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The Ligonier Links

President's News October 2025 *James Sarver*

Dear Members,

Fall is here and it is by far the most beautiful time of year at Ligonier Country Club! As we step into the beautiful autumn season in the Laurel Highlands, I want to take a moment to reflect on a fantastic summer and share some exciting updates and upcoming events.

Member Appreciation Party – October 5th

We are thrilled to invite all our members to the **Member Appreciation Party** on **Sunday, October 5th**. This is our way of saying thank you for being such an integral part of the Ligonier Country Club family. Expect a festive evening filled with great food, drinks, music, and camaraderie. It's the perfect way to celebrate the close of a great season together!

Ray's Revenge Tournament – October 19th

Back by popular demand, the **Ray's Revenge Tournament** returns on **Sunday, October 19th**. This fan-favorite event will once again test your skills and patience as Ray crafts a course setup like no other. Trick pins, diabolical tees, and plenty of laughs are guaranteed. Be sure to sign up early as this event fills quickly!

Ligonier Country Club Wins Big!

We are incredibly proud to announce that **Ligonier Country Club has been recognized in the 2025 Western PA Golf Choice Awards!**

- **Best Grill Room/Bar**, edging out the esteemed South Hills Country Club.
- **Best Golf Hole #15**, surpassing the legendary #15 at Pittsburgh Field Club.

These honors are a testament to the exceptional experiences we offer, both on and off the course. Thank you to everyone who voted and to our staff for their outstanding dedication to excellence!

Looking Ahead

As we wrap up another successful season, I encourage you to make the most of the remaining golf days and social events. Whether you're enjoying a final round or sipping cocktails in our award-winning Grill Room, there's no better place to be this fall than Ligonier Country Club.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Let's finish the season strong!

Warm regards,
James Sarver
President, Ligonier Country Club

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Ligonier Country Club

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[Mobile App](#)

Username are now your email address
for member portal log in

Default Password is LCC2024 but you
can also use "forgot password" to reset or
change it

Important Updates and Reminders

2026 Dues and Information, including new minimum arrangement options, will be arriving in the mail within the next week. Please be sure to read over all the information. If you have not received your letter by October 10th, please contact the office.

General reminders:

- Dining reservations are required by 4 pm, and that the clubhouse may close up to an hour early if there are no reservations. Reservations can be made at 724-238-7620 ext 2 or leave a message at ext 6. Last reservation time is a half hour before kitchen close.
- There is a 48-hour cancellation notice required for all club events. If we do not receive your notice in advance, you may be charged in full for the event according to your reservation.
 - Outside food and beverages is prohibited on LCC property by PLCB license.
 - Tee times are required and Golfers must check in with the pro shop.

The Rules and Regulations of LCC can be found at <https://ligoniercountryclub.com/membership/rules/>

From the Social Committee *Karen Hough*

As the Golf year draws to a close, we have several events for the Membership to enjoy!!

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Member Appreciation Party

A BIG day at the Club for you to enjoy with your family and friends.

Starting at 3:00p.m.

Open to all Members and Guests, just bring the kiddos and enjoy ..

- Bouncy House
- Petting Zoo
- Hot Dogs, Burgers, Beer
- and so much more!!

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, November 8, 2024 – Turkey Trot Dinner

The Turkey Trot campaign is an opportunity to say "Thanks For Giving!"

Club representatives meet with local merchants to seek donations, gift items or gift certificates that allow us to create beautiful baskets which will be raffled off during the dinner on November 8th. Our members and vendors also get involved in the "giving" by donating items that can be included in the basket giveaways!

The event concludes on November 8th with a silent auction of the baskets. It's a great evening of fun with all proceeds donated to our Local Food Banks.



If you are interested in creating and/or donating a Basket or other gift items for the Turkey Trot/Thanks for Giving event, that would be great! Please drop off your basket or gift item(s) in the Grill Room in early November.



