

## New Design

Every year the newsletter gets a new look. This year it got a whole new layout and order. Hope you like it! The Pro's News begins here on page 1 and continues on page 3. Ladies, turn to page 2. Upcoming events can be found on page 5 and event flyers afterwards.

## GHIN Handicap System

The Western PA Golf Association informed us in January of a raise in the annual GHIN fee. The annual fee beginning this year will now be \$25. Contact the office to be added or removed from the GHIN list. This fee is billed on March 31st if not prepaid last year.

## Food & Beverage Minimums

Minimums resume in March. If you are out of town for the winter, you can roll your minimums into the summer. Requests must be received by March 15th to roll March into April, or March/April into May/June. More info can be found on the website under 'Additional Member Information'.



# the Ligonier LINKS

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## From our Golf Pro ~ John

The Golf Shop Staff is very excited to get the 2016 season started. We spent our winter thinking about how to improve your golf experience. We worked on our custom fitting principals to help you play better as well as tweaking our clothing selection to make you look more stylish on and off the golf course.

Upcoming Golf Events for 2016:

**Good Friday Open-** Good Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>-Look for details in a separate email.

**Opening Day-Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>**-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 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. (Ladies must also pre-sign to play)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB ~ DAN HORNER

Winter was mild in the Laurel Highlands and hopefully it ends early and we'll have some great spring golf. This was the first winter in five years that there were no major projects in the clubhouse, but Bill and his staff were still quite busy reviewing and planning the new menu. A new look accompanies new items with an emphasis on seasonal and fresh ingredients at the best price we can offer.

Be sure to mark the spring events on your calendar especially the Opening Gala on April 9 and Opening Day on April 16.

Last year we informed you that the cart fee for members would rise \$2 to \$20 for 18 holes. Recently, we also adjusted some green fees in a effort to increase guest play. Golf member's family and guest fees have decreased \$10. We are

also offering a guest golf and cart package price in hopes that you continue to share LCC with your friends and have an opportunity to show off your club. Purchase 6 green fee/cart passes and get 3 free. That's 9 passes for \$360 or \$40 a player. They are good for 2016 only.

Which brings me to another point: beginning this year, all guests must be wrung through the member hosting them, even if the guest is paying for themselves with cash or credit card. This will provide us with more information the next time we review pricing. You may see zeroed line items for these charges, but feel free to contact Beth with any questions.

We'll see you all soon and hopefully with some warm weather.

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# ANNUAL OPENING GALA

Saturday, April 9th

6:30 pm

r.s.v.p. by April 1st

The night starts at 6:30 pm with strolling dinner stations

Entertainment by **Sugar Mountain Band**

\$35 per person

Price includes all buffet stations, entertainment, tax and gratuity

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



## 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

## Ladies Golf Association News ~ Tish McKeown

Welcome to the 2016 season! The Ladies' Golf Association's goal is to make 2016 a year of great golf, fun and friendship for our members. We have a full calendar scheduled for the season with events designed to please every level of player. As always, we encourage all female golfers to join our organization. For additional information regarding membership, please contact one of our officers.

At last year's Holiday Charity Brunch we raised three hundred and eighty dollars (\$380.00), which was donated to the Children's Aid Home. Melane Baraniak, the event's hostess, was chosen by

drawing to select the charity.

The Ladies' Association opening dinner will be held Thursday, April 14, 2016, with cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. The evening provides a wonderful opportunity to get reacquainted while enjoying a delicious meal. We will be accepting payment of membership dues for 2016, prior to the event. For reservations please call the Grill Room.

The first day of play for the Association is Tuesday, April 19th, 2016, with a ten o'clock tee time. Please arrive at the course by nine thirty a.m.

Thank you.

## Clubhouse Corner

Monday Closed; Tuesday-Thursday 12 p - 8 p;  
Saturday 12 p - 9 p; Sunday 12 p - 7 p



### LENT SPECIALS

Our Friday Daily Special is Beer Battered or Broiled Fish, Sandwich or On a Dish with two sides for \$11. And join us in the evening for seafood dinner specials.



### 80's TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us on Saturday, March 12th for another great trivia night. 6 pm to 8 pm. Bring your friends and test your knowledge.



### NEW MENU ITEMS

You'll find new "light" items this year, and more seasonal items as we update the menu monthly to take advantage of what's fresh. As well as updates to your favorites.

## ...more from our golf pro:

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### **Ladies Opening Tuesday-April 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2-3-4, Thursday optional Practice Round, Tournament play Friday and Saturday. Please watch your mail for the flyer.

### **3 Day Junior Golf Camp Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>- Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>-only 25 participants taken**

### **1 Day Junior Camp-Thurs June 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **1 Day Junior Camp-Thurs July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Junior Series**-Very successful in 2015, the Series makes a return in May. The Junior Series will consist of consecutive Saturday clinics and play. Cost for the entire 4 weeks 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 from ages 10-14.

