

Ligonier Links

April 1, 2021

From the Board

Kristen Obush, President

WELCOME SPRING & HELLO GOLF SEASON!

As we roll into April, we have warm and sunny weather on our minds. I know everyone is wondering why we are currently still closed on Tuesdays. Well, the answer is clear. We simply do NOT have enough staff to run a kitchen of our size for 6 straight days without burning our staff out.

We are working very hard to find quality employees, and we hope to rectify the situation quickly, as it unfairly hampers our members who utilize the club on Tuesdays.

If you know anyone who can cook or prep food, or may be interested in learning, please send them our way. We are looking for various positions with various work hours.

When you first arrive at the club, you will notice that the entry way is having a makeover. This beautification project will include flowering trees, native plants and flowers. I am excited to see how this comes together and grows as we progress through the spring months.

You will also notice changes on #5. Jim Born and his staff are working diligently, grading and repairing the left side

where the giant willow tree used to be. We are working on an overall plan for this area that will be aesthetically pleasing and will function during wet and dry seasons. As we consider what this area will look like, we are taking into consideration that Ligonier Country Club has golfers of all skill levels. We ask for your patience as we undertake these projects.

For those who haven't been able to get out and play yet, the golf course is in great shape, the greens are healing nicely from spring aeration, and the views are just as beautiful as ever! I look forward to seeing everyone out there! Happy Easter!

Ladies' Golf News

Barbara Sloan

After a long winter, the beginning of our 2021 season is in sight.

The Executive Board met on February 24 to map out our schedule. We will begin play on Tuesday, May 4 with the traditional opening scramble. Please sign up in the Pro Shop by Saturday, May 1, so Sean Knaus can make up the teams.

Due to dining capacity limits, the end of the month crush and potential weather problems, Bill Elliott suggested that the **opening dinner** be delayed. It has been set for Thursday, May 13th. Cocktails will be at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Pro Shop if you plan to attend.

We have usually paid our dues and received our booklet at the dinner. Given the schedule change, members are encouraged to pay dues, set at \$65.00, in the Pro Shop the

last week of April and get the booklet at that time.

LCC members who are not members of the Ladies Golf Association are invited to play in the opening day scramble and/or to join us for dinner on May 13. They are opportunities to learn about our events and activities. Even if you work and cannot play on Tuesdays, there is a way your weekend play can allow you to compete in events. We have both 18-hole and 9-hole groups and use both the red and orange tees so there is something for all abilities. Plus, we have set tees times for Thursdays and the weekend so you can always find a group to play with.

We do not know what COVID will bring this year, but hopefully it will be better than last year. With that in mind, plus questionable enthusiasm among many members, the Board decided against holding an Invitational this year. It was

agreed to expand the number of guests invited for Friends Day from one to a maximum of three. There will be a cart fee charge for each guest, and you will be responsible for the lunch. **Friends Day** will be on August 17.

Other important dates to mark in your calendar:
King & Queens: June 8
Queen Bee and Lady Bug: July 13 and 20
Ladies Classic: August 24
Closing Day: October 5

WESTERN INFORMATION

If you are a full golfing member of the club and have a handicap index of 21.4 or less, you could be eligible to join the Women's Golf Association of Western PA. Membership affords you the opportunity to play in events or open days at many of the Country Clubs in the Western PA area. For more information, please contact Carolyn Morford at cbmorford@gmail.com or 724-244-5349.

Upcoming Events

[Lunch with the Bunny](#) ~ April 3rd

[Easter](#) ~ April 4th

[Master's Par 3](#) ~ April 7th

[Spring Member-Guest](#) ~ April 24th

[Opening Weekend](#) ~ April 30th and May 1st

[Annual Proprietary Meeting](#) ~ May 5th

Social Committee

Karen Hough

We just booked a new and exciting event to add to your summer calendar:

Wednesday, July 14
Painting With a Twist

If you are looking for a relaxing evening, with your favorite beverage, then this event is for you!! Painting With a Twist is coming to the Pavilion for our first paint and sip party. All art supplies will be provided and at the end of the evening you will leave with your very own masterpiece!! Now, all you have to do is invite a few of your friends to join you in the Pavilion on July 14! Look for more details in the coming months.