October 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Kitchen Hours – Brunch Only 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Bar Service & Bites 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Fick Shower	29 Clubhouse Closed	30 11:30 am - 8:00 pm Kitchen Hours 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Ladies' Closing Day	1 11:30 am - 8:00 pm Kitchen Hours	2 11:30 am - 8:00 pm Kitchen Hours 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm BPW	3 11:30 am - 8:30 pm Kitchen Hours 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Scott Electric Golf Outing 10:00 am - 2:30 pm Shotgun 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Caldwell Rehearsal Dinner	4 11:30 am - 8:30 pm Kitchen Hours 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm Walker/Christmas Wedding
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2 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Pumpkin Big Cup	3 Closed	4 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Tri County Meeting	5	6 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm BPW	7 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm LVGC Employees	8 Semnisky Shower 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Turkey Trot

Upcoming Club Events

Member Appreciation Party	Sunday, October 5th
Fort Ligonier Days	Fri. Oct 10 to Sun. Oct 12
Ft Days Fireworks Viewing Party	Friday, October 10
Mission Impossible Week	Fri. Oct 10 to Thurs. Oct 16
Pasta Bar	Fri. Oct 17 & Sat. Oct 18
Ray's Revenge	Sunday, October 19
Club Closed for Member Wedding	Saturday, October 25
Club Closed for Member Wedding	Saturday, November 1
Pumpkin Big Cup	Sunday, November 2
Turkey Trot (no running involved!)	Saturday, November 8
Joe Golden Performs	Friday, November 14
Detention Performs	Saturday, November 22
Thanksgiving Day (Facilities Closed)	Thursday, November 27
Turkey Shootout	Friday, November 28
Toys for Tots Event	Saturday, December 6

[Event Details](#)

Ladies Golf News October 2025 *Barbara Sloan*

It is hard to believe but our season is officially over. Hopefully, a warm October will still allow us to continue playing.

September did not offer much in the way of competition due to course aeration.

Best Poker Hand was the gadget for September 16. Each player received one card at the start of the round. Players earned additional cards from the Pro Shop for each net par or one putt. The best poker hand won.

- 1st Place: Jan Litrun (Straight Flush)
- 2nd Place: Linda Boyle (Full House Queen High)

September 23 was rained out.

The traditional **closing day** scramble took place on September 30, with everyone playing from the orange tees.

- 1st Place: Steph Knupp, Betty Rosa & Pat Warren (54)
- 2nd Place: Cindy Soccio, Linda Boyle, Robin Giunta & Sherry O'Halloran (61)
 - 3rd Place: Carolyn Morford, Jan Litrun & Becky Demuth (64)
- 4th Place: Jo Treskovich, Melane Baraniak, Virginia Funnell & Barb Sloan (67)

Skill Prizes

- Best Approach, Closest to the Hole #1 - Robin Giunta
- Longest Putt #2- Linda Boyle
 - Closest to the Hole #7- Carolyn Morford
- Best Approach, Closest to the Hole #9 - Steph Knupp
- Best Approach, Closest to the Hole #15- Steph Knupp

- Closest to the Hole #17- Carolyn Morford
 - Longest Putt #18- Barb Sloan

Lunch and a meeting followed play. The Executive Board for next year was announced:

Linda Boyle, President

Jan Litrun, Vice President

Carolyn Morford, Treasurer

Barbara Sloan, Golf Chair and Secretary

The Association appreciates the support we receive each week from Sean Knaus and his team for organizing our games.

Bill Elliott and his club house staff deserve our thanks for ensuring our after-play lunches ran smoothly.

From the Pro September 2025 *Sean Knaus*

Dear Members,

September is typically known as a slower month- but that certainly wasn't the case this year!

The month kicked off with Jim Born and his crew successfully aerifying the greens, tee boxes, and fairways. Thanks to their hard work and the beautiful weather, everything healed quickly and looked fantastic. The sunshine didn't just help the course; it also filled up the tee sheet with plenty of play.

We also had great participation in both our Couples Cross Country event and the Fall Member-Guest tournament. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the course and camaraderie. A big congratulations goes out to Jeff Robinson, who won credit towards his dues, and Nathan Darazio, who earned a free membership at Ligonier!

Thank you all for making September such a memorable month at the club. We're looking forward to more great golf, events and weather in the weeks ahead!

- Ray, Jim, Lester and the crew are back for Revenge this year. Starting on Friday, October 10, beware of the course and its findings. All leading up to a normal sold-out crowd for Ray's Revenge Tournament on Sunday, October 19.
- A twist on the annual Pumpkin Par-3 is amongst us. We will transition to the Pumpkin Big Cup Challenge on Sunday, November 2. The event will still have a splash of Orange but go away from the normal Par-3 format and move to a 18-hole, play your own ball, from the Orange Tees. The twist, all holes will have 8" cups on the Greens.

