

**Valentine's Day February 14th  
2025 Players Pass**

The 2025 Player's Pass is here and available for sale. Great gift idea for friends and family to be enjoyed for the whole year!!



**February 2025  
Lee's Hill Newsflash  
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**Spring  
Arrives March 20<sup>th</sup>  
Let the countdown begin!**

**April 2nd Lees' Hill Wednesday  
Ladies League Opening Day**



*Please arrive at 7:45 am on  
Opening Day for Ladies Meeting.*  
Spring is just around the corner!  
The Lee's Hill Wednesday Morning  
Ladies League is ready to begin,  
April 2nd, 8:45 am. Shotgun start.  
We hope that you will be able to join

us. Interested? Please call the clubhouse for information 540-891-0111.



**Skirmish on the Hill**

Skirmish will be back the first week of March. Always check with the Pro Shop for updates.

**\*\*\*Handicap Fees Change\*\*\*\***

Effective for the 2025 season, handicap fees will be \$60 to host at Lees Hill. Reminder that handicap fees are for a Calendar year. So if you paid for your handicap fee anytime in 2024 that has expired. Only Members and Players Pass Holders have their handicap fees paid by the club.

**Sign up for outside Tournaments and Outings**

Do you have a favorite charity that you would like to support? Many golf tournaments & outings will be held here at our club, Lee's Hill. Check out the bulletin board for upcoming Outing events and sign-up sheets. Remember these events are independent of your club membership and all entry fees will apply.



**Tee Times Curtesy**

As we move forward and the season is approaching, it is extremely important for everyone to call when you have an update to the amount of players or you can't make it. When a tee time is made a slot is filled, this means no one can have that space. So for "no shows" or too many blocks this can be hurtful to the course and others that want to play. Whether it's to increase or decrease or to cancel, updates are appreciated by all.

**Wanted – Players**

Lee's Hill Senior League is currently seeking golfers 50yrs and over to participate in this year's MVSGA tournaments. New Players Welcome. The tournaments consist of 9 two man teams in a match play format. Alternates are also welcome. An ACCURATE handicap is a must. Please contact Rick Gray at rgno3putt@aol.com for more information. There will also be a signup sheet in Tavern for new members.



**Master's Weekend Tournament, April 12 & 13**

Weather and Participation Permitting

- Sign up, cost and tournament information will be available in the Pro Shop by March.



**On Line Pre Registration Jr. Golf Camp**



It's time to sign up for Jr. Golf Camp! For your convenience, we have On Line Pre Registration! Visit our website and right from the home page you can pre-register your child. The camp dates, form and information are all there.



**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

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**Twilight League**

Twilight League is set to begin April 1<sup>st</sup>.



Hello .... we miss you!  
January brought us snow and the cold, cold, weather, along with longer days. Yes, the days will continue to get longer and soon it

will be spring. I can't wait to fire up the grill and turn up the music. While we appreciated the shoulder and off season to get housekeeping and administrative things done, we appreciate seeing you more!

We are taking advantage of the quiet time painting the Tavern, and as mentioned by those who have seen it, it looks good. Our hope is to continue painting and keep painting through February.

February brings us National Snack Food Day, National Potato Lovers Month and sweetest of all National Chocolate Lovers Month. We have Super Bowl Sunday in February, Valentines Day and Ground Hog Day, let's hope this little guy Phil does not see his shadow and spring will be sprung early for us.

Be well, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Chow for Now, Anita ~



**Potato Soup**

**Ingredients**

1 pound bacon, chopped	3 tablespoons butter
2 stalks celery, diced	¼ cup all-purpose flour
1 Onion, chopped	1 cup heavy cream
3 cloves garlic, minced	1 teaspoon dried tarragon
8 potatoes, peeled & cubed	Salt and Pepper to taste
3 teaspoons chopped fresh cilantro (optional)	4 cups chicken stock, or enough to cover potatoes

**Directions**

Cook bacon over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, 5 to 10 minutes. Drain bacon pieces on paper towels. Drain off all but 1/4 cup of the bacon grease  
Cook celery and onion in the reserved bacon drippings until onion is soft and translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic, continue cooking for 1 to 2 minutes.  
Add cubed potatoes, toss to coat. Sauté for 3 to 4 minutes. Return bacon to the pan, add enough chicken stock to just cover the potatoes. Cover, and simmer until potatoes are tender, 15 to 20 minutes.  
Meanwhile, melt butter in a separate skillet over medium heat. Whisk in flour. Cook, stirring constantly, for 1 to 2 minutes. Whisk in heavy cream, tarragon, and cilantro.  
Bring cream mixture to a boil, and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 5 minutes. Add cream mixture to the potato mixture; stir to combine.  
Transfer about 1/2 of the soup to a blender and purée. Return to the pot. Adjust seasonings to taste and enjoy.

**Turf Talk – February 2025**

Winter is a reality that all golfers must face. Colder weather and shorter days have a big impact on playing conditions and course management regardless of location. Being located in Central Virginia , we may have more opportunities to play than those located North of us. Even so, our course still requires special care to avoid damage during the winter.

In January's Turf Talk, I talked about winter dormancy and the fact that due to those conditions, grass is growing slower, if at all, and therefore recovery from typical wear and tear requires more time. This is why many courses are extremely protective of the primary playing areas during the winter. Temporary greens, cart restrictions, frost or partially frozen green delays are examples. And unfortunately, a warming trend doesn't mean that winter is over and things are back to normal. In fact, a warm day or two can leave a course even more vulnerable to damage as frozen soils thaw and then refreeze. With the thawing, the surfaces become soft and subject to footprinting. When the surface refreezes the footprint will linger, producing a poor roll on the putting surface.

Last month we saw more than 2 weeks of snow cover and temperatures in the single digits. The possibility of winter injury becomes a center focus for me. Even with the best prevention programs in place winter injury may still occur. Not wanting to wait and see in the spring and early summer, I will begin to take some turf samples from areas that give me some concern. I will bring the plugs inside and will use a high-intensity fluorescent grow light to accelerate the breaking of dormancy. I don't want any surprises!

I'm not trying to write a gloom and doom scenario but following a practice I adopted long ago. I would rather practice a little fire prevention than putting out fires. If there is any winter injury out there it is best to find out now than later.

Here's hoping for an early spring and lasting warm temperatures!

Dan Hurley, GCS



**Member Event Calendar**

Your monthly calendars will start back up with your March Newsletter. This will be mailed each month until October for your convenience. The calendar is also available on line and copies are on the counter in the foyer.