



Lawton Country Club

August Newsletter

Clubhouse 353-2076

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STAFF

Johnny Wilson
General Manager

Lisa Marion
Food & Beverage Director

Bo Baize
Golf Course Superintendent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Duncan, President

Blake Dutcher, Vice President

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Danna Bross Linda Neal

John Fitz Gary Rasmussen

Clay Hillis

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 - 6:00

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

July was a very busy month. We started out with a very successful Firecracker. Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, players, and many others who helped with the tournament. Special thanks go out to tournament chairman Blake Dutcher and sponsorship committee chairman Mike Mayhall. We had 101 players this year, the first time in many years that we reached the 100 mark. We also set a record in sponsorship revenue. Once again, the fireworks display and the barbeque buffet was spectacular. It was great to see so many members out enjoying themselves. The Silver Anniversary Firecracker was very special indeed.

As far as golf, August is a very slow month. At this point, the only thing we have on the calendar is the August 7 scramble for the Runnels Family Benefit Golf Tournament. Things will start picking up again in September.

The clubhouse has the highlight event of possibly the year. We are all very excited for the Frank and Liza (a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra and Liza Minelli) show this Saturday, August 5. Please come out and enjoy dinner and the show. The pasta buffet will start at 7:00, with the show starting at 8:00. Call now for reservations.

Once again this year, we are coordinating with Cameron University's French Film Festival, August 24-26. Look for some of Lisa's special French cuisine specials each evening

August means it has gotten real hot and school will be starting soon. So please watch for pool closure days. The pool will be open on weekends after school starts through Labor Day. If you have an event where you would like to use the pool after this time, please contact us as soon as possible so we can schedule lifeguards. Thank you and be careful in the heat. **[#922]**

golf course news

Bo Baize

July was a busy month on the golf course starting with the 50th Annual Firecracker Open. We received some unexpected rainfall Friday night after the practice rounds which made prepping more difficult and also canceled Saturday's morning rounds, but other than that the tournament was a huge success. Jared Baker earned top honors with a 205 total and my hat goes off to his fantastic play.

The Monday following the tournament we double verticut and needle tined the greens and then double verticut them again the following week. The greens have responded well to these cultural practices.

I am excited to announce that the triplex mowers we use to mow the greens are currently being transitioned with attachments added to allow for grooming and brushing in front of the reels. What this means for us is improved quality of cut with less grain and smoother roll. We are currently only operating with one triplex and single cutting, but once the other triplex gets back from John Deere, we will start double cutting greens on a daily basis and the cut will improve the roll on the greens that much more.

Professional Golf Services is back on site to finish up the irrigation system. Trench lines are being filled and leveled across the board and in some of the steeper terrain sod is on its way to ensure that they don't wash out again. The chipping green and nursery green are also under construction, and we also added two approach heads to the irrigation system in front of #14 green to extend our coverage. The drainage issues that showed up once we disturbed the ground next to #13 and #16 tees have both been addressed and are already drying and now will allow for proper maintenance procedures to continue. I am happy with the current crew that PGS sent for the repairs, they really take pride in their work and have assured me that they won't leave until everything is as right as they can get it.

Thanks to the MGA for the purchase of the fertilizer for the tees and fairways that is being applied with our new spreader the first week of August.

I really can't wait until next season when we are all healed up and properly cut.

See you on the course.

board minutes

The board held their monthly meeting Thursday, July 13, following the Annual Stockholders Meeting. In accordance with the vote in the stockholders meeting, Linda Neal retained her seat on the board for one more term, and Blake Dutcher and John Fitz were added to the board, replacing Cindy Sheppard and Brendan Wolverton. Officers for the coming year are: Mike Duncan - President, Blake Dutcher - Vice President, and Jerry Pippin - Treasurer. Committee assignments were also made: Blake Dutcher (chair) and Gary Rasmussen - Greens Committee, Jerry Pippin (chair) - Finance Committee, Clay Hillis (chair) and John Fitz - Membership Committee, and Danna Bross (chair) and Linda Neal - House Committee.

Welcome New Members

Michael & Martha Collins

Richard & Casey Emmendorfee

Al Esquer

Daran & Jeannine Gard

Shane & Celeste Kelly

Justin & Tiffany McVicker

Tal & Lorena Miller

James & Natalie Murphy

Sam Rhodes

Chris Sanchez

Bill Stamps

Gary Williams