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Lee's Hill Newsflash
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Ladies League Pink Ball 2026



The Lee Hill Ladies Golf League Championship Results

League Champion:

Lauren Rice. score 81

Flight A Champion/Gross: Yun Lee

Flight A Champion/Net: Cindy Spitler

Flight B Champion/Gross: Denise Brown

Flight B Champion/Net: Judy Welsh

Flight C Champion/Gross: Mary Helen Means

Flight C Champion/Net: Laurie Jones

Longest Drive

Flight A Joyce Pitts Flight B Denise Brown

Flight C Margaret Hamilton

Closest to the Pin

Flight A Nancy Holsinger Flight B Denise Brown

Flight C Mary Helen Means

Most Improved. Colleen Paquette. 9 strokes.

Runner up Patti Sullivan. 5 strokes

Most Birdies. Lauren Rice 13

Runner up Yun Lee. 9

Most Chjip-Ins. Jean Mitchell. 6

Runner up. Patti Sullivan 5

Most Attendance. Colleen Paquette 24 weeks.

Runner up Jean Mitchell. 23 weeks

Pattie Sullivan and Joyce Pitts will be the new President and Treasurer and Elaine Brogan will be the statistician.

Good Luck to the new leaders from the old leaders Elaine, Dee and Denise.

Club Championship Results

Championship Flight:

Paul Lindblad- 1st Gross Jeremy Lundin- 1st Net

Senior Flight:

Dan Pantaleo- 1st Gross Kevin Joens- 1st Net

Super Senior Flight:

Ron Hicks- 1st Gross Chuck Barber - 1st Net

Ladies Flight:

Anne Allen- 1st Gross Angela Leroux- 1st Net

Net Champion (parking spot)- Kevin Joens

CTP#5 (Sat)- Dev Sen 6'1"

CTP #14 (Sat)- Rick Chenoweth 14'7"

Hole in One!

Morgan Uhlick Hole #14 with an 8 Iron at 149yds during the Randy McNulty Golf Classic.

Holiday Gratuity

In your October 31st statement there is a \$25 charge for holiday gratuity. This is a one-time charge that will go towards the employee's holiday party. This is a totally voluntary charge and if you decide to opt out, just call Jamie or Cindi and it will be removed from your bill. On behalf of the employees at Lee's Hill, Thank you

Turkey Scramble Sunday, November 22

8am tee times Format is four player scramble. Weather permitting. Check with the Pro Shop for details and sign up.

Thanksgiving Day Hours

The course will be open for limited Thanksgiving Day hours. There will be a 9 am shotgun start. Pending no frost delay. **All carts must be in by 1 pm.**

Handicap Fees



If you paid for your handicap fee anytime in 2026 it will expire December 31, 2026. Only Members and Players Pass Holders have their handicap fees paid by the club. All others should wait till after January 1st to renew their handicap fees for the 2027 season.

Turf Talk November 26

Ah November. The time for cooler temperatures, less stress, and maybe some time to look back at the year to judge successes and setbacks. In no way is this a total view of the year but more a single snapshot of a few items worth mentioning. Conversely,



excessive organic. The rains during the summer sure had an impact on the bermudagrass fairways and tees. Although there are still issues with some fairways, for the most part, I feel better going into the off season with the stand of grass we have. Without constructing new tees, we managed to improve the amount of grass that has survived the onslaught of all the play. The expansion of improved area was helped by adjusting the amount of tee space for each teeing area. The total tee space for each hole was tallied and then proportioned with the red, gold and black tees receiving approximately 20 percent each whereas the white tee received 40 percent. The additional space allowed for improved recovery for the pounding and 'divoting' they received from the increased play.

Indeed, the rains were very helpful in the growth of the grass, but they were also a hindrance to the health of our greens. The greens may not be USGA spec but they are close. They are sand based and the profile suggests that there is a layer of approximately 12 inches of sand on which the bent/poa lies. Below that layer may be a 4" layer of pea gravel and below that lies a subsurface drainage system with a particular pattern to allow the infiltrated water to drain the fastest way possible or the simple herringbone pattern. Herein lies the problem. As most of the drain lines exit from the green, the outfalls end in the tree lines. Over the last twenty years or so, as the trees grow, so do the roots and they go to the source of water. In doing so they clog the drain lines with roots so small and matted that the water can't release and the green well becomes a clogged bathtub. The green well at 15 became so saturated the water was exiting the green at the surface between the green and the collar. Without an as-built of the drainage system, we were able to find a green exit pipe so the green could drain as designed. Problem solved? Not so fast my friends.

The lead up to this article's main point is managing these greens as they are. I may have mentioned before the issue of too much Organic Matter in these greens. Surface organic matter, or thatch, is a layer of dead and living shoots, grass stems, and roots that accumulates just below the putting surface. A small amount of organic matter is necessary for putting greens to receive incoming golf shots and tolerate golfer foot traffic and routine maintenance programs.

Continued.....Turf Talk

Conversely, excessive organic matter can be detrimental to putting greens in many ways. As organic matter increases, soil macropores decrease. The reduction of macropores results in a host of problems, including lower oxygen diffusion rates, decreased water infiltration, and higher capillary porosity and moisture retention. All of these increase the likelihood of soft playing conditions, inconsistent green speed, lack of smoothness, footprinting and golfshoe scuffing, disease, wet wilt, shallow rooting, black layer, and high-temperature stress.

Gosh, sounds like the end of the world, right? Well, it isn't. It is just a modification to things I've tried to do since my arrival in March of 2024. Two of the biggest practices for managing organic matter are Aerification and Topdressing, both heavy and light. We are already using contracted services for the 1/2" solid, deep-tine aerification in the spring and fall. Unfortunately, this does not remove any organic matter. Last year and this year we introduced a different type of aerification that removes a small amount of organic matter using a 1/4" coring tine. It is showing progress but it is not keeping up with the accumulations of organic matter. I am recommending adding an aerification using a larger 1/2" or even 5/8" coring tine to expedite the removal or dilution of organic matter. Also, we must be able to continue with a regular schedule of light topdressing and heavier applications when aerifying. Both practices could be sped up and less conflicting with play if we could obtain the proper equipment and or be given appropriate time allowed to do it.

I do like to take account of the years' work and be able to see that things are getting better. Putting surfaces are improved, not just from a playability standpoint but agronomically as well. But the greens are soft, too soft, and extremely susceptible to ball marks, shallow roots, footprints from players and worse, heavy equipment. If putting greens have too much organic matter, playing conditions will rarely meet or exceed expectations. No one has ever claimed that excellent putting surfaces happen by accident. They take work and the work is constant as the green dynamic is constantly growing in good ways and bad, through successes and setbacks.

Dan Hurley, GCS



Winter League

Winter league will begin **early November**. Sign up by calling or stopping by the Pro Shop. Any updates or changes always check with the pro shop. Skirmish on the Hill will resume in April 2027.