

The Ligonier Links

LIGONIER COUNTRY CLUB 90TH SEASON

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FROM THE BOARD

It's hard to believe that we are about to start LCC's 90th season. We've come a long way from a 9-hole course with a farmhouse for a clubhouse. Please join us on March 7th to kick the season off right. There will be a special menu and history gallery, and at 7 pm entertainment by The Bricks.

Over the winter months we have finished replacing all of the carpet in the clubhouse; the ladies' locker room was last on the list, and at the request of

the ladies, a lounge area was created in the back of the room. The ladies' restroom was also renovated thanks to a leaky toilet. Thanks goes to Dave Berenbrok, Dan McDonald, Dave Gallatin, and Don Bolby for their help.



In front of the clubhouse 1949

On the course, tees were moved on #17 to address safety concerns regarding #18's new tee. A new cart path will also take you up to beside #17's green and then along #18's second new tee.

*-Dan Horner
Club President*

LADIES' GOLF

The Ladies Association hosted another successful Charity Breakfast last December. Mary Gilmore was selected to name our charity and choose Special Olympics. Three hundred and sixty dollars (\$360.00) were donated to that organization. Thanks to everyone who attended and a special thanks to Melane.

It's time to ready your golf clubs for the upcoming season and here are a few dates to save. The Association Opening Dinner is scheduled for

Thursday, April 16th, at 5:30; all female Club members are cordially invited. Please make your reservation through the Grill Room. Opening Day for Ligonier Country Club is Saturday, April 18th. Finally, the first Tuesday of Ladies' Golf Association play will be April 21st.

We would like to extend our congratulations to golf pro John Klinchock on his appointment to the Ligonier Valley School Board.

*-Tish McKeown,
Secretary*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| March 6 | Club Reopens 5 pm |
| March 7 | 90th Opening Party
Starts at 4:00 pm
7:00 pm: The Bricks |
| March 8 | Daylight Saving
Time Starts: Bloody
Mary Bar & More |
| March 17 | St Patrick's Day
6:00 Dinner and
Drink Specials |
| April 3 | Good Friday Event
10:00 am Shotgun |
| April 5 | Easter Buffets
12:30 & 3:30
Reservation Only |

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Ladies' Member-Member 1956 on #1 (now #10)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

William McGrath

Sponsored by Regina Beatty

Cole Luciani

Sponsored by John Graham

David Lentz

Scott Haines

Donald Gobbel

Sponsored by Tom Zoppetti

Welcome Back!

Donald Adair

MARCH HOURS

Sunday	12 pm to 7 pm
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12 pm to 8 pm
Wednesday	12 pm to 8 pm
Thursday	12 pm to 8 pm
Friday	12 pm to 8 pm
Saturday	12 pm to 9 pm

***Don't Miss Out on Your Favorite
Event this Year!***

*Events Can Fill Up Quickly:
Sign Up Early!*

FROM THE PRO

Welcome to the 2015 Golf Season!!! We are very excited to see the opening of Baseball Spring Training in Arizona and Florida, it somehow gives the feeling that Spring is right around the corner.

We recently attended the PGA Show in Orlando, the theme of the show was that golf which had been contracting, is now making a comeback. The overwhelming view is that Golf will continue to gain momentum through growth of the Game initiatives. In the upcoming months the Golf Shop will publicize new and exciting programs that are aimed at you, as well as the new and lapsed golfer. We will join forces with other clubs in an attempt to grow this wonderful game. Look for your chance to get involved!

Upcoming Golf Events for 2015:

Good Friday Open- Good Friday April 3rd Shotgun at 10am- Guests are welcome, and will be paired with the sponsoring Member. Entry will include Golf, Prizes, and Lunch.

Opening Day-Saturday April 18th-10 am Shotgun Start, A great way to kick off your season. Breakfast will include coffee and doughnuts, with

lunch buffet 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 16th at 5pm. (Ladies must also pre-sign to play.)

Ladies Opening Tuesday-April 21st at 10am—Thru the end of May the beginning time will be 10am, June-July-August play will begin at 9am, September start time back to 10am.

Men's Invitational—the dates are as follows: June 4-5-6, Thursday optional Practice Round, Tournament play Friday and Saturday. Please watch your mail for the flyer.

Junior Golf Camp Monday June 29th- Thursday July 2nd—only 25 participants taken

Junior Series—Very successful in 2014, the Series makes a return in May. The Junior Series will consist of consecutive Saturday clinics and play. The cost of the 4 the clinics will be \$75, and be filled up at 6 players. This clinic encompasses early season reminders for the players that have already been exposed to the game, and need a refresher prior to the start of the season. Last years players ranged in age from 10-14 10-14.

