

# The Ligonier Links

LIGONIER COUNTRY CLUB 90TH SEASON

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## FROM THE BOARD

Summer is upon us despite Old Man Winter's reluctance to go away. Keep an eye out for some new events and activities this year, as well as the old favorites. Don't wait too long to sign up for these events; we sold out our Member-Guest for the first time on May 1st, and hope that trend continues for all our events. It's your participation that makes events memorable.

We hope to see many of you for Mother's Day on May 10th and a California Wine Tasting on May 23rd.

As the outings start rolling, please remember to consult your newsletter and calendar

for closures. We do our best to only close facilities when absolutely needed. Remember: even if there is an event on the calendar, it does not mean we're closed, and outings generally only close the course for 5-6 hours. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding when it comes to outside golf outings.

Our new website will keep you updated on all the goings on at the club. Please check it regularly. Right on the front page will be listed a important updates including frost or rain delays and calendar changes or reminders.

*-Dan Horner  
Club President*

## LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Association hosted its annual Spring Dinner on April 16th. During cocktails we had time to socialize and do a little shopping with Kathy Klinchock. Our pro, John Klinchock was on hand to give us a light-hearted, preseason pep talk. The evening was a great beginning to the upcoming season. A special thanks to Bill and his staff for providing a delicious meal and excellent service.

We are pleased to announce that Betty Rosa has generously agreed to assume the office of treasurer for this year.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to extend our sympathy to Anne Aungier in the death of her husband, Ronald.

*-Tish McKeown,  
Secretary*

Member, Kate Miller will be participating in the 1st ever USGA Women's Amateur

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2	Derby Day 6:30 pm The Bricks
May 6	Proprietary Meeting 7:00 pm
May 8	Enos Memorial Golf 10:30 am Shotgun <b>Clubhouse Closed</b>
May 15	Red Cross Golf 11:00 am Shotgun
May 22	<b>Clubhouse Closes at 3:00 pm</b> for two Member's Events
May 28	Relay for Life Golf 1:00 pm Shotgun <b>Clubhouse Closed</b>
June 4-6	Men's Invitational <b>Closed Fri &amp; Sat</b>

Four-Ball Championship that is being conducted at the Bandon Dune Golf Resort in Bandon, Oregon from May 9th-13th. Her playing partner is Amber March Elliott from Greensboro, North Carolina. Live scoring will be available on USGA website and the tournament coverage will be provided by Fox Sports starting on May 12th

*-from Kristen Obush*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Larry Stormer

Paul Kennedy

Joe Golden

Rick Dell

Sponsored by William Rosa

John Gdula

Sponsored by Chris Ziance

Pete Pacienza

Sponsored by David Strauser

Ryan Scalise

Rita Whiteman

Ben Faas

Jacob Bolby

Ben Grace

Robert Boscarino

Sponsored by Ken Burkley

Robert Kamin

Robert Garland

Thomas Conn

Neil Gonda

James Miano

B.J. Torau

**WELCOME NEW JUNIORS**

Kelsey Stormer

Lindsey Stormer

Conner Kok

Zane Harshell

Robert Maxwell

Gabe Gonda

**SUMMER HOURS**

Sunday	11:00 pm to 8 pm
Monday	Closed
Tues- Sat	11:00 am to 9 pm

Open Memorial Day, 11 am to 4 pm with a lunch buffet

**FROM THE PRO**

As I write this newsletter for May I look out the window and see snow covered ground but by the time you receive this news temps should be rounding into spring shape. Come up to the course, play a round, practice on the range, take 10 minutes and get back that putting form that has gotten out of whack. I guarantee that you will feel better when you leave.

**Events to keep on your schedule:****Men's Senior Championship-**

Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>-Age brackets define play, 50-60, 61-70, and 71+. Morning tee-times will start at 8am, and run throughout morning. All play will be from the Green Tees. Both gross and net divisions.

**Ladies' Senior Championship-**

Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>-Age brackets as defined above, All play will be from the Red Tees. Tee times will begin at 10:15. Both Gross and net divisions.

**Memorial Day Weekend-**

we have planned to continue with the format that everyone enjoyed last year, you can play any amount of days you wish, have as many partners as you wish, and the event will be scored over 3 days. This pick your partner event will be a fun filled challenge, last year we paid out nearly \$800 in

prize money. Simply pick a partner for Saturday, Sunday, or Monday and play best ball of 2, we will pay low team money for the day, as well as the overall weekend low teams.

