

THE LEXINGTON TIMES

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2017

"Over 100 years of fun"

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since 2011, when we started working with Up to Par, our club started paying down the debt in a responsible manner, and have begun making capital improvements that had been deferred for several years. Some of the major and visible items are: Tennis court resurfacing, pool repair and renovations, pool house painting and roof replacement, re-stripping the parking lot, short game area/tee complex, replacing sand in the pool filters, and debris clean up.

Of course, there are many items that are necessary, but unseen – leaky roofs, worn out air conditioning units, refrigerators that quit, replacement of old kitchen ovens, and a number of other items that require our attention.

In 2003, our dues revenue was \$896,000. Today, it is \$645,000, and our capital dues have declined proportionally. Our capital budget for 2017 is \$98,000 and our capital dues revenue is projected at \$68,000, so we have an obvious gap in funding our needs for the upcoming season. Neither dues nor capital dues have been increased for at least the nine years that I have been a member, and this is due to our management team and successive boards sticking to the plan to live within our means. My message is, I trust, obvious. The board is considering a modest, but very necessary, capital dues funding increase to take effect April 1, 2017.

On another note, our club has a history of members volunteering their time and talents for numerous projects to enhance both the appearance and the experience of our facility. Obviously, Up to Par is doing a wonderful job with the revenue we generate from dues to take care of the basic needs of the club. To continue the tradition of our members helping out, we are soliciting your participation as we form a LGCC Volunteer Cadre, which will be overseen by the Greens and Building/Grounds Committees. Work done by club volunteers serves to augment our tight labor resources, and improve the condition of the course and other areas. Let us know if you are able to volunteer your time and talent to assist with projects around the clubhouse and on the golf course. This is much appreciated, and we thank you for your continued support of the club. We can't do it without you!

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See you at the club,

Bill Russell

President, Lexington Golf & Country Club



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LEXINGTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Below you'll find our General Managers monthly update!

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome Spring! March usually comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, and after a relatively mild winter, our team is ready to 'bloom'! This year's spring membership drive features not one, but two special promotions, and we are asking you to invite your friends to join the club! The Y+L=U membership offers a one-year membership commitment and includes six months FREE dues at the Rockbridge YMCA or for a two year commitment, new members will receive 50% off their dues for the first year! If you refer a new member who joins, you will receive a \$200 food credit or a complimentary 5-lesson golf package from PGA Head Professional Jeff Wagner. For existing members we are pleased to announce that current members who wish to join the 'Y' can do so under the corporate rate, which will save you money each month. If you have any questions, please call me or the Y for more information. In addition to this great member benefit, our golf professional staff is working with the Y to add golf curriculum to the after school program to teach the kids at Central and Waddell elementary schools about the great game of golf. Our team was also instrumental in securing a \$4,000 grant for the YMCA from the Middle Atlantic PGA to provide funding for golf-specific programming targeting elementary school students in our community. We will also offer youth and adult YMCA programs here at the club, so look for those opportunities in the upcoming newsletter and email blasts.



the **Y** + **GGC** = **U**
or
**50% OFF your first year
with 2 year agreement.**



Our focus on youth programs isn't just with the YMCA. We are working diligently to identify and provide activities for your children and grandchildren. To help us hone in on what our members want, I need your help to improve youth activities at LGCC and would like to create an ad-hoc group to help steer our team. If you are interested in meeting to discuss how our club can better serve our youth, please plan to join me for an open forum at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 18 in The View. I'll provide coffee and donuts, and feel free to bring the kids!

As always, our team is continually striving to do better. I am continually asking for your comments, so please don't hesitate to call or email. Our team is looking forward to the days getting longer, sunnier and warmer. Let's enjoy spring at the Club!

Warmest Regards,
Mike Ahrnsbrak
General Manager

GOLF GROUP OR TOURNAMENTS

Have a tournament in mind for this year, or a planning a get together with golf buddies? Don't keep it to yourself. Our new Golf Sales Manager Amanda wants to know more!

Contact Amanda Carter at 540-463-4141 or amanda.carter@uptoparmanagement.com to book your next tournament.



SHARE YOUR CLUB!



THE
LEXINGTON
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

CURRENT MEMBER

REFER A FRIEND AND WHEN THEY JOIN YOU RECEIVE

\$200 Food Credit
Gift Certificate

or

5-Pack Lesson Series
with PGA Pro Jeff Wagner

Current Members receive discounted LGCC membership price at the YMCA. \$58 Family | \$38 Single (\$75 one time sign up fee)

NEW MEMBER



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or

HALF PRICE MEMBERSHIP

RECEIVE FREE
SIX-MONTH MEMBERSHIP
TO THE YMCA!

