



# Lawton Country Club

## January 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

Mike Duncan, President

Blake Dutcher, Vice President

Jerry Pippin, Secretary/Treasurer

Danna Bross

John Fitz

Clay Hillis

Chris Meyers

Linda Neal

Gary Rasmussen

### 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

#### 19<sup>th</sup> 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

2017 was an amazing year at Lawton Country Club. It was highlighted by the installation of the irrigation system and although the project is not 100% complete, we are able to get water to places that we have not been able to water in a long time. Then we finished up the year with a huge December full of Christmas parties and other events.

We are all looking forward to a very exciting 2018. We are already starting to get dates for golf tournaments, so if you are planning an event, please get with me to get your date set.

Also, Lisa Marion is taking dates for events in the clubhouse. If you are planning an event for the clubhouse, please contact Lisa as soon as possible to get the date set.

January is a slow month for the golf course and clubhouse. It is a perfect time to come to the club and relax and unwind after a hectic holiday season. Enjoy a wonderful meal, reflect on the highlights of 2017 and look forward to an even better 2018.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year. Our golf course will be in the best shape it has been in years, and our food and beverage service continues to excel. **{#751}**

## golf course news

### Bo Baize

Hopefully everyone had a very Merry Christmas spent with friends and family and are now ready to ring in the New Year. I am very much looking forward to spring 2018 and the beginning of our golf season. I believe the playing conditions on our course will be drastically improved and we should have a banner year.

As expected, the weather finally broke and it is officially winter here in southwest Oklahoma. The greens covers are on and protecting our MiniVerde Bermuda greens that aren't particularly cold tolerant. Looking at the extended forecast, it looks like we are in for a lengthy cold spell and the greens will remain covered for a while. Temporary greens are in play with 8" bucket cups and are a fun way to keep the rust off your swing in the interim.

Some of the projects the maintenance staff will be working on during the winter months will be removal of the old irrigation boxes on the course, construction of new tee markers, and we are going to clean up some creek banks that have become unruly over the years. We have completed one project in which we used the remaining sod dirt from the construction of the new tee complex on #2 to fill in holes, ruts, and thin areas all over the course as well as covering some exposed tree roots. I wanted to get this done as soon as possible to allow the soils time to amend prior to spring green up.

Pro Golf Services (the contractors who installed our new irrigation system) have a crew back on site performing "warranty" work. They have been working on some leaks and making adjustments in some of the valve boxes. They will be returning in the early spring for any additional repairs and to complete the filling and leveling of the trench lines. By waiting until the growing season starts, the grass will be able to cover the trenches before the soil is washed away. We have submitted a detailed "punch list" and each item will be verified before we sign off as a completed job.

With all of these improvements, it is hard not to get excited about 2018 at Lawton Country Club.

Have a Happy New Year and as always, I'll see you on the course.

## board minutes

The board held their monthly meeting Tuesday, December 19. All committee reports were presented.

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Meyers presented the first draft of the calendar year 2018 budget. Johnny Wilson agreed to consult with Bo Baize and Lisa Marion to examine each line item for accuracy.

The success of the annual employee Christmas party, hosted by the board members, was discussed. The party, which was catered by Billy Sims Barbeque, was attended by almost every employee and their families. Santa and Mrs. Claus showed up to take requests from the children. After some Christmas carols, which were led by John Mackey, the children received gift cards and each employee received their Christmas bonus. Thanks goes out to the large majority of members who contributed to the employee Christmas bonus fund.

Plans were discussed to organize a task force during January which, as a part of the Membership Committee, will explore ways to continue to grow our membership.

*Golfers, if you don't utilize our bag storage service, consider the ease of calling the pro shop on your way to the course and having a cart with your clubs waiting for you. Then when you finish playing, pull the cart up to the pro shop, we will clean and store your clubs, and have them waiting for the next time you play. The cost of this service is \$20.00 per month, or you can get one month free by paying \$220.00 in advance each January.*

*We are offering the same kind of a deal on locker rental. Lockers rent for \$20.00 per month, or get one month free by paying \$220.00 in January.*

*Plus, if you sign up for BOTH bag storage and locker rental, you can pay \$400.00 in January and get two months free for each!*

# Happy New Year 2018