

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER FOR WINDYKE COUNTRY CLUB

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Please take the time to read our updated dress code article in this newsletter. A special thank you to our member board and some of our active members who helped adjust and reword these policies so they make sense and are easier to enforce. We don't want to be the police; in fact, as a private club, we believe you should be policing yourself and your guests.



Thank you, Casey, and the entire maintenance staff for keeping both courses in great fall condition. This is the best time of year to play, so we hope you enjoy the coming months of great conditions. Let's all continue to help by raking traps and fixing ball marks on the greens. Sneak in a few rounds this fall before winter arrives!

Natalie, Anna, and Keith have been coordinating a vibrant lineup of fall events at your Club. Fall Fest, a highlight of our family calendar, will feature a haunted house, kids' costume parade, hay ride, bonfire, s'mores, outdoor movie, and new inflatables—plus, Ron Olson returns as MC. With over 300 members already registered, bring your favorite patio chairs and blankets as patio seating is limited.

Don't miss the sign ups for Rombauer Wine dinner in November, it is expected to sell out. We have a new, special event this fall, Bourbons & Bonfires - don't miss the reservations for that!

Members, you make this Club a special place! While membership is strong, winter is a great time to invite new faces. Refer a friend who joins and receive a referral credit. Thank you for helping keep Windyke special. Your feedback shapes our programs, so please share your thoughts. We craft all of our programs directly from member feedback.

Sincerely, GA Hy

### **EVENTS THIS MONTH:**

**FALL FESTIVAL • FRIDAY. OCTOBER 24** ROMBAUER WINE DINNER • THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 PASTA NIGHT • FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 **BOURBONS AND BONFIRES • THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13** RESERVATIONS EVENTS@WINDYKE.COM

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: YEAR END MEN'S NIGHT EVENT** OCTOBER 5 @ 1:00 P.M.



\$50 + CART INCLUDES DINNER AFTER

ARE YOU A MEMBER IN THE KNOW? IF NOT. THEN GET SIGNED UP FOR OUR WEEKLY **EMAILS. WE HAVE LOTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE** FAMILY. STAY UP TO DATE! **EMAIL NATALIE: MEMBERSHIP@WINDYKE.COM** 

### **GOLF SHOP HOURS FOR OCTOBER**

6:30 p.m. **WEEKDAYS** 8:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. WEEKENDS 7:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

RANGE

Weekdays: 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Weekends: 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Range Closes at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays

# WINDYKE Bar & Grille

DRINKS SERVED IN THE BAR AND GRILLE: SUNDAY - THURSAY 10:00a.m. - 7:30pm. Friday 10:00a.m. - 9:30pm. SATURDAY 8:00a.m. - 7:30p.m.

COME IN AND TRY OUR "AFTER 4 MENU"! FULL MENU SERVICE IN THE BAR & GRILLE: SUN.- THUR. 10:30a.m. - 4:00p.m. TUESDAY 10:30a.m. - 7:00p.m. MEN'S NIGHT 7:30 FRIDAY 10:30a.m. - 8:30p.m. SATURDAY 8:00a.m. — 4:00p.m.

> SNACK BAR HOURS: WEEKDAYS 7:30a.m. - 6:00p.m. WEEKENDS 6:30a.m. - 6:00pm.

# **Updated Dress Code**

Dress Code for the East Course West Course and Practice Facilities: Men

- All golf shirts must have collars.
- All mock turtleneck shirts must have a 1-inch collar or more.
- · All sandals or open toe shoes must be worn with socks.
- All shorts must be tailored and neat in appearance and no more than 4 to 5 inches above the knee.
- Denim is allowed December February

### Women

- Golf tops with collars, and other current golf fashions, are acceptable.
- Shorts and Skorts of an appropriate length, are acceptable.

### **Juniors**

Must be consistent with generally-accepted youth golf fashion, similar to adult guidelines above.

