

## From The Board

**Kristen Obush, Club President**

Welcome Back!

Well we may be past the worst of winter, even though snow won't be out of the forecast completely for a few weeks more. And the sun this week makes all yearn for the links.

The course will be open for walking on nice days and carts will become available after March 9th and/or once our superintendent, Jim Born deems it safe enough to traverse areas. Keep in mind that the course was under snow for the better part of two months, so areas will be muddy and soft. Mind the cart path rules both posted and standing, and always park cars on the cart path; you do not need to pull off to the side.

There's a lot of information in this newsletter, so please read fully and carefully. And we'll see you all soon!

## Welcome Back!

Dining Resumes at 5 pm Wednesday, March 9th.

Dining Hours:  
Wednesdays to Saturdays: 12 pm to 8 pm  
with last reservation at 7:30 pm

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(press 2 to dial extensions, press ext 2)

Reservations can also be left at ext 8 when the clubhouse is closed, or email [contact@ligoniercountryclub.com](mailto:contact@ligoniercountryclub.com)

Dinner Reservations are Required by 4:00 pm; we may close early according to reservations

## Membership News 2022

**Mark Elliott, Membership Committee**

Last year presented many challenges to our staff, Management, and Board. Staffing was down by 15% with some key areas having greater attrition. Our Kitchen staff, Course Maintenance and Pro shop all faced a shortage of people needed to adequately staff our club.

Special thanks to Bill, Jim Born, Sean and the rest of the staff for yeomen work in this area.

Our Board and Management determined early in 2021 that we needed to address this situation. We needed to retain our good employees, make sure that work conditions were not burning out staff, and at the same time provide our membership with the type of experience that Ligonier Country Club is known for.

Besides addressing compensation and benefits, our Board capped our membership in 2021; we then set up a waiting list for potential members.

We are seeing unemployment data trending more favorably in the early stages of 2022. That said, hiring in some key areas will still be an ongoing challenge. We are looking for qualified cooks, kitchen staff, Pro shop help and maintenance staff for the course. Any assistance from our membership is greatly appreciated!

Which brings us to 2022... We are excited about this year. We have a full events slate for our members. The club has also booked outside events and weddings. This will help defray increasing expenses and generate much needed revenue.

The Board has reviewed our member cap in 2022. We will be permitting some new members in 2022. That number, which will be subject to staffing needs will be in the 15 to 30 range. We again anticipate a waiting list in effect as we are getting much more activity here.

In closing a heartfelt thank you to our membership for recognizing the challenges our staff has faced. The past two years have been difficult for our staff. We have a special group of workers that are family. Your continued support with our staff is another reason that makes our Club a great place to be.

## Ladies Golf News

### Barb Sloan, LGA Secretary

After a long winter, the beginning of our 2022 season is in sight.

The Executive Board met on February 9 to map out our schedule. We will begin play on Tuesday, May 3 with the traditional opening scramble. Please sign up in the Pro Shop by Saturday, April 30, so Sean Knaus can make up the teams.

Due to dining capacity limits, the end of the month crush and potential weather problems, our opening dinner will be delayed. It has been set for Thursday, May 14. Cocktails will be at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Pro Shop if you plan to attend.

We have usually paid our dues and received our booklet at the dinner. Given the schedule change, members are encouraged to pay dues, set at \$65.00, in the Pro Shop the last week of April and get the booklet at that time.

LCC members who are not members of the Ladies Golf Association are invited to play in the opening day scramble and/or to join us for dinner on May 14. They are opportunities to learn about our events and activities. Even if you work and cannot play on Tuesdays, there is a way your weekend play can allow you to compete in events. We have both 18-hole and 9-hole groups and use both the red and orange tees so there is something for all abilities. Plus, we have set tee times for Thursdays and the weekend so you can always find a group to play with.

The Board decided against holding an Invitational this year. Members may bring up to three guests for Friends Day. There will be a cart fee charge for each guest, and you will be responsible for the lunch. Friends Day will be on June 28.

Other important dates to mark in your calendar:

King & Queens: June 14  
Queen Bee and Lady Bug: July 19 and 26  
Ladies Classic: August 16  
Closing Day: October 4

Our schedule will be impacted by Memorial Day and July 4th. As both fall on Monday this year, club will be closed on Tuesday May 31 and Tuesday July 5. It will be open for play on the holidays.

