronies recently paid a visit to Coharie Country Club.

Lancaster, Carolinas PGA professionals George Carroll and Nick Deaton and veteran amateur Keith Johnson were in town to play a round of golf with Coharie member Roy Brown.

It was the first time that the 46-year-old Lancaster had played our course. "It's really a nice course," he said after shooting a one-under-par 71 from the blue tee markers.

Lancaster's was not the low round of the cold, windy day. That honor went to

Carroll, who carded a three-under-par 69. Johnson had a 74, Deaton a 78 and Brown, playing from the blue tees for the first time in decades, was the group's anchor (as in dead weight) with an 80.

Lancaster was tuning up for his first start of the pro season, the Nationwide Tour's \$600,000 Panama Championship, which will be played Feb. 5-8 in Panama City, Panama.

After that, he and Deaton, who is serving as his caddie, will head for California and the PGA Tour's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Feb. 12-15.

Lancaster said he will



*Roy Brown (L) hosted old buddy Neal Lancaster and other pro golfers at Coharie late last month.*

play in seven PGA Tour events this year, as well as a number of tournaments in Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Neal, like Brown and Johnson, grew up in nearby Smithfield and played golf at the Country Club of Johnston County. He turned professional in 1985 and

won the Carolinas Open prior to earning his PGA Tour card for the 1990 season. Although he has earned over \$6 million during his long career, Neal's lone Tour victory came in the rain-shortened GTE Byron Nelson Classic in 1994.

## Meet Our New Employee

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family and because I felt the environment here would be better for raising our daughters," she explains.

Although her father has since been transferred to Missouri, her mother and younger sister continue to live in Autryville. Illona's sister is a freshman at Midway High, while another sister is in the Army.

Prior to taking her current job at Coharie, Illona worked at the local Ruby Tuesday restaurant. She started out as a waitress, but rose to the position of manager in less than a year.

Illona is a busy young woman. In addition to tending to two daughters and working at Coharie,

she is a freshman, enrolled in online classes through Fayetteville Tech while seeking a degree in Health Care Management.

"From what I've observed during our time together," says Brown, "Illona is a very intelligent person with a terrific smile, a warm personality and a great sense of humor. I feel that our members will be very satisfied to have her in this job."

Brown is not severing his ties to the club. In addition to remaining an active member, he will continue to produce the club's monthly newsletter and distribute email and calling post messages to our members.

## Make Your Valentine's Reservations by Feb. 9

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desserts and cocktails available for an additional charge. Two desserts will be offered: a heart-shaped chocolate shell stuffed with white chocolate mousse and raspberry drizzle (\$4.25) and cheesecake topped with fresh strawberries (\$3.95). A champagne kicker will be available for an additional fee.

Reservations are required, and it's very important to call **NOW** to reserve your spot. **The reservation deadline is MONDAY, FEB. 9TH AT 3 P.M.**

At the time you make reservations, you will be asked to select your entree. Desserts will be ordered at the dinner.

Also, if you have a song that is special to you, please make your request when you call in your reservations.

Those members who want to skip the dinner and attend the dance will be admitted for a charge of \$15 per couple.

Come on out. As Debbie Valenti says, "There'll be lots of games, and love will be in the air."

# Walters Announces Golf Schedule for '09

The 2009 golf season at Coharie was scheduled to kick off on Jan. 22, but the Southeastern Seniors GA event was snowed out.

Therefore, the season actually gets underway on Feb. 19 when that same group of aging hackers tees off at 10 a.m.

There are several new events on this year's golf calendar, which was recently released by Coharie CC general manager/golf professional Dickie Walters.

Among the newcomers is the Andy's Special Friends event on May 2, which is a 3-person superball fund-raiser organized by Freedom Baptist Church in Salemburg; the Coharie CC Carolinas PGA Pro-Am on May 19; the Von Autry Group of seniors from Fayetteville on June 17; the Tar Heel Youth Golf Association event on June 23; and the Harris-Teeter senior amateur tour event on Sept. 15



*Coharie staff photographer Randolph 'Eek!' Wiggins took this photo of the clubhouse during our recent snow.*