Full Family Membership* + FREE YMCA = Value of \$470
Social* or Full Young Pro* + FREE YMCA = Value of \$315

**New member must sign 12-month membership agreement for a Full, Social, or Full Young Pro Memberships at Lexington Golf & Country Club. Offer Valid through May 31, 2017.*

50% OFF
YOUR FIRST YEAR*

Valued at up to \$1050

**New member must sign 24-month membership agreement for a Full Family, Social, Full Young Pro, Social Young Pro, or Non Resident Memberships. Offer available to new members or former members who did not join under a promotional membership. Valid through May 31, 2017.*

Contact Amanda Carter at 540-463-4141
or amanda.carter@uptoparmanagement.com.

GOLF AT LEXINGTON

Below you'll find exciting events, important notes and more!

PRO SHOP HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TEE TIMES | 540-463-3542

FROM THE GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Golf season arrived early. Schedule a golf lesson with Jeff to get back into the swing of things.

GOLF LESSONS RATES

Adult Rates	
Single 45 minute lesson	\$45
3 - 45 minute lessons	\$120 (\$40/lesson)
5 - 45 minute lessons	\$180 (\$36/lesson)
Group Rates	
2-3 students	1 hour lesson: \$80
4-5 students	1 hour lesson: \$100
Junior Rates (16 & Under)	
Single 30 minute lesson:	\$25
3 - 30 minute lessons:	\$60 (\$20/lesson)
Golf Clinics and Schools	
Affordable rates will be determined by number of sessions and hours of instruction	

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

February turned out to be a very mild month. Hopefully we get the same cooperation in March. Our goal is to have the course ready by the 25th for our first tournament.

We have a few big items to accomplish to get there. There are still a few dead trees to remove. We will be renting a backhoe to repair/replace the damaged culvert in front of 16 green. Another rental of a stump grinder to take care of the 50 plus stumps that need to be addressed.

Fifteen new trees are going to be planted in early March. Most of these are on the front. Some of these are more ornamental; cherry, dogwood, and crape myrtle. Some are strategic; oaks and maples. You will see some stakes showing the planting locations as we get closer to planting.

In addition to all that we will be doing some weed control on the tees, starting up the irrigation system and getting first cuts on all the grassy areas.

So the rush begins but we are looking forward to another great season. Hope to see everyone out there.

Jeff Karlstrand
Director of Agronomy

UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS



Bloody Mary/Ice Breaker Open

Saturday, March 25

The official kick off of the Spring golf season is here with the Annual Bloody Mary/Ice Breaker Open. Join us in this fun filled event and enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet prepared by Chef Bunyan. Sign up as an individual and the pro shop will create the team pairings.

4 Person Captain's Choice | Breakfast: 10:00 a.m. | Shotgun Start: 12:00

Entry: \$25.00 plus cart, Guest \$55.00 includes all fees

Please note participants that sign up a week in advance receive a \$5.00 discount on the tournament entry fee.

Sign up in the pro shop or call 463-3542 for more details.

Coming in April...



Callaway[®]

GOLF

Callaway Demo / Fitting Day

Saturday, April 29

Join us on the driving range Saturday April 29 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. to try out the latest and greatest in golf club technology improvements. The new Epic Driver and Steelhead irons are leading the way for improved distance and accuracy. Callaway will be sending three professional clubfitters with the Trackman Computer to custom fit our members with the proper golf shaft and clubhead design for improved performance. Mark this date on your calendar and bring your clubs so you can compare the difference.

* Please note that we are anticipating a large turnout for this Demo/Fitting day. We will be reserving time slots in 30 minute intervals with 3 slots available every 30 minutes starting at 12:00 p.m. Contact the golf shop at 463-3542 to reserve a time to be professionally fitted.

THE COMMITTEE

Members of the golf committee are excited about the upcoming golf season. Committee members are Dave Leonard, chair, Natalie Garvis, Ladies representative, Randy Shomo, junior's representative, John South, senior's representative, and Jane Mortenson serving as our committee historian. Jeff Wagner, PGA professional and Mike Ahrnsbrak, General Manager, serve as instrumental assets to the committee. Please contact any member of the committee if you ever have a question, concern or compliment to pass along to the staff or Board. We always want you to have an enjoyable overall golf experience at the Club!

GOLF CALENDAR

Jeff Wagner and Tom Flippen have been busy preparing for 2017 and we are pleased to announce the annual golf calendar located on the LGCC webpage at www.lexingtongolfandcountryclub.com/calendar/golf-calendar. The Pro Shop staff plans to post the monthly golf calendar both electronically and on Clubhouse bulletin boards in a timely fashion and will also inform the membership about the dates of all outside tournaments hosted at the Club. Golf updates will be announced in the weekly email sent to the membership. Tournament information and registration forms will be located in the Pro Shop; and in most instances, on-line as well.

