



# Lawton Country Club

## September 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  
Linda Neal, Vice President

David Towe, Secretary/Treasurer

Danna Bross Gary Rasmussen

Clay Hillis Cindy Sheppard

Jerry Pippin Brendan Wolverton

### 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 - 7:00

#### Office

Mon. & Sat.	9:00 - 1:00
Tue. - Fri.	9:00 - 5:00

#### Pro Shop

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

Tue. - Sun.	8:00 - 6:00
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## from the general manager

**Johnny Wilson**

Although it has still been very warm, at least the triple digit temperatures have broken. That has been great because the last couple of weekends have been very active in the clubhouse and on the golf course. The start of football season will have some affect, but don't let that keep you away from what should be some beautiful fall days.

We had more than twenty people attending last month's Progressive Dinner. The meal was delicious and everyone had a wonderful time. It was one of those rare August evenings in which the weather was ideal for standing on the balcony and watching a gorgeous sunset. And the longer everyone stayed out on the balcony, the smarter everyone became.

Lisa is hard at work finalizing her new menu for the fall. Watch for an email blast detailing the changes. This month's cooking class is scheduled for Thursday, September 15. Lisa will be announcing the menu soon.

David Anderson will be performing each Friday evening in the lounge this month. Whether it is just two of you for a date night, or a group of friends getting together, the Lounge on a Friday evening with David playing is a real treat.

Plans are in the works for a Halloween Masquerade Ball, scheduled for Friday, October 28. There will be dancing and a "best costume" contest with great prizes. Looking even farther ahead, it is time to start thinking about those holiday parties. Reservations are being made, so contact Lisa soon to get your date.

The MGA will be hosting a Ryder Cup style event September 24th and 25th. The entry fee will be \$50 per player. Please enter by the 20th in order to draw teams and make tee times.

Please note the club will be open on Labor Day and closed the following day, Tuesday, September 6. That will also mark the closing of the swimming pool for the season, except for a couple of private events.

## board minutes

The board held the regular monthly meeting Tuesday, August 16. All committee reports were presented. Clay Hillis was introduced as a new board member. Clay replaces Kelly McClure, who has resigned because of time constraints. Clay will fill Kelly's spot on the Greens Committee. **{#68}**

## Welcome New Members

**David Braddock & Candace Willingham**

**Bryan Brinkman**

**Joe & Kim Leverett**

**Jeremy & Robbe Lohman**

**Eddie McKesson**

**Franz & Janzer Pletsch**

**Brent & Laura Quillen**

**J.C. & Leann Smith**

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## golf course news

**Bo Baize**

I am relieved to be saying goodbye to August. Twenty plus days over 90 degrees and nine days over 100 degrees made for a monthly average over 95 degrees. Average humidity was over 50%. Constant Oklahoma winds dried out the less than one inch of rain we received for the entire month. All these factors have contributed to soil temps averaging nearly 88 degrees and making it very difficult to maintain quality turf. Weed and disease pressure is ever-present under these conditions and I am really looking forward to September's arrival.

Fall is a very important time on the golf course as we ready ourselves for winter. Fungicide applications are crucial this time of year on our greens for disease prevention as Bermudagrass Decline, Bipolaris or Pythium can easily invade plants this time of year and potentially not show damage until spring green up. Potassium levels on the greens will also be elevated though granular and foliar applications to help increase root vigor going into winter. But perhaps the most important cultural practice of the year is scheduled for September 6 (weather permitting), and that is our fall greens aerification. We will be using 1/4 inch quad tines on 1 1/2 inch centers. Basically what this means is that we will be removing a whole lot of small cores instead of fewer large cores. We can amend the profile by around 8% by doing this all the while having little disruption to playability. This will also allow for a quicker recovery in case temperatures drop drastically and threaten dormancy.

Despite all that August has dished out, our greens are really starting to come around. They respond better to inputs now and self-sustain longer than when I first took them over. They also look and perform better. Some of our fall practices are designed to push growth on the greens so that we are better prepared for winter. Just know that by doing so we may sacrifice some speed and roll. So if they start to seem a little slower to you in the coming months, just hit it firmer. Short putts never go in anyway.

## This Month's Special Events

### Lisa's Cooking Class

Thursday, September 15  
6:00 - In The Lounge

\$40.00 per person for non-members  
10% off for members

Includes meal and two glasses of wine  
(reservations requested)



**David Anderson**  
Performing  
Each Friday Evening  
In The Lounge