# Lancaster Country Club



# December 2015

#### **December Hours of Operation:**

Business Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### Golf Shop & Halfway House closed for the season

#### **Grillroom Hours:**

MONDAY & TUESDAY Club Closed WEDS. - THURS 11:00 am - 8:00 pm, Lunch & Dinner FRIDAY: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm, Lunch & Dinner SATURDAYS: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner SUNDAYS: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

January Hours of Operation

Business Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### **Clubhouse Closed**



ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26TH ORDER ANY TWO (2) ENTREES FROM THE DINNER MENU AND RECEIVE FREE DESSERT FOR TWO! BANANAS FOSTER SERVED TABLESIDE! 5:00 - 9:00 pm Dine-In Only Reservations required: 684-3700 extension 10

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#### Manager's Notes by Mark Maier

The holiday season begins appropriately with Thanksgiving and ends with ringing in a new year. We have had much to be thankful for in 2015. In this newsletter, we again recognize our 2015 Members of the Month for their contributions, positive energy, and ambassadorship to LCC. Thank you to each of you.

Thank you also to our wonderful, dedicated staff, especially those who have been recognized by their managers through our Employee of the Month program. Thank you to our members for their great response and generous contributions to our staff holiday gift., and for the time you take to validate the important work our staff does.

Another great way to show your appreciation is to come out to the member holiday party on December 19th to honor those who have served your club as officers and board members. These members have dedicated their personal time to help LCC achieve its goals and successes.

We will also have our Member Rewards drawing that evening to recognize all those who support and attend the many events at LCC, and lastly, we will conduct the Loyalty Lottery drawing in recognition of all of those members who referred and participated in our membership program.

But perhaps most importantly of all, thank you for being a member of Lancaster Country Club...for bringing your guests and family, your membership referrals, for your support and for being an integral part of our continued success.

Many hours have already been spent preparing for an even better new year at LCC! From planning the calendar of events to finding more and better ways to make your private club experience the best it can be, while also making it an attractive membership choice for your friends and associates - our Board of Directors and management team are dedicated to these goals and look forward to serving you in 2016.

Happy holidays and safe travel to all!

#### President's Message by Joseph Zdarsky

Dear Members,

As I write this message Buffalo is about to set a record for the latest snowfall on record, and we are enjoying the longest golf season I can remember. I played on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the conditions were great – the ground was generally firm and the course was groomed close to mid-season form. The course has been winterized and when the snow inevitably does arrive, we will be ready. Some of the new tee boxes have been sodded and we have a nice head start for the spring. This is a fine contrast to last year when we were under seven feet of snow at Thanksgiving. Let's hope that we will have an early start in the spring and little winter damage.

As the calendar year ends I can report that the club's financial performance has continued to improve on a year over year basis. We have done a good job in controlling expenses. Overhead for the recurring operational expenses, such as golf course and building maintenance, food and beverage, and general administrative has been trimmed to the bone, but the quality standards and performance results have been maintained. The only area where spending is up is on golf course equipment purchases to enhance the quality of course conditions and expenditures necessitated by weather conditions. The only costs that continue to challenge the Board and management are the uncontrollable costs, such as repairs and replacements beyond those predicted and provided for in the budget, and capital projects paid for out of operating funds. Nevertheless, we should again achieve a decent operating profit (EBITDA) this fiscal year.

Our membership has continued to grow, and every additional member will add revenue to our bottom line. The dues line in our operating statement is by far the most significant source of revenue. This year we experienced a \$100,000 net dues growth. We are very close to once again instituting an initiation fee for new members, so please inform any prospective members that now is the time to make the move to join our club so as to avoid the initiation fee. The Board has scheduled a work session devoted to financial planning and capital development this month, and I hope to provide more information in my next newsletter. Initiation fees, earmarked at least in part to capital reserves, will likely be a part of the long range financial plan.

Our committees are hard at work planning next season's activities, and under the leadership of our golf chairman, Rob Farolino, we are hoping to announce soon a plan which will enable more members to participate in the men's league in 2016. Further information will follow in next month's newsletter.

Finally, I wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy New Year and Happy Holiday Season. See you at the club.

Joseph E. Zdarsky, President

#### Grounds Update by Gary Powers

The irrigation system has been blown out. We are starting to put out our snow mold applications to all of our playing surfaces this should be done by the end of the week.

Tee decks – One woman's tee deck is completed. Two woman's tee and 12 men's tee box have the creeping bentgrass on the tops with a portion of the surrounds completed on them. We will finish the rest of the sod on the surrounds in the spring. We will continue to work on the tee decks we started to shape, 7, 15,6,13 as long as the weather permits. We hope to have these ready for sod the first thing in spring.