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION - A REQUEST

One of our top committee goals is to increase tournament participation. We hope that you will utilize the golf calendar now to earmark and save the dates for your favorite golf events. Beyond publishing the golf calendar earlier for planning purposes, we also want to encourage golfers to sign-up earlier for tournaments in an effort to aid in the budgeting, planning and facilitation of tournaments. It is cumbersome for the tournament planners and especially the staff to have to add players to the playing field just days or hours before tournaments. Therefore, as an incentive to sign-up early, we plan to experiment with a two-tier cost for some of our beginning of the year tournaments in hopes of having the early-bird catch the worm. We will begin with the Bloody Mary Icebreaker Open on March 25. The fee for the tournament will be \$40 for those registered by March 20 and \$45 for anyone who registers after the 20. So please get organized, register early and save a few bucks.

GOLF GUEST POLICY

The committee discussed and unanimously agreed to empower the Pro Shop personnel to enforce the Clubs golf guest policy. A guest may play one round per month under each rate as a guest of a member, VSGA or the Rack Rate.

HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE

The committee proposed the addition of a hole-in-one insurance fund, which was agreed upon by the Board. All golf members will be charged the fixed amount of \$5 per-person per year, automatically renewed when a LGCC member gets a hole-in-one. Members who do not wish to participate, may opt-out in writing, but will not be paid insurance proceeds for an ace. All hole-in-ones will require golfers to attest and shall be reported immediately after the round to the Pro Shop.

GOLF CART ETIQUETTE

On behalf of both the Golf and Greens committees, we would appreciate it if ALL members would take care of the course and one another by adhering to the following:

COMMON RULES OF GOLF CART ETIQUETTE

- The Pro Shop may post notices about specific golf cart rules depending on course conditions that day. Be alert for such notices and any signage on the course that will provide specific direction for golf carts.
- Carts should be kept about 10 yards away from water hazards and fairway bunkers and approximately 40 yards away from greens (unless on a designated cart path). These areas are especially susceptible to damage by the wheels of golf carts.
- Carts should be kept on cart paths on ALL par-3 holes.
- Carts should never be driven onto or close to tee boxes, unless on the cart path.
- Carts should never be driven through mud, on or off the fairway.
- Hot-dogging and/or driving under the influence on a golf cart is dangerous. Fact – approximately 1,000 people per-month are injured in golf cart accidents.
- A cart-path-only rule means keep the cart on the designated cart path at all times.

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GOLF RATES AND SERVICES

The committee reviewed and approved the rates for golf carts and fees.

GOLF SERVICES	INDIVIDUAL	COUPLES and FAMILIES
Locker Storage	\$20	\$30
VSGA Handicap	\$40	\$80
Pull Cart Storage	\$50	\$100
Bag Storage	\$100	\$200
Range Plan	\$200	\$250
Golf Services Package	\$250 Special (\$410 total value)	\$400 Special (\$660 total value)
A CART PLAN will cost an extra	\$899 (plus tax)	\$1,299 (plus tax)
And you'll save money after	(45) 18-hole rounds	(66) 18-hole rounds

Cart fees are \$21 for 18 and \$11 for 9. Kids under 12 ride FREE.

Range Balls are \$4 (SMALL) and \$6 (LARGE).

- You may choose golf services individually or save 40% overall with a Golf Services Package.
- If you plan to play in club tournaments or leagues, keeping a VSGA Handicap at LGCC is required.

FULL EQUITY MEMBERS	INDIVIDUAL	COUPLES and FAMILIES
The Cart Plan will cost	\$849 (plus tax)	\$1,249 (plus tax)
You save money after	(42) 18-hole rounds	(62) 18-hole rounds

- Receive reduced member tournament fees, complimentary locker storage and range plan.
- (For Pre-Payment of Dues) Receive a 10% (\$250) usage discount card or 5% (\$125) dues credit.
- If you buy a cart plan (it comes with FREE – VSGA Handicap, Pull Cart and Bag Storage).

When you consider the FREE locker, range plan, VSGA handicap and bag storage, this means that:

INDIVIDUALS ride for FREE after (30) 18-hole rounds.

COUPLES and FAMILIES ride for FREE after (44) 18-hole rounds.

FROM OUR KITCHEN

From our table to yours.

TRI-BROOK BAR & GRILL

Sunday	11a.m. - 7p.m. Kitchen closes at 6p.m.
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11a.m. - 5p.m.
Wednesday - Thursday	11a.m. - 8p.m.
Friday - Saturday	11a.m. - 9p.m.

FROM THE CHEF

March brings the perennial March Madness and the brackets. The odds of picking a perfect bracket in the NCAA men's basketball tournament are really, really small. So small, in fact, that many mathematicians differ on the actual estimation of the odds. Some believe it's as low as 1 in 9,223,372,036,854,775,808 (or 1 in 9.2 quintillion, for those who skipped the last 18 digits), while others, including Jeff Bergen, a professor at DePaul, think it's as "high" as 1 in 128 billion.

