

# LIGONIER LINKS

March 1, 2020

## FROM THE BOARD

DAVID GALLATIN

Even though your Club may have been officially “closed” over the last couple of months, much has been accomplished to get things ready for the upcoming season. Thanks to quite a few volunteer club members and our devoted staff, cleaning, painting and general maintenance has been occurring to get things ready for our re-opening in March. Thanks especially to Dan McDonald, Dave Berenbrok, Ed and Darlene Elliott and many others for lending a hand.

Much work has also been occurring on the golf course, led by Green’s Chair Dave Lincoln and our newly named Green’s Superintendent Jim Born. Due to the mild weather so far this winter, we were able to complete bunker

drainage improvements on some bunkers in advance of the green drainage project set for later this spring. We are on schedule (weather permitting) to have the greens drainage done in April, along with the complete reconstruction of #12 green soon thereafter. Jim and his staff are also reconditioning and maintaining all of our golf course equipment as well this off season.

Our new PGA Professional, Sean Knaus, has begun his new position and has “hit the ground running”. He has already recruited an assistant and has begun the hiring process to staff the pro shop. He has some exciting ideas about additional club events, junior programs, and other

fun events. He is in the process of stocking the pro shop with equipment and soft goods, and will be fully stocked by opening day, May 2nd.

In short, we are all really excited about the upcoming year at Ligonier Country Club. Our new staff members have some great ideas and all of us on the Board share their excitement. And, of course, all will be organized by Bill Elliott in his outstanding way. We hope that you will be able to attend our meet-and-greet event on March 14 so you will be able to meet Jim and Sean and hear about their plans for this year and to catch up with some of your golf friends whom you may not have seen in the offseason.

## LADIES’ GOLF NEWS

BARBARA SLOAN

The Ladies’ Golf Association is holding the season opening dinner on Tuesday, April 28 starting with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. We would invite all the lady members of the club to join us for a meet and greet. Reservations can be made by calling the Grill Room.

The new World Wide Handicap system is bringing many changes affecting play and scoring. Sean Knaus, our Pro, will be giving a presentation on the new system. In addition, he will have a trunk show with new merchandise from B-Skinz skorts on display. There will be a 20% discount on purchases.

Opening play will start on Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m. with a scramble. No handicap is required, and we would

encourage non-members to join in this fun event. Just call the Pro Shop to sign up.

We are excited about the changes for ladies’ play this year. The forward/orange tees now have a slope and course rating which means that you don’t have to play from the red tees on Ladies’ Tuesdays or any other day. We also have an active group of 9-hole players that has found golf to be fun again from the forward tees. Information about other golfing opportunities, such as weekend play, will be available at the dinner.

The Ligonier Country Club Ladies Golf Association (LCCLGA) is a not-for-profit organization formed to promote and foster the true spirit of the game of

golf, and to create and maintain interest in the club and golf activities for women. It is the intention of the Association to encourage a friendly environment for members, regardless of level of play. LCCLGA offers both a Tuesday 18-hole and 9-hole calendar of golf events for those who golf from May to September. Lunch is encouraged following golf to share a few laughs and a few golf tales with your fellow Association members!

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Ladies’ Golf Association, please feel free to contact one of the Board Members: Darlene Elliott, Melane Baraniak, JoAn Treskovich, Carolyn Morford or Barbara Sloan.

## Upcoming Events

- Meet and Greet ~ Saturday, March 14th
- Alec Henderson Performs ~ Friday, March 27
- Pasta/Scampi Bar ~ Saturday, March 28th
- Lunch with the Bunny ~ Sunday, April 5th

## Welcome New Members

Dennis Spinella  
John Larson

Jeff Schmucker  
Sammy Nicklow

Dear Ligonier Country Club Members,

First and foremost, let me tell you know how excited and extremely fortunate to be selected as your Head Golf Professional. I would like to thank the Board of Directors and The Search Committee for this wonderful opportunity. I was born and raised in Latrobe, so it feels great to be back in the area. I started my professional career at Latrobe Elks Golf Club, moved on to Sewickley Heights Golf Club, eight years at The Pittsburgh Field Club and most recently at Edgewood Country Club as the First Assistant Golf Professional.

Along with myself there will be many new faces in the Golf Operation. Jesse Cantley will be my Assistant Professional and will be here starting March 10. Jesse comes from Edgewood Country Club as well as TopGolf in Bridgeville.

**Golf Shop-** Most of the merchandise will be delivered during the month of March so bear with me during the process of transitioning the golf shop. Golf merchandising has always been one of my favorite aspects of the job.

- Members will receive 20% off retail on all apparel and accessory items
- Demo product & a FlightScope launch monitor will all be available for all fittings
- Online only sales featuring one of a kind unique product
- A weekly newsletter will be emailed featuring upcoming events, sign up procedures, corporate specials and much more.

**Member Events & Clinics-** A wide range of men's, ladies, couples, and parent/junior events, men's and ladies Golf Shop match play events and Fitting Days will be on hand. I will also conduct diverse golf clinics, women only clinics and an extensive junior golf program. We will also be hosting a wedge fitting day for the new Titleist SM8. Fliers and information for these will be sent out very shortly.

**Social Media-** Please follow the golf shops Social Media on Instagram and Facebook for Swing Tips, Flash Sales, Promotions, Event Results and New Merchandise Arrivals.

- Instagram- [lccgolf1925](https://www.instagram.com/lccgolf1925)
- Facebook- [Ligonier Golf Shop](https://www.facebook.com/LigonierGolfShop)

**Handicaps-** The World Handicap System went into effect on January 1 and you should have received your new handicap index. Documents will be placed throughout the Golf Shop and bulletin boards with the changes. These changes will be in my first newsletter coming in March.