Winter care on Greens – This year I will be adding an additional pigment to our greens snow mold application. This will help delay the onset of dormancy, improve the efficacy of the fungicide and increase the turf quality through the winter. Tomorrow we will be using a process called shockwave on 1, 6, and possibly 3 green to create channels in the greens that are 10" inches on center and 5 inches deep. The grooves will run with the slope of the green to help move water off them. The damage that occurred on our greens last year was due to free standing water on them during the course of melt off. We are trying to avoid this situation again on the greens that we didn't sod with bentgrass. Bentgrass will not break dormancy as quickly in spring as poa will. With the large amount of bentgrass on 3, 10 and 17 I feel these greens should make it through winter without any major problems. Its always a diffucit question to answer what to do to greens during the winter time. The best approach when there is snow on them is to let them be. When the melting process starts this is when we may need to react. It's crucial to move the water off them as soon as we can, especially when temperatures dip below freezing. Our collars around our greens can trap water trying to move off the green. An example of this is on the front right of one green. To help ensure that this doesn't happen, we will cut a channel in the collar or approach to remove that barrier so water can move off the green. The sod will then be replaced in spring time. If we see significant pooling of water, we will squeegee the green off along with taking a shop vac out to remove as much water as possible. These are all steps we will take this year to prevent what happened to us last year. I will not say we won't have damage because of this, but I am hoping to minimize any damage we may have.



I cannot believe that another season has passed at Lancaster. I am just finishing up my sixth season and Lancaster and it seems that each year goes by more quickly

I really just want to take this time to thank the members at the club for supporting all of our house events this year and my move back into the kitchen. We had a few minor hiccups in the back this year, but as always, try to fine-tune everything for the upcoming season.

I also want to thank the back of the house members for all their hard work and sacrifice throughout the year. We are a very small staff which does not leave much flexibility with scheduling and they have done an exceptional job!

Knowing the holiday season is here, please everyone have a safe and happy holiday season, spend time with people you care about and have a great start to the new year!

I hope that everyone has time to relax and enjoy this holiday season. Ring in the new year with our festive holiday brunch on Sunday, December 27 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Don't forget about the Santa brunch on December 13<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to reserve your table. Before Santa arrives, Jeff Musial from Nickel City Reptile will be here with all his funny creatures. I can't wait to see what he brings this year! Although the Grillroom is closed in January. I am in the office to help plan your special event. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Lisa



#### Food and Beverage News by Edward O'Donnell

Thank you to all the members that have come in and introduced themselves to me, it is much appreciated. I hope everyone that came in for the Thanksgiving Dinner enjoyed everything, it was great meeting your family and friends. Looking forward into this month please check out the calendar for some great events that are coming up, Jack Civiletto on the 4th, comfort food menu on Sundays starting on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Member appreciation happy hour with music by Meet The Bacons on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> and that is just the start, so please check your calendar, and watch your email.



#### Lancaster Country Club and Jack Civiletto present:

An evening of musical favorites made famous by entertainment giant, Frank Sinatra

Open Bar and hand passed hors d' oeuvres 6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Sit-down Dinner Member Charge Bar begins Live entertainment by Jack Civiletto Music and Dancing 7:00 - 10:00 PM

#### <u>Menu</u>

Dual entrée of Filet Mignon and Crab Cake Potato and Vegetable du Jour

Petite Pumpkin Bundt cake with leg Cream served with Coffee and Tea

\$49.99++ per person

Guests Welcome! Reservations: 684-3700



Friday, December 4, 2015



#### DINNER BUFFET - \$14.95++ per person

Soup and Salad Bar with Paul's Beef Brisket Vegetable Soup, warm rolls and herbed butter, vegetable display, salad greens, sliced grilled Chicken Breast and Pork Tenderloin with Cheeses, Egg, Bacon, and assorted dressings. Penne d' Angelo – Penne pasta with diced tomato and shallots in a white wine, olive oil, garlic, and pecorino reggiano sauce garnished with crushed red pepper. Dessert: Carrot Cake served with coffee and tea Hosts: Andrea Sapone, Mickey Ryan, Kathy Jerzewski

#### Sundays, December 6, 13, and 20

Dinner 5:00 - 8:00 PM Featuring a hearty, homey Comfort Food Menu that's priced just right!

