

THE LEXINGTON TIMES

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2017

"Over 100 years of fun"

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Once again, Mother Nature has proven herself to be fickle, teasing us with warm weather in January and February and then chilling our bones with cold, wintry weather in the month I like to call Marchuary. Winter is now in our rear view mirror, spring is in the air, and we are thrilled to inform you about some of happenings at the club so we are ready to shine this spring. Many thanks to our members for their assistance last month, as they helped us plant 14 new trees on the golf course, weed the flower beds, spread new mulch and generally beautify the grounds. The members who donated their time and talent are Jake Burks, Mike Evans, Thom Gill, Hal Hill, Jon Lanier, Doug Caldwell, Carroll Comstock, and Lynn McCoy.

We are in the midst of a membership drive, and have two superb offerings with incentives for YOU to take advantage of if you refer a member. YOU, our members, are our most important marketing tool, and I am asking you to commit to bringing in at least ONE new membership prospect. So please, if you have someone you think will make a great member at LGCC, invite them over to the club for a visit. I'll be happy to give them a tour of the club and golf course.



Mark your calendar for Friday, April 7 for the Sand, Seeds and Suds. Yes, it's Masters Friday, but we think it's a perfect time for you to help Jeff Karlstrand and his team on the golf course. It's a tradition unlike any other, where our members gather at the putting green at 5pm and head out on the golf course to fill divots and pick up broken limbs. After sand and seed, we'll head to the Tri-Brook for a veritable feast, free beer and watch the Masters and listen to Jason play some wonderful music.

The Board of Directors has approved quite a few new capital improvement projects that we will be completing this year. We'll be painting the main swimming pool, repairing and repainting the pool deck, replacing broken coping, repairing the ceiling and making upgrades to the patio outside the Tri-Brook, and installing a water conditioner. There are other very important, but not so noticeable, projects ongoing.

Your feedback is extremely important to me, as I challenge our staff to continually improve what we do on a daily basis. Whether it's providing better service in the Tri-Brook, improving conditions on the golf course, or creating new and unique programs for our members to enjoy. But the impetus for our focus comes from you, and it is essential you let us know how we can do better.

As you may have heard, Up to Par has leased the Sheridan Livery and will be moving their corporate headquarters there. This is a great thing, as Up to Par is expanding and has outgrown the office space available at the club. Sean Taylor has a special place in his heart for Lexington, which is the heart and soul of the company. You won't notice anything different, except perhaps a few less people in the office, but you'll still be greeted with a smile and a 'Bless your Heart' from Lori when you visit!

Finally, as I approach my one-year anniversary at Lexington, I cannot tell you how much Ann and I have enjoyed dancing, singing, laughing and crying with each and every one of you. This is a special place, and a special club with extraordinary people, and we are proud of what our team has been able to accomplish in such a short period of time.

Warmest Regards,
Mike Ahrnsbrak
General Manager

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GOLF AT LEXINGTON

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

PRO SHOP HOURS

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Member,

As we formulated and approved the budget for 2017, we knew there would be a gap between our capital improvement needs of over \$94,000 and what we had projected to collect, which is approximately \$68,000. To further illustrate, in 2016 we spent \$93,339 on capital expenses but only collected \$65,283 from capital dues billing. Some of the capital improvements already approved and underway for this year are:

- Repair the ceiling outside the Tri-Brook, with significant enhancements to outdoor dining areas, Lexington's most beautiful outdoor dining experience
- Repaint the main pool, repair and repaint the concrete pool deck and broken coping
- Replace the directional signs on Thornhill Road and Country Club Road
- Install an entrance sign on New Cameron Drive with new landscaping
- Replace two ovens in the kitchen
- Repair the leaking ceiling over the upstairs kitchen
- Install a water conditioner to protect equipment and reduce water hardness

As you may know, many golf clubs are struggling. You need look no further than the recent article in the Roanoke Times about the problems in the Roanoke private club market, and the foreclosure of Waynesboro Country Club last month. In 2011 the Board hired Up To Par to help us better manage the club. Since that time, we have reduced our debt by over \$800,000, and refinanced our long-term debt (lowering the interest rate), eliminated our line of credit, and completed several capital improvement projects. After months of discussions and several meetings concerning the future of our club, your board voted at the March 29 meeting to adopt and enact the following:

- You will notice a small capital dues increase on your March 31 club statement. For full and golf memberships, your capital dues will increase from \$15 or \$20 to \$25 per month. For social and other non-golf memberships, your capital dues will increase from \$15 to \$18 per month. This is a very small increase that will help us close the existing funding gap between our capital needs and capital dues.
- The board also approved consolidation of membership types to create consistency, voted to allow Class C and non-equity members the privilege of voting on membership matters and serving on the board of directors.
- In addition, the board voted to begin a small membership dues increase in 2018. There is currently a disparity in monthly dues pricing within membership classifications, and it is our intent to scale future dues so that after a period of 5-7 years, members within each category are paying the same amount.