## COHARIE'S 2009 GOLF SCHEDULE

Thurs., Feb. 19 – Southeastern Srs. 10 a.m.  
 Thurs., Mar. 26 – Clinton High match. 2 p.m.  
 Tues., Mar. 31 – Southeastern Srs. 10 a.m.  
 Tues., Apr. 21 – Tarheel Ladies. 9:30 a.m.  
 Thurs., Apr. 23 – Sampson Regional Medical Center Event. 9:30 a.m.  
 Mon., Apr. 27 – Clinton High match. 2 p.m.  
 Thurs., Apr. 30 – Southeastern Srs. 10 a.m.  
 Sat., May 2 – Andy's Special Friends Tournament. 9 a.m.  
 Tues., May 5 – Twilight League begins. 6 p.m.  
 Tues., May 12 – Twilight League. 6 p.m.  
 Sat., May 16 – Billy Harrell Tournament. 9 a.m.  
 Tues., May 19 – Carolinas PGA Pro-Am at Coharie. 11 a.m.  
 Tues., May 19 – Twilight League. 6 p.m.  
 Tues., May 26 – Southeastern Srs. 10 a.m.  
 Tues., June 2 – Twilight League. 6 p.m.

Tues., June 9 – Twilight League. 6 p.m.  
 Wed., June 10 – Women's Golf Month Clinic. 5 p.m.  
 Tues., June 16 – Twilight League. 6 p.m.  
 Wed., June 17 – Von Autry Seniors. 9 a.m.  
 Tues., June 23 – Tar Heel Youth Golf Association event. 8:30 a.m.  
 Tues., June 23 – Twilight League (Glowball event) 6 p.m.  
 Sat.-Sun., June 27-28 – Coharie CC Club Championship.  
 Tues., June 30 – Southeastern Srs. 9 a.m.  
 Wed., July 1 – Bring Your Kids to the Golf Range Day.  
 Thurs., July 9 – Take Your Daughter to the Golf Course Day.  
 Sat.-Sun. July 18-19 – Coharie Two-Man Invitational.  
 Thurs., July 30 – Southeastern Srs. 9 a.m.  
 Sat.-Sun., Aug. 8-9 – Coharie Men's Member-Guest.  
 Tues., Aug. 25 – Lady Sandtrappers. 9:30 a.m.  
 Thurs., Aug. 27 – Southeastern Srs. 9 a.m.  
 Tues., Sept. 15 – Harris-Teeter Senior Amateur Tour event.  
 Tues., Sept. 29 – Southeastern Srs. 10 a.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 6 – Sampson-Bladen CITGO tournament.  
 Thurs., Nov. 5 – Southeastern Srs. 10 a.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 12 – Sampson Community College event. 10 a.m.  
 Tues., Dec. 29 – Southeastern Srs. 10 a.m.

### Pending Events

Apr. or May – Woodmen of the World event.  
 Sept. – Chamber of Commerce event.

## An Ode to the #!@\*!!&!#\* Golf Ball

*This poem was sent to me via email from my sister in New Bern. I tried, without success, to learn the author in order to give that person proper credit. So, I guess the author is Anonymous. Whatever, it's pretty entertaining. – Roy Brown*

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In My Hand I Hold A Ball,  
 White And Dimpled, Rather Small.  
 Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,  
 This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.

By It's Size I Could Not Guess,  
 The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.  
 But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,  
 I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,  
 Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.  
 It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,  
 A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,

I loathe it, And Want To Die.  
 It Promises A Thing Called Par,  
 If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,  
 Should Not Be Very Hard At All.  
 But My Desires The Ball Refuses,  
 And Does Exactly As It Chooses.

It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,  
 And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.  
 Often It Will Have A Whim,  
 To Hit A Tree Or! Take A Swim.

With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,  
 It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.  
 Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,  
 If Only It Would Find The Hole.

It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,  
 And Swear That I Will Give It Up.  
 And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,  
 But The Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.



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# Dates to Remember in February

**Sunday, February 1st**

**SUNDAY BUFFET (Ginny Evans):** Oven roasted turkey, apple glazed ham, cornbread dressing, candied yams, country style collard greens, steamed rice w/gravy.\*

\$6.00.