**The Men's Invitational June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.** We are now filled, but please call if interested for the wait list. Friday the course will be closed until approximately 5, and Saturday re-open after 3pm. That weekend will once again be one of the great highlights of this Golf Season. We will have tee times available that Thursday of the Practice Round for the overall Membership, please don't think the course will be tied up all day.

**Cobra Demo Day**—Thursday May 14 from 3-6pm on the practice range

**Callaway Demo Day-** Tuesday May 26 from 3-6pm on the practice range

**Big Skins-Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Member-Member Saturday-Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

**King of Swing**-sign-up is now under way to find a match Play Champion, Matches will begin in the area of mid-May. We will only take the first 15 to register, please don't get shut out. Tom Zoppetti is very excited about defending his championship.

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**White Tee King of Swing-**The white tee or forward tee has been growing in popularity over the last few years, and here it is your own Championship. The play will only be from the White Tees and be run just like the other King Of Swing.

**Ireland Update:** John has gotten a group together to travel to **Ireland** (see September of 2014 Newsletter) and has 2 drops from our 8 player chauffeur motor coach tour. Please call the Golf Shop if your schedule permits you to travel on September 7-14 to beautiful Southwest Ireland. We currently have 6 players but are looking for 2 additions, I promise only the best courses and a whole lot of fun.

**Ladies Play Evenings-**The following will be the dates for the Late-Tees play nights, the evening will begin at 5:30 with

brief swing instruction and followed by 9 holes. The theme of the evening is fun golf for the lapsed golfer, the beginner, and the novice. Cathy will once again be your host for this relaxed golf evening. The dates will be all Tuesday's: May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 2, June 16, July 7, July 21, and August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Junior camp** for 2015 is currently filled, if you wish you may call the Golf Shop to be put on a wait list. We are actively searching for other dates to accommodate

**Mothers Day-** We will have great products reduced for Mothers Day, and as always free gift wrapping.

**Golf After 5** has been a big hit so far, here are the particulars: One Friday or Saturday of each month we will designate as Golf after 5, you may sign up in the shop

for a tee time after 5 pm that particular day. You may bring 1, 2, or 3 guests and the 9 hole Green fee will be waived, you must ride a cart and you must stay for Dinner. The days we have designated for play are as follows: -Saturday May 16, -Friday June 19, -Saturday July 11, -Saturday August 8. This program is for Golf members only.

**Opening Day** was contested last Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, the forecast called for bad weather in the 10 day however the weather turned to be one of the nicest days of the spring. We had 64 Men and 11 Ladies rounded out the field. The Golf Course was excellent, while the doughnuts and lunch was stupendous. Oh yea we also played golf, the winners were:

**Ladies** — Katie Miller, Becky DeMuth, Gayle Smith, Marcie Larson. Proximity winners

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## APRIL 2015 RECAP

Our Easter buffets were attended by 257 members and their families on rare warm day for last month. We hope you all enjoyed the food and time with your families, and that we see many of you again for Mother's Day.

The Opening Gala's turnout was a little smaller than usual, but the crowd enjoyed music by Hamilton Avenue Band in their second visit to the club. If you missed out, they'll be back for this year's Turkey Trot. Congratulations to Chuck Vecchiola for winning the scavenger hunt.

Opening Day's weather was near perfect and our 75 golfers got to play in some sunshine! See the Pro's news for the winners. Thank you to all the participants for starting off the season with us.

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Kristen Obush, Marcie Larson, and Becky DeMuth.

**Men- Tie 1<sup>st</sup>** Dan DiCola Sr. Walt Shutter, Joe Griffith, Mike Goerlich. **2<sup>nd</sup>** Jim Mendillo, Harry Harbaugh, Chris Antonikas, Dave Dillman. **3<sup>rd</sup>** Bob Luther, Rick Stephenson, Don Laudadio, Ron Burns. **4<sup>th</sup>** Joe Pianko, Mark Elliott, Chris Kerr, Mike Goodwin. **5<sup>th</sup>** Rick McLeary, Jack Krall, Gary Rigoni, Vince Detore. Proximity winners Chris Kerr, Corey Riddell, Pat Wallace, Mike Cunningham, Mike Goodwin, Mike Dandrea, Dave Dillman, Todd Cline. Thank you to all players that participated!

The innovation in clubs will certainly made your head spin with so many options, let us help you through the info overload. We have more demo clubs this year than ever before, multiple demo putters and quite a few demo wedges. The Golf Shop carries everything from great value starter sets for both ladies and men such as Tour Edge, through top line equipment such as Ping, Titleist, Taylormade, Mizuno, and Callaway. Let your local Golf Shop help you instead of some big box store that does not know your name or care if you ever come back following your purchase.