We have tried to keep you informed in prior communications about some of the challenges our club faces, and prepare you for a possible increase. Our goal as a Board remains to ensure adequate funds are available for the facilities, staff and services that make member experiences pleasant and enjoyable, operate within our means (in the black without borrowing), pay down debt in a fiscally responsible manner and solidify and build upon the gains that we have been able to achieve in the financial health of the Club.

Thank you for your consideration and loyal patronage, and I hope to see you soon, at the Club!

For the Board,

Bill Russell

President, Lexington Golf and Country Club



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COMING IN JUNE MEN'S MEMBER/GUEST TOURNAMENT JUNE 23-25

We are officially accepting entries for the 2017 Member-Guest Tournament that will take place on Friday-Sunday June 23-25. The format is six (2) man teams per flight playing five 9-hole matches within each flight. Last year we had 24 (2) man teams which consisted of four flights with six teams per flight. We would like to grow the size of the field, but in order to do so we will need a timely sign-up well in advance of the tournament. This is important so we can order gifts and prizes for the event. Some gifts/prizes need a four-week lead time because of artwork and engraving.

Members from last year's event will be given priority if they sign up by Monday, April 17. After this date, teams can sign-up on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once we secure 24 teams we will focus on an additional flight of six teams with the understanding that these teams will be on a waiting list until all six team spots have been filled. When that flight has been secured we will focus on another flight of 6 teams. If we can add an additional 12 teams/2 flights we will have a thirty-six team, 72 player field which is ideal for this type of format. Last year's event was hugely successful and the players and their significant others raved about the wonderful food, entertainment and overall feel of the event. We hope to build upon the momentum so please tell your friends and encourage them to play in one of our true signature events!

David Leonard
Golf Committee Chairman

Jeff Wagner
Head Golf Professional



Member/Guest Tournament
June 23-25 (Friday through Sunday)
Format: Best Ball of 2 (9 Hole Match Play Point System)
Entry Fee: \$175.00 Per Player
Registration: Sign up at the Pro Shop.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

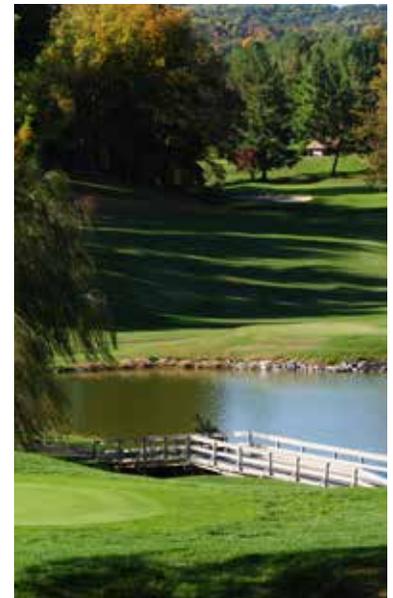
Well we made it through aeration with only some minor blips and it is full steam ahead in April. With the warm days in late winter we had to mow fairways earlier than usual. Beginning this month we start our normal mowing routine in all areas except for the zoysia tees which are just coming out of dormancy. We also apply some weed control, spraying for broadleaf weeds and another application on the fairways for crabgrass control.

I have been attending the Woods Creek Watershed advisory committee meetings for the last 4 months. The creek falls out of DEQ compliance for clean water several times per year. The committee and Virginia Tech staff are formulating a plan for remediation that should come out in late May or early June. Hopefully this plan will have some benefits for our ponds as well.

Thanks to all that helped with the trees and clubhouse work, and also to Alex who always seems to be around when you need some extra help.

This is the best time of the year. Hope to see everyone out on the course!

Jeff Karlstrand, CGCS
Director of Agronomy



GOLF UPDATES

Men's Match Play Sign Up | Sign up sheets are posted in the golf shop for the Men's Match Play. Choose the set of tees you would like to play and the pro shop will create the brackets for match play. The cost will be \$20.00 per player.

