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# LIGONIER LINKS

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October 1, 2019

## From The President

As you might have heard by now, Dave Strauser has resigned from the LCC Board and as President of the Club. We would like to thank Dave for his years of service on the Board and his service as President since this May. The bylaws of Ligonier Country Club direct that in the event of a vacancy, the Vice-President of the Board should serve as President until the next Election, which will be in May of 2020. I will attempt to fill that role going forward, realizing that, as a Club, we have much to do to improve our golf course so that we can adapt to a changing environment and to be better prepared for changing weather patterns.

The Board realizes that course conditions over the past two years have not been satisfactory to the membership, and we are taking steps to ensure that the course (and particularly the greens) are the best that they can be. We need to be better prepared for extended rainy and/or hot conditions and to be more proactive rather than reactive in our approach. That will require additional investment in our golf course, both in people and in course improvements.

By far the most immediate need that we have is to find a way to remove rainfall from our greens. We have looked at several solutions, from re-building the greens to USGA specifications (totally unaffordable and not sure it is necessary), to equipping the affected greens with internal drainage systems. We have decided and have committed to installing the XJD system in 6 of our most affected greens before the 2020 golf season, and to rebuilding and re-contouring Number 3 (old 12) entirely. The cost for this work will be in excess of \$120,000, and we have begun a fundraising campaign to fund all or part of this project. We hope you will consider supporting this project, which we think will go a long way in improving the playability of our golf course.

Despite the additional expense to improve drainage on these greens, the Board has committed to no annual dues increase for 2020.

We also intend to better communicate our plans to the golf membership, and to do that, we will be scheduling a general golf membership meeting in the near future. Please be on the lookout for that notice and plan to participate. In the meantime, there are still some beautiful golf days yet to be and we encourage you to support your club by playing golf at Ligonier Country Club during the Fall season.

Thank You,  
Dave Gallatin

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## Ladies' Association News

Our ladies enjoyed some of the last events of the season under beautiful September skies with the following results:

JoAn Treskovich was the top **Ringer** followed by Betty Rosa, Darlene Elliott, Carolyn Morford and Sheila Kassel.

Enis Cassill won the **Par 4 Game** while Darlene Elliott and Karen Thompson tied for second. The 9-hole winner was Marcie Larson; Usha Singh and Suzanne Lynch shared second place.

Sheila Kassel took honors in the **Greens Game** holding off Karen Hough and Pat Warren. Marcie Larson bested Virginia Funnel in the 9-hole contest.

Darlene Elliott hosts the **Closing Day Scramble** on October 2. The 1:00 p.m. (for both 18-holers and 9-holers) shotgun will be immediately followed by dinner. Outgoing officers will be thanked, incoming officers will be welcomed, and golf awards will be presented to close out a most enjoyable season.

Congratulations to the LCC WGAWP Team for winning the [2019 Championship Division](#) for Team Match Play

## Upcoming Events

- Chili Classic October 5th
- Fort Ligonier Days October 11th to 13th
- Pumpkin Par 3 October 26th
- Indian Night Buffet October 26th
- Harvest Party November 2nd

## New Clubhouse Hours beginning Next Tuesday, October 1st Tuesday

Thursday: 11:30 am to 8:00 pm  
Friday and Saturday: 11:30 am to 9:00 pm  
Sundays now lunch only: 11:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Monday: Closed

## Members Please Note:

**Until further notice, we will no longer accept chargebacks from Youghiogheny Country Club.**

## Harvest Party

Saturday, November 2nd

Starts at 5:00 pm  
Firepits, Snack Foods, Music by David Stout, Cornhole, Bocce, and More

Sign up with Bobbie Jo 724-238-7620  
Ext 2-8

## From the Pro ~ September 2019

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Several fun events remain on the schedule please don't think about putting your clubs away...