Golf Course Reminders

- All players MUST check in to the Golf Shop before play, even if you are Walking
- Golf Shirts Must Always Be Tucked In when entering the Golf Course
- All play MUST begin on Hole #1 unless approved by Sean Knaus or Bill Elliott
 - No (5) fivesomes of any kind during the season (April through November)
- Pace of Play for Ligonier is 4 hours and 15 hours (2:08 front 9, 2:07 back 9)
- When the Lightning warning or horn sounds, you MUST stop play and find shelter or return to the clubhouse (see details below)
 - Golf carts must be off the Golf Course 30 minutes before dark

NOTE: The Driving Range & Chipping Green have closed for the year.

Thursday, October 2- Kiski Prep Match (Match tee times start at 4:15 PM)

Saturday, October 4- Kiski Prep Match (Match tee times start at 1:00 PM)

Monday, October 6- Ligonier Camp & Conference Outing (**Golf Course Closed ALL DAY**)

Tuesday, October 7- Kiski Prep Match (**Match tee times start at 4:15 PM**)

Friday, October 10- WPGA Play Day (**Event will hold tee times from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**)

Monday, October 13- Open Monday (**Tee times from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**)- carts in by 6:00 PM

Friday, October 17- The Fellow of Arts & Ministries Golf Outing (**Golf Course Closed ALL DAY**)

Sunday, October 19- Ray's Revenge Golf Event (**Tee times open at 5:00 PM**)

Monday, October 20- Open Monday (**Tee times from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**)

Monday, October 27- Open Monday (**Tee times from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**)

Golf Shop Hours (Month of October)

Monday- **9:00 AM to 6:00 PM** (*Golf Carts must be in by 6:00 PM*)- no carts available if we have an outing.

Tuesday through Friday (**8:00 am to DUSK**)- *weather dependent*

Saturday and Sunday (**7:30 am to DUSK**)- *weather dependent*

Group Times

All members are eligible to take part in playing in groups and their CA\$H games. To find the right group for you, reach out to Sean and we'll get you in touch with the right Captain.

OCTOBER GROUP TIMES

- Early Morning (Saturday & Sunday)- 8:30am to 8:54am
 - Ladies (Saturday & Sunday)- 9:02 am
- Goodwin's Golf Guys (Saturday)- 9:10 am to 9:34am
 - Goodwin's Golf Guys (Sunday)- 9:10am
 - International (Saturday)- 9:50am to 10:06am
 - International (Sunday)- 9:18am to 9:34am

Certain groups play during the week as well:

- **Early Morning-** Monday to Friday (First Tee Times)
- **International-** Tuesday, Thursday & Friday- Around 9:30 AM & Wednesday- 1:00 PM
- **Goodwin's Golf Guys-** Wednesday & Thursday- NOON

REMAINING UPCOMING EVENTS

RAY'S REVENGE

"The Impossible Open"

Jim, Ray, Lester & many others have maintained a fabulous course for you this year. Now let them have fun with this unique event.

RAIN OR SHINE

VINDICTIVE PINS, FAST GREENS & A TOUGH LAYOUT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

11:00 AM SHOTGUN

FORMAT: 3-PERSON SCRAMBLE

GROSS, NET & LADIES ONLY DIVISIONS

OPEN TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP & GUESTS

*TEAMS MAY CONSIST OF ALL MEMBERS OR MEMBERS W/ GUESTS

ENTRY: \$50- MEMBERS; \$60-GUESTS

INCLUDES GREEN FEE & CART, LUNCH BUFFET AFTER GOLF & PRIZES

OPTIONAL TEAM SKINS- \$60 PER TEAM

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CASH AS TEAM GOLF WILL TAKE ON TEAM GROUNDS.

SIGN-UP IN THE GOLF SHOP OR ONLINE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

PUMPKIN

"BIG CUP"

CHALLENGE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

11:00 AM SHOTGUN

FORMAT: 18 HOLES WITH WINTER CUPS

- PLAY YOUR OWN BALL
- BEST 2 OF 4
- GROSS, NET & CALLAWAY

MEMBERS- \$60; GUESTS- \$70

INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART, LUNCH BUFFET, PRIZES AND HOLE-IN-ONE CONTESTS

MEMBERS MAY BRING (3) GUESTS

SIGN-UP IN THE GOLF SHOP OR ONLINE BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

Friday, October 10 to Thursday October 16

YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT
Play the Golf Course the toughest you will see it, all leading up to Ray's Revenge on Sunday, October 19

What will you experience you ask?

