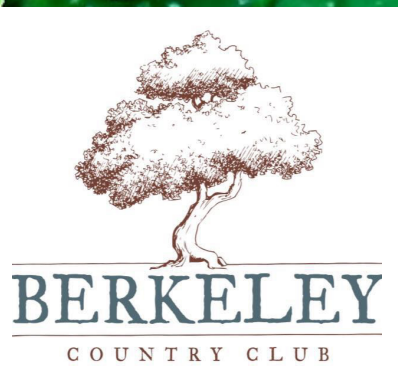


# MARCH 2025



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## *Hours of Operation*

**Pro Shop 7am-7pm**

*All Carts must be in 15 min prior to Sunset*

**Exeter Bar & Grill 7am-7pm**

## March

3/6 @ 8am

St Johns Academy Tournament

3/31 @ 8am

Duane Lewis Tournament

## Business Office

A huge thank you to all the members and employees who attended our Annual Party on February 1st! It was a fantastic evening filled with great food, music, door prizes and camaraderie. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to making this year even more memorable. Spring is around the corner, and we're excited for a great season! Visit our website for a full list of tournaments and events this month.

-Amy Lawrence

## Member Party 2.1.2025



## New Members!

*Michael Orvin  
Andrew Locklear*

## 2025 CLUB TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### *Two Man*

April 12th & 13th

### *Member Guest*

May 17th & 18th

### *Club Championship*

June 7th & 8th

### *Invitational*

August 22nd-24th

### *Member Member*

October 11th & 12th



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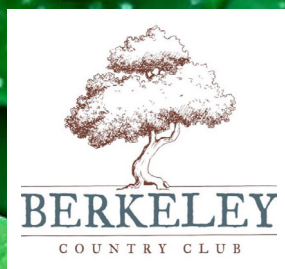
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## Around the Golf Course

### Understanding Weather Patterns & Course Playability

As we move through February, the unique weather patterns of the Southeast continue to shape the conditions of our golf course. This time of year presents a mix of mild temperatures, occasional cold snaps, increased rainfall, and fluctuating humidity, all of which impact the playability of the course in various ways.

#### How Weather Affects the Course

##### **1. Rain & Saturated Fairways**

February tends to bring higher-than-average rainfall, leading to softer fairways, slower roll, and potential wet spots in lower-lying areas. To help protect the turf, we may enforce cart path-only restrictions on certain days.

Please check with the pro shop for daily course conditions.

##### **2. Dormant Grass & Firm Greens**

With cooler temperatures, warm-season grasses like Bermudagrass remain in a dormant state, resulting in firmer and faster greens. While this can enhance speed and precision, it also requires careful shot selection to account for extra roll.

##### **3. Frost Delays & Morning Play**

While frost is less common in the Southeast compared to other regions, it can still cause morning delays. Walking or driving on frost-covered grass can damage the turf, leading to long-term stress. We appreciate your patience as our team ensures the course is in optimal condition before play begins.

##### **4. Wind & Ball Flight Adjustments**

February's stronger winds can challenge even the best golfers. Cold air is denser than warm air, so you may notice your ball losing a few yards of carry distance. Adjust your club selection accordingly and aim for lower ball flights when hitting into the wind.

##### **Hand-Pulling Poa Annua**

As part of our ongoing course maintenance efforts, our team is actively hand-pulling Poa annua, an invasive cool-season grass that can disrupt the consistency of our fairways and greens. While chemical control options exist, hand removal remains one of the most effective ways to minimize its spread without harming surrounding turf. You may notice maintenance staff working on this process throughout the course—thank you for your patience as we strive to keep Berkeley Country Club in top condition.

#### Course Maintenance & Player Considerations

- **Bunker Conditions:** Rain and wind can shift sand, making bunkers firmer or more compact. Expect routine raking and occasional repairs.
- **Green Speeds:** The combination of cool temperatures and minimal growth allows greens to run faster than usual. Pay attention to pin placements and adjust your putting stroke.
- **Divot Repair & Ball Marks:** With softer fairways and firmer greens, it's more important than ever to replace divots and repair ball marks to keep the course in top shape.

#### **Looking Ahead**

As we transition into March, temperatures will begin to rise, and turfgrass will slowly come out of dormancy. Our agronomy team is already preparing for spring aerification and fertilization to ensure optimal conditions for the upcoming season.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you on the course. If you have any questions about course conditions or maintenance practices, don't hesitate to ask our team.

Hit 'em straight,  
Ed Walker, Golf Course Superintendent