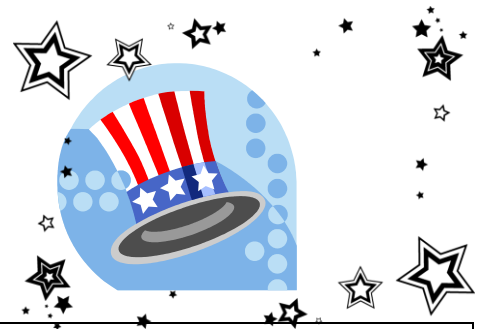




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Member Support Appreciated

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our members for their support and patience over the last few months. It has been an extremely active Spring outing season. We understand these events may utilize the same tee times needed for member play and we will continue to do our best to manage the tee sheet so you can play as often as possible. The revenue generated from these events helps support the membership by keeping the dues affordable and the golf course in great shape.

Jr. Golf Camp

It's time to sign up for Jr. Golf Camp. Room still available for July and August camps. Sign up is available in the pro shop and on line at www.leeshillgc.com. Go to the tab for Jr. Golf Camp and download the form.

Member Guest Flyer:

Member Guest this year will be on **September 18-20** With a practice round and social on September 18th. Sponsor forms are available on line, in the foyer or for the asking. Remember any member that gets \$600 in sponsorships, will get their entry fee for them and their guest waived. If you have any questions about Member Guest, call Jamie or Cindi in the clubhouse. We are only a few months away!

PGA Jr. League

PGA Jr. League is off and running until July 11th. Lees Hill Generals are in the lead. Teams we are playing against are; Lake of the Woods, Gauntlet, Fauquier Springs and Augustine. Way to go Generals. Special Thank you to our 2015 PGA Jr. League



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Tuesday Night Twilight League In association with



Outback. This league is a twilight 9 hole league with a 5 pm shotgun start.

Anyone interested in playing in this league, please call or sign up in the Pro Shop. Sign up is a must.

Hole in One on Prize Hole...

Hole in One.... Roger Hamilton, June 6, 2015, Hole #5 and he had a Charitee ticket!

Hole in One.....John Burger on Hole #5, June 14, 2015.

Hole in One.....Jay Brock on Hole # 17, June 12, 2015

Hole in One....Gary Mobley on Hole #14, June 25, 2015

Congratulations to all!!!

Lees' Hill Wednesday Ladies League

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. Interested? Call the proshop for information or come on out Wednesdays at 8:30am.

Flag Tournament

To be held on Saturday, July 4th. Greens, Cart, Flag for Cart, contest and prizes. Regular fees and \$20 Entry fee. Sign up in the pro shop or at the sign up podium.

Patriot Days August 28- 31

- \$25 donation: will be entered into drawing to win a 2015 Players Pass. Only one will be awarded.
- \$5 donation: will be entered to play the closest to the pin on hole #5 and each day a winner will be selected to win a certificate for 4 greens fees.
- \$10 donation: will be entered to win a Callaway prize. Winners will be announced.

Benefits the Folds of Honor Foundation. Learn more at www.patriotgolfday.com. Last year we raised \$500+ let's meet or exceed this year.

Club Championship – August 15 & 16

The Club Championship is scheduled for August 15 & 16 . Sign up is in the foyer at the podium. Tee Times. Golf, Cart, Prizes and Sunday Cookout, \$50 Entry Fee. There are Four (4) Coveted Parking Spots up for grabs!

Speed Limit 25 mph

Attention all guests, employees and visitors of Lees Hill Golf Club, please adhere to the **25mph speed limit on Old Dominion Pkwy.**

Attention Member Guest Participants

The businesses you support throughout the year are your potential sponsors. Many restaurants and businesses are prepared for donations in many forms. Hairdressers, oil changes, restaurants and the list goes on...Also, goody bag stuffers, they are more than willing to hand these out to send them new business. If you would rather we contact them, just get us the contact information and we will take it from there. We will do our part on this side to make this the best Member Guest ever!

90 Degree Cart Rule: Important (please read)

At this time of the year, it is extremely important to enter the fairways at 90 degrees to the ball from the path in order to help not wear out the turf at the beginning of each fairway once leaving the tee box. We are noticing an abundance of wear in these areas and we want to avoid putting up ropes/signs in order to keep carts from damaging the turf further. Your help and attention to this matter is most appreciated.

Glowball

Mark your calendars; Glowball is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd. This event does max out and it is important to sign up early.



Superintendents Revenge!!!!

October 30th – 10am shotgun

What? We could not imagine what it must be like to try and care for over 200 acres and make that the beautiful place we all know as, Lees Hill while battling the elements and creatures that think it's their home too. So Brian has agreed to share a bit with us....hold onto your hats, the 5th Annual Superintendents Revenge! Let's support Brian and his staff for all of their hard work throughout the year and sign up to play in this event. Food, prizes and a few surprises!

Range Closing

The Driving Range will close on Wednesdays at 6pm till Thursday 12 noon for maintenance and clean up.

****Take Care – it is up to all of us****
Fix ball marks, 90 degrees
Trash in cans
Pick up used Tees

TURF TALK

The hot, humid, and wet conditions through June, has the golf course green and lush. The bermudagrass loves this weather and we are joking that you can hear the grass growing. It has been difficult keeping up with the rough, which is a problem we rarely experience due to the poor soils in these areas. Fairways have recovered nicely from a difficult winter and the tees have filled in as well. The rough around greens experienced the most winter kill due to traffic and mechanical wear, but have also improved very much. We will soon be sodding the larger spots that we do not believe will fill in on their own.

Unlike the bermudagrass, our poa annua greens have not liked the weather this past month. They have remained in good shape but have required constant care. Saturated soils followed by high heat and humidity do not allow the plant the oxygen it needs to survive. Roots can begin to shrink and rot, as it is the perfect environment to produce damaging diseases. On the 15th we observed Anthracnose on the greens and immediately went in to “survival mode.” The height of cut was raised slightly and our grooved rollers were switched to smooth ones, to relieve some of the stress the plant was experiencing. In the next eight days we spiked twice to help dry the top layer and did a personal record of six spray applications. These included fungicides to kill disease, fertilizers for recovery, and wetting agents to push the moisture through the soil. We also sprayed a stabilized oxygen product and Turfscreen which helps protect the plant and fight algae. The most affected greens were also aerated with small solid tines.

In addition to this work, we repaired six irrigation leaks, edged bunkers, and topdressed tee divots, along with all of our normal maintenance tasks. Yes it was a very busy but productive month. I expect July to be challenging also but you never know what “Mother Nature” will bring. We will continue to try to improve the course for you to enjoy. Please help us out by repairing ball marks properly. The soft conditions cause impressions from even short approach shots.

Thanks,
Brian Roudabush, Superintendent