## WESTERN INFORMATION

If you are a full golfing member of the club and have a handicap index of 21.4 or less, you could be eligible to join the Women's Golf Association of Western PA. Membership affords you the opportunity to play in events or open days at many of the Country Clubs in the Western PA area. For more information, please contact Carolyn Morford at [cbmorford@gmail.com](mailto:cbmorford@gmail.com) or 724-244-5349.

## Lockers and GHIN and Shop Services

Lockers: Social, evening, non-resident and junior golfers may pay \$75 per year for a locker. If you no longer wish to have a locker, let the [office](#) know.

GHIN: will be billed to anyone on the list as of March 31st. You MUST let the [office](#) know by March 20th if you do not want GHIN this year. The \$30 fee is non-refundable after billing.

If you would like to sign up for a locker or GHIN, or for any of the golf shop services, [contact](#) the [office](#) or [golf shop](#).

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Range per Bag                  | \$5   |
| Range Season Pass              | \$175 |
| Bag Storage and Club Cleaning  | \$100 |
| Bag Storage and Range Pass     | \$250 |
| Push Cart Storage              | \$75  |
| Bag and Cart Storage           | \$150 |
| Bag and Cart Storage and Range | \$275 |

Push carts are also available for rent through the Golf Shop.

The range is open during shop hours, weather permitting. It closes Tuesdays and Fridays at 4:30 pm for picking and maintenance.

**GHIN**— Ligonier Country Club is part of the Golf Handicap Information Network. To establish a handicap, please speak with the golf shop staff. Cost is established by the network, currently, \$30 (to \$32 in 2023).

*Ligonier Country Club's*  
**2022 LIST OF EVENTS**

*\*All events subject to change\**

**Bar Bingo** - Thursday, March 24th & Thursday, April 14th

**Easter Brunch** - April 17th

**Home on the Range** - Saturday, April 23rd

**Glow Golf** - Friday, April 29th

**Opening Weekend** - Saturday, April 30th

**Bucks n Does** - Thursday, May 5th, June 9th, July 14th & Oct. 6th

**Mother's Day Brunch** - Sunday, May 8th

**Intermediate SWATs** - Thursday, May 26th, June 16th, July 23rd, August 11th

**Music Trivia** - Saturday, May 28th

**Men's Invitational** - June 2nd, 3rd, & 4th

**Pickleball Tournament** - Saturday, June 11th

**Father's Day BBQ** - Sunday, June 19th

**Steel Mill Rising** - Saturday, June 25th

**Painting with a Twist** - Thursday, July 7th

**Member~Member** - July 9th & 10th

**Member~Guest** - Saturday, August 6th

**Summer Picnic** - Sunday, August 7th

**Club Championship** - August 13th & 14th

**Reggae Night** - Saturday, August 20th

**Bocce Tournament** - Saturday, August 27th

**Glow Golf** - Saturday, August 27th

**5-Man Scramble** - Sunday, Sept. 4th

**Symphony Under the Stars** - Saturday, Sept. 17th

**XC Classic** - Sunday, Sept. 18th

**Ray's Revenge** - Saturday, October 22nd

**Pumpkin Par 3** - Saturday, October 29th

**Harvest Party** - Friday, November 4th

**Turkey Trot** - Saturday, November 12th

**Kid's Holiday Party** - Saturday, December 17th

**Adult Holiday Mixer** - Saturday, December 17th



| February                                 |                   | MARCH, 2022       |   |                         |  | April   |             |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------------|--|---|-------------|
| Sunday                                   | Monday            | Tuesday           | Wednesday                                       | Thursday                | Friday                                       | Saturday  |             |
| 27                                       | 28                | 1                 | 2   | 3                       | 4  | 5   |             |
| 6  | 7                 | 8                 | 9<br>Club Reopens<br><br>05:00pm Dining Resumes | 10                      | 11<br>Lent Specials<br><br>05:00pm Pasta Bar | 12<br>05:00pm Pasta Bar                           |             |
| 13<br>Daylight Saving<br><br>Club Closed | 14<br>Club Closed | 15<br>Club Closed | 16  | 17<br>St Patrick's Day  | 18<br>Lent Specials                          | 19  |             |
| 20<br>Club Closed                        | 21<br>Club Closed | 22<br>Club Closed | 23  | 24<br>05:00pm Bar Bingo | 25<br>Lent Specials<br><br>05:00pm Pasta Bar | 26<br>05:00pm Pasta Bar<br><br>05:00pm Joe Golden |             |
| 27<br>Club Closed                        | 28<br>Club Closed | 29<br>Club Closed | 30  | 31                      | 1  | 2   |             |
| Events                                   | Holidays          | DEFAULT           | Dining Specials                                 | Ladies' Event           | Pavilion Event                               | Club Event  | Golf Course |
| Entertainment                            | Groups            | Shop Event        | Juniors   | All Categories ...      |  |   |             |

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Dear Members,

March 2022

We hope you are having a wonderful start to 2022 and we cannot wait for everyone to get back on the Golf Course. While the snow was falling and the bitter breeze rolled in, we were busy planning for the upcoming golf season. We have a wonderful array of golf clinics, demo days, member and guest events, junior golf, couples and intermediate events, and many more eventful nights planned.

