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Rules & Regulations

LCC's Rules and Regulations were recently updated. Hard copies are available in the clubhouse, pro shop, and office. You can also review them at www.ligoniercountryclub.com/additional-member-information/ after logging in with your username and password.

Upcoming Closures

Saturday, April 9th: No Regular Menu after 4 pm. Reservations only for Opening Gala

Friday, May 6th: Closed for Enos Outing

Sunday, May 8th: Reservation Only for Mother's Day all day



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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB ~ DAN HORNER

It's been a wonderful start to the year with a dry and mostly warm March. The grounds crew was able to take advantage of the mild winter and early spring to prep the course for early play. The first cutting of the greens was the first week of March! If you haven't gotten your clubs out of winter storage, don't wait any longer. The course is in great shape for this time of year. Hopefully this is the start to a nice, long golf season.

If you've been out on the course during the last two weeks of March, you may have noticed that the sand traps have been edged and refilled. We brought in close to 100 tons of white sand this year.

Thank you to everyone who has pre-purchased carts and guest fee packages. Both you and the club benefit from these

early offers. You have until April 15th to get in on the discounts.

Easter was last weekend and once again we were filled to the brim. I can't stress enough the importance of getting in your sign ups and reservations early as many events are getting great turnouts these days.

The new menu in the clubhouse has been well received. The chef and his staff will be changing items monthly, so be sure to keep an eye out for new and seasonal food choices.

Events will be at full tilt before you know it. Already on the horizon we have the Opening Gala, Opening Day, Member-Guest, and Mother's Day. Be sure to check the calendar and keep an eye on your email for important updates and announcements.

From our Golf Pro ~ John

Let's start out with good news: a Swedish study published last year shows that GOLFERS live on an average 5 years longer than non-golfers, coupled with fewer cognitive disorders than most other segments of society. If you are reading this part of the news letter I can only believe that you are a golfer, so congratulations!!!

This year the season kicks off with Opening Day on Saturday April 16th.

Format for both Men and Ladies this upcoming year will be Best 2 Balls of 4. Different this year will be that sign-up for both Men and Ladies will be closed at 5pm on Thursday the 14th. Teams will be made at that time with the existing players. Coffee and donuts will be served from 8:00-9:00, with the Shotgun start at 9:15am. All teams will be computer generated ABCD; no pre-set teams will be accepted. Prizes will be awarded following Lunch.

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An Open Invitation to Join Us

The Ligonier Country Club Ladies' Golf Association aspires to have every female golfer at LCC become a member of our organization. To that end, we ask you to consider some of the benefits of membership:

- ◆ Standing Tuesday morning tee times for both nine and eighteen hole players,
- ◆ A full calendar of planned events that are suitable for all skill levels,
- ◆ Organized foursomes,
- ◆ The option to participate as much or as little as you desire,
- ◆ A social calendar, and
- ◆ An opportunity to expand your circle of friends.

If these advantages appeal to you, the Association is the place for you. If you are not quite convinced, why not try a Tuesday morning round with us? Contact Betty Rosa, 724-539-8752, Karen Hough, 412-373-5375 or Tish McKeown 724-832-3978 to make the arrangements.

We also cordially invite you to attend our opening dinner on April 14th, 2016. Contact the Grill Room for reservations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ligonier Country Club Ladies' Golf
Association Executive Board

Clubhouse Corner

*Monday Closed; Tues-Thurs 11:30 a - 8 p;
Fri-Sat 11:30 a - 9 p; Sun 11:30 a - 8 p*



APRIL MENU

New items for April include a Roasted Vegetable Flatbread and Raviolis handmade by Adam in the kitchen. Also be sure to enjoy our locally made cakes and ice cream.



NEW IPAS AT THE BAR

Enjoy a seasonal Sweetwater draft or the new Sam Adams Nitro IPA only available in a 15-ounce can.



FIESTA BUFFET

Join us on Cinco de Mayo for our popular fiesta buffet starting at 5 pm. Margarita and Corona Specials too.

