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# The Ligonier Links

#### President's News March 2024

Come one, Come all! Welcome back members! Ligonier's opening is right around the corner! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to join us at LCC again for another fun filled golf season! Our house staff and grounds crew has been very busy making changes around LCC and we are very excited to share them with you!

We have many exciting changes coming this year and we hope they bring you as much excitement as they have already brought us during the off season! LCC has had several renovations during the off season, some small and several not so small. First and foremost, our Ladies will notice a newly renovated Ladies Locker Room! We're very excited for the ladies to get this new and improved space and hope they enjoy it for more than just a locker room! Our crews have been busy making the locker room look like something right out of an HGTV magazine. We did all of the work in house and our team has put in countless hours renovating the restrooms, showers, all new floors, ceilings, lockers and so much more! It is even going to have a new make up station and a couple more surprises for the ladies! Aside from the beautiful exterior, we have also replaced the HVAC in both locker rooms. This should help keep that area more comfortable while also helping the upstairs dining area regulate temperature as well.

Staying inside the building, members will have a slight upgrade to their dining experience as well! We have done a full renovation/upgrade to our draft beer system! Members and guest will have 6 draft options to choose from as well as a new mug chiller to keep their draft beers cold! While upgrading the draft system, we have also moved the cake cooler and waitress station so that counter can now be a to-go pick up station as well as a six pack pick up location for golfers on the course! We've also added a three high top tables along the windows on the far end of the grill room for more seating options! We were so busy inside, I almost forgot! We have added a small draft system in the pavilion so members can enjoy their draft beers outside as well!

Golfers, don't worry we have you covered as well! Our grounds crew along with the help and direction of Dave Lincoln, have been busy making renovations on the golf course! Once on the course, you'll first notice the changes to the bunkers on #4!

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#### Ligonier Country Club

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Dave Lincoln played in the dirt and created a really cool bunker complex. #4 bunker was our biggest problem child when it came to water drainage and washing out after a heavy rain. Crews would spend an entire hour on that one bunker, draining it and raking it back into shape. The board recognized this as a problem area from cost and time so we put Dave to work! Dave split the one large bunker into two and added additional drainage to help keep them in shape even after a heavy rain. He also added a walk way between the two bunkers that will act as a collection area for any balls that miss the green short left outside of the bunkers. Dave also added some mounding around the bunker complex to help distribute water away from the traps to further enhance our water drainage. They gave the hole an entirely new look!

You will also notice a big update as you pull into the club along #17. This hole has been described by many as a pedestrian looking hole as it doesn't have a "Wow" factor as you pull into the club. We heard the comments and ideas and decided you were right and wanted to give the hole a facelift! As you pull up to the club, you will now see a hole that offers beauty and excitement of what lays ahead during your round of golf! Dave Lincoln has added two new bunkers making it a very interesting green/bunker complex! In the front right, golfers will have to navigate a large sweeping bunker that with swallow any shots that are missed short and right of the green. Is hitting it long the play so you avoid that bunker? Not so much! A mounded, pot bunker is lying in wait for any balls that golfers hit long left as well! Tournaments will be very interesting coming down the stretch with these bunkers!

Last but certainly not least, we have switched software companies and with that comes a refreshed website and New APP! Please be sure to visit our website and check out our new updates! We wanted a new member portal that was easier to use for members but also more welcoming for guests that are coming to play our course or enjoy a party at the club! Don't get online very often? We have also created a new LCC App! Please check your emails for more information on how to download it and get set up! It comes with everything that is included on our website as well as a spot to book tee times, weather updates and even a Course GPS! It's really cool!

In January, the board sat down with about 40 members that were randomly selected by our online membership program to discuss everything LCC. We discussed topics such as the golf course, events, membership ideas and much more! The board wanted to get a feel from the membership as to how the membership viewed the club, what they do or don't like, what they would change or not change as well as ideas for future years to help improve LCC for years to come! The board has compiled a list of every single suggestion, idea and note from that meeting and will organize the list so that we can slowly start checking items off that list as time and money permits! While we can not reach every single topic that was discussed, the board will do it's best to chip away at the list the best we can! We wanted the membership to be heard and truly have a voice in the club and we hope that was conveyed during this meeting! We want to make sure we are pushing the club in a direction that benefits all members, not just a specific group and the easiest way to do that was this meeting! We gathered lots of great ideas and look forward to making as many happen as possible!

