

From The Board

Steve Clemens, Club Vice President

Opening day is right around the corner and we can't wait to see everyone on March 10th as we reopen dining and kick off an incredible new year at Ligonier Country Club. Don't wait to get your reservation for the Prime Rib Buffet on March 11th. I can't think of a better way to reopen the Club House, and can't wait to see Bill behind the carving station.

We are excited for membership to see some of the incredible work the team has done in the offseason and some of the newness coming to LCC this year. You will notice there has been some tree removal behind 8's green. This was a necessary action to take based on the poor health of those trees. The result however is better than expected. The new views of the countryside from the approach and green on 8 are incredible. You'll also see some general maintenance updates, trees removed or damaged by storms. Additionally we are widening the current tee boxes on 7 to increase the tee-able turf.

Perhaps the most exciting updates involve renovations to the golf course as we announced [last October](#). We have added several new tee boxes solving challenges and improving playability for every level of golfer at

the club. You'll see the following new tee boxes: new championship tees on 4, 6, 7, 10, and 12. New white tees on 3, 9, 13. And new forward tees on 15 and 18. We believe these new additions will bring so much versatility to our course setup. For those that wish to see the course in a new way, you will see some new shots out there. And for those that wish to play the course as they always have, fear not. Your experience can remain the same!

A huge Thank you to Dave Lincoln, Jim Born, and the rest of the grounds crew for the incredible work this offseason.

Sean has put together another strong calendar of events this year, and March offers a few great events to kick off the season. We are bringing back the Shamrock open! A St. Patty's Day themed event on 3/18. And we have moved up the Cross country to March to free up some playing time in the fall where weather seems to be getting better and better every year. Don't forget April is right around the corner, and between Easter, the master's event and opening day, it's never too early to think about signing up and saving your spot.

Additionally we will see the Driving Range reopen mid April. This is an exciting update

for members, as the driving range is now included as part of the benefits of being a full golf member.

Again, it's been a busy offseason, with staffing always at the height of focus. We were successfully able to hire and fill vacancies in the following rolls: Pro-shop Manager, Banquet Manager, and Mechanic. Please extend a warm LCC welcome to all our new staff! We are excited to bring them into this family, this community here at Ligonier.

As successful as we have been at filling voids, we still face staffing challenges in all areas. We continue to advertise but would appreciate any support in recruiting that this membership can offer. We remain ever focused at providing great service here at the LCC, but it starts with staffing appropriately, and we will always appreciate your help!

That's just a start, as you can see, there is a lot to be excited about as we reopen for the year. Exciting updates, exciting events both social and golf, all the things you've come to love and hopefully a few new surprises. The Board of Governors is incredibly excited to see everyone back on property and enjoying their membership!

WELCOME BACK!

Volunteering

What better time to join a Ligonier Country Club committee than right now. With the new year kicking off, why not volunteer two to three hours a year to add your voice to a committee that piques your interest.

Not only will your involvement help move the Club forward, you'll have fun and meet new people in the process. Committees meet independently to discuss ideas and make recommendations to the Board for final approval. This process is the part of our Club that makes us unique among other clubs in the region.

If you are a "numbers" person, why not join the Finance committee.

The Golf and House committee meets once a year to walk the property without playing golf. This is perfect for anyone with a discerning eye.

For the creative personality, the Social Committee is a great match for the outgoing, friendly folks who might enjoy organizing events and or presenting the Board with new ideas.

So why not have some fun, meet new folks and help Ligonier continue to be the special community that it is. A few hours of your time may turn into a pleasant and productive year for all.

If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the office.

Welcome New Members

Mike Krestar ~ Donnie Miller ~ Doug Miller ~ Anthony Nuzzo ~ Jim Capuzzi ~ John Over ~ Tim Andrews

Upcoming Events

- Club Reopens, March 10th (5 pm for dining)
- Prime Rib Buffet, March 11th
- Shamrock Open and Irish Specials, Mar 18th
- Cross Country and Southern Buffet, Mar 25th
- Spring Aerification week of March 27th
- Master's Par 3, April 7th
- Easter Buffet, April 9th

March [Dining](#) Hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11:30 am to 8:00 pm

[Happy Hour 4 pm to 6 pm](#), \$2 off apps, \$2 off mixed drinks and beer

Dinner Reservations Required. 724-238-7620 ext 2 (or 9 outside business hours)

Ladies Golf News

Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter, but it seems that we will be golfing this month.

