



# Lawton Country Club

## June 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

#### 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

#### Range

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

## *from the general manager*

**Johnny Wilson**

May was a very good month at the club. We started with the two man scramble that ended on May 1st. It was a very successful event for its first year, with 45 teams participating. Plans are for this to become an annual tournament, and we anticipate that it will grow into a major event.

Then we had Mother's Day with over 130 people for an excellent buffet prepared by Lisa and her staff. Finally, we finished the month with opening of the pool and that is always a fun time.

June starts with preparations for the 49th Annual Firecracker, which is July 1 - 4. There are many exciting things associated with it including lower entry fees in an effort to allow more to play. Friday will be registration day, with the shootouts Friday afternoon. The "Player Auction" will be Friday beginning at 7:00 at Swiggs Still & Grill. The three rounds of competition will be Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Everyone is encouraged to come out Sunday evening. We will have a barbeque buffet and the fireworks will start at dusk. Cost for the barbeque is \$21 for adults and \$11 for kids under 12. (The buffet is free for players and sponsors.) Please call with your reservations so Lisa can make sure she prepares the right amount of food. Then set up your lawn chairs or bring a blanket to throw down on the ground and enjoy the fireworks. Last year's display was outstanding, and everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and the chance to visit with old friends (and possibly make some new friends). There will be some free novelties for the kids, and we will have three bars to take care of the adults.

On Saturday June 11th the MGA will be hosting a Blind Draw 3 Man Scramble. This format will allow players to play with people they may not even know and hopefully create more friends to play golf with at the club. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome. Please watch your e-mails for more information. **{#120}**

Father's Day is this month, and Lisa is planning a barbeque buffet with door prizes, drink specials and live music on the ballroom patio Saturday evening, June 18. Please be sure to attend.

Finally, it is your participation in club events that make everything more successful.

## *board minutes*

The board held their monthly meeting Tuesday, May 17. All committee reports were presented.

In a unanimous vote, the board voted to add a voluntary \$35.00 charge to each member's May 31 statement to help defray the \$10,000 cost of the fireworks demonstration. We hope each member chooses to pay their portion. The display is set for Sunday, July 3 at dusk, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Welcome New Members

**Jacob Brox**

**Kelly & Christine Means**

**Scott & Kim Sirles**

**Gene Waits**

**Robert & Amy Whitby**

## *golf course news*

**Bo Baize**

May has been a busy month on the golf course. Mowing is at a hectic pace and the recent rains have kept us spending lots of time on pumping bunkers and raking and repairing the wash outs. I'm not complaining though, keep the rain coming.

Greens aerification was completed May 3 and went very well. Shortly after aerification, we noticed that the greens became very salty, probably due to sodium accumulation in the profile becoming more readily available to the root zone. While mini-verde is more salt tolerant than some other turfgrasses it certainly isn't immune and our irrigation water has a 92.9% sodium content; therefore, it was important to flush these salts out of the profile. This was accomplished by applying soil treatments and a timely rainfall. It would be nice to be able to flush the greens with our own irrigation system; however, the current system has full circle heads, low pressure, and most importantly poor coverage. The greens have responded well since then and salt management will be highly important moving forward.

We have also recently finished a fence to fence application of a broadleaf herbicide and a fertilizer. The fertilizer used contained nitrogen with iron and a manganese kicker. This should elevate the efficiency of the herbicide while boosting the vigor of the turf to outcompete and choke out any remaining broadleaf weeds. It is important to note that the grass type weeds will remain until rising temperatures eventually smoke them out (usually July). If not, steps will be taken then to eliminate them as well. The label of the herbicide used states that maximum results can take up to 20 days but I have already begun to see curling of the leaf blades and total wilting of the weeds on course so I am very much looking forward to a full eradication and a much cleaner appearance.

## *This Month's Special Events*

### Barbeque for Dad

**Saturday, June 18th**

**6:00 - Ballroom Patio**

(weather permitting)



**Baby Back Ribs • Cash Bar**

**Door Prizes • Live Music**

(reservations requested)

### Lisa's Cooking Class

**Thursday, June 9th**

**6:00 - Lounge**

(reservations requested)



## 49th Annual Firecracker

**July 1st - 4th**

**BBQ Buffet & Fireworks - Sunday, July 3rd**