We will be kicking off the golf season with our first event of the year, The Shamrock Open! Come test your luck in our Saint Patrick's themed event on

March 16! This is always a fun event to open the golf season!

Lastly, please join us on March 31<sup>st</sup>, for our Easter Brunch! We will be serving from 11am to 3pm! Reservations are filling fast! Please email Michael at Michael@ligoniercountryclub.com or please call ext 6 to make your reservations! It will be a hopping good time!

#### Ladies Golf News March 2024

The Executive Board met on February 15 to set the plan for the upcoming season.

We will begin play on Tuesday, April 30 with the traditional opening day scramble. As a twist, everyone will play from the Orange Tees. Please sign up in the Pro Shop by Saturday, April 27, so Sean Knaus can make up the teams.

Our opening dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd. 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, In the Pro Shop the last week of April and get the booklet at that time.

Members may bring up to three guests for Friends Day. Your guest(s) can be a Social or Evening, or Afternoon member. A cart fee will be charged for each guest, and you will be responsible for the lunch. Friends Day will be on July 30.

Other important dates to mark in your calendar:

• King & Queens: June 11

• Queen Bee and Lady Bug: July 9 and 16

• Ladies Classic: August 20

• Closing Day: October 1

#### **Calling All Ladies**



# CALLING ALL LADY GOLF MEMBERS

LCC lady golf members who are not members of the Ladies Golf Association are invited to play in the opening day scramble ON April 30 and/or to join us for dinner on May 2. These 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 18-hole players and hope to reestablish a 9-hole group. Players 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.

#### **Western Information**

If you are a full golfing member of the club and have a handicap index of 19.4 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 <a href="mailto:cbmorford@gmail.com">cbmorford@gmail.com</a> or 724-244-5349.

#### From the Pro March 2024

Dear Members,

We hope you are having a wonderful start to 2024 and cannot wait for everyone to get back on the Golf Course. This year we'll have a wonderful array of Golf events, trips, clinics, and series that you all enjoy. Our core events will return but we have moved the Member-Member to August and the Summer Member-Guest to July. New for this year, a Couples Golf Trip to Avalon Lakes in August. Details can be found below but the hope is to make this an annual event and expand with different types of trips to other states.

Believe it or not, we're less than two weeks away from our first event of the year, The Shamrock Open and less than a month and a half away from our Master's Tournament and Golf Shop Golf Bash. With event sign-up, you may have seen or heard we have a new POS System, Club Caddie, that will include online/mobile device sign-ups. We hope to have this up-and-running by Opening Day in May and will be

our main source of sign-ups for events.

We'll have a few new faces in the Golf Shop this year, including Mike Blasko & my wife, Heather. Mike & Heather will join us as Golf Shop Associates throughout the season. Returning from last year and previous years include Colleen Pritts, Rick Battaglia, Lance Somers, and Mark Twitchell.

As you go down the list/pages you will see detailed information on Golf Shop products including the comeback of the buy 3 get 1 free personalization golf balls, Junior Golf, Fitting Days, Bag/Cart Storage, Hole-In-One Club, club policies and much more. A few policies that will be strictly enforced include Pace of Play of 4 Hours, Lightning Policy, No outside beverages or containers and all Golf Shirts must be tucked in.

# **Golf Shop Hours**

(Month of March)

The Golf Shop will officially open on Friday, March 1

Tee times for the first weekend in March will be as follows:

Friday, March 1-10:30 am

Saturday, Mach 2- 11:30 am

Sunday, March 3- 10:30 am

\*\*Tee times for the rest of March will begin at 10:00 am

\*\*\*Group times will NOT be blocked in the Month of March

# **Golf Shop Hours- Starting March 6**

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

Wednesday through Sunday (9:30 am to 6:00 pm)- weather dependent

# **Golf Shop Information**

The Golf Shop will start seeing inventory arrive in the coming month and is looking forward to a great year with an even better product. We have some brands returning as well as some fresh and appealing new lines including Greyson, Harlstons, Columbia Polos, Lily Pulitzer, and Duck & Cover Headcovers. We will once again have a full assortment of Demo Clubs and Fitting Tools from brands that include (TaylorMade, Callaway, Titleist, PING, US Kids Golf & Cobra). 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.