The Executive Board met on February 22 to map out our schedule. We will begin play on Tuesday, May 2, with the traditional opening scramble. Please sign up in the Pro Shop by Saturday, April 29, so Sean Knaus can make up the teams.

The opening dinner will be on Thursday, April 20. 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. Members are encouraged to pay dues, set at \$65.00, and the season booklet will be available. If not attending the dinner, dues can be paid in the Pro Shop.

Tuesday, April 25 will be a no gadget warmup day.

LCC members, who are not members of the Ladies Golf Association, are invited to play on the warmup day and opening day scramble and/or to join us for dinner on April 20. These events are opportunities to learn about our 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 tees times for Thursdays and the weekend so you can always find a group to play with.

Once again, we will not have an invitational. Member 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 20.

Other important dates to mark in your calendar:

King & Queens: June 13

Queen Bee and Lady Bug: July 11 and 18

Ladies Classic: August 8

Closing Day: October 3

Our schedule will be impacted by Memorial Day and July 4 holidays. Memorial Day is on Monday, May 29, and the club will be closed on Tuesday, May 30. The July 4 holiday is on Tuesday, and the club will be open for holiday play on both Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4.

For LCC Members

Brunch Menu Only

sunday brunch

[br(eakfast) + (l)unch]

Sundays March 19th and March 26th

11 am to 4 pm

with Bloody Mary Bar

MARCH NEWS



Opening Night



FRIDAY, MARCH 10
REGULAR DINING OPTIONS
AND LENT

Prime Rib Night

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Shamrock Open

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

REGISTER WITH SEAN IN THE PROSHOP

Cross Country

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

REGISTER WITH SEAN IN THE PROSHOP



FOR ALL RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL THE GRILLE ROOM AT EXT 2-2



BRING YOUR FAMILY AND ENJOY

Easter Buffet

SUNDAY APRIL 9TH 2023

11AM-3PM

LIMITED SEATING PER HALF HOUR

\$35 PER ADULT / \$20 PER KIDS UNDER 12

RSVP to Michael@ligoniercountryclub.com

<< February		MARCH, 2023			April >>		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
26	27	28	1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10 Lent Specials 08:30am Pro Shop Reopens 05:00pm Clubhouse Reopens	11 05:00pm Prime Rib Buffet	
12 Club Closed	13 Club Closed	14 Club Closed	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Lent Specials	18 11:00am Shamrock Open 04:00pm Irish Specials	
19 11:00am Brunch Only 11 to 4	20 Club Closed	21 Club Closed	22	23	24 Lent Specials	25 11:00am Cross Country 04:00pm Southern Buffet	
26 11:00am Brunch Only 11 to 4	27 Spring Aerification Club Closed	28 Club Closed	29	30	31 Lent Specials	1	
Events	Holidays	DEFAULT	Dining Specials	Ladies' Event	Pavilion Event	Club Event	Golf Course

March Dining Hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11:30 am to 8:00 pm

Sundays (Brunch Menu Only) 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Dinner Reservations Required. 724-238-7620 ext 2 (or 9 outside business hours)

Happy Hour 4 pm to 6 pm, \$2 off apps, \$2 off mixed drinks and beer

Pro Shop Open Wednesday to Sunday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, weather dependent

Dear Members,

We hope you are having a wonderful start to 2023 and we cannot wait for everyone to get back on the Golf Course. The mild winter kept us excited for the upcoming year where we were busy planning and coming up with fresh new ideas for you. You will see new face in the Golf Shop, Emily Danko, who will serve as the Golf Shop Manager throughout the year. Emily will start on March 8 and help with all facets in the Golf Shop, events and outings.

We will once again have our core events that include Opening Day, Men's Invitational, Member-Member, 5-Person Scramble & the highly anticipated Ray's Revenge. We will also bring back Bucks & Does, Intermediate Beer Pong Night, Glow Golf, and all Match Play Events.

We do have a few new events upcoming that include our Virtual Golf Bash that won't be all virtual this year, Good Friday Master's Event, Walk & Wine Ladies Social Nights, A Bucks & Does event that features food and drinks from around the world, an Intermediate Pints & Par-3 Event and a social night of Bourbon, Cigars and Putting. We will also kick off the year early in March with our Irish Shamrock Open and 18-hole Cross-Country Event.