Ladies Guest Day Tuesday July 7th

Exchange Days—we will

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announce the schedule in the April Links.

Golf Shop News

Get a Grip Month- Lets get those old grips off your clubs prior to play this season. Start the year fresh and save some cash! Every regular golf grip installed will be \$1 off, and putter grips will be from \$2-\$5 off.

We will also be putting some new changes in the Golf Shop

We will take trade-ins on new equipment, but please keep two things in mind while trading: 1st -we only take golf equipment that is in the main stream of sales, no home made or off brand names. 2nd-the value of golf clubs tend to decline sharply over time. We want you to think of us 1st for all your golf needs. Pens and Pirate Merchandise (soon), ID Labels (shaft bands) to avoid lost or stolen clubs, Demo Clubs, New

Club Fitting Software, to mention just a few.

Second Generation Clubs-

don't need this years state of the art club, we have plenty of 2nd generation clubs to choose from. Here is what we offer: Professional Service, Custom Fitting, and great prices! If you want to not pay this year prices, just see one of our Professional Staff, I guarantee fantastic service.

The Cart and Bag Room will be open on March 1st, please don't hesitate to bring your equipment up in early Spring, get your new grips put on prior to Spring play or let us pump up those tires on your pushcart. The fee schedule is as follows:

Bag Storage \$80-clubs cleaned after every use
Range Pass \$125-unlimited range balls
Cart Storage \$50
Cart and Bag \$115
Cart, Bag, and Range \$220

2 Storage \$140

2 Range \$225

2 Bag and Single Cart \$190

2 Bag and 2 Cart \$240

If you do not see an arrangement that suits your needs please call the Golf Shop

Demo Clubs-if for any reason you still have 2014 Demo clubs, please call the Golf Shop and we will make arrangements to get them back or we can simply charge your account. There will be no problem either way. Thank you in advance!

The Golf Shop hours for March are as follows: Tuesday-Friday 9AM Open, Saturday-Sunday 7:30 Open. Shop and Clubhouse closed on Mondays however the course is open to walkers.

Hole In One Club-Last fall the pool was a hold over to the 2015 season. There is \$1000 in the pot to begin the year.

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DECEMBER 2014 RECAP

Our Party within a Party night sold out before we even advertised it and it went so well a number of the groups have already book for this year.

There were 151 in attendance for our Kids' Christmas Party. A big thank you to member Jack Krall for taking family portraits and candid pictures once again. If you have not picked up your CD copy of the pictures yet, you can pick them up at the bar or contact the office to have one mailed to you.

The Adult Holiday Mixer was the final event of 2014. It was the first time we had Hamilton Avenue Band in as our entertainment and by the response of those who attended, it won't be the last. Come see them on April 11th at the Opening Gala.

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We will begin taking money on April 1st, and continue to grow the pot thru Opening Day. Once Opening Day arrives all that have paid in will be eligible to win half cash/half credit for a HIO. Once someone wins the original pot we will bill the next \$10 entry to your account. The stipulations are as follows: 1) HIO must take place at LCC; 2) the HIO must be witnessed by a player in your group over the age of 16.

Cart Cards-as a Member you can save a few dollars by purchasing a Cart Card for 2015. Purchase 15 carts for \$270 and receive 2 free, that's a savings of \$36. **The cards will be sold thru Opening Day, you may certainly call the Golf Shop to charge to your account.**

The Masters will be coming up in early April, and of course we will be running a pool starting in late March for the best golf event of the year. This year's event will be contested April 10th -13th.

First Tee-The First Tee of Pittsburgh is a non-profit organization which depends on the donations of Country Clubs and individuals to teach the good word of Golf. The programs taught at the First Tee are targeted at young people in the inner city teaching them the core values centered around Golf. We have

been taking donations for the program for over 10 years, annually Dan McDonald and I load up my Jeep and deliver the bags, clubs, shoes, and balls. We will make another such trek in early April, please bring any donations to the Golf Shop prior to April 1st.

GHIN-If you are Golf or Social Member that does not have an established Handicap, the Golf Shop will be happy to accommodate you, contact the Golf Shop with your intention to have a **USGA Handicap**. You will be billed directly through the office a yearly charge of \$20, after 5 18 hole scores you will have your GHIN Handicap, if you are playing in an event here or at another facility most places prefer or even require that you have an updated USGA handicap.