Welcome New Members

Alex Haas
Michael Douglas
Mark & Jill Klima
Ryan Maloy
Stanley Oakes
Greg Nemchick
Stefani Lucas
Oscar Zolbe
Yvonne Stack
Matthew Hoza
Brian Neidhardt
Keith Logue
John Sherid
Craig Sacco

Welcome Back

Thomas Conn
Antonio Hauser
Joe Faddish
Mark Hamilton

Dear Members,

We can say the Golf Season is finally here and March gave us some great golfing weather. Our Virtual Golf Bash was a huge success, selling out all our tickets and donating \$1,250 to the Union Mission Shelter. We also were able to hold our kickoff event, The Shamrock Open, with an attendance of 52 players on a beautiful 60-degree day.

We can only hope April will be just as good and the summer mimics last year. This year, with a full golf schedule, the Golf Shop will be informing and reminding you of what is to come at the club. Each Tuesday, a newsletter like this will be sent out with highlights, results, upcoming information and even one of kind Golf Shop Sales.

Below, you will read updated information and new items that include driving range opening, score posting, NEW Local Rules and an array of Exchange Days. As always, if you have any questions from what is listed below, please call the Golf Shop and we cannot wait to see everyone for a great start to the season.

Golf Shop Information

Golf Shop Hours (month of April)

Monday- CLOSED
Tuesday through Friday (8:30 am to 7:00 pm)
Saturday & Sunday (8:00 am to 7:00 pm)
*On Mondays, the Golf Course will be open for walking only (if applicable)



Golf Shop SALE

Titleist, Callaway & TaylorMade Golf Ball Promotion

*Titleist & Callaway- Buy 3 dozen golf balls, get 1 dozen free + free personalization.

-Promotion ends April 10

NEW 2021 Titleist ProV1, ProV1x & AVX models Callaway Chrome Soft models (*does not include Truvis*)

Up to 3 lines of text/17 characters per line-including spaces

All 4 dozen must be the same imprint and colors
\$1 upcharge per dozen applies to same play numbers

Score Posting, GHIN & Handicap Holes

You may start posting scores for handicap purposes on April 1. The handicap posting season will run through November 14.

REMINDER: Scores should be posted daily as handicaps will change daily. If your score is not posted in a reasonable time, you will receive a score of PAR. The Golf Shop will happily post your scores, you may enter them online or on the GHIN APP.

Handicaps will not be posted on the bulletin board but will be available in the Golf Shop. On Saturday's & Sunday's, handicaps will be at the starter box.

This past February, the USGA sent a link to all users about creating a profile for the GHIN website/GHIN app. If you are having issues logging onto either one

of these, please stop into the Golf Shop as we may need to re-send the link as well as add an email to your profile.

Handicap Holes: As mentioned in the previous newsletter, course ratings, slope and handicap holes have changed for 2021. These new rankings will be on the scorecard April 1st.

Local Rule Updates

For 2021, we have added THREE new local rules. These rules are as follow:

Stroke and Distance-Out of

Bounds: The club has adopted this USGA suggestion for out of bounds and a detailed description will be posted on the bulletin board and in the locker rooms. If you hit your ball out of bounds or end up losing a ball, you may take stroke and distance on the course, rather than from the tee box. You must decide where your ball went out of bounds or is likely to be lost, find the nearest edge of the fairway, no closer to the hole and drop your ball within two club lengths. You may drop your ball in the actual fairway, and you will be hitting your fourth(4th) stroke. The goal will be to increase pace of play.

Out of Bounds on holes #5 & #17: The out of bounds stakes are no longer and the inside edge of the fence post will act as the out of bounds. A ball is out of bounds when all the ball is outside the edge of the fence.

Modified Ground Under Repair on #1 & #2: The rough area in between

holes #1 & #2, up until the 100-yard marker will be deemed Ground Under Repair. The rule will be modified as you may find the nearest "good lie" and place your ball. This rule will be in effect to limit hitting tree roots and rocks left behind from the tree removal project.

Golf Shop Match Play Events

The Golf Shop will bring back all (3) season long match play events you will see below. Each event will be 90% handicap, played off the low ball and have maximum number of sign-ups.

Fliers with Sign-Up procedures and details will be coming this month and the season will start come end of May.