The Golf Shop will be staffed by a few familiar faces but also

a few that will be new to you. The familiar faces with Cathy and John will be: Brian Washington (18 years), Brent Cairns (8), Al Spangler (4), Ben Havrilla (4), JD Wallace (2), Nick Puvak (2), Jake Schott (2), Sam Maust (4), Denny Obrien (7), Sheldon Kiser (2), Mike Saforic (rookie). Both Isaac Brubaker (4) and Connor Maust (7) will be here on a limited basis.

The Golf Shop has a new label process to **avoid lost clubs**. If you are tired of your labels that you did at home continually peeling and flaking, well these are for you, they include Name, address, and phone number.

Bedford Springs has approached us about special rates for our Members and their guests, the rates include special rates on golf, dining, overnight stays, and Golf Shop items. All Preferred Partner Program arrangements must be made through our Golf Shop. Please call us and we can send you the info via email, since there are multiple options.

**Upcoming Exchange Days**  
**(updated as of 4-29) Cart**  
**Cost is Now \$25**

- Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>-Valley Green GC
- Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>-MannittoGC and North Fork CC
- Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>-NorveltGC
- Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>-SomersetCC

- Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>-HannastownGC
- Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>-Latrobe ElksGC
- Monday June 29<sup>th</sup>-Mt.OdinGC
- Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>-Summit CC
- Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>-Latrobe Elks GC
- Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>-Champion Lakes GC & GlenGary GC
- Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>-Hidden ValleyGC
- Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>-Middle Creek GC

The Golf Shop would like to take this opportunity to Thank everyone that has supported us over the past 18 years. We take pride in our customer service as well as our selection and great Member prices. We look forward to another great 18 years!

*-John Klinchock  
Golf Professional*

## Question of the Month

**Q: My friend and I like to play as quick as possible, when we come out to play on Weekend afternoons we are slowed by the groups of players, what can we do to alleviate this problem?**

**-Confused in Champion**

A. We understand that not everyone wants to be paired up to play in either 3's or 4's, however those are some of the busiest times on the course. If you are going to be a twosome on a weekend afternoon please understand that if the groups in front of you are playing without delay and making the turn of 9 holes in 2 hours or under that the Golf Shop has no recourse.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

- All golf members are assigned and must have a locker. If you don't know your locker number, need help locating it contact Membership Director, Allison (ext 6 or [allison@ligoniercountryclub.com](mailto:allison@ligoniercountryclub.com)), or see the locker list posted on the locker room bulletin board.
- Membership Cards are no longer issued except by personal request. If you would like a card, please contact the office.

## HOW TO CHECK YOUR MONTHLY MINIMUM VIA ONLINE BILLING

- Log in to the club's website and enter Online Billing
- Select current under "Statement Period" to bring up the current month's sales and information
- Below the sales items will be a box listing the minimum required, minimum met, and what, if any, minimum is remaining. Please allow five days for events to post
- You can review your Dining Room, Shack and Event charges that make up your minimum used by clicking on the red underlined reference number

Please feel free to contact our Controller, Beth (ext 5) with any questions.

*Have you signed up for eStatements yet?*



## Late-Tees Night

Tuesday Nights with Cathy Klinchock

5:30 brief instruction followed by 9 holes of fun golf

Scheduled Dates:

May 19th, June 2nd, June 16th, July 7th,

July 21st, and August 4th

*Call the Pro Shop for more information, 724-238-7620 ext 3*

## Mother's Day Sunday, May 10th

*12:30 pm Grande Lunch Buffet  
5 pm to 7 pm Four Course Sit Down*

*Reservations Only All Day*

*Call Bobbie Jo to make your reservation: 724-238-7620 ext 8*



## EASY BREEZY BRIDGE

Tuesday Night Bridge resumes

May 5th at 6:30 pm

No sign up required

Join us for the dinner before play begins

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# Golf After Five

Saturday, May 16th

Friday, June 19th

Saturday, July 11th

Saturday, August 8th

Nine Hole Round after 5:00 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.*

## NIGHTLY DINING SPECIALS

### Tuesdays: International Buffet Night

May 5th: Mexico, May 12th: UK, May 19th: Italy, May 26th: China

### Wednesdays: Half Dozen Wings with Mini Pizza

\$7.99 All Day

### Thursdays: New Dinner for Two for \$22

Family Style Salad, 2 entrees from a select menu, and dessert to share

## 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