Dress Code for the Clubhouse, Golf Shop, Par 3, and Tennis

- Traditional golf or tennis apparel is allowed
- Modest athleticwear is acceptable
- Crew neck athleticwear (not undershirts or casual tee shirts) may be worn
- Hats must be worn forward facing
- Denim is acceptable





These collars are not approved on the course, but are approved in the clubhouse and tennis



October 24 5:30pm \$30++ Entry Fee per Person | 3&under free
The price of admission includes all activities and
food options. Reservations are required and open on
September 24th at 8am, to events@windyke.com.
48-hour cancelation policy is in effect.

# President's Cup

The President's Cup is arguably the most fun event of the year. It is also one of the final events of the year at The Club and is an invitational that you can earn an invite several different ways. The first way is by having Windyke Board involvement. Current board members and past presidents earn an invite each year. Next you will be invited if you participated in any of our events enough to be among the top point collectors in the Windyke Cup, Men's Night, or Ladies Day, as well as those who played previously with specific guidelines.

Once the players have made the list, they are then picked one by one playground style by the captains until all have been assigned a team. The players matches will then be picked by the captains and the trash talking will begin! The event is a Ryder Cup style format which consists of scramble, best ball, alternate shot and individual matches.

This year's battle will be between our current President of the Board, John Duncan and our incoming President, Ben McCullar. This year's event will certainly have plenty of excitement as these two are long time friends here at The Club.

If you did not get an invitation this year, the 2026 Windyke Cup points race begins next month with the Turkey Day Scramble and will give you a great start to earning the 2026 President's Cup invitation.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF

# NEWCONVENIENCESTATION

A special thank you to two long term members Shea Drummond and John Foley with Select Marketing Distributing for their assistance in taking care of our ice machines every year. Over the last two years you may have noticed the increase in these machines around the property, we could not do it without their assistance. In fact, another one will be making an appearance on the East course near 7 and 13 tee boxes very soon. Maintenance has been working with our electrician to rework all of the electric feeds to these stations as well as all of our water fountains. We hope this work will allow us to have a more reliable product for you.

Those of you that know me well, know how much I despise these ice machines. Actually, the machine is great! Really, it is the few customers who throw trash all over the property and waste the resources. I walk by the locker room ice machines a minimum of 12 times a day. Not one time this entire summer did I not have to pick up cups or straw wrappers off of the ground. The trash can is directly behind the machine, less than two steps to actually clean up after yourself! The club has used 163,000 cups on this property

over the last twelve months! Please consider investing in an insulated cup. The golf shop offers a great product from Corksicle. Are you missing one you brought out here? Our lost and found in the golf shop and food and beverage area have dozens that have been left here this summer.

# **Old Dog New Tricks!**

Recently, I was very disappointed in my iron play and the severely declining distances that they travel each year. I had even gotten to the point; I was considering practicing! Fortunately, I mentioned it to Tyler after a round of golf we had played together. He said with your angle of attack I think you need a different iron head with a higher center of gravity. I have played Ping clubs for the last twelve years and I know they have a couple options to fix this issue. I have just enough fitting knowledge and lack of respect for my golf game to be scared of that suggestion.

I grabbed Tyler one day and said let's go through an iron fitting and show me the difference. I took 2 swings and I knew he was onto something. The ball flight went from reaching its apex and falling out of the sky to climbing to its apex and continuing to go forward as it falls. Since my clubs have arrived I have picked up an approximate increase of 10 to 12% in iron distances. Some of my encouraging friends said the iron lofts are stronger, however they are incorrect, they are the exact same lofts.

As avid golfers, we hear and read a lot of recommendations about improving our games. This experience with our golf professional staff reminds me, that nothing beats a trained professional to help fix your golf challenges. Secondly, ball flight both on a monitor and on a range where you can see actual ball flight make a difference. These are the critical parts of the fitting process. Thank you, Tyler!



# **WINDYKE AGRONOMY**

THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF PRODUCING AND USING PLANTS BY AGRICULTURE FOR RECREATION & BEAUTY.

What a great summer it's been at Windyke. The Agronomy team has done an excellent job working hard to provide consistent playing conditions, while also constantly improving them. As a team, we're always looking for ways to improve no matter how big or small the job. We'll continue this effort into the fall season, which is personally my favorite time of year to play golf. Even though the golf season is winding down, fall provides some of the best and most consistent playing conditions of the year. It's by far the easiest time of year for my staff to provide great conditions. From perfect green speeds, to ideal weather, don't miss out on some great days to enjoy a round over the next couple months.

