# The Country Club News

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## **Member Christmas**

Don't miss the Member Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 11th starting at 6:30 PM. We invite all of our members to come out and enjoy a night with all your friends. There is no charge for the event and we will be giving away gift cards. We hope everyone will come 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 were not in it for 2018, you will not be charged. If don't want to be in it, please let Carl know by December 31. We will not be able to take off bill after.

### **MGA Toss**

Mark your calendar for the MGA Toss on Saturday, December 15th. Sign up in the pro shop. The **DEADLINE IS SATURDAY at 7:30**. Don't miss out!

Please Keep Carts Off Fairways & Slopes

## **Christmas Gift Cards**

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

# **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

**Call 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 and hopefully over the next few months we wont receive temperatures similar to what we had at the beginning of this year. 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.

# **Dec 11 - Member Christmas Party**

**Dec 15 - MGA Toss** 

**Jan 1 - New Year's Day Blitz** 

# **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 don't have any outings that will affect tee times this month.

It is strongly encouraged to make a tee time before coming out to play. Just because you play every Thursday at 10:00 does not mean that you will be able to play at that time. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause you.

Thank you for helping Doyle out by KEEPING THE CARTS OFF THE FAIRWAYS & GREEN SLOPES as much as possible! Please keep up the good work. 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 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 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.

General Manager Carl Ste-Marie

## **Jan 25 - Chamber of Commerce**

**Feb 3 - Super Bowl Tournament** 

Thank You for Your Continued Support

# December 2018

Sur	ınday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ınday Blitz	3 GOB	4 Ladies Day	5 Blitz GOB Dinner	6	7 GOB	8 Breakfast Blitz Ladies
	ınday Blitz	10 GOB	11 Ladies Day Member Christmas	Blitz GOB Dinner	13	14 GOB	15 Breakfast MGA Toss
	ınday Blitz	17 GOB	18 Ladies Day	19 Blitz GOB Dinner	20	GOB	22 Breakfast Blitz Ladies
	ınday Blitz	GOB	25 Merry Christmas Course Open	26 Blitz GOB Dinner	27	GOB	29 Breakfast Blitz Ladies
	ınday Blitz	GOB	1 New Year's Day Blitz Ladies Day	2 Blitz GOB Dinner	3	4 GOB	5 Breakfast Blitz Ladies



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