The year 2022 is what we're going to call "NEW", as you will see many new things as well as many new faces. As many of you know, our Assistant's Jesse and James will not be back with us this year as they are moving up with their career paths. Although we do not have replacements for them, we will introduce a full-time shop attendant, Colin Sheehy. Colin will arrive in March and will be a great addition to the Golf Shop staff.

New for 2022 will be LCC's first app called, "Cap Patrol". Cap Patrol is part of our GHIN system and will be utilized to create a more even playing field between all. Read the section titled "Cap Patrol" for why it benefits players and be on the lookout for a separate email stating how to download the app and how to log-in.

A new section of our Newsletter will be "Pro Tips" from myself. This month, with everyone eager to get on the golf course, knock the rust off and drain some birdies; here's a little food for thought while golfing and finishing with a certain number on your scorecard.

### **Pro Tips- Volume #1**

- A pro shoots 63 and follows it with a 72....no-one bats an eye. An amateur shoots 79 and follows it with an 88.... they are unhappy. Consistency would be what you would want...or is it? I say, consistency is one of the hardest things to grasp in the game of golf, so, in 2022, let's focus on certain aspects of your game that will lower your scores.
- How can you shoot low scores?  
-Here's the make-up of a PGA Tour Player where they gain the most strokes  
**Short Game: 11.6%**  
**Off the Tee: 18%**  
**Approach: 35.3% (100 yards & in)**  
**Putting: 35.1%**

\*If we want to shoot lower scores this year, let's focus on full wedge shots and putting!

### **Golf Shop Hours**

***(Month of March)***

**The Golf Shop will officially open on Wednesday, March 9th**

### **Golf Shop Hours**

Monday & Tuesday- **CLOSED** (*course open for walking only*)

Wednesday through Sunday (8:30 am to 6:00 pm)- *weather dependent*

**\*Tee times will begin at 9:00 am on Weekday & Weekends**

### **Golf Shop Information**

The Golf Shop will start seeing inventory arrive in the coming month and is looking forward to a great year with even better product. We have some brands returning as well as some fresh and appealing new lines. See below for a look at what is to arrive in the coming months.

**MEN**: Donald Ross, Cutter & Buck, Under Armor, FootJoy, Travis Mathew, Adidas, Bald Head Blues, Swannies, Ahead, Doc Murphy Belts & more!

**WOMEN**: Lilly Pulitzer, Marc Joseph Shoes, EP Pro, Ame & LuLu Bags, B-Skinz Skorts, Ibkul, FootJoy, Tail, Boca Bags & more!

**ACCESSORIES**: Winston Headcovers, Bushnell, Pukka & Imperial Headwear & More!

**SHOES**: FootJoy, New Balance, PUMA & Marc Joseph

### **CAP PATROL**

We will be utilizing a new tool this year called, “Cap Patrol”. Cap Patrol is part of our GHIN system and will be utilized to create a more even playing field between all.

For players it is:

- An easier way to keep track of your current play and how you have played in the past
- Built in games for you and fellow golfers. See how others have been playing recently and set up the most competitive teams, odds and more
- Track and compare your play at home, away, in tournaments and more
- With features like ‘Hot Index’, ‘Last 3’, and ‘Clutch %’, it adds a fun social component to your golfing experience

### **Golf Shop Major Events**

**April 29-** Opening Night Glow Golf

**April 30-** Opening Day

**June 2, 3 & 4-** Men’s Invitational

**June 18-** Parent Child

**July 9 & 10-** Member-Member

**July 16-** Men’s Senior Club Championship

**August 6-** Member/Guest

**August 13 & 14-** Men’s & Women’s Club Championship

**September 4-** 5 Person Scramble

**September 18-** Pigskin Cross Country

**October 22-** Ray’s Revenge

**October 29-** Pumpkin Par-3

## **The Hassenplug Cup**

Xenophon Hassenplug is our main course architect, so I think we give him some credit for our one-of-a-kind layout.