When having to enter a bunker to retrieve a ball or hit a shot, please remember to rake the disturbed area. Don't just rake the area you disturbed, but also a disturbed area that might be right next to you. We all can do our part to ensure the next shot out of the bunker was on a good lie. It's not just up to the Agronomy staff in the morning to rake bunkers, members must be aware and do a good job raking as well. All new longer rakes have been placed at each bunker. We hope this allows for an easier, more efficient rake for everyone. Please take a look at the link below to get some tips from the USGA on bunker raking. It's a quick, but informative read that can help us all next time we play.

https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/course-care/green-section-record/58/17/how-to-rake-a-bunker.html

One of the reasons fall conditions are so consistent is because the turf growth slows tremendously. This allows the Agronomy staff time to work on different job tasks instead of focusing on daily course prep. A downside to turf growth slowing is that divots and ball marks don't recover as quickly or at all. That makes repairing pitch marks or adding sand to divots more important than ever. Just like bunker raking, lets be sure we're all doing our part to fix ball marks and sand diviots. When repairing ball marks be sure to try and repair 2-3 around your own pitch mark. The same goes for filling your divot. Look for another divot close to yours when in the fairway and always fill 2-3 extra ones when on a par 3 tee box. Just a reminder, if you find your cart is out of divot mix you can find more sand on both the front and back nine on each course. Please take a look at the link below about divot repair.

https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/course-care/forethegolfer/2017/to-fill-or-not-to-fill--there-is-no-question.html



### SOMETHING GREAT! FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I was recently reading an article that chronicled the spectacular ascent of Japan's innovative Nintendo (Mario, Donkey Kong, Wii, \$14B revenues). The culture of the organization is best captured by a unique interaction. A game designer asked his boss, "What should I make?" Nintendo chief executive, Hiroshi Yamauchi responded, "Something great!" I firmly believe this is the culture at Windyke. I've seen it, I've felt it, and I've heard about it. Greatness pursued.

Windyke exists in a crowded, hyper-competitive arena. If you don't think we compete against Jim's Place, Shelby Farms, TPC-Southwind, Amazon, Oak Hall and LifeTime Fitness, to name a few, I'd recommend a reevaluation of our market. The Harvard Business Review, in a piece by BCG's George Stalk said, "Competition is now a 'war of movement' in which success depends on anticipation of market trends and quick response to changing customer needs." Windyke continues to respond with greatness. The quality of the dining experience at The Club is truly top-shelf. We value that, we strive for that, and the Food & Beverage team executes. I am forever hearing that we have the best greens in the region. That does not happen by chance. The Club has invested in technologies and equipment that create a golf product that competes with the best in the region. Have you ever seen the arsenal we have in our maintenance area? Amazing. Our tennis programming, to include pickleball, is special, creating a fun and unique experience for our members AND THEIR quests! The landscaping beauty as you enter with an enthusiastic welcoming committee (quard shack team), is amongst the hundreds of "little things" that differentiate our club and make it a desired destination. Our golf shop is a high-end retail experience, manned by a team that truly understands their products. The fire pit, Par 3 Course, patio nights, wine and bourbon dinners, trivia nights, ladies craft gatherings, seasonal festivals, to include the best fireworks show in West TN, are all part of the vision and mission to position Windyke to be something uniquely special, some might even say, 'Something Great'! See you at The Club!



John D. Duncan 2025 Board President

# EEP CARTS OF YOUR FROM GREENS AND TEES. FIX YOUR AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER. KEP SEED & CIGAR ASHES OFF THE GREENS. FLACE THOSE BUNKERS!

# LADIES SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP OCTOBER 7

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The Ladies Senior Club Championship will be played on Tuesday, October 7 at 9 a.m. Shotgun start on the East Course. Gross and Net event. \$50 plus cart.

NATALIE IS BOOKING CHRISTMAS, HOLIDAY AND YEAR END PARTIES FOR DECEMBER RIGHT NOW. DATES ARE FILLING UP FAST SO DON'T DELAY!