- Black Tree Challenge (Team Match Play-open to all golfing members)
- The Flossie (Ladies team match play)
- King of The Highlands (Men's Individual Match Play)

Upcoming Demo Days

- Friday, April 9 (3 to 7 PM)- PING
- Tuesday, May 4 (3 to 7 PM)- Cobra & Callaway
- Thursday, May 6 (3 to 7 PM)- Titleist
- Tuesday, May 11 (3 to 7 PM)- PXG & XXIO
- Wednesday, May 26 (3 to 7 PM)- TaylorMade & Cleveland/Srixon
- Tuesday, June 8 (3 to 7)- Cobra
- Tuesday, June 29 (3 to 7)- Callaway
- Wednesday, July 14 (3 to 7)- PXG
- Saturday, July 17 (12 to 4)- TaylorMade

Demo/Fitting Days will be by appointment only and each

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appointment will be allotted one hour. If you want to schedule a fitting time, please email Sean or call the Golf Shop.

Junior Golf

This year, Junior Golf at Ligonier Country Club will be fantastic! We have Clinics, Junior Camps, Family Fun Nights, Pro-Junior Scramble, Junior Club Championship, Junior Play Days and to top it off we have added PGA Junior League.

**All details can be found attached or we can email you the pamphlet.

Hole-In-One Club

The hole-in-one club is a unique way to win some money, receive a trophy and treat your friends and members to a drink. Each time someone has a hole-in-one, golfers will receive 50% off the pot in cash and 50% of the pot in golf shop credit.

The 2020 hole-in-one club ended with \$800 left in the pot and will roll over into 2021. If you would like to get in the club or check if you are already in, please call or email Sean.

Hole-In-Ones will count for the club starting on April 1.

ENTRY: \$10 per person, per hole-in-one (opt-out anytime)

Golf Shop Birdie Pool- NEW for 2021

When you make a birdie (gross or net) there is a feeling of greatness. So, this year we will be conducting a birdie pool to see who plays Ligonier Country Club the best.

The birdie pool will be a gross and net, yearlong style of event. You may enter in one category or you may enter in both. The goal is to birdie all 18 holes before anyone else. The birdie board will be on the outside bulletin board where members can fill in which hole, they birdied.

*Scorecards must be turned into the Golf Shop to attest

**You must play with at least one other person when turning in scores.

**\$10- Gross Division
\$10 NET Division
Pay Out: 50% cash, 50% in Golf Shop Credit
Start Date: April 1**

Upcoming Events

Master's Par 3 Tournament- Wednesday, April 7

2:00 PM Shotgun
9-hole individual gross and net format (holes will be set-up just like the Master's)
Make your own foursome- Golf, Social & Evening Golf Members
\$25 per person

Spring Member-Guest- Saturday, April 24

10 AM Shotgun; 9 am breakfast
2-person teams (1-member, 1-guest) Better Ball of Partners
\$100 per person (\$200/team) - cart optional

**Guests- Have a chance to win a FREE membership
Members- Have a chance to win \$500 of your dues**

Opening Night & Weekend

Opening Night- Friday,
April 30 (6:00 pm shotgun)

(9) hole, 3-club challenge scramble
Hamburger & hot dog buffet after
\$25 per person-*carts included.*
OPEN TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP (golf, social, evening, juniors, etc.)

Opening Day- Saturday,
May 1 (10 am Shotgun)

Best 2 of 4 NET (pick your own foursome)
Men's & Ladies Divisions
9am breakfast
\$65 per person- *cart optional*
Golfing Members ONLY

Ligonier Men's SWAT- NEW for 2021

This Spring, the Golf Shop will be hosting a SWAT for Men. Whether you are an accomplished golfer, new golfer, looking to meet new people or just someone looking for a game, these are for you! These SWATs will be on Tuesdays starting in April and will go to the end of August.

Format: Will change weekly (best 2 of 4, better ball of partners, best 1 gross & best 1 net, etc.)

