

THE LAKES GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

February 2024



Spring is almost here!



We will return to regular
Pro Shop hours

7:00am - 6:00pm

when Daylight Savings
Time starts on Sunday,
March 10.



Work on the ground level plumbing and electrical installations for the new clubhouse has been ongoing over the last month.

Members, Patrons, and Friends,

I know we are showing signs of life on the new clubhouse, and things seem to have stalled for a couple weeks. The inspection schedule has been difficult, but we should be pouring the slab for the main building this week! After that dries for about a week, we should start seeing serious vertical development. The projected finish date seems to wax and wane between mid-summer to early fall, so let's hope for the best.

As the weather warms, we see a busy course on the nice days, and only a few tumble-weeds blowing through on the nasty days. I'm looking forward to more consistent crowds as the weather moderates. I'm ready for the lion to depart and the lamb to come forth. I, personally, have been out of town, seeking warmer climates, but I understand things in BSL are rounding the corner into spring... slowly.

I know everyone is curious about the fate of the old clubhouse on the West side of South Shore Drive. Well, my sources say it has been purchased by the City of BSL, and they have a long-term plan to use it as some type of public facility. I don't want to speak out of school, so I won't spread unwarranted rumors. I can say that The Lakes Golf Club, and I, personally, do not have any direct involvement in the prospective project at this time. We seem to have a very good, healthy relationship with the City, and don't expect them to

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kick us out before the new clubhouse is completed. And I am sure we will help them reach their goals any way we can.

Our ever-vigilant employees and staff continue to provide the friendliest, home-spun service possible as they prepare for the upcoming season, as I hope play density is strong enough to help pay for expenses associated with the new clubhouse. We will likely have a moderate rate increase this spring, but are trying to show everyone our dedication to improving not only the condition of the course itself, but the comfort and convenience of our membership before we do so. I can promise our goal of being the 'best bang for the buck' will always be our first mandate.

The course seems to have weathered the worst of the winter weather with only a few signs of fatigue around the corners. Biggie and his crew are preparing for the spring growth and planning the pre-emergents and so forth, so hopefully the bright green colors will come back soon! Please fill those divot holes (to keep things level and smooth), repair your ball marks, and stay on the cart paths at the tees and greens. I'm hoping to see the course in better condition than ever this year.

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

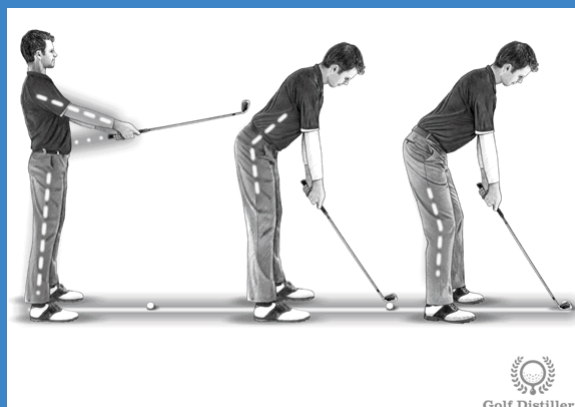
GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH

Stance and Posture

Your stance and posture are the foundation of your swing, so make sure they're setting you up for success.

Your feet should be approximately shoulder width apart when you set up, but that's only an approximation, and your optimal stance depends on your natural body dynamics. Too wide and you're more likely to keep your weight too far back. Too narrow and you're more likely to fall forward. To get a better starting point, take a normal walking stride, stop after one step, and pivot into a golf stance. But keep in mind you need a slightly wider stance for longer clubs, like the driver, and a slightly narrower stance for short approach shots, so practice to figure out what exactly works best for you.

Your posture – how upright or hunched over you are when you swing – is important for how easily you can keep your swing on the right plane.



To get the right posture, stand up straight and hold your club with your arms straight but relaxed. Hold the club so it's level at your waist when you're fully upright with the club at about a 45 degree angle from your arms. Keeping your back straight, bend at your waist until the club head almost touches the ground. Then bend your knees slightly, and you have the perfect posture for a golf swing.





Super Bowl 2024 Tournament

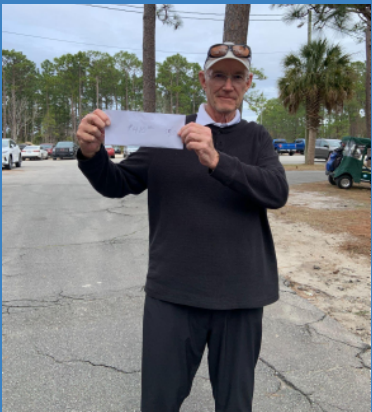


On Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, The Lakes held our annual Super Bowl Tournament. 111 Golfers came to play on a beautiful day (for February) in this Captain’s Choice event.

To give everyone more of a chance at the prizes, finishers were split into three flights and prizes were awarded to the top 3 teams in each flight. Here are the winners:

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
1st Place – 62 Brian Kallam Bev Wike Todd Jenkins Jim Wike	1st Place – 68 Mark Dorsett Joe Pekar Roy Erhart Art Lessner	1st Place – 71 Laura Fitzhugh Shaun Myers Mac Fitzhugh Jamie Myers
2nd Place – 64 Robbie Lennon Rick Terry Walt Caprini Jason Young	2nd Place – 68 Verne Roscoe Ben Spencer Mike Klemens Riley Spencer	2nd Place – 71 David Hernandez Golfer 1 John Shelburne Golfer 2
3rd Place – 64 Mark Cardin Buddy Knapp Nick Catrambane Chuck Vance	3rd Place – 68 Scott Ball Gene Cheval Jake Beamer Jeff Repp	3rd Place – 72 Brian Craig Jerry Pierce Kent Schwedler Matt Watkins

Closest to pin: Hole #2 - Dave Brown Hole #6 - Mac Fitzhugh Hole #17 - Tom York



50/50 winner
Art Lessner won
\$410!

Upcoming Events:

Friday Night Captain’s Choice
Friday, March 1 and March 8 - 3:00pm
Friday, March 15 until Fall - 5:00pm
Must sign up in advance with the Pro Shop

Match Play Tournament
Starts April 13 and continues through May. Men’s Golf Association members only, sign up in the Pro Shop.



Email webmaster@thelakesgolf.com with comments, questions, or submissions for the next newsletter.

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