



Lawton Country Club

December Newsletter

Clubhouse 353-2076

Pro Shop 353-2073

STAFF

Johnny Wilson
General Manager

Lisa Marion
Food & Beverage Director

Bo Baize
Golf Course Superintendent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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 - 6:00

Office

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

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

Pro Shop

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

Range

Tue. - Sun. 8:00 - 5:00

from the general manager

Johnny Wilson

Wow, 2017 is almost over. It is hard to believe Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is almost here.

I would like to give a big "Thank You" to Jeremy Lohman and Scott's House of Flowers for the fantastic job they did in decorating the club for the holidays.

This is a really busy time in the clubhouse with parties in the different rooms almost every day, so if you haven't scheduled a date please do it soon.

In addition to all of the private events, there are several special events scheduled. Sunday, December 3 (from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm) is this year's date for "Brunch with Santa." Lisa and her staff will feature a wonderful menu, and Santa will be on hand for photos with the kiddos.

This year's Holiday Open House, featuring live music, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar will be Thursday, December 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. In conjunction with the Holiday Open House, the Pro Shop will conduct our annual Christmas sale. Please come out and get that special golfer their gift, as well as receiving a very nice discount. The Open House and the Pro Shop sale are our way of saying "Thank You" to all of our members for a wonderful year.

The board of directors will be hosting the annual employee Christmas party on Monday, December 18. Plans are also being made for our New Year's Eve celebration. Be watching for an email blast with all of the details.

If your golfer is a Titleist golf ball fan, now is the time to get them some. Titleist is offering free personalization and the balls will be here by Christmas if you order by December 7. As an added bonus, Pro V1 and Pro V1x are both on sale for \$39.99 a dozen and we have plenty in stock.

With all of the holiday activity, Lisa will not be having a cooking class this month. The next class will be in January.

You will notice a \$25.00 charge added to this month's statement. Historically, we have added this voluntary charge to each member's statement to fund the employee Christmas bonuses.

Finally, the staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. [#444]

golf course news

Bo Baize

The golf course is in fine shape for this time of year as temperatures have been mild and unseasonably warm. It would be just fine with me if this trend continues. The experts are all stating that we are supposed to have a mild winter and I'd like to be able to hold them to that, unfortunately they don't give out guarantees with their forecasts; therefore, we will begin to prepare for old man winter.

I am pleased to report that our tees and fairways have all been aerified and that our wall to wall fall pre-emergent application has been completed. Soon we will top-dress greens again to provide a sand blanket to help aid in protection from harsher conditions. We will also start prepping the temporary greens so they are ready in time for the inevitable covering of our regulation greens. The temporary set up will be very similar to last year, with the major difference being #2 will be turned into a par 3. I'm sure everyone remembers that last winter we had to keep the greens covered more than we wanted because we didn't have the irrigation system installed yet. If we have anything close to a mild winter we won't have to cover the greens nearly as much as we did last year. However, please remember that the Greens Committee and the Board of Directors insist that we take every precaution to insure the health of the greens.

You may have noticed that the city is working on a drainage pipe that runs through #18 fairway. Please note that if there are city workers on site, the hole will be played as a par 3 from the 150 yard marker. This should prevent their equipment or one of their workers getting hit by an errant shot.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. On behalf of the maintenance department I would like to thank you all for your continued support. The extra steps taken this year by your generosity have gone a long way to improving your club. We will continue to strive for the best possible conditions and protecting what we have currently. Please remember to utilize your club this holiday season and have a very Merry Christmas. As always, I'll see you on the course.

board minutes

The board held their monthly meeting Tuesday, November 14. All committee reports were presented. The board voted to adopt a new procedure to make it easier for member to transition to automatic payments of their monthly bills, to begin with the January 2018 statements. The annual employee Christmas party, which is hosted each year by the members of the board, was scheduled for Monday, December 18. The board also voted to add the customary voluntary \$25.00 charge to each member's bill to be used for employee Christmas bonuses.

The board voted to restructure the fees for locker rental and bag storage as follows:

Locker rental: \$20.00 per month, \$220.00 annually (one month free)

Bag storage: \$20.00 per month, \$220.00 annually (one month free)

Locker rental AND bag storage: \$40.00 per month, \$400.00 annually (two months free for each)

Annual charges will be made in January of each year.

Welcome New Members

Scott & Ashley Watson

**Holiday Open House
and
Pro Shop Christmas Sale
Thursday, December 14
5:00 - 7:00**