Ligonier Links May 2023

#### From the Board—James Sarver

April was a wet and soggy month but we did see some good golfing days. Thank you to Jim Born and his crew, the course is in amazing shape and is as beautiful as ever! In April we saw our newly revamped driving range open with new flags for yardage markers as well as a new practice bunker. Jim Born and team removed several trees at the back of the range opening up our wonderful view down the range to the adjacent ridge line. I hate practicing but the new changes have definitely enticed me to start!

Easter was a big hit again this year with a big thank you to Bill Elliott and staff for pulling off a very busy day and interrupting your holiday to serve us at the club. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. Mother's Day is right around the corner as well, so please be sure to get your reservations in and bring mom for a great day at the club!

This years proprietary members meeting will be held on Wednesday May 3rd at 7pm. If you are a proprietary member please try to be there by 7 so we can get a quorum and start on time. If you can not attend please make sure your proxy's have been submitted.

# Social Committee—Karen Hough

Well May is finally here and in addition to looking forward to May flowers, we are looking forward to our May calendar. Here are a few highlights for you:

**Women's Social Series** – Our Series is new and exciting and one that we hope will get the ladies to the course! Every Wednesday in May, come out to mingle and talk a little golf.

- May 3 Walk & Wine
- May 10 Cocktails & Chipping
- May 17 Pickleball & Pints
- May 24 Pizza & Putting

Call Sean to learn more or sign up! It promises to be a fun, enjoyable evening with the ladies.

**Bucks n Does** – Yes, this is another fun night of golf and an opportunity to meet members of the Club. We kick off our first Bucks n Does of the year with a theme "Around the World". Come out for 9-holes of fun golf, food, and cocktails from three corners of the world. Please check out Sean's segment for complete details on this fun evening.

**Men's Invitational** - It is that time of the year again, to plan for the upcoming Men's Invitational. We are looking for volunteers to help us on the morning of June 2nd and 3rd as detailed below:

- June 2 two volunteers for the betting table, one volunteer for 50/50 and raffle.
- June 3 two volunteers for betting and one for the 50/50.

If you are interested in one of these opportunities, please give Sean a call.

Everyone please be advised that the club will be **closed Monday, May 8th and Tuesday, May 9th for a construction project on our well.** Few may be aware but we've been having issues with our well and we need to raise the well head above ground and put a small shelter and cement pad around it. The club will be closed both days until water testing can be completed after the construction.

Reminder: Per PLCB **no outside food or beverage is permitted on the property.** Our staff is permitted to look for these items and the Board will take action on repeat offenders.

Lastly, please keep **cart rules** in the back of your mind when playing. Daily cart rules are posted by the practice green at the first tee. Please take notice and practice driving carts in accordance to what the sign says that day (cart path only, 90\* rule etc). Carts MUST remain on the path at all times on par 3's and around greens. There are three yellow lines painted on the paths to signify when you need to get back on the path when approaching greens. If you are found operating outside of the posted rules, there will be disciplinary action taken by the board. Abiding by posted cart rules are for the betterment of the grounds as well as other members rounds.

#### Welcome New Members

Richard and Anna Michak ~ Samuel White ~ Issac Echard ~ Joseph Hart ~ Eric Smolleck ~ Zachary Bell ~ Justin Ray ~ Alex Mylant ~ Daniel and Linda Lattanzi ~ Mike LaMantia ~ John Tiano

 $\label{eq:welcome} Welcome\ Juniors \\ \ Jeremy\ Lazarchik \sim Aaron\ Pritts \sim Alessia\ LaMantia$ 

Welcome Back Joe Polito ~ Sheila Millar ~ Jeffrey Wilson ~ Barry Halula

# Upcoming Events May 2023

- Women's Social Series begins Wed. May 3rd
- Garofalo Par 3, 10 am Shotgun, Fri. May 5th
- Cinco de Mayo Buffet, Fri. May 5th
- Bucks and Does, Thurs. May 11th
- David Stout Performs, Fri. May 12th
- Fetzko Wedding, May 13th, Dining closes at 3 pm
- Mother's Day Buffet, May 14th, Reservations Only
- Italian Buffet, Fri. May 19th and Sat. May 20th
- Intermediate Night, Sat. May 20th
- Game Changers Outing, 12 pm Shotgun, May 22nd
- Medal of Honor Out, 10:30 am Shotgun, May 26th
- Joe Golden Performs, Sat. May 27th
- Memorial Day, May 29th, Pavilion Open 11 to 4
- Men's Invitational, June 1st, 2nd, 3rd

#### Ladies' Golf News-Barbara Sloan

Our schedule has undergone some changes. The opening dinner, scheduled for April 20, was cancelled.

