



Lawton Country Club

October Newsletter

Clubhouse 353-2076

Pro Shop 353-2073

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Johnny Wilson
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Golf Course Superintendent

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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 - 7:00

Range

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

from the general manager

Johnny Wilson

September ended up giving us plenty of rain for the month. The golf course should be very green going into the fall, leaving us a nice stand of turf to play through the winter. But by no means are we done for the year. As you will see when you read Bo's article, he has plenty planned for this fall.

This month we will be hosting Comanche County Memorial Hospital's Inaugural Physician Appreciation Golf Tournament and dinner on Friday, October 6. They are planning a noon shotgun start, but since they do not have a full field of golfers there will be openings to play golf that day. Then Monday scramble events this month will be Lawton Christian School on the 9th, Lawton Board of Realtors on the 16th, Classic Chevy on the 23rd, and a fundraiser on the 30th.

Also during the month, the MGA will host the always popular Ryder Cup event on October 21st and 22nd. Plans call for a format similar to the Ryder Cup in which "Four-Ball" matches (two-man best ball) will be played on Saturday, and a modified "Foursome" format (two-man alternate shot) will be played on Sunday. There will be a shotgun start each afternoon. Check with me (or anyone in the pro shop) to sign up.

This past month we hosted Club Fix for three days, which allowed members to get fitted for golf clubs. It was very successful and a lot of members took advantage of the free fitting analysis. Several members made purchases ranging from a driver to an entire set of clubs. Club Fix represents a wide range of shaft and club head manufacturers. They use Trackman analysis to help find the specific shaft and club head that works best for each player. I think that all who ordered clubs will be interested to get them and I will be interested to find out the feedback. The Club Fix representative was very encouraged by the turnout, and wants to make a return visit.

Lisa is planning a German buffet to celebrate Oktoberfest on Thursday, October 26. Keep an eye on your email blasts for details.

Don't forget about the savings you can realize by bringing in a new member. To refresh your memory, any new member that agrees to maintain their membership for 12 months will receive a 10% discount on their dues for those 12 months. **Any existing member referring the new member will receive a matching dollar amount discount on their dues for the same 12 months.** We have done a wonderful job in attracting new members over the past few months, but we can easily accommodate more members, and more members means more success for the club.

It's not too early to be thinking about your holiday plans. Thanksgiving and Christmas are right the corner, so if you have any plans or would like to schedule a party, please let us know. [#400]

golf course news

Bo Baize

September was another great month on the golf course with timely rains, mild temperatures, and plenty of beautiful days to enjoy a round of golf. I am seeing a lot of new faces on course and that is a great sign for the club. Rounds = revenue, so personally I would like to see the course packed daily.

Fall is the time of year we really start to think about the next spring. Bermuda starts to harden off (storing carbohydrates) in preparation for dormancy, and it is perhaps the most important time to fertilize with a granular product high in the nutrient potassium. This aids the plant over winter and helps the spring green up transition immensely. We are planning a wall to wall potassium application in the next few weeks. We are also going to aerify tees and fairways during that time period. It has been many years since this critical practice has been done here and it will be an excellent way to break up much of the compaction we have and at the same time allow for some air movement into the soil structure.

We have started mowing areas to serve as temporary greens on holes 11 and 14 for when we have to cover the greens this winter. All other holes will have their temporary green locations in the approaches or the fairways, so they are already established. With the new irrigation system, I think that we are all hoping for a mild winter in which we don't have to cover the greens very often.

We will be lightly topdressing the greens several times this fall so that we can get as much sand into the canopy as possible before the first frost.

There are several Monday tournaments booked this month as well as other events during the week to perhaps make your rounds a little more interesting, so please enter and enjoy.

As always, I'll see you on the course.

board minutes

The board held their monthly meeting Thursday, September 21. All committee reports were presented. At the request of Chris Meyers, Finance Committee Chairman, the board discussed cash flow problems that are experienced during periods when we have a large number of special events. The board voted unanimously to authorize staff to collect a 50% deposit prior to the event and the remaining balance at the conclusion of the event when the situation is warranted. Further discussion concerning cash flow problems during the month caused by members' failure to pay their monthly bills on time was tabled until next month's meeting. The board also voted unanimously to accept the City of Lawton's offer for a permanent and a temporary easement along the eastern edge of the north-east corner of our property (hole #3).

OCTOBERFEST
Thursday, October 26

Welcome New Members

Robert & Darcy Cline
Hossein & Eddy Moini