

THE LAKES GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



May 2024

Members, Patrons, and Friends,

Things are definitely warming up around here! The Bermuda grass is starting to fill in and the fairways are looking good. Biggie has some grass to work with now, and he is sculpting fairways as I write.

There is more progress on the construction of the clubhouse, and things are moving onward. The parking lot grows a little each day. I personally have moved roughly 1,000 tons of material, between dirt-out-gravel-in attitude, and a bit of tenacity, I should be done in another month.



Sun shades are up on our patio and we're ready for summer at the Lakes!

This letter will be a little short, as I am late with my submission, and Todd has had to remind me three times to get this done. We will be losing Todd this week, as he is moving back up North to be closer to family. I want to express how lucky we were to have him on our team for the last (more than a year) that he has worked with us. He will be missed.

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Message From Our Manager:

Please be aware that as the course becomes busier during our peak season, it may be necessary to more frequently combine small groups (such as singles and twosomes) to create threesomes and foursomes at times when our schedule is full. This will most often be busy mornings, weekends, and holidays, but could be any day at any time. Scheduling a tee time for less than four golfers doesn't guarantee you'll be able to play with less than four golfers.

This will allow more people to enjoy a golfing experience at The Lakes. Thank you for your understanding.

- Jay Cross, Pro Shop Manager



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We have continued in our efforts to make course improvements, in addition to the clubhouse construction. The tee boxes on #3 and #6 seem to be getting more robust and stable, Rodney has re-worked the approach and left bunker on #18 green, and there are a few spots where we have worked in cuttings and plugs to fill spots in fairways. I am hoping this is the summer when we can say goodbye to all the pesky tenacious bare spots with which we have lived for the past decade or so. I continue to promise that effort and money will continue to flow, in order to turn our course into the true gem it has always been at its core. The TLC is showing, what I think is, dramatic results.

The new clubhouse is on budget and on schedule. We picked up one more partner in the ownership cadre this week, Mr. Brian Craig. I am sure he is on board with the rest of us to do our best to ensure the club and course continue to serve the community and be a success. As a matter of interest, the “west side” property (the old clubhouse) has been sold to the Town of BSL. We believe the long-term plan is to construct a community center. This should be a great compliment to our club and community.

I ask that you all continue to be an active participant in the improvement and maintenance of our community course. LET'S PLAY GOLF!

Respectfully,

Roger Dutton, Managing Partner

2024 TOURNAMENTS

Member - Member Tournament

Saturday, June 8

Handicap Tournament

Saturday, July 20 - Sunday, July 21

Mayor's Cup

Saturday, August 10

Club Championship

Saturday, September 14 -
Sunday, September 15

All tournaments require sign-ups in advance with the Pro Shop.

Member-Member and Handicap Tournaments require a valid USGA handicap index.

Mark your calendars!



Turf Talk

Growing and mowing – that is the order of business for the next few months. As the warm weather hits us full force, the turf will continue to fill in and grow. We have completed aerification of the greens and placed the plugs in thin areas. We will try to keep these areas marked Ground Under Repair (GUR). Please take free relief from these areas until further notice.

We are growing in the renovated tees on holes 3 and 6. It will hopefully be sometime around the 4th of July when we are back to utilizing these areas. We will slowly take the height of cut down during the next six weeks. The turf will look yellowed as this happens, but by the time we are ready for play, the turf should be green again.

We will also be doing some renovations to some thin approaches on holes 14, 15, and 18. As this happens, please be mindful that these areas will need a break from traffic in order to heal. Please avoid play from these areas marked GUR and also use an alternate path walking to the green when possible.

The irrigation system repairs are working, but if we don't get any significant rain in the near future, we will have to supplement the overnight watering during the day. Sorry for the disruption of play but this is necessary to grow in thin areas.

Good luck to all during tournament season, and always strive for "Fairways and Greens."

-Jason Young,

Golf Course Superintendent



Upcoming Events:

Friday Night Captain's Choice

Every Friday at 5:00pm

Must sign up in advance with the Pro Shop - space is limited!

Member-Member Tournament

Saturday, June 8

Sign up in the Pro Shop by June 5