**Exchange Days**-we will announce the schedule in the April Links.

### **Golf Shop News**

#### **\*New Events for 2016**

**\*Team Championship**-the first 32 two-person teams to sign up will compete to be the Match Play Team Champions of LCC, your team can be two men, two ladies, mixed couple, white tee players, green and white tee players, basically you decide. Play will begin from the green tees, white tees (handicaps will be adjusted accordingly), and ladies may play from the red tees. The event will be 85% of full handicap working off the trend (daily calculation of handicap by GHIN) throughout all play. The draw

will be done by computer, and will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Golf Shop will set the conditions of play, time parameters, etc.

**\*PGA Junior League Golf**- Team golf has made it to Ligonier (and it looks like great fun) we must first sign up for web access then prompt you to enter your youngster. Team golf has roots in little league baseball, basketball, and other team based sports. By all indications we believe that this will be a winner, please watch upcoming news and email for more information.

**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.

**King Of Swing**-Individual Season long Match Play event. Play will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> and is limited to first 31 players entered. Recently we caught up with Dave Strauser (King of Swing 2015), he said he was looking forward to this year's event and has a message for the other 31 players: "come get yourself some."

**The Cart and Bag Room** will be open on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Shop.

### **Pro V1 Loyalty Program-Order 3**

#### **Titleist Pro V1 Dozen, get 1 free.**

Imprinting is free and includes side imprinting as well as specific number capabilities. Orders may be placed thru the Golf Shop starting in March, promotion ends Opening Day.

### **Custom fitting of the new G series**

**from Ping** is now available, drivers, irons, and woods. We promise you, "we just won't sell you clubs, we will fit you with clubs that will make you better."

**Demo Clubs**-if for any reason you still have 2015 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 (golf members only, no guests).

**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. We

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## Welcome New Members

*Tom Guiher*

*Garrett Custer*

*Trent Hepner*

*Gerald Tresslar*

*Gerard Simon*

*sponsored by Tim Feeney*

*Jonathan Vesely*

*sponsored by Ken Burkley*

*Anthony Vittone*

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will begin taking money on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>.

**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 late March, please bring any donations to the Golf Shop prior to March 15th.

**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 \$25, 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 with company logo. 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. Our unique selling point is that you know we always have your best interest in mind!

**Golf Bash**-Greensburg Hose Company #2 holds an annual Golf Bash Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>, please call the Golf Shop if you wish to purchase a ticket.

## LCC CONTACTS AT 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)

**Office** Ext 5  
(Billing, Member Accounts, or Online Access Questions)

Bill Elliott	Ext 4
John Klinchock	Ext 3
John Hugo	Ext 7
Beth Porter	Ext 5
Allison Simon	Ext 6
Bobbie Jo Farrell	Ext 8
Richard Hammond	Ext 9

## Question OF THE MONTH

**Q:**What are the new rule changes for 2016 from the USGA and R&A that will directly affect my game at LCC?

**A:** Most everyone knows about the anchoring debate that raged last spring when the governing bodies changed the rule for anchored putters but the rules that affect you the most are: 1) You are no longer able to record scores in GHIN played by yourself. 2) If your ball has moved by you, then you are still responsible and will incur a 2 shot penalty and must replace the ball, however changing this year you **are not** responsible for the ball moving after address if you **did not** cause such movement, i.e. fast heavily sloped greens, wind, you must then play the ball as it lies. 3) Failure to include a penalty of which you were unaware that you should of taken on hole #12, and your card has been signed and returned to scorekeeper, in past years you would have been disqualified, but this year you add the penalty incurred on hole #12, plus a two shot penalty for omission of such rule.

# Calendar of EVENTS

## MARCH

4th Clubhouse Reopens 5 pm

12th 80s Trivia Night 6-8 pm

The night before we Spring Forward, Flash Back with us to the 80s and test your knowledge of the neon decade. Come early and enjoy dinner and drink specials. Call ext 6 to sign up.

19th Moore Wedding Club Closed

25th Good Friday Golf Event 10 am Shotgun

Sign up with the Pro Shop extension 3. Lenten lunch buffet follows play. \$30 per person. (Tentative event depending on weather and forecasts and the ability of the crew to have the course playable.)

25th Good Friday Dinner Specials

27th Annual Easter Buffets  
12:30 & 3:30 seatings

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

\$27 adults, \$12 children 5-12

Menu includes: Fresh Fruit Display, Salad Bar with Breadworks Bread, Carved Ham with a Bourbon Glaze, Carved Prime Rib with our House Horseradish Sauce, Carved Lamb with Mint Jelly, Tortilla Crusted Tilapia with Chipotle Lime Seasoning, Siracha Chicken Rotelle, Sliced Roasted Turkey with Gravy over Stuffing, Redskin Parsley Butter Potatoes, Homemade Mac-n-Cheese, Brown Sugar Buttered Baby Carrots, Green Beans Almondine, Chef-manned Omelet Bar and Pasta Bar, Boneless Chicken Wings and Fries, Assorted Desserts.

(12:30 Seating Sold Out as of printing; wait list available.)

## 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 strolling stations. \$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.

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

29th Member-Guest 1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Introduce your friends and family to LCC with this great event. Hamburger and Hot Dog Buffet at 11:30 am followed by a round of golf and then an Italian dinner buffet.

Membership giveaways for guests and a chance to win a minimum discount for members.

\$85 pp includes golf, cart, range balls, prizes, lunch and dinner. Socials welcome.



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