Lastly, as you go down the list/pages you will see a new a Pro Tip, and information on Golf Shop inventory, Junior Golf, Fitting Days, Bag/Cart Storage, Cap Patrol, Hole-In-One Club and detailed event information.

Pro Tips- Volume #1 (2023)-KNOW YOUR CARRY DISTANCES

-Part of "how do I lower my scores", is knowing how far you hit your clubs with a full swing.

How do I do that is what you may say. Well, a good rule of thumb would be to get shot data from a launch monitor, take 10 distances from what you think is a good shot and average them out.

Here is what my data (February) shows to give you an example. Summer data may increase.

CLUB	CARRY DISTANCE
Driver	272
5-Wood	238
4-Hybrid	218
4-Iron	205
5-Iron	190
6-Iron	181
7-Iron	173
8-Iron	165
9-Iron	156
Pitching Wedge	144
Gap Wedge (50 degrees)	129
Sand Wedge (54 degrees)	115
Lob Wedge (58 degrees)	98

Golf Shop Hours

(Month of March)

The Golf Shop officially reopens on Friday, March 10

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 including Ligonier Country Clubs own Men's line, Johnnie-O and Black Clover hats for Men and Ibku and San Soleil for Women.

As we pick back up for Golf, we don't want to forget that we now have Pickleball Courts. We will have inventory of a few Pickleball items including sweatshirts, hats, and bag. Be on the lookout for an email showcasing what Pickleball items the Golf Shop can get for you.

We will once again have a full assortment of Demo Clubs and Fitting Tools from all the biggest name brands. Our fittings are always free for members and we use a state of the art Foresight Launch Monitor. We also except trade-ins that can be used for new club purchases or credit.

Golf Shop Major Events

March 18- Shamrock Open

March 25- Cross-Country Scramble

April 7- Master's Good Friday Tournament

April 21- LCC Golf Bash

April 22- Opening Day

June 2, 3 & 4- Men's Invitational

July 8 & 9- Member-Member

July 15- Men's Senior Club Championship

August 5- Member/Guest

August 12 & 13- Men's & Women's Club Championship

September 3- 5 Person Scramble

October 21- Ray's Revenge

November 4- Pumpkin Par-3

Possible Aerification Schedule

Spring Greens March 27-29

Fall Fairways & Green September 5-8

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
1 st Place Gross/Net	10	15
2 nd Place Gross/Net	8	12
3 rd Place Gross/Net	6	9
4 th Place Gross/Net	4	6
5 th Place Gross/ Net	2	3
Participation in event	1	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

Included Events
Shamrock Open
Cross-Country
Good Friday- Master's Tournament
Opening Day
Member-Member
Men's & Women's Club Championship
5-Person Scramble
Ray's Revenge
Pumpkin Par-3

Golf Shop Match Play Events

The Golf Shop will bring back all (4) season long match play events you will see below. Each event will be played off the low ball (*except the LCC Cup*) and have maximum number of sign-ups. New for 2023, all handicaps used will be each player's low handicap index from 2022.

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)
- 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 2022 hole-in-one club ended with **\$800** left 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)

Upcoming Events

Shamrock Open-Saturday, March 18

- 11:00 AM Shotgun
- 6 holes-Scramble, 6 holes-Better Ball, 6 holes-Alternate Shot
- 2-Person Teams (2 Members or 1 Member with a Guest)
- Open to all Membership Categories & Guests
- Members- \$50; Guests- \$60

Cross Country Scramble-Saturday, March 25

- 11:00 AM Shotgun
- 18-holes
- Make Your Own Foursome
- Open to all Membership Categories & Guests
- Members- \$50; Guests- \$60

Master's Good Friday Tournament-Friday, April 7

- 10:00 AM Shotgun
- Make Your Own Foursome & Play Your Own Ball
- Before teeing off, each participant will choose a golfer playing in the Master's. The participants NET score and the master's players score will be used in each group. The two lowest combined of the group will be used for the team score.
- After Golf will be lunch and after lunch will be a 9-hole Par-3 tournament
- To finish off the day, there will be a CASH chipping contest
- Open to all Membership Categories & Guests
- Members- \$45; Guests- \$55

Virtual Golf Bash- Friday, April 21

- 5:00 to 7:30 pm (Virtual on Ligonier Country Clubs Facebook Live)
- First 80 sign-ups may watch in the pavilion.

