



Lawton Country Club

March Newsletter

Clubhouse 353-2076

Pro Shop 353-2073

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Johnny Wilson
General Manager

Lisa Marion
Food & Beverage Director

Bo Baize
Golf Course Superintendent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Duncan, President
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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

Spring is right around the corner and with that prospect the irrigation project is moving right along. The two rainfalls in February, which totaled 4.5 inches here at the club, were a real blessing. However, they did slow down the irrigation installation a few days. The biggest problem occurred with standing water in front of the tee box on hole #4. That is where we are connecting to a line bored under the creek to get water to holes #3 and #4.

With Spring comes the real beginning of the golf season, including MGA tournaments, Monday tournaments, the Tuesday night scramble, and the always popular Masters draw. This will all be even more exciting as the irrigation project nears its completion.

The MGA will be holding a meeting Wednesday, March 15 at 5:30 in the 19th Hole. All MGA members are encouraged to come. We will have an update on the irrigation system installation progress, and a discussion concerning prioritization of other golf course improvements. We will also be discussing the MGA tournament schedule for this year. This is a great opportunity to voice your views, pro and con, on golf course activities and conditions. If you are not an MGA member, you are invited attend the meeting and if you find it to be worthwhile, join the MGA. With four meetings a year, the MGA has the potential to be an enjoyable and meaningful group, as people with a common goal (to play golf) get together to socialize and help make improvements to the golf course.

Last month brought us a beautiful and very tasty Valentine's dinner. Lisa and her staff did a super job including decorating the clubhouse. Please check the calendar for this month's big events. E-mails will also be sent out to help keep you informed. With the improving weather, it will be a nice time to come out and enjoy your club.

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board minutes

The board held their monthly meeting Thursday, February 9. All committee reports were presented. The board elected Jerry Pippin as Treasurer, filling the spot vacated by David Towe. The board also passed a resolution authorizing Mike Duncan (President), Linda Neal (Vice President) and Jerry Pippin (Treasurer) to modify the loan with the bank group. The result of the loan modification is that Lawton Country Club has received \$429,676.50 in net proceeds, and we once again owe \$3,309,999.61 to the bank group. The board is very grateful to lead bank BancFirst, Arvest Bank, City National Bank, First National Bank & Trust Co., and Liberty National Bank for their cooperation in this re-financing.

Lisa's Cooking Class

Thursday, March 16

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)



golf course news

Bo Baize

The month of February has been a busy one on course and March will certainly continue this trend. The irrigation renovation is moving right along and within the next week or two we will be able to tie into mainline and finally get some water moving through the new system. This will allow us to immediately begin watering (and uncovering) the greens on holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12. Subsequently, as each hole's installation is completed, that hole will be added to the new system. As each green is included in the new irrigation system, the cover on that green will be removed. This will leave us with a "hybrid" golf course set up with some holes playing with normal greens and some holes playing with temporary greens. Obviously, if freezing temperatures occur (the average last freeze in southwest Oklahoma is mid-April), the greens will have to be recovered.

The extended forecast at the time of this writing has no significant rainfall in sight, therefore the covers are still our best defense against desiccation of the unirrigated greens. Desiccation is a very serious threat especially in the transition zone and to help everyone understand I am including this definition here.

Desiccation: Desiccation is caused by winds in combination with low relative humidity. This desiccation or "drying out" occurs on turfgrass plants that are unprotected from wind and have limited soil moisture due to either drought conditions or low temperatures (frozen soil moisture). When temperatures rise above 32°F (0°C), turfgrass leaves lose water to the atmosphere due to pressure gradient created from the low humidity conditions. Consequently, turfgrass crowns, nodes, and roots dry out, causing desiccation of these plant tissues and important plant proteins. Plant injury from desiccation can result in significant losses of turfgrass. It is important to maintain adequate soil moisture during these conditions, especially in spring when turfgrass roots are developing, to prevent desiccation from occurring. If the area is not continuously covered by snow or ice, artificial covers are often placed to help protect the turf from desiccation.

I do hope this definition helps everyone to understand that the maintenance department and club is doing everything possible to protect our investments and making agronomically responsible decisions. We are under construction and for most of us this irrigation installation is a once in a lifetime occurrence, so please remain patient as we carry out this renovation. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying your club through the month of March.

Welcome New Members

Scott and Whitney Kochenower

**St. Patrick's Day
Corned Beef and Cabbage**

**Friday, March 16
Live Entertainment**