### Chili Classic, Saturday October 5th-

The golf event will begin with a Noon Shotgun start, followed by dinner and Awards Night coupled with some great surprises. As printed in the e-news you may have guests, you may plan your group, or you can sign up as a single. This is open to all members and guests. The Chili will be served prior to the start of golf (starting at 11am), which will enable the pace of play to go faster. **WARNING**-we play without regard to the elements, rain, shine, sleet, or snow (however I don't think snow is in the forecast this year as of today mid-60's). ***This year we will also have Hole-In-One Prizes on every Par 3***, they will include \$1000 Callaway Gift Card, a 4Day/3Night Trip To Bay Hill, a 3day/2night trip to any NFL-NBA-NHL-MLB game of your choice, and a Trip to next year's PGA Championship in San Francisco. Come on out and enjoy the festivities!!!

**Pumpkin Par 3**-The Third Annual PP3 will take place on **Saturday the 26th** of October starting with a Noon Shotgun. Teams can be set up thru the Golf Shop or as always you can make your own. Tees will be set up as all par 3's and handicaps will be reduced accordingly for this **9-hole event**.

## Chili Classic

Saturday, October 5th

For Golfers, Socials, and Guests  
Event includes Cart, Prizes, Chili  
before golf, and Dinner Buffet  
Noon Shotgun  
\$70 per person

Sign up with the Pro Shop 724-238  
-7620 Ext 2-3

**The 5 Person Scramble was held on Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>**- Fantastic weather and yummy doughnuts greeted the 90 player field. The course played awesome as always and the 2 pins on 6 holes was the highlight of this always fun day.

Of course, there were winners too:  
Gross-1<sup>st</sup> Pete Dasta-Dave Strauser-BJ Torau-Joe Rex-T. Jorgenson. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Dillman-Bob Jackson-Jim Strong-Alexa Strong-Mike Byers. Net winners were 1<sup>st</sup>-Tom Conn-Beau Conn-Sandy Sarni-Vin Sarni-Mike Kusma. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Terry Lee-Terry Warren-Joe Griffith-Mike Goerlich-Chris Antonikas. Proximity winners were: Kristen Obush, Rhiannon Ray, Steve Hopley, Chris Antonikas, Terry Warren, Steve Meyers and Vin Sarni. Once again Thank you to all that participated in this fun event.

**Sharpen the saw over the Winter**- every spring as golfers we come out and do some stretches and think "I am ready to play good golf." Do yourself a favor and start your stretching program now in October it will pay dividends in March of 2020. If you are not sure where to begin here are some helpful tips: 1-search your TV, many TVs are now equipped with special workout videos. 2-the local gym or Ligonier Valley YMCA will be a great place to look for classes or a personal trainer (Adam Brown). 3-the local library would be a great place to check out a book or a video. If you begin now and continue thru the winter you will be in much better shape to play the game of a lifetime.

The Golf Shop has a few things happening in the near future that all Members should know:

- The Practice Range will close on Sunday October 20th.
- Practice Range Sunday-the practice range Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, will close at 3pm.
- Credit in the Golf Shop must be used by Sun. Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a great selection of soft goods for both Ladies and Men including warm weather gear. Cathy has just received several shipments of Ladies garments that will ready you for cool nights wherever your travels take you this fall or winter.
- The Golf Shop, Bag Storage, and Locker Rooms will not be open any Monday thru October or November.
- Beginning Tuesday Oct the 15<sup>th</sup>, the Golf Shop will open at 9am on weekdays of Tuesday thru Friday. The Golf Shop will open @ 7:30am on weekends.

Thank You

John Klinchock

## Pumpkin Par 3 Saturday, October 26th

10:00 am Breakfast  
11:00 am Shotgun (9 Holes)  
\$30 per person, \$40 with cart

Proximity and Hole-in-One Prizes

All Membership Levels are encouraged to play!  
Sign up with the Pro Shop 724-238-7620 Ext 2-3

Stay for Scampi/Pasta Bar!