



Lawton Country Club

July 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
Liz Wyatt, Vice President

David Towe, Secretary/Treasurer

Blake Dutcher Linda Neal

Kelly McClure Cindy Sheppard

Justin Phelps 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

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 - 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

June has been a very busy month, with the opening of the pool and preparation for the Firecracker. The Firecracker is July 1st to the 4th, with five flights consisting of Championship and A through D. Friday the 1st is the practice round and the shootouts, with the "player auction" at 7:00 at Swiggs Still & Grill. The tournament follows the next three days, concluding on Monday the 4th. The big night will Sunday July 3. Lisa and her crew are preparing a barbeque dinner and a band will be playing. The fireworks display will begin at dusk. A reminder that the club will be closed on Tuesday the 5th but will reopen on Wednesday for business as usual.

The swimming pool is proving to be a great place to have birthday parties. It is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11:00 to 7:00 and Sunday from 11:00 to 5:00.

Lifeguards are on duty during those times.

If you are a stockholder, please make plans to attend the annual stockholder meeting Tuesday, July 12 at 6:00 in the Ballroom. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

We want to thank Edward's Men's Wear and Garza's Pest Control for providing door prizes for the Father's Day Barbeque. Dr. Brett Warn and Larry Neal were the lucky winners.

Lisa has scheduled a Happy Hour for Thursday, July 28 in the Lounge. We will provide complimentary appetizers and live music.

Finally, a huge thanks to Bill Scott for donating \$850 to pay for Charles Wise (the course superintendent at WinStar) to come in and do some consulting work with Bo. WinStar has the oldest MiniVerde greens in the state, and Charles was instrumental in our decision to convert to MiniVerde greens a few years ago. Since the technology regarding hybrid bermuda grass is relatively new, it is helpful to learn some of the successes and failures that another course has experienced.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July and we hope to see you at the club. **{#388}**

board minutes

The board held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 21. All committee reports were presented.

The board authorized the Greens Committee to proceed with a plan to add additional "native areas" on the golf course in an effort to bring the number of acres we maintain more in line with the golf course maintenance budget. Every effort will be made to keep these native areas in locations that are not in the normal course of play. The long-range plan is for these native areas to be dominated by native grasses and wildflowers.

The board also finalized the nominations for new board members to be elected at this month's stockholder meeting. Current members whose terms are expiring are Blake Dutcher, Justin Phelps and Liz Wyatt. The board will be nominating Danna Bross, Jerry Pippin and Gary Rasmusen to fill the vacancies.

Welcome New Members

Chris & Courtney Amore
Ben & Kelly Blaber
Craig & Heather Clement
Sam Garbos
Brannon & Cindy Jackson
Tom & Cathy Teague
Amy Waller

golf course news

Bo Baize

June was an eventful month on the golf course. We had some successful tournaments and an abundance of rainfall. Over a three day stretch we had 9 inches of rain and the entire front side turned into a river. We had just seeded the fairway on #8 so unfortunately it all got washed into Wolf Creek. According to the extended forecast, there shouldn't be any more flooding so we will attempt the seeding again.

Clean up from the flood was extensive and it set us back several mowing days. We are gradually catching back up and there are still some wet areas we are currently mowing over. This may temporarily look unsightly; however, it is necessary to expose these areas to sunlight and wind so they will dry out faster and not stagnate.

Sand has been added to all of the bunkers on the course and detail work is ongoing in preparation for the Firecracker. We sprayed the greens with an herbicide to combat the poa and bent grasses that is safe for our ultra-dwarf Bermuda. The greens are still a little lean for my liking, so steps have been taken to try and fill in some of the voids left from combating the localized dry spots. A new top dresser arrived June 24 (our old one was no longer functional and the new one was ordered in April). We will now be able to get into a regular topdressing program. We are also ramping up the calcium in our greens fertility program to counteract the sodium and bicarbonates left in the profile from the irrigation water.

I am very excited to be involved this year in the rich tradition that is the Firecracker Open and my crew and I are striving for the best possible conditions for the event. Our plan is to keep our course "Firecracker ready" all year long. I hope everyone has entered and plays their best golf when it counts.

This Month's Special Events

49th Annual Firecracker

July 1st - 4th

BBQ Buffet & Fireworks - Sunday, July 3rd

Annual Stockholders Meeting

Tuesday, July 12

6:00 - Ballroom

Lisa's Cooking Class

Thursday, July 21

6:00 - Lounge

(reservations requested)



happy hour
 Thursday, July 28
 5:00 - Lounge