ANNUAL OPENING

GALA

Saturday, April 9th

6:30 pm

r.s.v.p. by April 5th

Entertainment by **Sugar Mountain Band**

\$35 per person

Price includes buffet, entertainment, tax and gratuity

Menu: Carved Prime Rib, Salmon, Shrimp Risotto, Cheddar Au Gratin Potatoes,
Fresh Brussel Sprouts with bacon, deluxe salad bar, & dessert

Friends and Family welcome, but please no children
Regular Menu will not be available after 4:00 pm this night
724-238-7620 extension 6

...more from our golf pro:

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Ladies Day Tuesdays- in April, May, and September the Ladies Association will begin play at 10am, and during the Summer months play will begin at 9am. On Tuesday the 1st tee will be closed ½ hour prior to the beginning of play, general play will be able to start from 8am-9:30 in April, May, and September. Tuesday April 19th will be the start date of the new season.

Pro V1 Rewards Program-Buy 3 Dozen Pro V1 or Pro V1x, and receive a free dozen. The offer includes free imprinting and choice of numbers. Your order must be to the Golf Shop by Sunday April 12th.

April Golf Shop Sale-10% Off all Ping Bags in Stock.

The **Masters Tournament** is slated to begin April 7th and we have a pool that will make the event more fun. For \$10 we will pick you a player from the A,B, and C Groups, all players will be in the top 40 in the World. This year's event looks very much a pick 'em with Spieth not playing well, but Jason Day and Adam Scott playing great. The Majors are always better to watch when you have a rooting interest.

Spring Member-Guest-Friday April 29th 1pm Shotgun-The day begins with a lunch for you and your guests beginning at 11:30 followed by a 1pm shotgun start time. The event being a Best 2 of 4 format, with plenty of Closest to the Pins, Long Putts, and Long Drives. Bill and his staff will follow up play with a great dinner and we will calculate the scores, collect the proximities and hand out the prizes. Our guarantee is that every guest will leave LCC very happy and extremely well fed. This event is open to all membership categories, and is a great way to entertain clients, show off our facility, introduce people you wish to

join, or a great way to say Thank You to that person that plowed your driveway all winter. This event will replace the Fall Member Guest, and will contain a drawing for free minimums for a lucky Member, and someone's guest that day will be drawn for a FREE Golf Membership.

We very recently mailed out the **Men's Invitational** letter. This year's dates will be June 2nd optional Practice Round, with June 3rd and 4th being the actual tournament days. Field is limited so please sign up by May 16th, however if we get the allotted teams prior to the deadline a waiting list will be invoked. **This is the premier event of the Men's Golf Season,** try it once and you will be hooked. As of March 30th we have more than half of the 48 team field filled, don't be shut out—sign up today.

2 Person Match Play and King Of Swing-both are filling quickly, please sign up asap in the Golf Shop.

Referral Program-the life blood of any club is referrals. Golf shops are no different therefore every referral that a Member makes for Irons, or a Driver Purchase will result in a Free Gift from the Golf Shop. It may be that you win a lesson or a Pirate or Pens Shirt, or a nice new logo sweatshirt. We want to show you how much we appreciate that you think we are worthy to fit your friends.

Mothers Day Sale-we will have some great sales the week of Mother's Day, plus (as always) free gift wrapping. The sale will begin the 5th of May and continue thru Mothers Day, Sunday May 8th.

Upcoming Events:

Opening Day-Saturday April 16th - 9:15 am Shotgun Start, A great way to kick off your season. Breakfast will include coffee and doughnuts, with lunch to follow play. Both the Ladies

and Men's event will be 2 Best Balls of 4. Sign up ends for both Men and Ladies on Thursday April 14th at 5pm. (Ladies also must pre-sign to play)

Ping Demo Day Wednesday the 26th of April 3-7pm

Cobra Demo Day Friday April 22nd 3-6pm

Ladies Opening Day Tuesday-April 19th at 10am

Ladies Senior Championship- Held the 16th of May. Results will be posted in the Ladies Locker Room.

Memorial Day Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Best of 2 Event-3 days of regular tee-times, play with a different partner each day, or stick with the same partner all 3 days. You can play any amount of days, or the entire weekend.