Please pay your dues of \$65 in the Pro Shop and pick up the 2023 booklet.

An opening day lunch, previously announced, has now been cancelled. The Club's water system will be undergoing repairs on May 8-9. This means the Clubhouse will be closed both days and that no bathroom facilities will be available.

The course will be open for play. The Mystery Hole game was scheduled for May 9. If there is a quorum of six willing participants, it can be played as a 9-hole event with tee times starting

at 10:00 a.m. Please call the Pro Shop by Saturday, May 7 if you want to play.

Lady golf and social members are invited to join us to play and/ or meet for lunch any Tuesday to get acquainted with our members and events. May lunch times are generally around 1:30 p.m.

A reminder that the Clubhouse will be closed on Tuesday, May 30, and the course open for walking only.

There will be regular play on Memorial Day, May 29 for which a tee time will be required.

There are two special events upcoming in June: King & Queens on June 13 and Friends Day on June 20.









<< April		MAY, 2023			June >>	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed	O6:00pm Women's Social Series Walk	4 05:00pm BPW	5 O8:00am Garofalo Par 3	01:00pm Kesla Wedding
			07:00pm Proprietary Meeting		Shotgun 04:00pm Cinco de Mayo Buffet	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
01:00pm Pitt Golfer Tour	Club Closed	Bedford S Exchange	11:30am Yates Group	05:00pm Bucks and Does	06:00pm Fetzko Rehearsal	03:00pm No Dinner Service
		Club Closed	06:00pm WSS Chipping and Cocktails		O6:OOpm David Stout Performs	04:30pm Fetzko Wedding
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Reservation Only	Club Closed		06:00pm WSS Punch n Pickleball	09:00am WPGA Play Day	09:00am Markosky Meeting	04:00pm Italian Buffet
11:00am Mother's Day Buffet				03:00pm CW Demo Day	04:00pm Italian Buffet	04:30pm Intermediate Night
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Binley/Rudy Shower	Club Closed	Glengarry Exchange	O6:OOpm WSS Put it All Together		08:00am Medal of Honor Outing	12:00pm Steiner Memorial
	10:00am Game Changers Outing				10:30am Shotgun	06:00pm Joe Golden Performs
	12:00pm Shotgun					
28	29	30	31	1 1	2	3
	Memorial Day		03:00pm CW Demo Day	Men's Invitati		
	11:00am Pavilion 11-4, Holiday Menu				Event Only	Event Only
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Tuesdays [inside] 11:30 am to 7:00 pm \*Beginning May 16th

Wednesday to Friday [outside] 11:30 am to 9:00 pm

Saturdays [outside] 11:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sundays [inside] 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Closed Mondays except Memorial Day 11 to 4, holiday menu only

Dinner Reservations Required. 724-238-7620 ext 2 (or 9 to leave a message outside of business hours)

Happy Hours: Wednesday to Friday, 4 pm to 6 pm, \$2 off apps, \$2 off mixed drinks, beer and wine

On pavilion nights, limited dining room seating may be available with <u>advanced</u> reservations only; still pavilion menu only

Dear Members,

The Golf Season has started out a little bumpy but soon we'll be enjoying consistent sunshine, 80-degree temperatures, fantastic events and having your favorite cocktail at the pavilion.

Due to weather conditions we had to cancel Opening Day but were able to hold our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Bash in the Pavilion. This was the first year where we had human interaction with our Golf bash. A total of 67 people came to watch, made small talk, and won extra cash and prizes. All 250 tickets we had sold and from that we were able to donate \$1,200 to the Union Mission Shelter of Latrobe.