# **BUY 3, GET 1 FREE Personalization!**

Back for 2024, the Buy 3 Get 1 Free for all (3) companies. Titleist, TaylorMade & Callaway. New for TaylorMade is the MySymbol portion where instead of a number, you can add a custom symbol of theirs. Email Sean (sean@ligoniercountryclub.com), which Brand you would like and what you would like customized.

# TITLEIST- (Buy 3, Get 1 Free)

- \$190 For (4) Dozen
- Options Include the ProV1, ProV1X, ProV1X Left Dash & AVX
- Options #s include (1-4), (5-8) or a custom number
- You may customize the side of your ball; 3 lines, 17 characters per line
- Customized font may be Red, Blue, Black or Green

### CALLAWAY- (Buy 3, Get 1 Free)

- \$175 For (4) Dozen
- Includes all Chrome Tour X, Chrome Tour and Chrome Soft, no Truvis
- Numbers will be (1-4)
- Personalization is offered in black, red, blue, green, pink, purple, orange, or brown block letters on a white golf ball. Yellow golf balls only offer black ink. Three lines, 20 character maximum per line (including spaces and punctuation
- Line Rite (a Callaway Exclusive) is available in two alignment options, target or straight, with up to three initials in black, red, blue, green, pink, purple, orange, or brown block letters on a white golf ball. Yellow golf balls only offer black ink. Line Rite is not available on Triple Track models.
- All dozens must be personalized with the same imprint and ink color.

# TAYLORMADE- (Buy 3, Get 1 Free)

- \$170 for (4) Dozen
- Click the Link below or copy and paste into your search browser for Personalization of TP5 or TP5x
- May choose special play numbers or a symbol

https://www.taylormadegolfdirect.com/OA\_HTML/xxtmgolf\_ibeCCtdCreatePromoCatalog.jsp#

# **Golf Shop Major Events**

March 16- Shamrock Open April 13- Master's Tournament

April 21- Golf Shop Golf Bash April 27- Glow Golf Event

May 4- Opening Day

June 6, 7 & 8- Men's Invitational

July 13- Member-Guest

July 20- Men's & Women's Senior Club Championship

August 3/4- Member/Member

August 10/11-Men's & Women's Club Championship

**September 1-** 5 Person Scramble **October 15-**19- Mission Impossible Week

October 20- Ray's Revenge November 2- Pumpkin Par-3

# **Golf Shop Match Play Events**

The Golf Shop will have (3) 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. Once again handicaps used will be each player's low handicap index from 2023.

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

- -Black Tree Challenge (Team Match Play-open to all golfing members)
- -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 2023 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 16



- 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

# Master's Tournament- Saturday, April 13

- 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.
- A CASH chipping contest will conclude the event.
- Open to all Membership Categories & Guests
- Members- \$50; Guests- \$60

# Virtual Golf Bash- Saturday, April 20

- 5:00 to 7:00 pm
- First 80 sign-ups may watch in the pavilion.
- Those that attend will a receive appetizer & beer special, tip-boards & 50/50's
- Do not need to be present to win!
- Open to all membership levels
- \$45 donation per ticket-\$5 per ticket will be donated to Union Mission Shelter of Latrobe



# **Opening Day**

Opening Day "Derby Day"- Saturday, May 4 (10:30 am Shotgun)

- Stableford Point System- Make Your Own Foursome
- 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, April 27-9 Hole Glow Golf (8:00 pm shotgun)

Saturday, June 15- College Night (5:00 pm Shotgun)

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

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

Our crowd pleasing and most exciting events of the year are back for 2024.

