# The Country Club News

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#### **Club Championship**

The Club Championship is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 12th and 13th with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM on both days. The format is a 36 hole individual stroke play. The entry fee is \$40 plus your cart fees. Please call the pro shop for mor information or to sign up. Don't miss out!

#### **New Year's Day Blitz**

The New Year's Day Blitz will be on Friday, January 1st. The entry fee is \$25 plus your cart fee. You can play with anyone and at anytime. Mark your calendars and don't miss out!

#### **Handicap System**

If you are currently in the USGA Handicap System and don't want to be in it anymore, please let me know by December 31. We will not be able to adjust your bill after that. The charge will be \$18 plus tax on the January bill.

Thank You for Continued Support

#### **Member Christmas Party**

Don't miss the Member Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 15th starting at 6:30 PM. We invite all of our members to come out and enjoy a few hours with all your friends and fellow members. There is no charge, however you must RSVP. If you plan on attending, please call Johnny at 752-0721 ext. 14 to RSVP. We hope you have to opportunity to come out and see us on the 15th!

#### **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

Please Call Ahead for a Tee Time

#### On the Course with Doyle

I'm sure that most can agree that the course is ending the year in far better condition than it was in the beginning thanks to a cooperative weather pattern that worked in tandem with good cultural practices. At this point the turf is better prepared to endure the colder temperatures over the next few months. This older variety of Bermuda grass has proven to be very sensitive to colder temperatures and decreased amounts of sunlight. Unfortunately we can't control the weather nor the turf we have but with a little luck and good golf cart driving practices we could potentially avoid some of this decline.

The overseeding went well with only a few areas that will need a touch up this month. We will begin to gradually lower the mowing height on greens early this month and should be at our desired mowing height by the end of the year. Also, green pigments will be applied to greens, tees, and collars to achieve a more uniform appearance since our seeding rates are on the lower end.

Our troublesome fall weed (poa annua) has started to appear in certain locations. Treatments will begin this month on an as needed basis. Annual Bluegrass has become very problematic over the last couple years. Many herbicides used over the past few years have become ineffective therefore limiting our control capabilities. The herbicide that we will use has been successful in the past however there are some side effects to the turf if it is applied to non dormant Bermuda grass. Some yellowing could occur and it can also delay spring transition. I feel confident that the damage will be minimal at this point due to the colder temperatures we received at the end of November. Treatments will continue over the next few months to keep this nuisance weed under control.

Merry Christmas Doyle Worthington Jr.

**December 12-13 - The Club Championship** 

**Please Call Ahead for a Tee Time** 

### Straight from Carl's Desk

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope that you have a very enjoyable and safe holiday season. We want you to know that we appreciate all of our members and guests for their continued support of The Country Club.

We only have one outing that will affect tee times this month. On Saturday, December 12th we have the Club Championship and a group that will limit tee times. Please call ahead for a tee time if you plan on playing golf.

We need your help. We are allowed to have two players per cart once again. We know everyone has enjoyed being able to ride in a cart by yourself, but we will require everyone to ride with someone. Unfortunately, the golf course does not like it. Golf carts do more damage to the course than anything else. If you elect to ride by yourself, you will have to pay the single rider surcharge of \$5. If we see you riding by yourself when you could have rode with someone else, we will charge you the single rider fee of \$5 on your account. We need to reduce the amount of carts on the course, for gas usage and wear on the carts and the course as well. Thank you for your help, understanding and cooperation.

Please help Doyle out 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. 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 Carl Bucks, please make sure the pro shop attendant records it properly. It is real hard for them to remember who it was that made the purchase and what it was they bought. Thank you in advance.

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.

General Manager

Carl Ste-Marie

#### <u> January 1 - New Year's Day Blitz</u>

**Thank You for Your Continued Support** 

## December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ladies Day	2 Blitz GOB Dinner	3	4 GOB	5 Blitz Hopeful
6 Sunday Blitz	7 GOB	8 Ladies Day	9 Blitz GOB Dinner	10	11 GOB	12 Club Champ First Round Group Outing
13 Club Champ Final Round	14 GOB	15 Ladies Day Member Christmas	16 Blitz GOB Dinner	17	18 GOB	19 Blitz
20 Sunday Blitz Christmas Golf Cart Parade/Dinner	21 GOB	22 Ladies Day	23 Blitz GOB Dinner	24	25 Merry Christmas	26 Blitz
27 Sunday Blitz	28 GOB	29 Ladies Day	30 Blitz GOB Dinner	31	1 New Year's Day Blitz GOB	2 Blitz



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