

## From The President

David Strauser, Club President

In my dealings in life and at Ligonier Country Club, I believe in transparency. Some may tell me to ignore the complaints and keep doing what is best for LCC. But it is my nature to explain, to discuss, to gather and provide facts so that you and your fellow members can understand what drives the decisions at the club.

I understand your frustration about the course—more than you can probably understand. In the 4 months of my time as president I've spent almost all those days from sun up to sun down trying to make sure this course is the best it can be.

The truth of the matter is that one—  
one—mistake was made at the worst possible time; when there had been too much rain for our drainless greens to handle.

If you don't like that answer, there is nothing else I can tell you because this is the truth and fact of the matter.

What I can tell you is that Justin has taken all the right steps to correct the mistake as confirmed by the USGA,

## Ladies' Association News

Congratulations to our new “**Queen Bee**” Gayle Smith who bested the field over the two-day ringer event. Barb Sloan was the 9-hole “**Lady Bug**” champion.

The annual **Ladies' Classic** was contested on August 20, re-scheduled from the 13th due to inclement weather. Becky DeMuth (Low Net) and Melane Baraniak (2nd low net) took top honors. In the 9-hole division, Sheryl Hershock locked up low net, Usha Singh took low gross and Suzanne Lynch had the fewest putts. Proximity winners included: Hollis Hall (long drive), Darlene Elliott (closest to the pin), Robin Giunta (long putt), JoAn Treskovich (closest to the pin), Enis Cassill (long drive) and Melane Baraniak (long

chemical reps, turf reps, soil testers, and other esteemed superintendents from the area that both he and the Board have reached out to for two months for advice and second opinions.

What the greens need is time, a good stretch of weather that allows grass growth, and drainage. We can only affect the last item and have a plan to do so. It was put in place last Wednesday, and as soon as the last details are finalized you will be informed. But I will tell you now, that we will need your support and will be calling for assistance to make our plan come to fruition. Current maintenance plans can be found [HERE](#) and will be updated as needed.

I would also like to address the harassment of our staff. This will not be tolerated. Our staff works hard and diligently and as many of

putt). A wonderful picnic-themed meal, planned by Melane Baraniak, was enjoyed by all on the originally scheduled date.

The calendar might read September but don't put away those clubs! There is a full schedule of activities for the month but remember that **league play moves to 10:00 am!** Please assemble near the pro shop at 9:30 for announcements and tee assignments.

The **closing day** scramble and dinner will be on October 1 with a 1:00 shotgun start. A brief business meeting, presentation of awards and election of officers for 2020 are on the agenda.

# LIGONIER LINKS

September 1, 2019

you know, we have a much smaller grounds crew than many clubs and so our guys are doing double the work in many respects. We will not stand for them or any other member of our staff to be berated. If you have concerns about anything here at Ligonier Country Club, please feel free to reach out to a board member to express those concerns.

In closing, we are very proud of what we have accomplished over the last few years and we look forward to what the future holds. We have a great group of staff and a strong membership. We need your continued support of the club so that our future remains bright.

Thank you.

## Welcome New Members

Williams Owens

Mary Jane Bolter

Logan Smith

Edward Schmidt

Michael Lechman

Walt Moorhead

Mike Geissler

Patrick Moorhead

Paige Coleman

## From the Pro ~ September 2019

Always Look Forward-not only while you play but in life as well. Always keep your eyes on the Horizon and not on your shoes, if you hit a bad shot in life or in golf you are often judged by how you recover.

It was hard to believe but we finally had a Club Championship that was rain free and sunny. The 2019 version went well and we had quite a few players but even more laughs. Thank you to all that played and supported the Club throughout the weekend. Here is a list of Winners and Runners-up:

### Ladies Championship

- Sheila Kassel-Club Champion
- Carol Onufro-Runner Up
- Mary Ann McGinnis-Champion First Net

### Mens Championship

#### Championship Flight

- Joe Corsi-Club Champion
- Runners Up David Smail and Barry Torau

**Flight One** Rick McLeary  
*Champion— Runner Up Bill Hough*

**Flight Two** Paul Zanotto  
*Champion—Runners Up Dan DiCola Sr. and Brian Quinn*

**Flight Three** Bob Luther  
*Champion—Runner Up Mick Kenney*

**Flight Four** Jay Vreeland  
*Champion— Runner Up Dave Dillman*

**Flight Five** Terry Warren  
*Champion—Runner Up Bob Swann*  
Congratulations to all the Winners!

### Upcoming Events in September and October:

**Patriots Weekend-** hopefully you will see TV highlighting Patriots Day Weekend, a collection taken up for children of Soldiers killed in battle. Millions are raised every year and we hope to help the cause by offering a free raffle of golf prizes for people who donate. The raffle will run Friday thru Monday of Labor Day. Thank you in advance!!!!

**Chili Classic** and Awards Night

October 5th. The festivities will begin with Chili served at 11am with a shotgun start at Noon. Make your own group of four or sign up as an individual or group of 2 or 3 and we can find you a game. This event is near sell out every year therefore sign up early. We guarantee a great day with fun golf!

**Pumpkin Par 3-Saturday Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** – Although almost 2 months remain prior to this fun event, there is no better time to start planning for guests and friends to join you at this Annual short course fantastic event.

**Ladies Closing Day-** Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> -1Pm Shotgun ABCD Scramble, paired by Golf Shop.

**New Opening time for Golf Shop-** on the weekend starting times will be moved back to 7:30am following Labor Day, with the Shop opening ½ hour prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee time. We will still open at 7:30 on the weekdays until Tuesday **October 15-----** <sup>th</sup> when the Golf shop will open at 9am during the week.

## Upcoming Events

[5-Person Scramble](#) September 1st

[Mexican Buffet Night](#) September 14th

[Fall Festival](#) September 21st

[Fall Member-Guest](#) September 28th & 29th

[Chili Classic](#) October 5th

[Fort Ligonier Days](#) October 11th to 13th

## Chili Classic Saturday, October 5th

For Golf and Social Members, and Guests  
Event includes Cart, Prizes, Chili before golf, and Dinner Buffet  
Noon Shotgun  
Sign up with the Pro Shop 724-238-7620 Ext 2-3

## Congratulations!

To Paul Zanotto and Joe Corsi on big wins this past week!  
Paul Zanotto at the [Myrtle Beach World Amateur](#)  
Joe Corsi at the [WPGA Senior Four-Ball](#)