- Those that attend will receive appetizer & beer special, tip-boards & 50/50's
- 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 Day

Opening Day- Saturday, April 22 (1030 am Shotgun)

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

Intermediate Night(s)

Intermediate Night Out is back along with the now famous, Beer Pong Night!

Saturday, May 20- Pints & Par-3's (5:00 pm shotgun)

Saturday, July 16- College Night (5:00 pm Shotgun)

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

Saturday, August 18- 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 2023.

May 11- Drinks Around the World

June 8- Game Night

July 6 Christmas in July

August 26- Couples Cup (1:30 modified shotgun start)- TBD

Ladies Social Nights- NEW

New for 2023, Ladies Social Nights will bring the laid-back atmosphere Ligonier has and show you what Golf and Pickleball is all about. These easy-going nights are meant for the beginner/novice golfer that may not want to step out on the course just yet or wants to see what social life Ligonier has to offer.

The Social Series will be in May on Wednesdays and are open to all members and non-members. The total package for all events will include cocktails, food and guidance from PGA Professional, Sean Knaus.

\$100 for all (4) Nights- 6:00 pm start(s)

Wednesday, May 3- Walk & Wine Night

-Experience holes 16, 17, 18 while walking with a glass of wine on each hole

Wednesday, May 10- Cocktails & Chipping

-Enjoy a cocktail while learning how to chip around the green

Wednesday, May 17- Pickleball & Pints

-A pint of something never hurt when learning to Pickleball

Wednesday, May 24- Put it all together Pizza & Putting

-Finish of the series, putting around the green and ending the night off with some pizza

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

Wednesday, April 12 & Wednesday, April 26

Ladies Only Golf Clinics

The Golf Shop will have multiple Ladies only clinics in 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

JUNE 14 & JUNE 28

JULY 26

AUGUST 2 & AUGUST 30

Junior Golf

- PGA Junior League is back for its 3rd season at Ligonier Country Club. Detailed information can be found by going to pgajuniorleague.com and searching for Ligonier Country Club. \$299 per child

- Junior Camp will be June 20, 21 & 22. All three days will be from 8:00 am to NOON and include lunch each day after. \$225 per child
- NEW! For 2023, Junior Golf Clinics will be on Fridays. Most clinics will start at 11am and go to 1pm. A detailed listing is below.

Friday, June 16 (11am to 1 pm)	Putting & Bunkers
Friday, July 7 (11 am to 1 pm)	Full Swing & Baseball Golf
Friday, July 14 (1 pm to 3 pm)	Short Game & Tic-Tac-Toe
Friday, August 11 (11 am to 1pm)	Par-3 Play

*Times subject to change based on Outings

Upcoming Demo Days

- Saturday, April 15 (NOON to 4 PM)- TAYLORMADE
- Friday, April 28 (3 to 7 PM)- CALLAWAY & PING
- Thursday, May 18 (3-7 PM)- CALLAWAY
- Wednesday, May 31 (3-7 PM)- CALLAWAY

CAP PATROL

We will once again be utilizing "Cap Patrol". Cap Patrol is part of our GHIN system and will be utilized to create a more even playing field between all. After data gathered from 2022, some of this will be used for tournaments this year.

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.

Driving Range, Bag & Cart Storage

All memberships except social now include the range!

The Driving Range will open (Friday, April 15)

- Throughout the season, the driving range will close at dark.
- On Tuesday's and Friday's, the driving range will close at 4:30 pm for clean picking.
- On Wednesday's the driving range will not open until around 10am so turfgrass can cut the area.

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

2022 Fees

Social Member Range Pass- \$100

Guest Range Pass- \$150

All-Day Range Pass- \$7 per day

Bag Storage & Club Cleaning- \$105

Cart Storage- \$80

Bag & Cart Storage- \$155

Push-Cart Rental- \$5

As always, the Golf Shop is here to help with any questions and fulfill any order that comes to mind. For more information or questions about ordering product, please reach out.

Warm Regards,

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