CONTACT HER AT EVENTS@WINDYKE.COM OR 754–1888 TO GET COMPLETE INFORMATION.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HOST AN EVENT FOR YOU.

# TIP FROM THE PRO

BROCK SHAFER
DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION
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PRO SHOP (901) 755-3160
BROCK@WINDYKE.COM



# **QUICK TIPS WITH DRIVER:**

If you are a player that knows how to launch a high draw, but feel as if it turns into a push or hook too often, consider the simple remedy of teeing the ball low and hitting down on the driver a bit for better accuracy. This tip is used by professionals to dial up a 'fairway finder' and keep the ball in play on narrow holes. Just choke down a bit, tee it low, and hit down on your driver a bit more than usual. Emphasize good shoulder turn through impact to a full finish. This technique straightens the swing path and the ball flight.

If you are a player that slices too much, do the opposite. Tee it high, tilt your spine a bit away from the target, and aim for a hook! There is a bit of trust involved in stopping the slice. Emphasize a good full turn in the backswing, but let the wrists/forearms roll through impact to provide speed instead of the shoulder turn mentioned above. I even tell students to try not to turn through the ball to a finish, but keep the right foot flat as long as possible. This restricts the hips/shoulder turn in the downswing and allows the wrists/forearms to provide the speed and a possible draw shape.

Hope it helps! For more help, call the shop to set up a fall lesson. Fall weather can be the best of the year!





# **TIME TO VOTE!**

It's time to vote to elect new members to the Board of Directors! As there are more candidates than openings for the 2026 Board, an election of the Windyke membership is called. Here are the details:

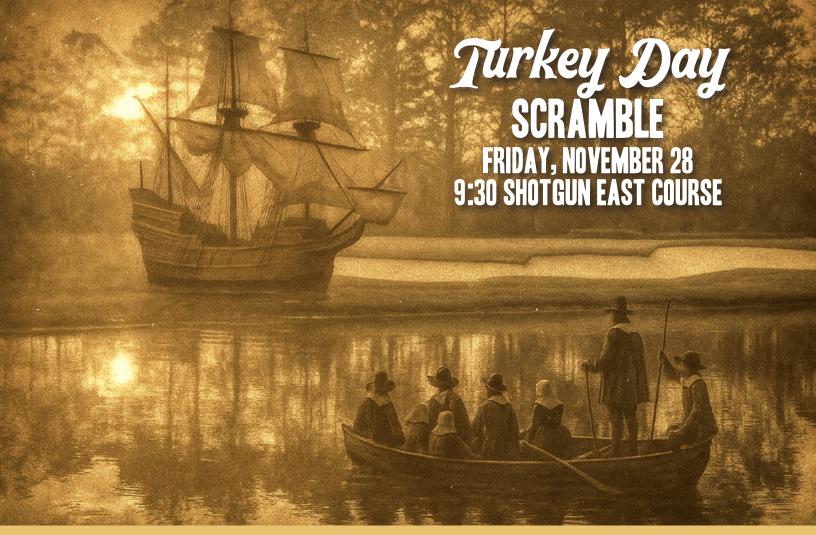
- Terms are for 3 years starting Jan 1, 2026
- There are 9 candidates, shown below, for 6 open positions.
- Some candidates are existing Board members who are interested in serving another term, others are new candidates.
- There is one vote allowed per membership. Note that most membership classifications can vote, except Tennis, Executive, Heritage, and Non-Resident, who are ineligible to vote per the Windyke by-laws.
- · With 6 open positions, you may vote for up to 6 persons, but not more than 6.
- You can vote 2 ways by submitting your result digitally which will be sent to the membership via email on October 6th or via a paper ballot that can be obtained in the Golf Shop. Paper ballots can only be submitted by returning them to the Golf Shop. Ballots must be signed and include your member number.
- All votes must be submitted by end of day on 10/17/2025.
- Results will be counted prior to the November Board Meeting and ratified by the Board at that meeting.
- · Results will be posted shortly after the November meeting.

The candidates for the 2026 Windyke Board of Directors are:

Robert Dannemiller

Steve Farese
Bill Freeman
Tom Jordan
Raj Mukatira
Vickie Smith
Alex Snyder
Mark Thoman
Austin Weaver





The 2025 Tournament season comes to an end with the Turkey Day Scramble. This event is a four-person scramble that allows you to pick your own playing partners because of our popular handicapping formula.

