

The Country Club News

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Christmas Gift Cards

It's that time of year to buy that perfect present for that special someone in your life or just a family member or good friend. The perfect gift for any golfer in your life is a Gift Card from The Country Club. These are available in the pro shop and can be used to pay for anything they want and don't expire. So stop by the Pro Shop anytime we are open to get your gift card today.

Members Christmas

Don't miss the Member Christmas Party on Monday, December 5th starting at 6:30 PM. We invite all of our members to come out and enjoy a night with all your friends at The Country Club. There is no charge for the event and we will be giving away gift cards to lucky winners. We hope everyone will come and enjoy the evening with us!

**Please Keep Carts Off
Fairways & Green Slopes
As Much As Possible**

MGA Tournament

Mark your calendar for this month's MGA on Saturday, December 17th. The **Deadline is Saturday** at 7:30 AM. Please sign up by Friday, December 16 at 5:00 PM. Hope to see everyone there, don't miss out!

Handicap System

The annual charge for the USGA Handicap System will be on January's bill. The cost is \$18 per person plus tax. If you don't want to be in it, please let Carl know by December 31.

Golfers Please

TAKE CARE OF YOUR COURSE

- Fix ball marks, yours and others
- Fill in your divots, yours and others
- Rake the sand bunkers
- Drive carts using the 90 degree rule
- Keep carts off tee and green slopes
- Don't drive through wet areas
- Pick up your trash
- Play only the holes you paid for!
- Only ride in cart if you paid for it!

THANK YOU

On the Course with Doyle

It looks like it is going to be one of those years when mother nature becomes uncooperative with our overseeding plans. No rain and cooler temperatures have definitely extended the germination period. However, the dry and cool conditions have benefits by reducing the chance for disease issues in the overseed as well as the Bermuda grass. Last year we had significant disease pressure with both and in some areas the Bermuda grass suffered the most. We will continue to promote seed germination and we will begin mowing regularly as soon as possible.

We have reached the point that the Bermuda grass is no longer growing which inhibits its ability to heal therefore it is crucial to avoid any undue stresses to the turf. Please keep golf carts a reasonable distance from greens so that the already thinning turf does not become void of turf which will result in poor lies around the greens. Please use cart paths as much as possible to spare the rough and fairways as well. Ball marks on greens also do not heal rapidly thus creating imperfections on the greens. Please pay special attention when repairing ball marks so that the surface remains true. Divots on fairways do not heal at all so please fill the divot with an adequate amount of sand so that in the spring when the divot heals it will be even with the surrounding turf. If you do not have sand please return any or all of the grass to the divot if possible.

This month we will reseed any area that appears to need additional seed. Also this month we will begin to spray for any poa annua that was not controlled with the pre-emergent application which may result in a particular nine being closed in the afternoon hours. Thank you for a great 2016 and we look forward to another great year. Merry Christmas.

Doyle Worthington Jr.

December 5 - Members Christmas Party

December 17 - MGA Tournament

December 31 - USGA Handicap System Deadline

Please Call Ahead for a Tee Time

Straight from Carl's Desk

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. At this time, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We would like to invite all the Members out for our Christmas Party on Monday, December 5th. We hope to see all of you there for the fun evening.

The golf course will be open on Christmas Day; however, the dining room will be closed. Come out and enjoy a round of golf with your family or friends on Christmas.

Please help Doyle out this winter by KEEPING THE CARTS OFF THE FAIRWAYS & GREEN SLOPES as much as possible! Golf cart traffic causes more damage than anything else on a golf course. Please fix the ball marks on the greens, yours and others, and please fill in all the divots with sand. This is a very important time for the golf course and we need your help! We thank you for your cooperation.

When buying something from the pro shop on your account or using Carl Bucks, please wait in line to make sure the pro shop attendant records it properly. A lot of times it is real hard for them to remember who is was that made the purchase and what it was they bought. Thank you in advance.

If you decide to walk to play your round of golf and did not pay for a cart, please do not ride in the cart with someone else. If we see you riding in the cart, we will charge your account the cart fee. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Have you been a member for at least a year and want a \$50 credit on your account? We have given about 150 members this credit already! All we need is a credit card number to pay your account balance on the first of each month and an e-mail address for you to receive your statement and newsletter by e-mail only. Then you will receive \$50 credit. Please let us know!

We need your help! Please drive the carts using the 90 Degree Rule. More importantly please keep the carts off the green slopes as much as possible. Golf cart traffic causes more damage than anything else on a golf course. Please fix the ball marks on the greens, yours and others, and please fill in all the divots with sand. We thank you for your cooperation.

If you receive your statement and newsletter by e-mail and still receive it by mail and don't want to or need to, please let us know so we can stop sending it in the mail. Our goal is to have everyone that has e-mail to receive their statement and newsletter by e-mail only. If you don't have e-mail, no problem. We thank you for your help.

If you ever have an issue with something, please don't hesitate to come and see me. If I am not around, please call my cell phone, 623-2833. I always look forward to talking to all of you. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Carl Ste-Marie
General Manager

December 31 - USGA Handicap System Deadline

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 GOB	3 Breakfast Blitz 8:00 Hopeful
4 Sunday Blitz	5 GOB Members Christmas	6 Ladies Day	7 Blitz GOB Dinner	8	9 GOB	10 Breakfast Blitz 8:00 Ladies
11 Sunday Blitz	12 GOB	13 Ladies Day	14 Blitz GOB Dinner	15	16 GOB	17 Breakfast MGA
18 Sunday Blitz	19 GOB	20 Ladies Day	21 Blitz GOB Dinner	22	23 GOB	24 Breakfast Blitz 8:00 Ladies
25 Merry Christmas	26 GOB	27 Ladies Day	28 Blitz GOB Dinner	29	30 GOB	31 Breakfast Blitz 8:00 Ladies

The Country Club
AT LAKE CITY

Dec 3 - Hopeful
Dec 5 - Member Christmas
Dec 17 - MGA Tournament
Dec 31 - Handicap Deadline
Jan 1 - New Years Blitz

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