Things to come in March!

- Trophy Dinner Soiree
- Daylight Savings Time starts (and many of us lose an hour of sleep)
- March also brings us "The Ides of March," which if you wear a Toga on March 15 to the Tribrook Grill, I will give you a free Caesar salad
- Saint Patrick's Day Weekend Specials
- Spring Equinox and our Spring Menu will be unveiled later that week so come on out and enjoy yourselves.
- As mentioned above the Annual Bloody Mary/Ice Breaker Open, to kick off the "Golf Season," I hope to see you there

Keep those suggestions coming.

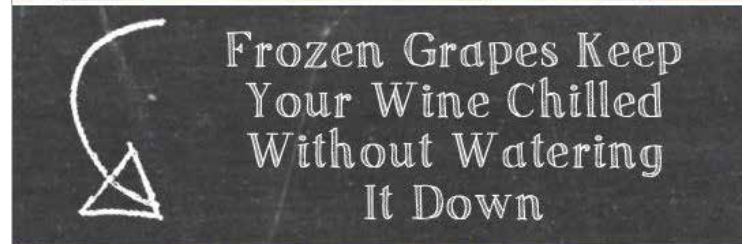
Chef Bunyan



Chef's Tips:

The Best Way To Chill Wine

I love to eat frozen grapes, but they are also fantastic little cubes for keeping your wine chilled without watering it down. You can also plop one or two in a glass of red wine that has been kept at a room temperature that is too warm.



Book Your Event with Us!

For your next gathering, reception, or meeting, come and experience the same warmth and hospitality that our members enjoy. Our clubhouse offers Lexington's most beautiful 'View' and can accommodate groups from 20 to 250. Let the LGCC team take the stress out of your event. Whether it is a business meeting, luncheon, private dinner, banquet, cocktail party, or lavish wedding reception, our team is ready to make your event special.

Contact Deborah Goglia at 540-463-4141 to schedule your event today!



UPCOMING FOOD & BEVERAGE EVENTS

Visit the Club's website for the latest information!

Don't miss the next special event dinner in The View! Chef Bunyan's fabulous Wine Pairing Dinner and Beef, Bourbon & a Bottle were exceptional, and you won't want to miss our Trophy Dinner on March 11! Wine Lover's Wednesdays feature Buy one Bottle of Wine, get one at 50% off, Thursday is our ever-popular burger night, and on Fridays let us entertain your kids in the Back Trap while you enjoy one of our weekend special entrees!

Do you have a special drink or liquor you'd like us to carry in-stock? One of the privileges of membership is just that. One member has a particular scotch he enjoys, and we ordered a bottle to keep in stock. That's not to say we won't share his Lagavulin, but our goal is to provide you with what you desire so you'll spend as much time as possible at the club - your 2nd home!



Trophy Dinner

Saturday March, 11
6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Bring your spouse, girlfriend, boyfriend, significant other or special friend and let us indulge you with a wonderful evening of dinner, drinks and entertainment! Show off your trophy and treat them to a night on the town with delicious food, abundant drinks and great friends! Reservations required!



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Friday, March 17
All Blarney Day

Join us and wear some green for a bit of malarkey and lots of green beer! Serving Irish food and drink specials all day with a Jason sing-a-long Friday night. Specials on green beer all day!



WEDNESDAY WINE TIME

Wednesday Evenings in the Tri-Brook

Join us for dinner on pasta night and enjoy a bottle of wine. If you like what you drink, then you can take another one home for 1/2 price (select bottles only). We'll also have trivia, tastings, or special guest speakers every Wednesday.

Buy one bottle, get one 1/2 price.
(of equal or lesser value)

*It doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full.
There is clearly room for more wine.*



WEDNESDAY NIGHT *Notte di Famiglia*

COME ENJOY OUR FAMILY-STYLE SERVICE!

Includes: Caesar Salad, Pizza or Pasta Dish, and Garlic Bread.

To make reservations, please call 540-463-4141 or visit our website.

MARCH EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10am SMGA (Open Group)	3	4 10am SMGA (Open Group) 10:30am LLGA (Open Group)
			Family Pasta & Pizza Night Wednesday Wine Time	Burger Night	Chef's Dinner Specials Live Music by Jason Hostetter It's a Date Night	Chef's Dinner Specials
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26	27 ProShop Closed	28 10am SMGA (Open Group)	29	30 10am SMGA (Open Group)	31	● Golf Events
Sunday Brunch 11:30am-1:30pm			Family Pasta & Pizza Night Wednesday Wine Time 5:30pm Board Meeting	Burger Night	Chef's Dinner Specials Live Music by Jason Hostetter It's a Date Night	● Social Events