Guidelines are as follows:

• Four-person scramble format

• Make your own teams or sign up as an individual and we will pair you

• Members and family member guests only, all players must have a GHIN Number.

• Each team's handicap is based on the following formula using each players Course Handicap from the East Course:

Add up the total points and subtract 10. That will be the team handicap or starting position.

Joe Smith
John Smith
Jared Smith
Jim Smith

3 = 4 points
6 = 3 points
12 = 2 points
20 = 1 Point

Total Points 10 – 10 = 0 Handicap

Max Adjustments +4/-3

Tees: Seniors 75 plus play Red tees

Seniors 60-74 play White tees Juniors 13 and under play Red tees

Female players with a 7.5 index and below play White tees Female players with a 7.6 index and above play Red tees

Players play Gold tees EXCEPT those with 0.9 indexes and below will play Blue tees

Entry Fee: \$160 including cart (per player). Paid by check, cash, or member charge. Players who withdraw after Wed., 11/26 will be charged for their entry fee.

### Points Formula:

1 & below = 5 Points 0 - 3.0 = 4 Points 3.1 - 8.9 = 3 Points 9.0 - 14.9 = 2 Points 15.0 & above = 1 Point

### Approximate Payout Based on 136 players:

Low Total	\$1400 Per Team
2nd Low Total	\$1100 Per Team
3rd Low Total	\$800 Per Team
4th Low Total	\$700 Per Team
5th Low Total	\$600 Per Team
Low Front/Low Back	\$500 Per Team
2nd Low Front/Low Back	\$400 Per Team
3rd Low Front/Low Back	\$300 Per Team
2nd Low Front/Low Back 3rd Low Front/Low Back 18 Individual Contests	Shirt of Choice





FRIDAY, NOV 28

RACE STARTS AT 8AM

\$15 per person



# **Thanksgiving To-Go Orders**

We will begin taking Thanksgiving to-go orders on November 3rd. Please call the Snack Bar at 901-754-1844 to place your to-go order. Orders must be in by November 23rd and picked up by November 25th at 5pm.

1/4 pan is 8-10 servings, 1/2 pan is 15-20 servings; full pans is 30-40 servings.

# **Protein**

Turkey and Gravy \$10 lb
Honey Ham \$9 lb

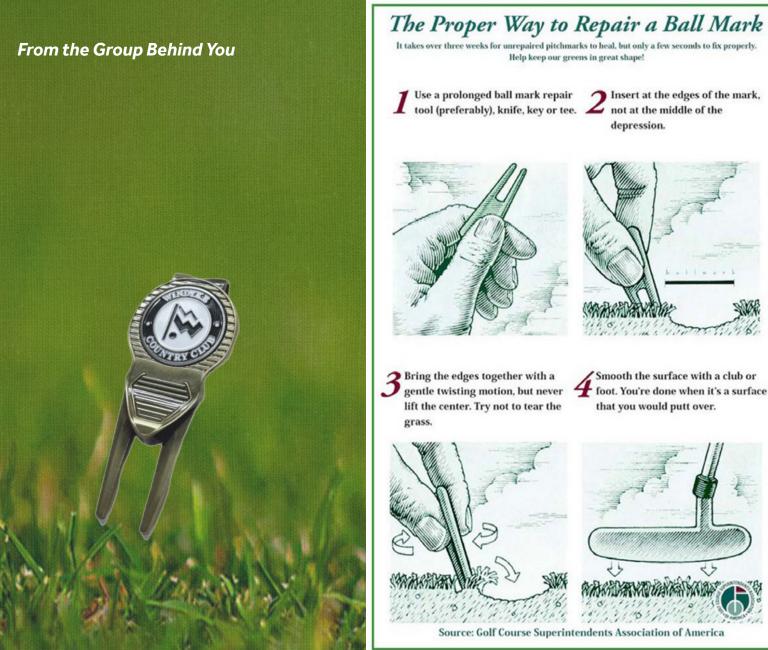
Sides			
JIUGS	1/4	1/2	Full Pan
Garlic Mashed Potatoes	\$35	\$65	\$120
Cornbread Dressing	\$30	\$55	\$100
<b>Sweet Potatoes</b>	\$30	\$55	\$100
Carrots	\$25	\$45	\$80
Green Bean Casserole	\$30	\$55	\$100
Squash Casserole	\$30	\$55	\$100
Sister Schubert Rolls	\$8 for	10 rolls	5