3 Day Junior Golf Camp Tuesday June 28-June 30- We are only taking 25 youth for this year's camp, and we anticipate camp filling up quickly. The camp will be Tuesday from 8-12, and 9-1 on Wednesday, and Thursday. **Please call the Golf Shop to register ASAP, we only have a few spots remaining.**

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Welcome New Members

Thomas Kniss

sponsored by Don Korb

Matthew Messer

sponsored by Jay Vreeland

Kevin Metsger

sponsored by Mick Kenney

Lance Metsger

Jay Hope

sponsored by Kirk Haldeman

Kevin Quinlisk

Welcome Back: Dave Gilbert

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One Day Junior Camp Thursday June 9th and Thursday July 28th—Both sessions will be from 9-1, you may sign up for one or both.

Exchange Days that we have scheduled are as follows:

May Mon 9th Valley Green & North Fork---Wed. 11th-Somerset---Mon 16th Norvelt & Mannitto---Wed 18th Champion Lakes

June --Wed. 8th Latrobe Elks GC

July --Wed. 13th Summit CC

August—Thurs. 18th Latrobe Elks GC

As more exchange days come open they will appear on the list.

Some Tri-County courses do not want exchange days; they don't see a benefit for their club. Both Exchange Days and Tri-County days are reserved for **Full Golf Members** only, Social Members and guests are welcome, but must pay the applicable green fee. Please do not put Ligonier C.C. in an uncomfortable position by allowing guests to participate. Exchange days and Tri-County are rewards for being a Full Golf Member. **We have asked the participating courses to keep a sign-in sheet and forward to our Golf Shop.**

Tri County Golf Courses—Please go onto the Tri-County website (www.tri-countygolf) to find the list of clubs that are members. I think it would be a great golfing summer if you hit all those clubs. \$30 during the weekdays, and \$35 on weekends; you have quite a selection.

Junior Play Days—the Golf Shop will be announcing in the May newsletter the dates of Junior Play Days, the day will consist of an early morning start, with the participants playing either 9 or 18 holes. It will be a chance to meet other young people and enable the young member to play more.

Junior Series Lesson- The group lesson will be for players that want to brush up on technique, and spend time hitting shots on the course. This lesson series will be 4 Hours, Saturday's May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th. There will be a Member Guest following the last lesson of the series on the 28th. The cost of the sessions which includes the Member Guest is \$75. Please sign up ASAP. We will fill the group up at 6 players.

Come see our new selection of **Pittsburgh Pirates clothing** in both Ladies and Men's, you will see great logos in the newest materials and great colors and styles.

The Golf Shop currently has new **ID labels** for your golf clubs, we make them especially for you with telephone number, name and our address. Nothing makes you more mad than a lost club that is never turned in, with our new labels on your clubs you have a much better chance of a lost and found return.

The Golf Shop will not be open Mondays in April. The course will be open to walkers.

Just as a reminder to all members:

To allow our staff to serve you better,

tee times are always required.

The Golf Shop understands that athletic clothing is reaching all new demographics, we would like to remind everyone that new Under armour, Nike, and Adidas shirts must have an 1 ½ inch collar on them to be considered a Golf shirt. Please refer to the Dress Code in your Membership booklet to alleviate all questions.

Denim is not permitted on the course following March 31st, denim includes black, blue, pink, tan, etc. Players wearing denim will not be allowed onto the course.

Please be aware that the parking lot speed limit is 15 miles per hour, my young men and women are in the parking lot trying to service you with your bags and carts, please be aware.

The Golf Shop will open at 9am weekdays until April 15th, on the 15th we will begin opening on the weekdays at 7:30 and Tee-Times will begin at 8am. We will continue to open at 7:30 on the **weekends** until Memorial Day when the Golf Shop will begin to open at 6:30; we are trying to accommodate players that wish to get out on the course earlier. We will continue to monitor the effects of the early opening.

Question OF THE MONTH

Q We just moved to the area and joined the club, our children as well as my wife that does not play golf just love our new club. I want to participate in the events and continue to meet new people to enjoy the game of golf as well as get my wife involved with some players of her capabilities. -*New in New Florence*

A. The Golf Shop is the best place to start, we can point you in the direction people to play with, events to sign up for in the upcoming season. Your wife can may either start with some personal lessons with John, then sign up with Cathy to play in the Late-tees, a group that wants to learn new parts of the game while having a fun time on the course.