Now, May will soon be here, and we won't leave you hanging as we have great events, social nights, and activities you can take part in. These include Ladies Social Nights, Bucks & Does, Intermediate Pints & Par-3 and Bedford Springs and Glengarry Exchange Days. We're also pleased to announce that **Nemacolin Country Club** is now part of the Tri-County Golf Association. Unfamiliar with the Tri-Country, please see the Tri-County section below. Also, be sure to read below and see what Bucks & Does and our Intermediate Nights are all about.

Lastly, as the year starts, we want to make sure those that have been here awhile and those new don't miss new items for this year. Please see all bullet points below on these items as well as events that may affect daily play for May.

## **LCC Items:**

- On Mondays, the Club and Golf Shop are CLOSED but the course is open for walking. ONLY Full Golf
  Members may play (no guests, social, etc.) If you plan on playing, for round purposes, there will be a clip
  board at the brick pillars by #1. Please sign your name and how many holes you played.
- Please check-in with the Golf Shop before playing even if you are walking.
- Weekend Tee Times have changed, please see details below.
- Please obey cart rules posted by the Golf Shop and keep all carts 30 yards away from the Green. Daily Cart Rulings are posted on the sign by the putting green.
- 5-somes are **NO LONGER** permitted
- If you are playing with a guest, please note guests' fees include a cart, even when walking.
- Pace of Play for Ligonier is 4 hours (2-hour front 9, 2-hour back 9)

#### Weekend Tee Times (UPDATE)

Starting Saturday, May 6, weekend tee times will begin at 7:20 AM.

New for 2023, there will be (5) OPEN Tee Times in between groups on Saturday & Sunday for Full Golf Members to book. These tee times are:

7:28 am, 8:40 am, 8:48 am, 9:36 am & 9:44 am

Tee Times can be made **two weeks** in advance and if bringing guests, currently only (1) guest per member during these allotted times.

The other blocked off times will be for LCC Groups. For those new to LCC, a few different Groups make up weekend morning tee times. These include:

Early Morning- (7:36 am to 8:16 am)
Ladies Group- (8:24 am & 8:32 am)
The Golf Guys- (8:56 am to 9:28 am)
International/DRIPS- (9:52 am to 10:16 am)

Each group plays a different game/format but for those interested please reach out to Sean (sean@ligoniercountryclub.com) for details and coordination with joining a group.

## **OTHER**

The following days' play will be limited, or the course will be closed due to an outside event.

**Friday, May 5**- Scott Electric Outing (Tee Sheet opens at 3:30 PM)

Tuesday, May 9- PGA Junior League Match (Juniors start at 5:00 pm)

Thursday, May 11- Bucks & Does (All play will begin off #10 for the day. Back Nine will close at 3:30 PM)

Thursday, May 18- WPGA Play Day (no tee times from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Saturday, May 20- Intermediate Night (Front Nine will close at 3:30 PM)

Monday, May 22- Game Changers Outing (Members may walk the course starting at 4:00 PM- no carts)

<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>- Glengarry Exchange Day-\$40 (Glengarry members will be here throughout the day. If you would like to play Glengarry, the Golf Shop can call for you)

<u>Friday, May 26</u>- Medal of Honor Outing (Tee Sheet Opens at 4:00 PM)

Monday, May 29- Memorial Day (Will act as a weekend and group times will be blocked)

Tuesday, May 30- CLUB & GOLF SHOP CLOSED (Course open to Full Golf Members for Walking ONLY)

## Pro Tips- Volume #1.4 (2023)- FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Have you ever hit two shots back-to-back? Let's say they feel the same but have two different outcomes.

How is this possible?

Well, hitting behind the ball, even two inches can affect the shot outcome. Finding the low point in your Golf Swing is critically important for shot outcome and consistency.

How do you find this?

There are a couple ways but an easy one is putting an object to the side of where your ball is. If you notice you're making contact behind it, your low point is back. If you make contact right in line, you have found your low point to produce better contact and consistent shots.