May 16- Drinks Around the World

July 11- Christmas in July

**September 12- Couples Cross-Country** 

# **Couples Golf Trip- NEW**

New for 2024, the first Couples Golf Trip hosted by Sean. Couples will experience a two-day getaway to an outstanding complex at Avalon Lakes.



# **UPCOMING SWATS & CLINICS**

### **Ladies Only Beginner Golf Clinics**

Calling all Ladies; members, guests, and friends! Those looking to learn Golf or take Golf more seriously; these clinics are for you.

**WEDNESDAYS: APRIL 3,10, 17 & 24** 

TIME: 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

# **Junior Golf**

- PGA Junior League is back for its 4th season at Ligonier Country Club. We will
  once again have our 13 & Under Team and have added a 17 & Under Team!
  Detailed information can be found by going to pgajuniorleague.com and searching
  for Ligonier Country Club.
- Junior Camp will be June 18, 19 & 20. All three days will be from 8:00 am to NOON and include lunch each day after.

\$240 per child- includes lunch each day after camp.

• Junior Golf Clinics will be on Fridays. Most clinics will start at 11am and go to 12:30 pm. A detailed listing is below.

Friday, June 14 (11am to 1230 pm)Putting & Games

Friday, June 28(11 am to 1230 pm)Full Swing & Baseball Golf

Friday, July 19(1 pm to 230 pm)Short Game & Bunkers

Friday, July 26(11 am to 1pm)Put It All Together

\*Times subject to change based on Outings

# **Upcoming Demo Days**

This year's Demo Day will be a blast! If you do not want to play in the Master's Tournament, join the party on the range!

Titleist, Callaway & Taylormade will be on the range until 4:00 PM to showcase the hottest equipment of 2024.

# **Lightning Policy**

New for 2024, we have upgraded our Lightning Detection System and Siren. Per our insurance policy, the lightning policy will be strictly enforced. We have two sirens that blow when lightning is within our 10-mile radius; one from the clubhouse and one from the turfgrass center. If you hear these sirens, you must stop IMMEDIATELY, and seek shelter or return to the clubhouse. Those that do not follow this policy will be asked to leave the Golf Course and not return.

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

The Driving Range will open (Friday, April 15)

- Throughout the season, the driving range will close at dusk.
- On Wednesday's, the driving range will close at 4:00 pm for clean picking.
- On Thursday'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.

# **2024 Fees**

Social Member Range Pass-\$150

Guest Range Pass- \$200

All-Day Range Pass- \$7 per day

Bag Storage & Club Cleaning- \$110

Cart Storage-\$90

Bag & Cart Storage- \$175

Push-Cart Rental- \$5

As always, the Golf Shop more information or question

Warm Regards,

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.

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# **Upcoming March Events**



Clubhouse Reopens - with Lent Specials  $5 \ pm$ 



All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Bar 5 pm



Shamrock Open 11 am





Easter Buffet
11 am to 3 pm Reservations

# **Future Events**

Master's Event Golf Bash April 6th April 13th

Glow Golf	April 27th
Women's Social Series	May 1st
Opening Day	May 4th
Mother's Day	May 12th
Bucks & Does	May 16th
New Member Mixer	May 18th
Men's Invitational	June 6-8th
College Night	June 15th
Bucks & Does	July 11th



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# LIGONIER COUNTRY CLUB

Shamrock Open (G)	3/16
Good Friday Event (S)	3/29
Easter Brunch (S)	3/31
Master's Event (G)	4/6

Golf Bash (G) Glow Golf (G) 4/27

Women's Social Series (S)

Opening Day (G) Mother's Day (S)

Bucks & Does (G)

New Member Mixer (S)

Men's Invitational (G)

College Night (G)

Bucks & Does (G)

Senior Club Championship (G)

Member-Member (G)

Summer Picnic (S)

Club Championship (G)

5-Man (G)

Bucks & Does (G)

Fall Fest (S)

Mission Impossible Week (G)

Ray's Revenge (G)

Ghost Tour (S)

Pumpkin Par 3 (G)

Turkey Trot (S)

Turkey Shootout (G/S)

Toys for Tots (G/S)

Kid's Mixer (S)

Adult Mixer (S)

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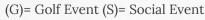
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