



Lawton Country Club

April Newsletter

Clubhouse 353-2076

Pro Shop 353-2073

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Dining Room

Tues. Wed. Thur. & Sat. 11:00 - 2:00
and 5:00 - 8:00

Friday 11:00 - 2:00
and 5:00 - 9:00

Sunday 11:00 - 2:00

19th Hole and Lounge

(Limited Menu from 2:00 to 5:00)

Tues. Wed. Thur. & Sat 11:00 - 8:00

Friday 11:00 - 9:00

Sunday 11:00 - 7:00

Office

Mon. & Sat. 9:00 - 1:00

Tue. - Fri. 9:00 - 5:00

Pro Shop

Tue. - Sun. 8:00 - 7:00

Range

Tue. - Sun. 8:00 - 6:00

from the general manager

Johnny Wilson

April shapes up to be a very busy month. By the time you read this, the Easter Buffet will already have occurred. We hope you attended and had a nice time. The first week of April is also Masters Week, which signals the beginning of golf season for many players. You still have time to enter our popular Masters Draw. Buy a ticket for \$100 and take your chance on winning the big pot. The drawing will take place in the Pro Shop Saturday morning at 10:00, with only the players who have made the cut in the drawing (which increases your chance of winning). You do NOT have to be present for the drawing. Just get in touch with me to get your name in the hat.

The Monday tournament season is also starting with Great Plains Technology Center on the 9th, Ambucs on the 23rd, and the high school 5A Regional on the 30th. Also, please make a note that we have the Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Tournament on Wednesday, April 4. We will close the golf course for that afternoon.

We will be mailing (both "snail" mail and email) every member this month details on the membership drive for 2018. We really think that this will be the year that membership in Lawton Country Club reaches its potential.

A look ahead for May has the MGA Two-Man Scramble on May 19 and 20. The entry fee is \$400.00 a team. Please call the pro shop for any questions.

Finally, with the grass starting to turn green, please make sure you fix your ball marks on the greens and your divots in the fairways. We cannot have a top quality golf course if the members don't treat it like a top quality golf course. **{#967}**

golf course news

Bo Baize

Spring is here and the golf course is transitioning nicely. There are still some areas that haven't quite woke up yet, but those will likely green up in the next week or two. I am very pleased with how the golf course looks and plays for this time of year.

The covers have been put into storage and our season has officially started. We have already had some successful tournaments and the Tuesday night scramble has returned with a vengeance.

The maintenance department has been busy with routine mowing and also some improvement projects. The driving range now has new target flags and a fairway cut. Drains have been added to holes 9 and 13 to facilitate the movement of some ground water out of holding areas and away from play.

Also, some unwanted trees are being removed and existing stumps ground. Special thanks go out to Jodie Reece. Jodie is providing the equipment and the manpower (mostly his) at no charge to the club. The Greens Committee and Jodie have identified the dead (or nearly dead) trees on the course and the unwanted trees along the banks of Wolf Creek and surrounding the old pond on the east side of #8 fairway that need to be removed. He will spend as many Mondays (when we don't have a tournament) as it takes to complete the project. Another part of this tree project will be planting new trees. Some generous members have offered to purchase trees, and the Greens Committee will work with the members to determine how many, what variety and the location for the new trees. This will likely be an on-going project so that we make sure that we properly maintain the new plantings.

Weed pressure is extremely high right now and while our pre-emergent application was successful, it cannot stop them all. The name of the game with weeds is reduce, reduce, and reduce. We are as clean as I've seen us for this time of year, but there are still some steps to take in order to help facilitate weed reduction. We will continue to spray herbicides but perhaps more importantly, we have budgeted for a more aggressive fertility program. This will provide for more vigorous turf that will out-compete the weeds and aid in choking them out. The best byproduct of this is a better playing field with more consistent lies.

I am glad to see so many new members and even some that have come back to us. With continued improvement of course conditions and clubhouse activities, this trend is likely to continue. I look forward to seeing you all on the course.

board minutes

The board held their monthly meeting Thursday, March 15. All committee reports were presented. The annual membership drive was discussed, and it was agreed that last year's format (which proved very successful) will be used again. All current members will be notified in April of the details of the drive.

Welcome New Members

Mike Dicks

David Frost

Paul & Tiffany Jewell

Clayton Johnson

Richard Kye

Mark Mitchell

Aaron Moore

Jim & Judy Odom

Howard Pogi

Douglas & Erica Stephens

Jeffrey Wardach & Kate Courter



Lisa's Cooking Class

Thursday, April 26

6:00 - In The Lounge