

THE LAKES GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!



We look forward to a 2024 filled with enjoyable golf, exciting developments, and community spirit!



Concrete was poured for the new cart barn foundations in late January. In the coming weeks we expect the concrete to be poured for the new clubhouse and structures to start going up.

Members, Patrons, and Friends,

FINALLY! Some progress on the new Clubhouse! Things are starting to take shape! WooHoo! Yippie! Here we go!

As we start to see an occasional pleasant day sneak into the drudgery of cold, rainy, windy winter days, we get optimistic about the spring, great golf, and all the things that a new season brings. This year we will have the new clubhouse as a new beginning for the course. The history of our course is long and vibrant with so many stories, great people, and good times, it really is a noteworthy milestone for one of the oldest courses in the county, up there on the list in the state. I am sure we all look forward to the day when we depart the 'ad hoc' bar and pro-shop to move across the street into what we all hope to be our new, and permanent, future. I am convinced that we got the right contractors to do the work, and they have been tenacious, as well as proactive in getting the ball (concrete) rolling. I commend all those involved. With any luck, the cart barns will be up by the next letter, and the clubhouse 'proper' will start to take shape.

I want everyone to welcome our new bookkeeper, Ms. Cindy Pannucci, who seems like a real powerhouse organizer. She has a difficult task: keeping us all organized and

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straightening out all the mistakes I have made in the last two years. Thankfully, she likes to play golf as well, so that should make the job a little more palatable. Please give her all the help you can fitting into our amazing team.

Our employees and staff focus on the over-packed-to-then-desolate winter play. There seems to be much excitement about the Super Bowl tournament, so all pray for temperatures over freezing, wind under gale force, and rain less than a monsoon. May the toughest survive and win!

As Biggie and his crew do what they can to maintain the course with nothing growing back, please fill those divot holes (to keep things level and smooth) and stay on the cart paths at the tees and greens.

I ask that you all continue to be an active participant in the improvement and maintenance of our community course. LET'S PLAY GOLF!

Respectfully,
Roger Dutton, Managing Partner

GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH

The "Worst Ball" Game

This is supposedly one of Tiger Woods' favorite drills, and it takes place on the golf course. Please don't try this on a busy day with groups behind you, since it takes more time than normal play. Here's how it works:

1. On the tee, hit two balls with the same club.
2. Identify which shot was better and pick that ball up.
3. At the location of the worse shot, drop the other ball and play two shots again.
4. Again, identify which shot was better and pick that ball up.
5. Continue to play two balls from the worse shot location until you finish the hole.



This game is helpful in several ways. It gives you more practice playing recovery shots and other challenging shots. It keeps you more engaged, focused, and motivated for each individual shot. And if you can score well with your worst shots, imagine how well you can score with your best ones!



Turf Talk

We are looking forward to Spring as we experience a little warm spell in the middle of Winter. I will take this opportunity to address some questions that have come up recently.

“Why are the tees not in the normal places?”

We have utilized some relatively flat areas near the smaller teeing grounds as alternate tee boxes. The tee size can't handle year round play without any recuperation during the winter while dormant. We will utilize the alternate tees until the grass begins to actively grow. This way the regular tees won't have to recover from the winter wear and tear. Once we move back on to the normal tees the Turf will grow over. Please remember to fill all divots with sand so that they recover smooth and level, This includes the alternate tees as well.

“What other projects are coming up?”

We will continue to clean up pine cones and pine straw. As well as downed limbs and low hanging branches. We hope to try to level some tees in the future and the revamped irrigation system should help with the recovery process.

Hoping more warm weather is coming and as always keep it in the "Fairways and Greens".

-Jason Young,
Golf Course Superintendent

Upcoming Events:

Friday Night Captain's Choice

Every Friday at 2:30pm, must sign up in advance with the Pro Shop

Super Bowl Tournament

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 9:00am, must sign up in advance with the Pro Shop