Nice Shot | Congratulations to Helen Wilkinson for making a hole in one on #2 from 120 yards using her trusty Callaway 6 iron. Also Des Taggart had a hole in one on #4 from 173 yards using a 6 iron. Last but not least Buddy Derrick made a hole in one on #2. Congratulations to Helen, Des, and Buddy for the precise shot making.

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GOLF UPDATES CONTINUED

New Scorecards Have Arrived | When you play your next round of golf you will notice the new LGCC scorecard. The Virginia State Golf Association rerated our golf course and the new scorecard reflects those changes. One change you may notice is that we no longer have Black Tees. The course is set up with Blue, White, Gold, and Red tees. In order to establish an accurate handicap you will need to choose a set of tees to play and play those tees for the entire round. This is important so golfers can establish an accurate handicap for club tournaments and will also allow you to travel to other courses with an accurate handicap index. If you have any questions regarding the new scorecards feel free to contact the golf shop.

Pro Shop & Golf Course To Be Open On Monday's Starting April 3 | We will be open on Monday's beginning April 3 and the hours of operation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the spring and summer season.

Complimentary Junior Clinic Saturday, April 15 | Complimentary junior clinics are set to resume on Saturday, April 15 and will run from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This would be a good time to knock off the winter rust and get back into the swing of things.

Ladies Spring Fling Wednesday, April 19 Opening Day For The LLGA | Time: 5:30 Shotgun (9 holes) | Format : 4 Person Captain's Choice

Callaway Demo / Fitting Day, Saturday, April 29 | So far our sign up has been strong, we have booked 24 of 24 time slots. With this being the case we will be adding more appointment times. If you would like to participate contact the golf shop to secure a time slot, we are reserving fittings in 30 minute intervals that run from 12:00 to 4:00. The new Epic Driver and Steelhead irons are leading the way for improved distance and accuracy. Callaway will be sending three professional club fitters 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. See you at the range.

Course Closings, Friday, April 28 | The course will be closed on Friday, April 28 for the VMI Class Reunion golf outing.

Coming In June Men's Member/Guest Tournament, June 23-25 | The dates have been set for this years Men's Member/Guest Tournament. Make your plans now so you can participate in this fun filled event.

Results from the Bloody Mary/Ice Breaker Open

Congratulations to all of the 72 participants for playing in the Bloody Mary Ice Breaker Open. The weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all.

Men's Division

First Place Gross (59)

Tom Mortenson

David Woods

Chase Perry

Larry Cummings

First Place Net (53.7)

Hal Hill

Don Schilling

Pete Trussell

Jack Trussell

Second Place Net (53.9)

John Lanier

Larry Black

Harvey Galloway

Bob Welch

Third Place Net (53.9)

Dave Leonard

Charlie Cathcart

Eric Spencer

Randy Shomo

Mixed & Ladies Division

First Place Gross (59)

Joan Miller

Alex Macheras

David Miller

Cheryl Shockley

First Place Net (51.6)

Lynn McCoy

Ellen McCoy

Kevin Burke

Marti Burke

Second Place Net (54.0)

Kirk Jackson

John South

Carol Blair

Linda Maini

Third Place Net (54.4)

Doug Putnam

Stacy Wright

Sue Boller

Bruce Boller



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

April cold with dropping rain
 Willows and lilacs brings again,
 The whistle of returning birds
 And trumpet-lowing of the herds.
 ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Some April Fun Historical Facts

April 5 African American educator Booker T. Washington (1856-1915) was born in Franklin County.

April 9, 1865 - After over 500,000 American deaths, the War of Northern Aggression effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered in the village of Appomattox Court House.

April 10 King James I chartered the Virginia companies of London and Plymouth, 1606

April 13 Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) was born in Albermarle County, Virginia.

April 30 James Monroe, fifth President of the United States, born in Westmoreland County.

APRIL CULINARY CELEBRATIONS

National BLT Sandwich Month
 National Grilled Cheese Month
 National Pecan Month
 April 12-18: National Egg Salad Week



APRIL SPECIALS

GRATIS SOUP

For the Month of April with every BLT or Grilled Cheese purchased. You will receive an order of complimentary soup.

PECAN MONTH

In celebration of National Pecan Month we will utilize pecans on/or in a Weekender Special item each week throughout April.

EGG SALAD

The week of April 12-18 Egg salad sandwiches will be offered for \$7.