**April & May will be 9-
holes; June, July & August
will be 18 holes*

Entry Fee: Men-\$10; Guests are encouraged and will only pay the cart fee

Sign-Up Procedures: Sign-up in the golf shop (golf shop will make teams)

Time: Tee times will start at 5:30 pm

**Men's Ligonier SWAT dates:
April 27, May 11 & 25, June
15, July 13 & August 24**

Ladies FUN Night- NEW for 2021

Calling ALL Ladies! If you are looking for a fun, relaxing and laid-back night, this is for you. Come on out, meet some new people and just enjoy the course.

All memberships may participate as well as guests. Guests will only pay the cart fee.

Sign-Up Procedures: Sign-up in the golf shop (make your own group or we will pair)

Start time: 5:30 PM- 9 holes (All Season)

**Women's Ligonier SWAT
dates: April 20, May 4 & 18,
June 8, July 6 & August 17**

Bucks & Does Evening Couples Events- BACK AGAIN FOR 2021

Last year, the Bucks & Does evening couples' events were a success and gave you a different perspective of what the game of golf can be. For 2021, these 9-hole events will be back and each one will have a one-of-a-kind theme/format. Each event will be a 5:30 pm shotgun start.

May 6- Poker & Pasta Night

June 17- Fiesta Night

July 15- Christmas in July

August 19- Mystery Night

Intermediate Night(s)

Last year, we tried an event that involved intermediates only and it was a such a success, we are planning for

three events this year, making one of them an 18-hole event. If you are an intermediate and have some friends that golf, these are the perfect nights to bring them up and have some fun.

Friday, May 21- BEER DAY (5:30 pm shotgun)

Friday, June 25- MULE NIGHT (5:30 pm shotgun)

Saturday, August 21- DRINK AROUND THE WORLD (2:00 pm shotgun)- 18 holes

UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND

May 8- Par 3 Jackpot Challenge

May 14- Pups, Paws & Pars (Golf & friendly pet event)

June 4 & 5- Men's Invitational

July 10 & 11- Member-Member

October 15- Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament (hosted and ran by Ligonier CC)

*We are currently looking for sponsors and volunteers for the Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament. Contact Sean Knaus or Karen Hough for more information.

UPCOMING CLINICS

Beginner's ONLY Clinic

Calling all beginner golfers!!! If you are looking to improve your basic knowledge of the golf game or would like to pick up the game, this clinic is right for you. For one hour, you will be taught the fundamentals of the swing and basic information about how to play.

Friday, April 16 (5:30 to 6:30 pm)

Wedge & Putter Clinic/ Fitting Night

Do you think you should be fit for a wedge just like your driver or irons? The answer is, YES! This night will start with a quick clinic of certain aspects of short game and will lead into being fit for the perfect wedge for you.

Wednesday, April 21 (5:30 to 7:30 pm)

Winter Woes Clinic

If the snow kept you inside from golfing, it may be time to knock some rust off. The Golf Shop will be hosting a diverse clinic open to all members. There will be (4) 30-minute segments (putting, chipping, bunkers & full swing)

Wednesday, April 28 (5:30 to 7:30 PM)

Ladies Only Golf Clinics

The Golf Shop will have multiple Ladies only clinics in May & June on Wednesdays. Each clinic will be from 5:30 to 6:30 PM and focus on different facets of the game. Dates for Ladies Clinics are as follows:

(Wednesdays) MAY 12 & 26

(Wednesdays) JUNE 9, 16 & 30

Driving Range, Bag & Cart Storage

The Driving Range will open (Friday, April 9)

If you plan on storing your bag or cart this year, you may do so now

2021 Fees

Range Pass- \$150

Bag Storage & Club Cleaning- \$100

Bag Storage & Range Pass- \$225

Cart Storage- \$75

Bag & Cart Storage- \$150

Bag & Cart Storage + Range - \$250

Push-Cart Rental- \$5

Exchange Days

We have a full array of exchange days throughout the summer, including a popular Bedford Springs and a two new ones, Pines Country Club and Williams Golf and Country Club in West Virginia. If you plan on participating in an exchange day, we can call for you or you may call each Golf Course. For Bedford Springs and Williams, tee times must be made by the LCC Golf Shop.