Calendar of EVENTS

APRIL

2nd Scampi/Pasta Bar Returns

All-You-Can-Eat, Made-to-Order Scampi and/or Pasta dishes, prepared right in front of you from at least 18 meats and vegetables, three pastas and at least three sauces. Also comes with Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert. Starts at 5 pm.

9th Opening Gala 6:30 pm

Live band and buffet. \$35 per person. See Page 2 for more information. No Regular Menu after 4 pm.

14th Ladies' Spring Dinner 5:30 pm

Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. The evening provides a wonderful opportunity to get reacquainted while enjoying a delicious meal. Payment of LGA dues for 2016 accepted prior to the event. Please call the Grillroom for reservations.

16th Opening Day 9:15 am Shotgun Start

Continental breakfast at 8:30 am, shotgun at 9:15 am, lunch buffet follows play. Men \$40. Ladies \$26. Golf members only.

19th Ladies' Opening Day 10:00 am start

23rd Scampi/Pasta Bar 5:00 pm

29th Member-Guest 1:00 pm Shotgun Start

\$85 pp includes golf, cart, range balls, prizes, lunch and dinner. Socials welcome. See page 6 for more information.

30th Scampi/Pasta Bar 5:00 pm

May

4th Annual Proprietary Meeting 7:00 pm

5th Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Buffet 5:00 pm

Hard and Soft Tacos with three different meats and assorted toppings, Chili and Mexican Chili, Salad and Toppings, and Dessert, \$16 per person

6th Clubhouse Closed for Enos Golf Outing

10:30 am Shotgun; Course available early morning and after 4 pm

7th Derby Day 9-Hole Event and Race Night



It's a run for the roses this year at LCC! Enjoy an afternoon on the course, then come and cheer for your favorite horse!

Event includes golf, and a traditional Kentucky Derby Buffet. You don't want to miss the Horse betting, mint julep specials, & hat contest! **Shotgun at 3:30pm, watch the race at 6:34pm!** Entertainment will follow the race.

\$30 per golfer ~ *does not include cart*

or \$25 per person for just the buffet, race and entertainment

Call 724-238-7620 ext 6 to make your reservation!

8th Mother's Day Grande Buffet

Reservations Only all Day; 10 am to 6 pm. More details to come. Call ext 6 to make your reservation.

13th Golf After 4 (previously known as Golf After 5)

See page 7 for more details.



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MEMBER GUEST 2016

Friday, April 29th

11:30 Lunch Buffet

1:00 pm Shotgun

Dinner after Play

\$85 per person

for Hamburger/Hot Dog Lunch Buffet, Range
Balls, Golf with Cart, Italian Dinner Buffet,
Prizes and chance at the Giveaway
Event: Best Ball of 4-Gross and Net Divisions



Golf with Friends

**For Golf and Social Members
Handicap not required to play**

Member-Guest Giveaway!

One Guest will win a Golf Membership for 2016

One Member will win \$650 worth of Pre-Paid Food and Beverage Minimum for 2016



Sign up with the
Pro Shop
by April 22nd
724-238-7620 ext 3





OPENING DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 16th

Registration Deadline: April 14

Format and Registration

Best 2 of 4. Golf Members only.
\$40 for men; \$26 for ladies
Price includes Prizes, Breakfast, & Lunch
Sign up with the Pro Shop Ext 3

Schedule

8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
9:15 am	Shotgun
1:30 pm	Lunch Buffet
	Prizes to follow lunch

Golf After Four

Friday, May 13th

Saturday, June 18th

Sunday, July 10th

Saturday, August 6th

Nine Hole Round after 4:00 pm

No Green Fees for Guests (up to 3)

Must Ride at \$12.50 each

Must Purchase Dinner in the Clubhouse
Program for Golf Members Only

Tee Times Required; Please tell the Golf Shop you are doing Golf After Five and provide any guests' names

You will be charged \$20 for food (non-refundable) and be given a coupon to be deducted from your Dining bill after your round. If you eat prior to your round, show your dining bill to the golf shop.