#### **Golf Shop Hours**

(Month of May)

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Monday- CLOSED (course open for walking only. Full Golf Members ONLY)

Tuesday through Sunday (7:00 am to 7:00 pm)- weather dependent

\*Tee times on Weekdays will begin at 8:00am

\*\*Tee Times on Weekends will begin at 7:20am

## **Golf Shop Information**

## **Golf Shop Major Events**

June 1, 2 & 3- Men's Invitational (FULL)

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

## **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)

## **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP-FRIDAY, MAY 12**

# **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 be added 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**

## Bucks & Does "Around the World"- Thursday, May 11

What is Bucks & Does?

Bucks & Does started in 2020 and was a way for Couples to have a night out, bring friends, socialize and Golf with laid back, non-competitive events. This is still the case and now every Bucks & Does event has a certain theme. For the first one, Around the World, it is new for 2023 but should be a favorite.

- Experience the course with different Golf Formats, food items and cocktails from (3) Different Countries.
- 9-Hole Format
- 5:30 PM Shotgun (Drinks & Food Items will be on the Course)
- Open to all Membership Categories & Guests
- Sign-Up as a Twosome or Foursome
- Members- \$50; Guests- \$60

#### **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 is 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

#### Intermediate Night "Pints & Par-3's"- Saturday, May 20

- 9-Hole- Par-3 Event (Play Your Own Ball)
- Intermediate (21 to 50ish). Members may bring (3) Guests.
- Sign-Up as a Twosome or Foursome
- 5:15 PM Shotgun. Dinner will be served beforehand from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- 3-Hole, 3-Club Challenge After Golf. *OPTIONAL CASH GAME*
- Members- \$45; Guests- \$50

#### **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 starts)- TBD.

## **Junior Golf**

- PGA Junior League is back for its 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

Friday, August 11 (11 am to 1 pm)

\*Times subject to change based on Outings

Putting & Bunkers

Full Swing & Baseball Golf

Par-3 Play

## **Upcoming Demo Days**

- Thursday, May 18 (3-7 PM)- CALLAWAY
- Friday, May 19- (3-7 PM)- COBRA GOLF
- Wednesday, May 31 (3-7 PM)- CALLAWAY

## Score Posting, GHIN & CAP Patrol

You may start posting scores for handicap purposes on April 1. The handicap posting season will run through November 14.

- **REMINDER**: Scores should be posted daily as handicaps will change daily. If your score is not posted in a reasonable time, you will receive a score of PAR. The Golf Shop will happily post your scores, you may enter them online or on the GHIN APP.
- Handicaps will not be posted on the bulletin board but will be available in the Golf Shop. On Saturday's & Sunday's, handicaps will be at the starter box.
- The GHIN App can be downloaded in the Google Play Store or the Apple Store

## 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.

## **Exchange Days**

We have a full array of exchange days throughout the summer, including the popular Bedford Springs. If you plan on participating in an exchange day, the Golf Shop will call for you.

Tuesday, May 9- Bedford Springs- \$99
Tuesday, May 23- Glengary Golf Links- \$40
Thursday, June 29- Latrobe Elks Golf Club- \$40
Monday, July 10- Norvelt Golf Club- \$40
Monday, July 17- Champion Lakes Golf Club- \$40

Tuesday, July 25- Ebensburg CC- \$35 Thursday, August 3- Latrobe Elks- \$40 Thursday, August 17- Bedford Springs- \$99 Tuesday, August 29- Donegal Highlands- \$25

## **Tri-County Golf Association**

A great perk in your Full Golf Membership is access to 14 other Golf Courses in the area. If you feel like taking a day trip or if we're busy at the club, the Golf Shop can call for you and make a tee time at any of the below Golf Courses.

2023 Fees: Weekday (Mon-Thurs)- \$45 Weekend (Fri-Sun) & Holiday- \$55

**Connoquenessing Country Club** 

Greensburg Country Club Kittaning Country Club Summit Country Club

Grove City Country Club Nemacolin Country Club Willowbrook Country Club

Hannastown Golf Club Pleasant Valley Golf Club Windber Country Club

Hillcrest Country Club Punxsutawney Country Club Youghiogheny CC

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

- Throughout the season, the driving range will close at dark.
- On Wednesday's the Driving Range will close at 3:30 PM for clean picking
- On Thursday's the driving range will not open until around 10am so turfgrass can cut the area.

#### 2023 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 products, please reach out.

Warm Regards,

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