# Dessert

	1/4	1/2	Full Pan
Bread Pudding	\$30	\$60	\$120

# REPAIR BALL MARKS

For those of you that actually repair ball marks, the image above should not need an explanation. For those that do not repair ball marks, take some time away from not returning your shopping cart or using your blinker, and study it. You may see these clipped to players' pockets here at the club. This is not simply for decoration. This is called a divot tool, and it is one of the most important pieces of equipment that you can have with you on the golf course. It is used to fix the ball mark created when a golf ball lands on the putting surface. If you claim that you do not hit enough greens to worry about leaving a ball mark; you are probably right about not hitting many greens, but that is a cheap excuse and we do not want to hear it. Fixing your ball marks leaves the putting surface in good shape for the players behind you and improves the health and appearance of our greens. It costs very little time, very little effort, and benefits every player. If you are reading this and trying to think up a good reason why you don't need repair ball marks, just stop. There is no good excuse. We have also included a simple, visual explanation of the process so you can start practicing.



# Pasta Night

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 5:30 - 8PM

ADULTS \$33 124UNDER \$20

there will be a separate children's area

reservations open October 14th at 8am by email only events@windyke.com.

CANCELLATIONS MADE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF EVENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO A CHARGE OF FULL DINNER PRICE.

# Build Your Own

### PASTAS

Linguine Rigatoni Cavatappi Gluten Free Fettuccini

### SAUCES

Alfredo (GF) Bolognaise (GF) Marinara (GF) Pesto Basil (GF)

### PROTEINS

Chicken Ground Beef Italian Sausage Shrimp

### TOPPINGS

Roasted Mushrooms,
Diced Onions, Grape Tomatoes,
Spinach, Black Olives,
Sun-Dried Tomatoes,
Sweet Peppers, Bell Peppers,
Parmesan Cheese, Romano Cheese

# Built for You

Chicken & Vegetable Tortellini Caesar Salad Vegetable Lasagna Traditional Meatballs Creamed Spinach

### DESSERTS

Garlic Bread

Tiramisu Carmel Cheesecake

# Kids Gorner

We will have a kids' area with a kids' buffet, crafts, a movie, and two attendants. It is limited to the first 25 kids signed up. Children must be 3 years old or older, pottytrained, and able to follow instructions. Parents must attend pasta night and stay on the property.





# ROMBAUER



FIRS TROMBAUER SAUVIGNON BLANC (2023)
Sweet and Spicy Korean Chili Glazed Shrimp with
Sauteed Sesame Mustard Greens

SECOND ROMBAUER CHARDONNAY CARNEROS (2023)

Butternut Squash Bisque and a Maple Bourbon Creme Fraiche Cinnamon Apple Kale Salad with Pumpkin Seeds, Dry Cherries, Goat Cheese, Creamy Poppy Seed Dressing

THIRD ROMBAUER ZINFANDEL (2023)

Roasted Elk Lollipop, Warm Blackberry and

Vanilla Bean Butter, Chipotle Sweet Potato Puree

CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY (2022)
Grilled Hanger Steak Medallions, Bing Cherry Gastrique, Oven
Roasted Potatoes with Bleu Cheese Fondue, Grilled Broccolini

FIFTH HERB'S HOUSE COFFEE Chocolate Chip Gelato



RESERVATIONS OPEN ON OCTOBER 15TH AT 8AM BY EMAIL TO EVENTS@WINDYKE.COM

# TUESDAY PICKLEBALL

OCTOBER 7, 14, 2

NO LADIES
PICKLEBALL

D 57 MEN'S

Z 30 PICKLEBALL

PRO SHOP OPEN HOUSE

DEC 7 1PM

**SAVE THE DATE** 

Join us for Tuesday Pickleball. RSVP on CourtReserve App!