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Lee's Hill Newsflash

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Holiday Winners in 2022:

*Grand Prize- Dan Cook
1st place: Judy Welch
2nd place: Brent Azzerelli
3rd place: Ann Thaxter
4th Place: Jerry Clift

Congratulations and Enjoy your gift certificates!



Cherry Tree Tournament

George Washington's Cherry Tree Tournament
Tentatively set - Monday, February 12th

This tournament, as will all others,
Will be determined on sign ups and weather. See
Pro Shop for updates and details.

Gift Certificates

Perfect time to use your Gift Certificates.

Remember to always check your expiration dates on your gift certificates. If you need an extension, call or email Jamie before they expire.

Auto Billing

Lees Hill offers automatic billing. Each month you receive your statement, as normal, the first week of the month. On the 20th of each month your card on file will be run in a secure banking program for what was on your statement that you received three weeks prior. Call or email Cindi for details.

Tuesday Twilight League

Twilight league is set to start in April 2024. Check with Pro Shop for details.

Email Request

To those members who are not on our member email list or need to update. Send your current email address to csankey@leeshillgc.com

Membership Winter Special

Attention Members, do you have a friend or neighbor that has been thinking about joining but waiting for that right time? Now is that time. For the month of January 2024, there is a reduced initiation fee as well as

No Dues Till March 1st

Single membership initiation fee is only \$750 and Family is only \$1000. Call Jamie or Cindi for Details.

Member Updates

Please take a minute to look over your statements and be sure all information is correct. If you have changed your home phone or cell phone or maybe even your email address over the last year, these are the kind of updates that we need to put into your member file and our database. Correct member contact information is the best way we can keep our members updated and informed. Email, call or stop by the clubhouse for any updates you may have.

Phone: 540-891-0111. csankey@leeshillgc.com

2024 Player's Pass

The 2024 Player's Pass is here and can be purchased in the Pro Shop. These make wonderful gifts for all occasions.

Operation Blue Christmas



Thank you once again to the members of Lee's Hill Golf Club and the community of Lees Hill. We were informed while toys were being picked up that Operation Blue Christmas is now working with Toys for Tots. They work together for area children as well as making sure the both organizations have plenty for all kids across the state.

Our Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office has extended a warm Thank you! This area's local children will open some truly wonderful presents thanks to all of you!



A huge thank you to all that came out for our first Second Sunday Brunch! While the weather

outside was frightful our time together was delightful! Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing everyone **Sunday January 14th** for our next Second Sunday of the Month Brunch.

We are also starting "**The More You Know**" monthly bit of food trivia. This month our trivia bit is, one spaghetti noodle is called a spaghetti, and there you have it, spaghetti!

See you soon!
Anita ~

Animal Shelter Donations

This year, once again, the membership of Lee's Hill Golf Club stepped up and remembered our Furry Little Friends. **Thank you.** The donation bin is located in the grill for **year round support** to all of the local Rescue Shelters.



2024 Golf Outings..Prime dates are going!

We are currently booking 2024 & 2025 Golf Outings and Fundraising Events. We will keep you posted of the outing schedule. A Save the Date posting is in the Foyer for 2024 and will be updated as we move closer to outing season. If you, someone you know or the company you work for is interested, contact Cindi or Jamie at the club.

We welcome all opportunities to bid on these events!

Holiday Gratuity

Thank you to all the members of Lee's Hill Golf Club for their overwhelming participation in the Holiday Gratuity for the employees of Lee's Hill Golf Club. Remember, if any members elected not to participate and did not notify the club this will cause your statements to be incorrect. Please notify Cindi or Jamie immediately to make the correction.



Turf Talk- Lees Hill Agronomy

I get this question a lot- "what do you guys do in the winter?" The short answer is more than you think. It is the perfect time of the year from projects to tackle much-needed projects while the turf is now dormant and not actively growing. On our golf course the scope of this work can include irrigation repair, native area cutting, bunker repair, maintenance facility cleaning and organizing and equipment repair and preventive maintenance. Actually, it's the busiest time of the year for our equipment manager as he as he prepares all mowing equipment for the spring and handles maintenance or repair as needed to the rest of our fleet.

I myself am in the process of reviewing and interpreting the most recent soil test reports that we done last month, and designing the agronomic programs for all surfaces with greens being the number one priority. It's important to have a plan in place that reflects the right choice of products that will provide consistent and proven results. Basically, I decide what goes in the sprayer and spreaders and when. Weather conditions dictate much of this as well as other considerations including time or year, overall plant health and performance and presentation of the turf grass along with other environmental factors.

Speaking of soil test reports- I did numbers 1, 16 and the practice green a few weeks ago. The reports are complex and show levels of all 16 nutrients that the turf grass needs to grow, along with other information. This helps me make the right decisions. Some of the numbers are OK, and some are not.

The organic matter is way too high in the top 1 inch of greens. This causes many problems including the sub-surface to hold more water which reduces soil oxygen which increases disease pressure. High OM will also reduces nutrient availability which reduces the soil microbes ability to break down that's and OM. Sand topdressing also helps reduce OM and thatch.

The Phosphorus is also extremely high. After aerification the P numbers should fall. When I get those numbers down, the Calcium, Magnesium, Manganese and Iron will be available to the plant.

That's it for this month. Happy Holidays and see you on the course!

Chris Blake, GCS