

****Take Care****
Fix ball marks, 90 degrees,
Trash in cans
Pick up used Tees

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Lee's Hill Newsflash
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Welcome.....

Dan Hurley, Golf Course Superintendent and
Christian Cooper, Assistant Superintendent.
 Dan comes to us from North Carolina and Christian from Northern Virginia. We are excited about adding Dan and Christian to our Lee's Hill team.

Lees' Hill Wednesday Ladies League

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 call the proshop 540-891-0111

Tuesday Night Twilight League

The wait is over!! Starting April 2nd 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. **Reservations are a must.** 540-891-0111.

Golf Cart Covers**IMPORTANT**

It's Spring! Time to get those cart covers put away for the season. The Pro Shop needs everyone to pick up their covers. If your cover is not picked up the club will not be responsible to any loss or damage. Please make arrangements to pick up your cart cover by calling the pro shop or stopping by the club

PGA Jr. League

Contact Jamie for details jloughan@leeshillgc.com or 540-891-0111.



Informational meeting in late April and practice begins in May. Matches to begin in June. You can also sign up at PGAJLG.COM

On Line Pre Registration Jr. Golf Camp
Jr. Golf Camp for June 3-7, this is the first one!

It's time to sign up for Jr. Golf Camp! The camp dates, form and information are on line at www.leeshillgc.com. Go to the tab for Jr. Golf Camp and download the form, fill out completely and turn into the pro shop. (2024 Dates: June 3-7; July 8-12; July 22-26)



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

Effective for the 2024 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 2023 that has expired. Only Members and Players Pass Holders have their handicap fees paid by the club.



March was no doubt a very wet, cold month, but spring is finally here, and we look forward to firing up the grill and cooking good food. Our Tavern hours will be from 8:00 and to 6:00 pm to

accommodate longer days and extended tee times. The grill will shut down approximately one hour prior to closing, sandwiches, hot dogs and grab & go snacks will be available until closing so please stop by and grab a bite, we love seeing you!

The Second Sunday of the Month Brunch for April will be Sunday the 14th and our last one for the season. It's been fun getting to spend time with all of you. We can't thank you enough for your support, thank you!

"The More You Know"

Did you know bananas, pumpkins and lemons are berries... but raspberries aren't! Raspberries, strawberries and blackberries are actually apart of the rose family. The way botanists categorize fruits means that "berries" are all developed from the ovary of a flower (hmmm) and have three layers – the skin, the flesh that we eat and the seeds. Sometimes you can eat the skin, sometimes you can't. Sometimes you can eat the seeds, sometimes you can't, it's all very confusing, isn't it?

Speaking of bananas, did you know bananas are among the world's oldest fruit dating back more than 10,000 years, can float in water and its skin is said to help relieve the itching from mosquito bites?

Enjoying bananas can also help your nervous system, restore tired muscle tissues and "boost bored brains," according to some.

And since now you know, don't let our bananas get too old, stop by and pick one up, never know, it may help your game!

Chow for now ~Anita

Turf Talk April 2024

Well, you may have heard this expression before but, 'It is going to get a lot uglier before it gets prettier. Ok now the explanation. I was on our site one week before the aerification so you will see the process of aerification again for its annual spring process.

For the aerification this Spring, March 18, an outside contractor was hired to deep-tine aerify the greens. Using a 1/2" diameter tine, that will penetrate the soil profile as deep as 7 inches, it will open up the green surface and penetrate any profile layer that may prohibit improved oxygen exchange. Following that process the maintenance team will aerify, using our own machine, to core and remove small plugs from the top 2" profile of the root zone. As you read in a previous Turf Talk, there is a high level of organic matter that needs to be modified to allow an environment for ideal turf growth. Once the organic matter is removed, the cores/plugs were replaced with a screened sand that will allow for improved soil porosity that will also aid in the degradation of this organic matter layer. Key thought, the soil is a growing and evolving solution/entity and that is why we aerify to match the growth of the grass and the soil.

In addition to the aerification, the staff is preparing a seed bed for a newer variety of bentgrass that the trials show is superior to older varieties in many ways. Most notable is that this variety is one of the more favorable varieties to interseed to an existing stand of bentgrass greens turf. Our efforts here are multifaceted by eliminating the poa and all the seed heads associated with this type of grass and introducing an improved variety of bentgrass plant.

Ok, so you ask, what are you doing next? Well there are quite a few areas that need attention. I want to focus on getting the greens back into the superior condition, if not better, than they were before so obvious they are receiving our top focus. If I was to compare the course conditions to a dart board, the greens are the bulls eye.

As bad as the bunkers are I feel at best, a band-aid approach is really all we can do until a complete rebuild can take place. So, the most likely approach for immediate action is to attempt to remove as much rock as possible and add sand to make them more playable and presentable. A complete rebuild would include digging out the existing floor of the bunker, replacing all the drainage, installing a barrier to prevent the heaving

Turf Talk Continued.....

of the sub-profile of native rock from getting into the bunker sand. Regardless, the bunkers will be no quick fix. Other areas of the course that stick out to me are the bare ground areas at the tees and green approaches which can be improved with sod and seed and controlling cart traffic. Other areas of work will include winter and summer annual weed control. There are several more areas that I haven't mentioned, but I would like to hear from you. Tell me what you think! Ok so you are probably thinking to yourselves, why didn't he mention the irrigation system? Well, for what it matters; it will fall under the band-aid category for the time being.

I would like to mention at this time that I am grateful to Jamie and the staff and all the members and volunteers who have shown their support for me and welcoming me to Lee's Hill Golf Club. I would also like to give thanks to Richard and the maintenance staff for the hard work they've done and continue to do to keep things moving forward. And last but not least, thank you Christian Cooper, the new Assistant Superintendent, for all your hard work for this month's aerification process.

Stay tuned and see you on the course!
Dan Hurley, GCS

Tee Times

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.

Range Closing

The Driving Range will close on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm** for maintenance and clean up.

Dress Code Beginning April 1st

During the off season we have relaxed the denim policy. Beginning April 1st the no denim policy will be enforced. All shirts must have a collar. Neither jeans nor denim pants are allowed at any time. Your cooperation and support is appreciated