The Hassenplug Cup will be a year-end total point event. Every event you play in, you have the possibility of gaining points if you place in the top 5 and for participating in the event. This point race will focus on all major events listed below but if you play in the minor events, you will also gain points.

|                                  | Regular Season | Club Championship | Minor Events |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Gross/Net  | 10             | 15                | 3            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Gross/Net  | 8              | 12                | 2            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Gross/Net  | 6              | 9                 | 1            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place Gross/Net  | 4              | 6                 | 0            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place Gross/ Net | 2              | 3                 | 0            |
| Participation in event           | 3              | 6                 | 1            |

**ENTRY: \$10 per person for the year (enters you in all major events)**

**-The overall point champion will be paid out in half cash & half golf shop credit plus a trophy**

**-The other top four will win Golf Shop Credit**

| <b>Major Events</b>          | <b>Minor Events</b>            |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Opening Day</b>           | <b>ALL Bucks &amp; Does</b>    |
| <b>Member-Member</b>         | <b>ALL Intermediate Nights</b> |
| <b>Club Championship</b>     | <b>August Glow Golf</b>        |
| <b>5-Person Scramble</b>     | <b>Master's Par-3</b>          |
| <b>Pigskin Cross Country</b> | <b>Golf Shop Major Pools</b>   |
| <b>Ray's Revenge</b>         |                                |
| <b>Pumpkin Par 3</b>         |                                |

## **Golf Shop Match Play Events**

The Golf Shop will bring back all (3) season long match play events you will see below. We will also be adding a **NEW** Scratch Match Play event. Each event will be played off the low ball (*except the LCC Cup*) and have maximum number of sign-ups.

Fliers with Sign-Up procedures and details will be coming shortly.

-Black Tree Challenge (Team Match Play-open to all golfing members)

-The Flossie (Ladies Individual Match Play)

-King of The Highlands (Men's Individual Match Play)

**-(NEW) The LCC Cup (Scratch Individual Match Play)**

### **Hole-In-One Club**

The hole-in-one club is a unique way to win some money, receive a trophy and treat your friends and members to a drink. Each time someone has a hole-in-one, golfers will receive 50% off the pot in cash and 50% of the pot in golf shop credit.

The 2021 hole-in-one club ended with **\$0** left in the pot and will be re-billed on March 31. If you were on the list at the end of the year, you will be added with an estimate of **\$800** in the pot. If you would like to add to the hole-in-one club or cancel out, please email Sean.

Hole-In-Ones will count for the club starting on April 1.

**ENTRY: \$10 per person, per hole-in-one (opt-out anytime)**

### **Golf Shop Birdie Pool- Back again for 2022**

When you make a birdie (gross or net) there is a feeling of greatness. So, this year we will be conducting a birdie pool to see who plays Ligonier Country Club the best.

The birdie pool will be a gross and net, yearlong style of event. You may enter in one category, or you may enter in both. The goal is to birdie all 18 holes before anyone else. The birdie board will be on the outside bulletin board where members can fill in which hole, they birdied.

\*Scorecards must be turned into the Golf Shop to attest

\*\*You must play with at least one other person when turning in scores.

**\$10- Gross Division**

**\$10 NET Division**

**Pay Out: 100% in Golf Shop Credit**

**Start Date: April 1**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Master's Par-3 Tournament- Wednesday, April 6**

- 2:00 PM Shotgun
- 9-hole Individual gross and net format (holes will be set-up just like the Master's)
- Make your own foursome
- Open to Golf members, social members & Guests
- Members- \$20; Guests- \$25- *cart optional*
- **Spécial Gross & Net Champion Prize**

#### **Virtual Golf Bash- Friday, April 15**

- 5:00 to 6:00 pm (Virtual on Ligonier Country Clubs Facebook Live)
- Do not need to be present to win
- Open to all membership levels
- \$35 donation per ticket- \$5 per ticket will be donated to Union Mission Shelter of Latrobe



## **Opening Night & Weekend**

### Opening Night- Friday, April 29 (8:00 pm shotgun)

- (5) hole, team scramble in the dark
- Food before Golf
- \$40 per person-*carts included.*
- *OPEN TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP (golf, social, evening, juniors, etc.)*

### Opening Day- Saturday, April 30 (10 am Shotgun)

- Best 2 of 4 NET (sign up as an individual and the Golf Shop will make teams)
- 9am breakfast
- \$75 per person- *cart optional*
- *Golfing Members ONLY*

## **Intermediate SWAT Nights- NEW for 2022**

This Spring, the Golf Shop will be hosting a **Thursday** night SWAT for all Intermediate Golfers. These SWATs are designed to meet new people, enjoy a night out at the club and maybe even win a little money.