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#### All entrees come with choice of House or Caesar Salad

#### Meatloaf

Seasoned Ground Beef, celery, onion, carrots, served with whipped potatoes and gravy, and vegetable du jour 14

#### Spaghetti with Sunday Gravy

House-made Spaghetti, traditional meat sauce, pecorino cheese, and garlic toast

13

#### **Chicken and Biscuits**

Slow-roasted Chicken, corn, peas, carrots and potatoes with a rich buttermilk biscuit crust 14

#### Stuffed Pork Chops

Cranberry bread stuffing, whipped potatoes, vegetable du jour, house-made apple sauce

15

#### **Fish and Chips**

Beer-battered Haddock, French Fries, Coleslaw, lemon and tartar sauce 15

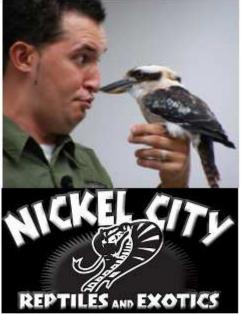
#### Stuffed Bell Peppers

Basmati rice, Chorizo , and sofrito stuffed bell peppers with charred tomato sauce

15

Bar Menu and Children's Menus will also be served. The regular Dinner menu will not be available. Reservations: 684-3700





Sunday, December 13, 2015 11:00 am Breakfast Buffet



Please bring a small wrapped gift for your child with their name written on it

Adult Buffet \$21.95++ Coffee, Tea, and Juices Danish Pastries Yogurt with Granola Fresh Sliced Fruit

French Toast

Bacon and Sausage

Hash Brown Potatoes Scrambled Eggs Egg Benedict Panko Chicken with Plum Sauce Roasted Salmon Potatoes Au Gratin

Roasted Carrots and Parsnips Assorted Desserts

Reservations required: 684-3700 Host: Karen Miller

Child's Buffet \$12.95++ Children Ages 4-10, 3 & under are free Fruit Juices and Chocolate Milk Fresh Vegetable Platter Lumps of Coal (Oreo crisped rice treats) **Grinch Skewers** Scrambled Eggs with Cheese Stuffed French Toast Loaded Potato Spheres Sausage and Bacon Shell Macaroni and Cheese **Chicken Fingers Decorated Christmas Cookies** Holiday Crafts, Cookie Decorating Don't miss a visit from Santa!

## TREAT YOUR STAFF, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOURSELF TO OUR HOLIDAY BUFFET LUNCHEON SERVED 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM \$15.95++ PER PERSON

#### Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Soup and Salad Bar Chicken Noodle soup Chili with Cheddar and jalapenos

Mixed greens and Romaine lettuce Assorted toppings and dressings

Deli Platter Sliced Meat & Cheese Board Fresh vegetables and condiments

Stir Fry Station Chicken, Beef & Shrimp Assortment of Vegetables Steamed Rice

Buffet Sliced Fresh Fruit Vegetable Quiche Chicken and Dumplings Dauphinoise Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables

**Dessert: Holiday Cookies** 

#### Thursday, December 17, 2015

Soup and Salad Bar Beef Barley soup Chili with Cheddar cheese Mixed greens and Romaine lettuce

Assorted toppings and dressings

Pasta Station Chicken, Shrimp and Beef Assorted Vegetables Penne Pasta and Cheese Tortellini Marinara and Alfredo sauces

Carving Station Smoked Turkey with Pecan glaze Top Sirloin of Beef au jus Fresh Sandwich Rolls Horseradish and Cranberry Aioli

**Dessert: Holiday Cookies** 

#### Friday, December 18, 2015

Soup and Salad Bar Chicken Noodle soup New England Clam Chowder

Mixed greens and Romaine lettuce Assorted toppings and dressings

> Stir Fry Station Chicken, Scallops & Shrimp Assortment of Vegetables Rice and Asian Noodles

Carving Station Corned Beef & Roast Turkey Breast, mustard, cranberry aioli Sauerkraut, Rye bread and Rolls

#### Buffet

Sliced Fresh Fruit Broiled & Beer Battered Haddock Au Gratin Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables

**Dessert: Holiday Cookies** 

#### Menu

MEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY December 19, 2015 Hors d' oeuvres, Cocktail Piano 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm DJ and Dancing 6:00 - 11:00 pm Member Charge Bar

#### \$29.00++ per person

Member Rewards and LoyalTee Lottery Drawings

Recognize and Honor your Past and Present Presidents, Officers and Board Members

> Celebrate the Holidays with your LCC Family!

