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Message from Club President Don McAndie

Happy New Year!

Another year has come and gone. On the bright side the days are getting longer and each day is a day closer to golf season. 2016 was a very good year. We were able to play golf into November on a beautiful golf course. Many new members joined our wonderful club and all of our tournaments and events were successful. We have been able to add a golf simulator along with a Director of Golf Instruction – Stuart Smart (what an awesome addition). The new workout room is ready for use, I want to extend a thank you to everyone who donated equipment. The Annual Christmas Party was a great success as was the use of our club for many other Christmas parties.

Looking ahead we were able to purchase a 70 inch TV for above the fire place. We have switched to Dish which gives us the Pac 12 network along with many other sports channels allowing us to watch and enjoy our Duck and Beaver games.

If you haven't been out this winter there is still plenty of activity going on. Senior guys play Gin on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, Poker Tuesday evenings and Ladies card games on Wednesday. Subs are always needed for Cribbage on Thursday evenings and Pinochle once a month. As of the first of January the club will be closed on Sundays. Watch Facebook or your e-mail for special announcements. See you at the club.

Don

From the Desk of Dana Londin

2016 was a very good year, and looking at 2017 I am more excited for LGCC.

I always want to make your membership more valuable and I feel this little slice of heaven is the best club and value anywhere. I have put together a deal with Yoga Dawn Studio to help improve your golf game. There will be an informational meeting on January 23 7:00pm. I am very excited about this addition. See the back page for more information on Yoga Dawn Studios.

As I continue to work on the 2017 Club Calendar I would like to schedule a Tournament meeting to make sure we are able get the information out to the membership and other participants so all can get ready for 2017 golf season.

Some are probably tired of seeing this below; however I have only received a couple forms for cart shed access. I just want everyone to make sure they have the opportunity.

A couple of reminders: cart shed fees will be increasing by \$5.00 per month on January 1 2017. The board has adopted this new Credit book policy which will begin April 2017. It is as follows: It is the policy of LGCC that Golf Shop credit must be redeemed by April 30th, 2017 and April 30th the following years; any credit remaining after April 30th will be forfeited. Any member terminating their membership must redeem any remaining Golf Shop credit within thirty days of the termination date.



Golf Professional/General Manager Dana Londin Superintendent of Greens: Brent Austin Director of Instruction: Stuart Smart Golf Shop: Sunday-Closed Monday-Closed Tuesday-Saturday 8am-5pm Hours are subject to weather and member usage.

Bar Hours: (541-663-8772)

Happy Hour Monday-Friday 3-6pm Monday 3pm-7pm Tuesday 9am-9pm Wednesday 9am-6pm Thursday 9am-9pm Friday 3pm-6pm Saturday 9am-6pm Sunday Closed Hours are subject to weather and member usage.

Office Staff: Katy Budlong & Lara Paustian

Upcoming Events

Pinochle--Everyone welcome Friday, January 13 Bring Finger foods Food Begins at **6:00** Pinochle at **6:30** Sign up at the bar. Any questions call

Poker

Every Tuesday 6:30 \$25.00 Buy in.

From Stuart Smart, Director of Instruction

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. The golf shop is putting a winter match play series together for Women, Men and Senior's. Each flight will have 8 player flights with a drop flight after the first match. These will be simulator nine hole matches with three winners per flight 1st place \$80 2nd place \$50 consolation winner \$30. The entry fee will be \$40 per person and this will include simulator time. Deadline for signups is January 7th. You will have one week to play your match, making your own tee time through the golf shop. These will be net matches so stokes will be involved. If the matches have not been played within the allotted time there will be a coin toss. We are looking to have the matches done by the first week of March. If there are more people that want to play than the eight per flight we will start a second flight. This is a first come first serve bassis so sign up fast. Sign-ups will be in the golf shop. Keep your game in tact for the up coming season

Ladies Association News from President Sharon Cheney

As I write this, Christmas has passed and we look forward to a brand new year of great activities coming our way at La Grande Country Club!

I want to say "Thank you" to my husband Keith and Dana for their help in taking the Christmas tree down December 26th. The tree had become a fire hazard so the three of us pitched in to get the job done.

January 3rd the ladies will take the remainder of the beautiful Christmas decorations down and store them for yet another year. It always makes me sad, but at the same time it reminds me the days are getting longer as we look ahead to Spring.

January 11th the ladies Hand and Foot Tournament will begin at 10:00 AM. If you have not signed up, need information or just want to add your name to the sub list, please let Jeanine Trotter, <u>(541) 963-2510</u>, or Connie Bell, <u>(541) 963-2648</u>, know.

Bridge Tournament begins January 4th at 10:00. For more information please call Susan Snow (541) 962-0843 or Joan Staab (541) 963-6367.

The annual Crab Feed has been scheduled for February 18th. Details of cost have yet to be determined, but we will certainly pass that information along as it becomes available.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to each and everyone of you! May 2017 bring you prosperity and joy!

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Cheney

President

LGCC Board of Directors:

President: Don McAndie

Vice President: Scott Fletcher Secretary: Cedric Shanks Board Members: John Warness, Dwayne Craft, Rob Lane, Jody Massey, Craig Braseth, Steven Anthony

Ladies Association: President: Sharon Cheney

Vice President: Joleen Moeller 2nd Vice President: Charlene Counsell Secretary: Carla Ullan Treasurer: Ellen Campbell

Elected Members:

Judie Arritola, Joan Staab, Sheri McNeil, Sharon Askew, Nita Baker

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If you would like to place a full page ad in the Divot, please call Dana.

Find LGCC on Facebook:

La Grande Country Club

Bar Telephone:

541-663-8772



January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy New Year!	2	3 Poker	4	5 Cribbage	6	7
8	9 College Football Nation Championship	10 Poker	11	12 Cribbage	13 Pinochle	14
15	16	17 Poker	18	19 Cribbage	20	21
22	23 Yoga Information	24 Poker	25	²⁶ Cribbage	27	28 Music night with Jimmy Bivens
29	30	31 Poker				

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Poker	1	2 Cribbage	3	4
5 Super Bowl PArty	6	7 Poker	8	9 Cribbage	10	11
12	13	14 Poker	15	16 Cribbage	17	18 LGCC Crab Feed
19	20	21 Poker	22	23 Cribbage	24	25
26	27	28 Poker				

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Looking for a great way to market your business directly to the membership? For just \$250 for 12 months, a business card size advertisement with your message will reach every member. You also will have a link from the club web page to your business web page. Contact Dana to get your advertisement placed today. Even if you don't have a printed advertisement, Dana can make one for you.





In golf, every detail matters. Having a slight advantage can make the difference between an enjoyable day on the course or a disappointing one. Golfers want to eliminate strokes as well as pain so they can continue playing the game they love for years to come. Yoga can offer this advantage. Do you want a swing like Jordan Spieth?

Joe Hafera of the Titleist Performance Institute. "As my dedication to yoga increased, it became easier to swing the way I wanted to on the golf course. My lower back pain decreased and my balance increased, as my poses improved. I also felt the mental calmness from my yoga practice transfer to my temperament on the course. The breathing and focus of yoga had a place in my golf game."

Yoga has become an instrumental part of a golfers physical regiment. Yoga improves your swing making it more effective and consistent. It also increases stability, strength and power in one's swing. Yoga will open a golfer's shoulders, hips and low back. It will increase balance, flexibility and proprioception, all while preventing injury. The benefits are enumerable.

Please join me at the La Grande Country Club, on Monday evenings at 7:00pm to begin your yoga journey and evolve your golf game to the next level!

Kim Haynes Owner

Yoga Dawn Studio