



March 2015
Lee's Hill Newsflash
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March 17th

Tentative Aerification March 23rd & 24th

Weather permitting. Only 9 holes open for play. Front nine will be done on March 23rd and the back nine will be done on March 24th. Call the pro shop for available tee times & updates 540-891-0111.



Three Clubs & A Putter Tournament

Saturday, March 7

Weather permitting!

9 am Shotgun, \$20 Entry Fee

Sign up in at the sign up podium

This is open to all players



Tuesday Night Twilight League

The wait is over!! Starting April 7th the Lee's Hill - Twilight Tuesday Night League will resume. This league will be a twilight 9 hole league with a 5 pm shotgun start. Anyone interested in playing in this league, please call or sign up outside the Proshop. **Reservations are a must.** 540-891-0111.

Skirmish on the Hill

Starting April 3rd Skirmish is back. Fridays 3pm. Call Pro Shop for sign up. Weather permitting. 540-891-0111. Please watch the on line calendar and the newsletter for Skirmish Cancel dates.



**George Washington's
 Cherry Tree Tournament
 Monday, February 16, 2015**

Due to the weather this tournament did not take place.

Sign up for Member Tournaments!

Sign Up Podium. This year's Member Tournaments are listed and the most recent upcoming tournament will be posted at the podium. Go to the podium, look up your tournament according to the glossary in the White Binder and sign yourself up. If you have any questions, any member of our staff would be happy to assist you.

Golf Cart Covers

Now that we are heading into the Spring season, we will be removing all cart covers over the next few weeks. Please make arrangements to pick up your cart cover by calling the pro shop or stopping by the club.

Charitee Hole in One! Congratulations

Ted Boatright, February 11, 2015 on Hole #5.

April 8th Lees' Hill Wednesday

Ladies League Opening Day

Spring is just around the corner! The Lee's Hill Wednesday Morning Ladies League is ready to begin, April 8th with initial meeting 7:45 am. We hope that you will be able to join us. The Ladies League is set up so that ladies of all abilities (beginners included) will be able to have fun and have an opportunity to win a prize. This is a perfect opportunity to come out; enjoy the company of other women, the weather, and the beautiful scenery here at Lee's Hill. Interested? Please email, Dee Stevens fivewoodflora@verizon.net



Demo Day April 15, 2015 2pm – 7pm

There is no cost to attend. Range Balls will be \$6 per bag.

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Fredericksburg Golf Center and Lee's Hill are excited in having top leaders in golf here that day. Also, come out to meet Capt. Jason Haag, USMC ret and Axel, K9s for Warriors.

Master's Weekend Tournament, April 10-12

- Friday, Warm-up at 5pm with a social following play.
- Saturday, 7 am tee times
- Sunday, 7am tee times, Cookout.
- \$50 Entry Fee

Sign up today in the Proshop.

Go to www.leeshillgc.com for details

Dress Code Beginning April 1st

Beginning April 1st the no denim policy will be enforced. Proper attire is required at all times while on property. While on the golf course, "soft spikes" or non metal spikes must be worn at all times. All shirts must have a collar. Neither jeans nor denim pants are allowed at any time. Your cooperation and support is appreciated.



Spring is coming!

In Memoriam.....

Weldon Higgs Jr., 62, of Spotsylvania County passed away Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, at Mary Washington Hospital.

Mr. Higgs was a local golf professional who mentored many of the area's residents and top players. He was a lifetime member of the PGA of America and, in 2000, received the President's Award in the Middle Atlantic Section. He started his career at Shannon Green Golf Course in 1971 as an assistant professional. He then served as head golf professional at Fredericksburg Country Club, and later as head professional at Shannon Green.

He was able to share his interest in working with young golfers as head golf coach at Fredericksburg Academy and Chancellor High School. Major health issues slowed him down for a while, but he spent the last years teaching his beloved game at Lee's Hill Golf Club, and serving as a rules official at many MAPGA tournaments.

Gift Certificates

As we move into the golf season, many of you will play in a member or outside tournament here at Lee's Hill. With these tournaments, **Gift Certificates** are given as prizes. These gift certificates all have an expiration date on them that is 6 months from the date of the tournament.

It is extremely important that you are aware of the expiration date and use this certificate before it expires. If you notice that the expiration date is approaching and you have not used it, contact the pro shop. Once the expiration date passes, the system purges the gift certificate and there is no way to reinstate it.

Upcoming Tournaments....

As you see Outings listed on your calendars, please keep in mind that very few "outings" have a large amount of players. We work with and monitor each one very closely and relate that information to the pro shop. The pro shop then makes the necessary adjustments to the tee sheet for maximum course usage. So anytime you see "outing" on your calendar and you want to come out and play that day, give us a call so we can see what we can do for you.

There are many tournaments on the calendar that will welcome our members, friends and families to participate in. Remember that these tournaments are fundraisers and benefit the community. Your support is appreciated and welcomed. These tournaments are also outside events and not subject to any member privileges.

TURF TALK

As we enter March, the maintenance staff is anxious to get some weather that will allow us to begin preparing the course for this upcoming season. Cold and wet conditions through February limited activity on the course, and we are anxious to complete winter clean-up and unfinished projects.

It will be several weeks before we will be able to assess the effects of frigid temperatures, high winds and snow cover on the health of our turf. Prolonged low temperatures and snow cover always makes me nervous since we manage bermudagrass and annual bluegrass. Winterkill and spring dead spot are my main concern with bermudagrass, and will not be evident until we get much warmer. The poa annua on the greens are susceptible to snow molds, but should be protected from our last fungicide application. When greens were not covered in snow, low temperatures, saturated soils, and frost this past month caused the greens to have a very mottled appearance. The multiple varieties of poa react differently in these conditions. Some keep their green color while others take on many shades of green to yellow to almost white. The bentgrass mixed in the greens also can take on a purplish appearance. This discoloration causes no harm and turf will regain a more consistent green color as temperatures rise in the spring. Despite the look, the greens were rolling pretty well.

Once the course dries out this month we will begin spraying our pre-emergent herbicide and Round-up. This application on the bermuda is very important to limit weeds through summer. Greens will be aerated once the turf begins to grow again. This will aid in spring root growth which is so important to remain healthy all year.

Our time to complete winter projects has been decreased, so we will do our best to add drainage to several areas, including a few bunkers. We also want to replace and add to the curbing along cart paths.

We look forward to getting to work and seeing you all out on the golf course.

Brian Roudabush, Golf Course Superintendent

**Spring
Arrives March 20th!**