Format: Will change weekly (best 2 of 4, play with the pro, scramble, etc.)

Entry Fee: \$5 per event (optional \$20 skins game based on event)

***Guest Fee: \$10 for 9 holes (not including cart)***

Sign-Up Procedures: Sign-up in the golf shop (golf shop will make teams)

Time: Tee times will start at 5:45 pm

**Intermediate SWAT dates: April 21, May 26, June 16, July 28 & August 11**

## **Intermediate Night(s)**

To go along with our Intermediate SWAT nights, will be our Intermediate Night out. Last year we had some cool themed nights like our White Claw event and our Mule Night. This year we will have a College Night and bring back our Glow Golf event.

**Saturday, July 23- College Night Out (6:00 pm shotgun)**

**\*Themed by Natty Light with a Beer Pong Tournament following play**

**Saturday, August 27- Glow Golf (9:00 pm shotgun)- 5-7 holes in the dark**

### **Bucks & Does Evening Couples Events**

Our crowd pleasing and most exciting events of the year are back for 2022. This year, these 9-hole events will be all sorts of fun and each one will have a one-of-a-kind theme/format. Each event (other than the Couples Cup) will be a 6:00 pm shotgun start this year and our buffets will be available from 5:00-5:45 pm.

**May 5- Cinco De Mayo Night**

**June 9- Game Night**

**July 14- Christmas in July**

**August 20- Couples Cup (1:30 modified shotgun start)**

**October 6- Mystery Night**

Fliers will be sent out with detailed information shortly.

### **Ladies Fun Night**

Back again for 2022, is our Ladies Fun Night. This casual and relaxing night is designated for the gals that just want to come out, hit the golf ball around and not worry about a score.

**This year you may bring a guest with you for only \$10!**

Sign-Up Procedures: Sign-up in the golf shop (golf shop will make teams)

Time: Tee times will start at 5:45 pm

**Ladies Fun Night dates: April 20, May 11, June 15, July 6 & August 10**

### **UPCOMING SWATS & CLINICS**

#### **Beginner's ONLY Clinic (SERIES)**

Calling all beginner golfers!!! If you are looking to improve your basic knowledge of the golf game or would like to pick up the game, this clinic is right for you. For 45 minutes, you will be taught the fundamentals of the swing and basic information about how to play as well as some rules.

Social Members- Are you looking to pick up the game but not sure how? This clinic is perfect for you as well!

**5:45 to 6:30 PM**

**Friday, April 8**

**Wednesday, April 13**

## **Ladies Only Golf Clinics**

The Golf Shop will have multiple Ladies only clinics in May, June, July & August on Wednesdays. Each clinic will be from 5:45 to 6:30 PM and focus on different facets of the game. Dates for Ladies Clinics are as follows:

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**MAY 4 & 18    JUNE 22    JULY 27    AUGUST 17**

## **Junior Golf**

This year, Junior Golf at Ligonier Country Club will be fantastic! We have Clinics, Junior Camps, Family Fun Nights, Pro-Junior Scramble, Junior Club Championship, Junior Play Days and to top it off we have added PGA Junior League.

\*\*All details can be found attached or we can email you the pamphlet.

## **Upcoming Demo Days**

- Friday, April 22 (3 to 7 PM)- MIZUNO
- Friday, April 29 (3 to 7 PM)- CALLAWAY
- Wednesday, May 4 (3 to 7 PM)- PING
- Wednesday, May 11 (3 to 7 PM)- PXG
- Thursday, May 12 (3 to 7 PM)- TAYLORMADE
- Friday, May 20 (4 to 8 PM)- MIZUNO
- Thursday, May 26 (3-7 PM)- CALLAWAY
- Tuesday, June 21 (3-7 PM)- CALLAWAY
- Saturday, June 25 (12 to 4 PM)- TAYLORMADE

## **Driving Range, Bag & Cart Storage**

The Driving Range will open (Friday, April 15)

If you plan on storing your bag or cart this year, you may do so starting on April 1.

### **2022 Fees**

Range Pass- \$175  
Bag Storage & Club Cleaning- \$100  
Bag Storage & Range Pass- \$250  
Cart Storage- \$75  
Bag & Cart Storage- \$150  
Bag & Cart Storage + Range- \$275  
Push-Cart Rental- \$5

Warm Regards,

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