Tuesday, May 18- Bedford Springs

Thursday, May 20- Somerset Country Club

Monday, May 24- Norvelt Golf Club

Tuesday, May 25- Glengary Golf Course

Tuesday, June 15- Champion Lakes Golf Course

Friday, June 18- The Pines Country Club

Tuesday, June 29- Latrobe Elks Golf Club

Thursday, July 29- Williams Country Club

Tri-County & Open Rounds

Tri-County rates have increase for 2021. Weekday rates at all 13 Golf Courses are now \$35 and weekend

rates will be \$40. If you would like to play at one of the participating courses, please call the Golf Shop and we will call the course for you.

Ligonier has been part of Open Rounds for two years now and will continue for 2021. If you plan on going on vacation this year, there may be a participating course at your destination. Stop in the Golf Shop to enquire about Open Rounds and all of the 1,000's of courses you can play at feasible rates.

If you have any questions about what is listed above, questions about new product for the year, corporate orders, or anything else, feel free to shoot me an email. Stay safe, wishing everyone well and we hope to see you very soon.

Warm Regards,

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March		APRIL 01, 2021				May	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
28	29	30	31	1	2 Good Friday	3 02:00pm Lunch with Bunny	
4 Easter 12:00pm Easter Dine-in Reservation Only	5 Club Closed	6 Clubhouse Closed	7 02:00pm Master's Par 3 06:00pm LVHS Cheer Banquet	8	9 03:00pm Demo: Ping	10	
11	12 Club Closed	13 Clubhouse Closed	14	15	16 05:30pm Beginners Clinic	17	
18	19 Club Closed	20 Clubhouse Closed 05:30pm SWAT Night (Ladies)	21 05:30pm Wedge Putter Clinic	22	23	24 09:00am Spring Member Guest 10:00am Shotgun Start	
25	26 Club Closed	27 Clubhouse Closed 05:30pm SWAT Night (Men's)	28 05:30pm Winter Woes Clinic	29	30 Opening Weekend 06:00pm Shotgun Start	1	

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April Dining

April Hours will remain Wednesday to Sunday, 12 pm to 8 pm for the month

We will open at 75% capacity with limited bar seats on Wed. April 7th.

April 2021 Dining Guidelines

Despite the arrival of the Covid-19 vaccine, the following policies are still in effect for the foreseeable future:

Masks must be worn at all times while moving around the facilities except while seated and dining or on the course (even if you have received the vaccine)

Please remember to practice social distancing at all times

We have voluntarily signed an agreement with the state to be allowed at this percentage and will follow all guidelines to keep you, your families, and our staff as safe as possible. We are also reducing our operational hours to remain cost effective for the club's financial well-being. Thank you in advance for your understanding. Please read the below guidelines carefully:

The Clubhouse will be open for dining at 75% beginning Wednesday, April 7th.

Reservations are Required by 4:00 pm

Wednesdays to Sundays 12 pm to 8 pm

with last reservation at 7:30 pm

(Closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

724-238-7620 ext 2-2 (During operational hours only)

A limited number of seats at the bar will be open for walk in service, with a food purchase no longer required.

- Make your reservation early. Any night has the potential to fill up quickly.
- We can seat 90 people throughout the 3 dining areas, so though you may request which room you'd like to sit in, your party number and time of reservation may dictate your table location.
- Tables will be spaced 6 feet apart. Do not move them.
- Parties of 6 or 8 will be seated in the ballroom. Parties larger than 10 will be seated at multiple tables.
- Consider coming early in the month and for an earlier dinner time so you don't run out of days to use your minimum. We reserve the right to close an hour early if there are no reservations.

Curbside Pickup will be available off the menu.

- You may place your order at any time during the day and specify the time of pickup. Curbside may not be available after 6 pm on busy nights.
- A heat and serve menu will continue to be available as well. These items will need to be ordered 48 **business hours** ahead of pickup.

The \$2 to-go fee will be reinstated on April 7th.

Please keep your visit to under 1 ½ hours.

- The essence of the guidelines is to discourage mingling and to shorten the amount of time of possible exposure. We also need time to sanitize table and chairs between reservations, so please avoid lingering.

The clubhouse will be disinfected daily and highly touched areas disinfected hourly.

Reference our [Blog](#) for any other state or CDC guidelines not included above.

The outdoor facility will open May or as the weather allows.

You are permitted to order your food and beverages for take out and sit on the patio when the weather allows.