Chef's Tips:

Parchment Paper To The Rescue

Parchment paper will hold up to the heat of the oven, while wax paper won't. A lot of you probably already do this, but I'm not going to lie, At home I've always just made my brownies right in the pan and served them up in a nice crumbly blob, and I also enjoy spending time scrubbing out the pan afterwards, but don't do what I do. Make your life easier and line your pans with parchment paper.



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!

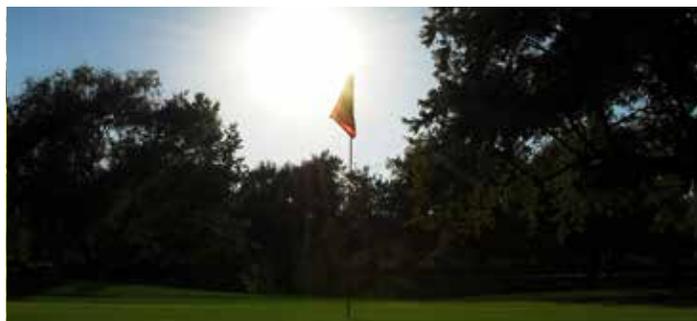


Sand, Seed, and Suds

Friday, April 7

5:30 p.m. at the putting green | 7:30 p.m. in the Tri-Brook

Help us make #LexingtonProud. Guests who help receive three free green fees.



Couples 9 & Dine

Every Friday Beginning April 14

5:30 p.m. Golf | 7:30 p.m. Dinner

9 Hole Captain's Choice Scramble with dinner in the Tri-Brook to follow.



Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16 in the View | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate Easter, with our incredible brunch, easter egg hunt, and an easter bunny aperiance.



Tipsy Artist

Sunday, April 23 | 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the View

Featuring Joan Joyce! Enjoy a drink while painting your own masterpiece. Don't know how to paint? No problem. We'll have a Tippy Artist guiding you step by step. Space is limited so make your reservations now. Reservations Required. Note: You will get messy. Please wear old clothes, just in case.

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS



Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 6

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the View

Enjoy mint juleps, wear a fancy hat, watch the race, then enjoy a delicious chef's table dinner! Details to come.



Pool Opening Ceremony

Saturday, May 27

Save the date. Details to come!

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

APRIL EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>10:30am LLGA (Open Group)</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>9am SMGA (Open Group)</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>9am SMGA (Open)</p> <p>5:30pm MGA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sand, Seeds, and Suds</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30am MGA (Open)</p> <p>9am SMGA</p> <p>10:30am LLGA (Open)</p>
<p>Sunday Brunch</p> <p>11:30am-1:30pm</p>			<p>Family Pasta & Pizza Night</p> <p>Wednesday Wine Time</p>	<p>Burger Night</p>	<p>Chef's Dinner Specials</p> <p>Live Music by Jason Hostetter</p> <p>It's a Date Night</p>	<p>Chef's Dinner Specials</p>
<p>9</p> <p>10:30am LLGA (Open Group)</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>9am SMGA (Open Group)</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>9am SMGA (Open)</p> <p>5:30pm LLGA (Open)</p> <p>5:30pm MGA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30pm</p> <p>Couples 9 & Dine</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Complimentary Jr. Clinic</p> <p>10am-12pm</p> <p>8:30am MGA (Open)</p> <p>9am SMGA</p> <p>10:30am LLGA (Open)</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>10:30am LLGA (Open Group)</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>9am SMGA (Open Group)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ladies Spring Fling</p> <p>Opening Day for the LLGA 5:30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am SMGA (Open)</p> <p>5:30pm LLGA (Open)</p> <p>5:30pm MGA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30pm</p> <p>Couples 9 & Dine</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30am MGA (Open)</p> <p>9am SMGA</p> <p>10:30am LLGA (Open)</p>
<p>Sunday Easter Brunch</p> <p>11:30am-1:30pm</p> <p>2pm Egg Hunt</p>			<p>Family Pasta & Pizza Night</p> <p>Wednesday Wine Time</p>	<p>Burger Night</p>	<p>Chef's Lunch and Dinner</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day Specials</p> <p>Live Music by Jason Hostetter</p>	<p>Chef's Dinner Specials</p>
<p>23</p> <p>10:30am LLGA (Open Group)</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>9am SMGA (Open Group)</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>9am SMGA (Open)</p> <p>5:30pm LLGA (Open)</p> <p>5:30pm MGA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Course CLOSED</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30am MGA (Open)</p> <p>9am SMGA</p> <p>10:30am LLGA (Open)</p> <p>Callaway Demo/Fitting</p>
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