Displayed International Cheese Board with cured meats and breads Hand-Passed Shrimp Cocktail, Scallop BLT, Vegetable Quiche, Beef Wellingtons, Lamb Lollipops, Crispy Polenta with Mango salad

> Soup and Salad Bar featuring Wild Mushroom and Red Pepper Bisque Assorted artisan breads

Carving Station Roast Strip Loin of Beef, Carved Ham, Roast Turkey Breast

Pasta Station

Meats and Seafood, assorted pastas , veggies, and choice of sauces

#### <u>Buffet</u>

Salmon en Croute with Gruyere and cracked mustard sauce Roast Asparagus with Bearnaise sauce, Potatoes Au Gratin Chicken Breast with Marcona Almonds, cranberries and parsley Braised Pork Shanks with root vegetables, apples and Brandy

#### Mashed Potato Bar

Whipped Russet potatoes and Puree of Yams with assorted toppings and condiments

#### **Dessert Station**

Assortment of Holiday Classic Desserts, Pies and Cakes Coffee Station

# Festive Holiday Brunch

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM RESERVATIONS 684-3700 \$22.00++ Adults, \$12.00++ Children includes Coffee, tea, fruit juices and milk

#### Brunch Buffet Menu

Cream of Asparagus Soup Roquefort Pear salad with Cashews and Mimosa vinaigrette Fresh Baked Muffins and Stuffed Croissants Charcuterie Board: Olives, Pickled Onions, Wheel Cheese, Grilled Breads Chef-carved Baked Ham and Strip Loin of Beef Made-to-order Omelets, Blintzes, and French Toast Station Eggs Benedict, Bacon and Sausage Patties, Loaded Potato Croquettes Sauteed Mussels, Shrimp and Grits, Candied Yams with dried fruit Herb Roast Chicken with citrus, Glazed Carrots and Brussels Sprouts Cheesecake and Bundt Cake served with coffee and tea

# **NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER**

## Tuesday, December 31, 2015 Served 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Entertainment by Peter Van Scozza Piano and Violin 5:30 - 8:30 pm

#### Appetizers

French Onion Soup Beef stock, sherry, crostini, gruyere All Entrées served with your choice of Caesar or House Salad, rolls and butter

**Scallops** Cajun rubbed Sea Scallops, roasted corn maque choix, crispy fingerling potatoes 35

Seafood Bisque Scallops, shrimp, mussels, cognac crème fraiche 12

**Banana Peppers** Five cheese blend, anchovy, garlic olive oil, crème fraiche 12

**Oysters** Chef selection, classic mignonette MP

Chicken Fried Steak Fritters Beef strip loin, sausage gravy and roasted corn 9

Shrimp Cocktail Poached shrimp, cocktail sauce, lemon 12

**Lamb** Grilled lamb, pomegranate, arugula Israeli feta 12

Scallops and Foie Gras Seared Scallop, Hudson Valley Foie Gras brioche, micro wasabi, hot pepper jelly 19 35 Bistro Tender

Shoulder cut steak, roasted asparagus, hunter's sauce, potatoes au gratin 26

**Lobster Tails** Broiled Two 4 oz South African lobster tails, asparagus and potatoes au gratin MP

Filet Mignon 8 oz center cut beef tenderloin steak, asparagus potatoes au gratin, and sauce béarnaise 36

**Surf and Turf** 5oz filet, 4oz Lobster tail, asparagus, potatoes au gratin MP

Chicken Seared airline Chicken breast, fingerling potatoes, dill, eggplant flageolet beans, chicken glace 26

Salmon Chef's selection of wild Salmon, heirloom potatoes asparagus, beurre rouge 29

**Rack of Lamb** Seared Australian Lamb rack, heirloom potatoes, Eggplant ragout 34

#### Gnocchi

House made Italian dumplings, traditional red sauce, pecorino reggiano

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DECE	MBER	1 Club Closed	2	3	4 Civiletto Sings Sinatra	5 FF Closed for Dinner
6 Comfort Food Dinner	7 Club Closed	8 Club Closed	9 Women's Ornament Exchange	10 Member Appreciation Happy Hour	11	12 FF Closed for Dinner
13 Brunch with Santa Comfort Food Dinner	14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	16 Holiday Luncheon Buffet	17 Holiday Luncheon Buffet	18 Holiday Luncheon Buffet	19 Member Holiday Party
20 Comfort Food Dinner	21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23	24 Christmas Eve Club Closed	25 Christmas Club Closed	26 FF Closed for Dinner
27 Festive Holiday Brunch	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30	31 New Year's Eve Dinner		

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