

THE LAKES GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2023



Fall is here at The Lakes!



Our pro shop hours are changing when Daylight Savings Time ends.

New hours:

7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Starting Sunday, November 5



Members, Patrons, and Friends,

I want to thank all the folks who helped make this a very successful summer for the Club. Our loyal customers and members, as well as our staff, have persevered through some pretty hot weather. The good news is that we grew a lot of grass (and cut it!). Now that things are cooling off temperature-wise, I have noticed that I'm seeing a lot more walking carts, myself included.

The new bunkers, and the sod around them, are really making a difference in play. It is very satisfying to see not only the visual improvement, but the requirement to play the course correctly. Gone are many of the places where we could putt out of bunkers, putt from 30 feet off the greens, and even expect a hard bounce on the approach shots. Now we actually have to play golf.

We still have a few rough spots on the tee boxes, and stubborn spots in the fairways, all due to lack of consistent water. But where we have water, we have grass. We have a plan to improve the irrigation system and execution of that plan has started this month.

On the Clubhouse front, quotes continue to come in for the construction, and I hope we have solid commitments within a couple weeks.

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I am proud of our employees and staff for the progress they have made, to give our customers the golf experience they deserve. 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

Drills for Greenside Bunkers

In the famous words of Harvey Penick, “the bunker shot is the only shot that you can hit fat and it is perfect.”

To help with visualizing where to hit, take a dollar bill out of your pocket, lay it face up in the bunker along your target line, and put the ball on Washington's face. Aim 45 degrees left of the target with your footline while maintaining the club face facing the target line.

Sweep the dollar bill out without cutting it.

When swinging through the ball, there should be no deceleration and you should make a full finish.



Turf Talk

Summer is giving way to Fall. The turf growth is slowing down, and we are now shifting our focus from mowing to blowing and debris clean up.

We continue to work on repairing the electrical components of the irrigation system. Hopefully in the not-too-distant future we will be able to operate all installed sprinkler heads as desired. The isolation valves should come over the winter months.

The clean up activity will be ongoing until warm weather returns in the spring and the mowers return to the course. As the crew has done in the past, we are offering the pine straw we gather from the course. If you are interested in purchasing a load or loads of straw delivered contact me or Dale and we will schedule a delivery. Deliveries will be made as the straw becomes readily available.

A new event for The Lakes GC is on the horizon in the near future. "Biggie's Revenge" is scheduled for November 11th. The course will be set up at my discretion and will bring some new challenges and unique play corridors. It should be fun, and I will even be taking part in the event so that I may experience all the headaches the other participants experience on that day.

Looking forward to the holiday season, and as always keep in mind "Fairways and Greens."

-Jason Young, Golf Course Superintendent

Swing "Fore" Sophia

The Lakes is hosting an event on Saturday, November 18 to benefit Boiling Spring Lakes resident Sophia, a 10-year-old who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer, and her family.

See the course website or our email announcement for details.



Upcoming Events:

Biggie's Revenge - Members Only Tournament
Saturday, November 11. 9:00am Shotgun Start

Swing "Fore" Sophia - Charity Tournament
Saturday, November 18. 9:00am Shotgun Start

Friday Night Captain's Choice
Every Friday at 4:00pm (3:00pm starting when Daylight Savings Time ends)

Must sign up in advance with the Pro Shop for all these events