**Sunday, February 15th**

**SUNDAY BUFFET (Ginny Evans):** Roast pork loin, sliced roast beef au jus, chicken casserole, honey-ginger glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, chef's vegetable medley.\*

**Tuesday, February 3rd**

**LUNCH SPECIAL:** Blue plate special, \$6.00; **DINNER SPECIALS:** **Chef Special: Chicken and steaks.**

**Tuesday, February 17th**

**LUNCH SPECIAL:** Blue plate special, \$6.00; **DINNER SPECIALS:** **Chef Special: Chicken and steaks.**

**Friday, February 6th**

**LUNCH SPECIAL:** Turkey & gravy with mashed potatoes and green beans, \$6.00.

**Friday, February 20th**

**LUNCH SPECIAL:** Chicken stir fry over rice, \$6.00.

**Sunday, February 8th**

**SUNDAY BUFFET (Lila Parker):** Fried chicken, ham, pot roast, green beans, squash casserole, stewed apples.\*

**Sunday, February 22nd**

**SUNDAY BUFFET (Lila Parker):** Fried chicken, chicken & pastry, meatloaf, collards, corn, butter beans, candied yams.\*

**Tuesday, February 10th**

**LUNCH SPECIAL:** Blue plate special, \$6.00; **DINNER SPECIALS:** **Chef Special: Chicken and steaks.**

**Tuesday, February 24th**

**LUNCH SPECIAL:** Blue plate special, \$6.00; **DINNER SPECIALS:** **Chef Special: Chicken and steaks.**

**Wednesday, February 11th**

**Annual Stockholders' Meeting, 7 p.m.**

**Friday, February 27th**

**LUNCH SPECIAL:** Pot roast with mashed potatoes and peas, \$6.00.

**Friday, February 13th**

**LUNCH SPECIAL:** Petite ribeye w/mixed vegetables,

\* All Sunday Buffets include salad & dessert buffet. Price: Adults \$12.95; Kids (12 & under) \$6.95

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**592-6745**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Sunday Buffet 12:00-2:00 PM	<b>2</b> <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Wings & Chicken Tenders 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>3</b> <b>Lunch</b> Blue Plate Special 11:30-2:00 PM <b>Tuesday Night Dinner 6-8:30</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Lunch</b> Regular Menu 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>5</b> <b>Lunch</b> Soup & Sandwich 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>6</b> <b>Lunch Special</b> 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>7</b> <b>Lunch</b> Hot Dog Saturday 11:30-2:00 PM
<b>8</b> Sunday Buffet 12:00-2:00 PM <b>Ducks Unlimited</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Wings & Chicken Tenders 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>10</b> <b>Lunch</b> Blue Plate Special 11:30-2:00 PM <b>Tuesday Night Dinner 6-8:30</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Lunch</b> Regular Menu 11:30-2:00 PM <b>Stockholders' Meeting, 7 p.m.</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Lunch</b> Soup & Sandwich 11:30-2:00 PM <b>Men's GA Meeting</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Lunch Special</b> 11:30-2:00 PM <b>St. Valentine's Dinner &amp; Dance</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Lunch</b> Hot Dog Saturday 11:30-2:00 PM
<b>15</b> Sunday Buffet 12:00-2:00 PM	<b>16</b> <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Wings & Chicken Tenders 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>17</b> <b>Lunch</b> Blue Plate Special 11:30-2:00 PM <b>Tuesday Night Dinner 6-8:30</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Lunch</b> Regular Menu 11:30-2:00 PM <b>Red Hat Club Luncheon</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Lunch</b> Soup & Sandwich 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>20</b> <b>Lunch Special</b> 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>21</b> <b>Lunch</b> Hot Dog Saturday 11:30-2:00 PM
<b>22</b> Sunday Buffet 12:00-2:00 PM	<b>23</b> <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Wings & Chicken Tenders 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>24</b> <b>Lunch</b> Blue Plate Special 11:30-2:00 PM <b>Tuesday Night Dinner 6-8:30</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Lunch</b> Regular Menu 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>26</b> <b>Lunch</b> Soup & Sandwich 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>27</b> <b>Lunch Special</b> 11:30-2:00 PM	<b>28</b> <b>Lunch</b> Hot Dog Saturday 11:30-2:00 PM

## 2 Upcoming Meetings You Shouldn't Forget

The Club's annual Stockholders' Meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 11th at 7 p.m.** in the clubhouse's main ballroom. Topics include the state of the club, our membership program and the election of new board members and officers.

The next evening, **Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m.**, members of the Coharie Men's Golf Association will convene in the lounge. Those who plan to dine should call in their steak order by Feb. 11th. Business includes updates on drainage and reverse drawing fund-raiser.