

THE LAKES GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



April 2024

Important Announcements:

The course will be **Closed**
all day **Monday, May 20**
for aeration and other
maintenance

First tee times of the day now
start at 7:15am

New weekend and holiday rates
are now in effect for member
cart fees and public greens
fees/cart fees



Roofs are up on the new clubhouse and cart barns, interior work is underway, and the new parking lot is taking shape.

Members, Patrons, and Friends,

Spring is here! Except for the occasional blustery day that slips in. It seems to me like this is late spring, or maybe I am just impatient in my hopes for the newly repaired irrigation system. We are definitely seeing some grass growing on the fairways (well... some of them), and the sound of mowers is a welcome and comforting background noise.

We are seeing real progress on the planning and effort in the construction of the clubhouse, and on the tees at #3 and #6. Sometimes, the visual effects seem almost non-existent, but not this month! I think everyone is more than happy to accommodate the inconvenience of the temporary tees and construction activity of the new clubhouse, as the obvious payoff will be a much better course for us all.

Everyone, even me, who is part of our team is still pushing to the limit, making the transition to spring weather and preparing the course for our busy season. We are still looking for rangers, counter help, and cart persons. If anyone knows someone who wants to join our team, please let us know or ask them to come on in!

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I continue to encourage everyone to actively, and pro-actively cajole others to respect the course, by staying outside of the blue lines around the greens, staying on the cart paths on the par 3's, and staying on the cart paths around all tees. My intent is to do my part to improve our course, and I will do my best to entice everyone to participate in that vision. As an example: It has come to my attention that folks don't like to walk to the temporary tee on #14. Here is my take; if everyone can participate in the temporary inconveniences, I promise that the club management, owners, and employees will do everything possible to minimize those inconveniences. That particular spot (#14 tee), was a victim of no water. We rectified that. Along with a more robust fertilization program, and now sufficient water, those areas will recover. If they don't, we will take more drastic action. I assure everyone; it is not a lack of effort, money, intent, desire, or tenacity. I will do my part. Bear with me (not "bare with me!"), if I aggressively ask that everyone take an interest in making this club a place of which we can be proud. I ask that everyone ask Siri, or Google, "what is the average cost of a golf club membership in the US?" Right now, we are significantly less than HALF of the MINIMUM average. I want to keep it that way. Every time someone drives on a par 3, drives up to the greens, drives out to a temporary tee, or otherwise disrespects the course, that goal further eludes us.

The new clubhouse is storming along and on schedule. I think everyone can see that things are coming together. Hopefully, we won't run out of funds before we can enjoy a beverage in our new establishment. There is one more spot for an additional partner in the club ownership group. Please contact me if you are interested in being part of this herculean effort.

I ask that you all continue to be an active participant in the improvement and maintenance of our community course. LET'S PLAY GOLF!

Respectfully,

Roger Dutton, Managing Partner

GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH

Ignore the pin location for full swing approach shots

For mid- to high-handicap golfers, the smartest play is usually to just focus on hitting the green rather than attacking the pin, at least when you're taking a full shot on your approach to the green. Instead of going directly at the hole, aim for the center of the green or some other part of the green that keeps you away from danger. This gives you more room for error, making it more likely wayward shots will land on or close to the green and avoid hazards. Sometimes from the fairway, a difficult hole location will look deceptively accessible, but try to ignore the temptation of going directly at the flag.



Turf Talk

As the temperatures rise so will the grass. The mowers have already been making their rounds. We have sliced the fairways, which is a less disruptive form of aeration. Hopefully we will start to see some Greenup in the thin fairway areas.

On Monday May 20th the course will be closed for greens verification. We will punch, clean up, topdress, and fertilize the greens on this day. Weather permitting 🙌. During that week we will also be fertilizing the course.

We have started the renovation of the tees on holes 3 and 6. We will sod the tee tops and should be ready for play in about 6 weeks. We will use temporary tees until the sod is ready for play. We will be returning the tees from the alternate tees to their normal position in the near future.

I hope everyone sees the improvements we are trying to make on the course as the new clubhouse is being constructed. As you play please keep in mind the cart rules of the course carts on path only at the tees complex, outside the blue lines and all par 3s.

Always strive for "Fairways and Greens".

-Jason Young,
Golf Course Superintendent



Upcoming Events:

Friday Night Captain's Choice

Every Friday at 5:00pm

Must sign up in advance with the Pro Shop - space is limited!



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