If your **Company or Golf Event** needs anything related to the Golf industry no matter how large or how small please do not hesitate to contact John, Cathy, or Brian at the Golf Shop. We handle dozens of in house and out of house events throughout the year, and we are sure we can upgrade all your company or event needs. We handle imprinted tees, Poker Chips (new), coffee cups, umbrellas, Tee Shirt and hat combination packs (nice discount), Golf Shirt and hat combinations, Golf or dress

shirts, Personalized head covers (with your personal signature, or company logo), leather embossed wallets, Glassware for the Company Trophy or best salesperson, golf books with your company contact info inside the cover, Golf Bags from Ping or Sun Mountain. Most anything you can think of with your logo we can do! Stop in the Shop and we can show you samples, or have a sample sent directly to your home. Individual and Company references upon request.

*-John Klinchock
Golf Professional*

Question of the Month

Q: The trees at Ligonier have roots that are very much in play when you hit your ball near or under, is there a root rule, is it a free drop or is it something else?

-Rooted in Ligonier

A: There is unfortunately no such thing as a root rule, you can take an unplayable lie and a) move the ball two club lengths under penalty of one stroke, b) re-hit from where you played your previous shot and add a stroke, c) keeping the point where the ball lie directly between yourself and the flag you may go back as far as you wish under penalty of one stroke. Thanks for the Question, keep them coming.

You can write me an email or just simply leave your question on the machine at the shop. As always you will stay anonymous.

SURVEY FROM THE BOARD:

ATTENTION WINE ENTHUSIASTS

We have received comments from a number of members regarding the quality and selection of wine available for purchase at the club. Our storage capability for wines is very limited, and one of the issues with wine is that everyone has his or her preferences. Due to the comments and concerns that we have heard, and our very limited space available in the dining area, the Club is looking at the possibility of providing wine storage lockers for member's use to store their favorite wines at the club.

As we are presently thinking the program would work as follows:

- Locked wine storage bins would be located in the alcove next to the men's locker room.
- Lockers would have an individual key for the member's use only
- Lockers would hold 4 to 6 bottles of wine. Wine would be provided by the member. The club would rent the locker to the member on an annual basis (estimating \$100.00 per year)
- Member would be responsible for storing and retrieving wine bottles.
- Club would charge a corkage fee per bottle (currently \$10.00)

Before undertaking a project such as this, we wanted to see if there is sufficient interest in the program. If you have any interest or would like further information on the wine storage program, please send an email to or call Bill Elliott.

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE STAFF OF LIGONIER COUNTRY CLUB

Main Phone Number:
724-238-7620

Grillroom **Ext 2**
(Dining Reservations, Take Out
Orders, and Social Event Sign ups)

Pro Shop **Ext 3**
(Tee times, Golf Event Registration)

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Invite your Friends and Family to join in our 90th Anniversary Celebration

*Bring them out for Dinner
Bring them up for a Round a Golf
Bring them a Membership Application*

Members are our Best Recruiters
Help us Grow LCC this Season

*Contact Bill Elliott or the Office for Membership Rates and Specials
to pass along to the people in your life*

Lenten Fish Special

Fridays in March

Including: Beer Battered or Broiled Fish,
Sandwich or On a Dish — With Two Sides:
French Fries, Coleslaw, or
Homemade Mac-n-Cheese 8.99

Dinner for Two for \$22

Sundays in March

Basket of Chips, Two Home-style Entrees,
and a Dessert to Share

(Clubhouse is not open March 1st)

Good Friday Open

April 3rd

*10:00 am Shotgun
\$30 per person*

*Lenten Lunch Buffet
Follows Play*

*Sign up with the Pro Shop
at 724-238-7620 ext 3*

Kids' Klub with an Easter Twist

Friday, April 3rd

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

For Kids age 3 to 10

*Children can enjoy a evening of games and fun while
the parents can enjoy a relaxing dinner nearby;
Optional Dinner Buffet for the kids*

*Sign up with Allison at 724-238-7620 ext 6 or
allison@ligoniercountryclub.com*

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PASTA AND SCAMPI BAR NIGHTS

\$19.99 Adults \$7.99 Kids

Last Two Saturdays of Each Month 5 pm to 8 pm

Annual Easter Buffets

Sunday, April 5th



Buffet

Fresh Seasonal Fruit Display

Full Salad Bar

Carved Ham with Bourbon Sauce

Carved Lamb Roast with Mint Jelly

Roasted Turkey Breast with Stuffing and Gravy

Cajun Baked Salmon with Mandarin Peach Sauce

Chicken Parmesan

Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes

Penne Marinara with Mini Meatballs

Roasted Vegetables

Omelet Bar

Scampi and Pasta Bar

Assorted Desserts

Also For the Kids: Chicken Tenders and French Fries

12:30 and 3:30
Seatings

Reservation Only;
Tables assigned on
first-come, first serve
basis

\$22.99 Adults
\$10.99 Children 5 to 12