



Lawton Country Club

January 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

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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 - 7:00

Office

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

Pro Shop

Tue. - Sun.	8:00 - 6:00
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Tue. - Sun.	8:00 - 5:00
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from the general manager

Johnny Wilson

Happy 2019 to everyone! It seems as though 2018 flew by.

December was a very busy month in the clubhouse. There was also a lot of nice weather (for December) that resulted in quite a bit of play on the golf course.

Now that the holidays are over, we are faced with the usual January lull in activities. But there are new golf rules that went into effect January 1 that you will want to pay attention to. I have listed some of the major changes in the column to the right.

I would like to extend a special "thank you" to Greens Committee chairman Ernie Sheppard for the donation of his time and equipment in the cleanup of the area around the maintenance barn.

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope that it is happy and prosperous for everyone. **{#4818}**

golf course news

Bo Baize

Happy 2019! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and rang in the New Year with style.

So far, the weather has been kind and has been trending towards the milder side with plenty of golf being played and our regulation greens remaining uncovered. Soil temps continue to hover in the mid 40's and while we remain dormant, the greens continue to perform and provide consistency.

The maintenance department is undergoing a facelift with concerted efforts being made to purge the barn of outdated materials and removing the surrounding debris that has accumulated throughout the years.

Also, we have been repairing some of the bridges with new runners, and we will soon be using the last remaining stockpiled soil to fill and amend some low areas that are in play.

Please remember that while our turf is dormant, it is still susceptible to injury. Areas of repeated traffic break down the stolons and rhizomes of the plant and these areas turn into cattle trails of compaction. This in turn greatly reduces the ability of these areas to recover come spring. Your efforts to minimize the damage by spreading cart traffic would be greatly appreciated.

board minutes

The Board of Directors met Thursday, December 20. All committee reports were presented. No significant action was taken. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17.

**Welcome
New Members**

Bryan & Diana Mullins

USGA Rules Changes for 2019

1. Search time for a lost ball is decreased from 5 minutes to 3 minutes
2. A ball accidentally moved during a search for a lost ball is replaced with no penalty
3. Embedded ball – free drop for balls embedded anywhere in the general area
4. Club-length is defined as the player's longest club, other than a putter
5. Dropping procedure: the ball must be dropped straight down from knee height (the height of the player's knee when in a standing position)
6. A player may repair almost any damage (including spike marks) on the putting green
7. There is no penalty if a player's ball accidentally hits a player, a flagstick or any equipment
8. A double hit counts as only one stroke (no penalty)
9. Touching sand in bunker – touching sand incidentally is permitted
10. Loose impediments can be removed without penalty in bunkers and penalty areas
11. Unplayable ball in bunker – with two stroke penalty, can drop out of bunker
12. Touching the ground and water in penalty areas is permitted
13. If a ball moves on the green after being marked, it is replaced with no penalty
14. If a ball on the green is moved accidentally by the player, it is replaced with no penalty
15. A player may substitute a ball when taking relief
16. A player may not set a club or any other object down to show the line of play (even if it is removed before striking the ball)
17. A caddy or coach may not stand behind a player to show the line of play
18. Hitting the flag stick left in the hole with a putted ball is not a penalty
19. A ball wedged on the flagstick counts as a holed shot
20. A player is no longer allowed to take relief from a red penalty area on the opposite side from where the ball entered the penalty area