- Vindictive Pins & Lighting Fast Greens

Guest Special Each Day- \$65

-Includes Green Fee, Cart, Double Cheeseburger, Chips & Pro Event

Members may opt in to the Pro Event- \$10

PLAN YOUR SCHEDULES ACCORDINGLY

THIS MESSAGE WILL SELF-DESTRUCT

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.

Hole-In-Ones will count for the club starting on April 1 and continue until November 14.

ENTRY: \$10 per person, per hole-in-one (opt-out anytime)

Ed Elliott- 5/29- Hole #7 (\$400 Cash, \$400 Golf Shop Credit & a Plaque)

Fred Planinsek- 6/19- Hole #11 (\$370 Cash, \$370 Golf Shop Credit & Plaque)

Chuck Vecchiola- 8/20- Hole #11 (\$380 Cash, \$380 Golf Shop Credit & Plaque)

Jim Morford- 8/23- Hole #7 (\$370 Cash, \$370 Golf Shop Credit & Plaque)

Tri-County Golf Information



Driving Range Information

- CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Lightning Policy

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.

When weather, capable of producing lightning, approaches the area (within 10 miles), all golfers should use extreme caution. If a lightning storm is imminent, the golf staff will sound like a siren. When the siren sounds, all golfers are required to leave the course or seek shelter immediately. Golf carts are not lightning proof. Do not shelter under a tree as they conduct lightning to the ground.

The following disciplinary action will occur for those found golfing during a lightning warning:

1. Verbal Warning
2. No play for two weeks
3. No play for one month

Outside activities may resume when authorized by the Golf Shop staff after 15 minutes have passed since the last lightning strike. Golfers, resuming play, are expected to immediately return to the course at their previous location and resume play. Golfers not abiding by this will lose their position on the course. Please also note that lightning is difficult to predict and the lack of a siren warning on any occasion is no assurance of safety against lightning. Play is always at your own risk.

Score Posting- GHIN

Score posting will begin on Tuesday, April 1 and end of Friday, November 14.

- You may post scores on the GHIN APP or leave your scorecard with the Golf Shop
- ALL scores (9 or 18) must be posted the day you play due to the PCC Calculation
 - You CANNOT post a score if you have played by yourself
 - During aeration, scores should still be posted per the USGA
- See below for example's on how to post scores if you do not finish an entire round.

• 13 or More Holes:

When you play 13 or more holes, you must post an 18-hole score, even if you don't complete all 18 holes.

- **Holes Not Played:** For the holes you didn't play, you'll score them as "par plus" your course handicap strokes.

- **Example:** If you play 14 holes and have a course handicap of 10, you'd score the remaining 4 holes as par plus 1 stroke each (because your course handicap is 10, and you're entitled to 1 stroke per hole).

7 to 12 Holes:

If you play between 7 and 12 holes, you must post a 9-hole score.

Holes Not Played: You'll only post scores for the 9 holes you played, and the remaining holes are disregarded for handicap purpose

Stroke & Distance Rule

- This rule will be used at LCC to speed up daily play.
- **THIS CANNOT BE USED DURING TOURNAMENTS**

Local Rule- Stroke and Distance (Out of Bounds or Lost Ball)

"When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance."

For TWO penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3). Two Estimated Reference Points:

Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less. If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played out to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Point, anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line). But with these limits: Limits on Location of Relief Area.

- Must be in the general area, and must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.

This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 4.3), that the player may not use the option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3). A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

THIS RULE WILL NOT BE USED IN COMPETITION OR ANY EVENT

GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule gives players an alternative to stroke and distance when a ball is lost or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.



RELEVANT RULES

- Rule 14.3** The player may drop a ball in the relief area and play it.
- Rule 18.3** A player may play a provisional ball.
- Rule 19.3** A player may take relief under penalty of stroke and distance.
- Rule 23.3** A player may take relief under penalty of stroke and distance.

HEW USGA

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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