We look forward to meeting everyone, warm temperatures, lower scores and an outstanding 2020 FUN year at Ligonier Country Club

Warm Regards,  
Sean Knaus, PGA  
[sean@ligoniercountryclub.com](mailto:sean@ligoniercountryclub.com)

#### MEMBER'S CHOICE MENU

We were so happy that so many members participated in our survey for the opening menu for 2020! Thank you to all those who responded!

There were a few close races, so look for runner up items to show up on later menus.

Visit the [Blog](#) to see the survey results. Bobbie Jo has marked the winners on the menu with a "MC".

#### MINIMUM ROLLOVER REQUESTS

Food and Beverage Minimums resume in March. Don't forget that rollover requests must be received by the 15th of the first month affected. Contact the office or visit the website for more information.



**meet & greet**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2020**

**6PM**

JOIN US FOR AN INTRODUCTORY NIGHT  
MEET THE NEWEST  
MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM!

**SUPERINTENDENT JIM BORN**  
&  
**PGA PRO SEAN KNAUS**

**COMPLIMENTARY**  
LITE HORS D'OEUVRES, DOMESTIC DRAFT BEER & HOUSE WINE  
BEER TASTING BY INKA DISTRIBUTING  
STATESIDE VODKA SAMPLING  
MUSIC BY JANE & JOE  
IRISH DINNER SPECIALS

**( IF STAYING FOR DINNER, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED )**

# LIGONIER CC

## Social Committee Update

### Welcome 2020!

#### Committee News!

Our Board and Management has been concentrating their efforts in improving our Ligonier Country Club experience for this year. While our efforts have been focused on our greens and golf course. ... We are also committed to make our social activities more family friendly and encourage more member participation in 2020.

#### 2020 Major Events

Kentucky Derby Day

Easter Buffet

Opening Gala

Mother's Day Buffet

Family Fun Day

Fall Festival

Turkey Trot

Kids Events throughout the year.



## We need your help!

*Committees are made of a group of people.....working together! The last few years our committees were primarily directed by our Board....with the majority of work done by Ligonier Country Club employees. In 2019, we did not replace our Banquet and Membership Manager that handled much of these responsibilities.*

We are looking for people willing to serve on this committee. Our vetting process is simple ....looking for people who are excited about our club ....and can bring new ideas.....if that fits you  
contact : Mark Elliott , Chair Social Committee  
...Melevel107@gmail.com

### Lunch with the Bunny

**Sunday, April 5th**

1:00-2:00pm

Includes buffet lunch  
and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Children \$8 Adults \$12  
Reservation Only. Call Bobbie Jo.  
724-238-7620 ext 2-8

### Grande Easter Buffet

**Sunday, April 12th**

10 AM TO 1 PM BRUNCH ITEMS  
1 PM TO 5 PM DINNER ITEMS

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE

RESERVATION ONLY  
CALL 724-238-7620 EXT 2-8



February		MARCH, 2020				April	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9 Clubhouse Closed	10 12:00pm Hannah Meeting 12:00pm Club Reopens	11	12 06:00pm Kay Group	13 12:00pm Lent Specials	14 06:00pm Meet and Greet 06:30pm Nagel Group	
15	16 Clubhouse Closed	17 Saint Patricks Day	18	19	20 12:00pm Lent Specials	21	
22	23 Clubhouse Closed	24 06:00pm Derry NHS	25	26	27 12:00pm Lent Specials 06:00pm Alec Henderson Performs	28 05:00pm Scampi/Pasta Bar	
March		A PRIL, 2020				May	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29	30	31	1 06:30pm LVHS Cheerleaders	2 Spring Aerification	3 12:00pm Lent Specials	4 Spitzer Shower	
5 01:00pm Lunch with the Bunny	6 Clubhouse Closed	7	8	9	10 12:00pm Lent Specials	11	

### March Hours

Clubhouse: Tues-Thurs 11:30 am to 8 pm; Fri-Sat 11:30 am to 9 pm; Sun 11:30 am to 7 pm

Golf Shop March: Weekdays 9 am to 6 pm; Weekends 7:30 am to 6 pm

## IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2020

With the a brand new golf shop staff the Board of Governors asks for your assistance in acclimating our new staff by following both established and new procedures.

### Check in

- Don't forget all golfers are required to **check in** at the pro shop before teeing off. This is both a liquor licensing and insurance requirement.
- **Cart keys** will no longer be left in carts; you must check in to the shop to receive your key. Arrangements will be made for those who pick up a cart on the back nine.

### Reminders

- No outside food, beverages, or coolers (per PLCB and PA Ag)
- Repair ball marks and divots
- Knock sand off of shoes when leaving bunkers
- Guests must be signed in either golf shop or clubhouse (per PLCB)
- When you hear a siren, please seek shelter asap

### Billing

- The **Club will now bill for the following services:** Range, Bag Storage, and Push Cart Storage. You will need to sign up for these services again, even if you've had them in the past. Sign up with the Golf Shop. Availability for some storage options are limited.
- Merchandise and Lessons will remain part of Sean's business, but if you choose to bill your purchases they will now appear on your Club bill. Any questions regarding these purchases should be directed to the Golf Shop, but details will be viewable online.
- **In summary:** you will only receive one bill for all club and merchandise purchases beginning in March 2020.

### Ambulance

- Don't panic if you spot an ambulance parked in the lot. We are simply allowing the local ambulance service to park in the lot when they are on standby for calls.

### Golf Shop Services—Club will Bill

Range Season Pass	\$125
Range per Bag (medium)	\$5
Bag Storage and Club Cleaning	\$80
Cart Storage	\$50
Bag and Cart Storage	\$100
Bag and Cart Storage and Range	\$200

Sign up with the Golf Shop. 724-238-7620 ext 2-3 or email.  
You must sign up anew this year.