

LIMERICK TIMES

LAKE LIMERICK GOLF NEWSLETTER

NEW CART PATHS



GOLF HUMOR

SORRY ABOUT THAT DOUBLE, HERE LIGHTEN UP

- The only reason I play golf is to bug my wife. She thinks I'm having fun.
- Golf is a game in which you yell 'fore', shoot six and write down five.
- Golf is a game invented by God to punish guys who retire early.
- The man who takes up golf to get his mind off work, soon takes up work to take his mind off golf.
- Golf: A five-mile walk punctuated with disappointments.

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SUMMER SUMMARY

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ladies club championship 18-hole winner was **Kerry Torkelson**. Ladies 9-hole championship winner was **Cindy Taylor**. Men's 18-hole winner was **Gary Yando**.

MASON COUNTY/WEDNESDAY SCRAMBLE

The individual male champion was **Dick Getchell**, and individual female champion being our very own **Elen Gaschet De L'isle**. Secret partner winners are **Ben Johnson** and **Fred Hewins**. Another great summer in the books and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!

OUTSTANDING MEMBER PERFORMANCE

Huge congratulations goes out to **Steve Beier** as he got a **hole-in-one** on hole seven! Another shout out for an amazing round as **Kerry Torkelson** shot a **39** on the final day of the Ladies Club championship to secure a victory. **Gene Reese** shot a **42** on the back 9. On 18, **Steve Saylor** shot a **77**, another great score ... with **Sharon Corrigan** breaking one hundred with a **99** and a birdie on the card.



ADOPT -A-HOLE

A BIG thank you to those who have signed on to take care of a hole on the course. Below are some general guidelines.

1. Fill in divots on the fairways and tee boxes. Put sand in the divots; then use your foot to smooth over. We do not want to leave a high spot, this dulls the blades on the mowers.
2. Pick up broken tees on and around the tee boxes and put in garbage receptacles.
3. Repair ball marks on greens.

You should visit your hole once a week or at least every other week. Sand is available in the box by the If Ida room.

It takes quite a bit of sand, so I recommend using a gallon milk jug with a hole cut in it.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Ron Stull.

Once again, thank you for volunteering!

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Golf Etiquette

In the Rules of Golf under Section 1 – Etiquette; Behavior on the Course

Safety

Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or practice swing.

Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.

Players should always alert greens staff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.

If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such situations is “fore.”

The second statement is the one of most importance.

Recently we have had several incidents of players hitting into the group ahead of them. We have some blind holes where it would be a good idea to drive up to the top of hills to see if someone would be endangered if you were to hit before they left the green. Some players on hole # 8 park their golf carts on the hill before the green to let following players know that they are still within range. I personally will not, knowingly, hit a ball within 50 or 60 yards of the group in front. I think that it allows them play without hearing golf balls land in their backswing or when putting. If you do accidentally hit into someone, please yell “fore” to let them know they are endanger.

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Ron’s golf Tip

How can you lower your handicap? The easiest way is through a better short game. Many years ago, a rookie tour was practicing putting on the practice green. He saw Lee Trevino, whom was a great putter, and decided to ask him for his advice. Lee asked him where his golf bag was. The player told him. Lee went over to the golf bag and pulled out his sand wedge and told the rookie to practice it. Lee’s point was that the rookie needed to get closer to the hole on his approaches to increase his odds of making putts. Everyone needs to putt better and hit pitches and chips closer.

To get better at the short game requires practicing with a purpose. For instance, if you are having trouble pulling or pushing putts, you will need to correct a clubface angle at impact. If the clubface is always pointing at your target or intermediate target, then you will get close to the hole or in the hole even if your path is off a bit. If you need to check your face angle of your putter swing, I have a jig (practice aid) that you can use to help you correct that.

For chipping and putting, you will need more distance control than accuracy. Try practicing from specific distances (starting in close) until you get the distance down, then move 10’ farther and get that distance down, and so on. You will find your accuracy improving because of the extra effort in getting your distances down.

For pitching, if the ball is in the air more than on the ground, please see me for some ideas.

Ron Stull, LLCC Head Golf Pro

USGA Rules of Golf

Rule 13: Ball Played as it Lies

Rule 13-4: Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions

Except as provided in the Rules, **before making a stroke** at a ball that is in a hazard (whether a bunker or a water hazard) or that, having been lifted from a hazard, may be dropped or placed in the hazard, the player must not:

- a. Test the conditions of the hazard or any similar hazard;
- b. Touch the ground in the hazard or water in the water hazard with his hand or a club; or
- c. Touch or move a loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.

There are three exceptions to this rule – check them out later if you wish.

The penalty for a breach of this rule is **two strokes**.

It has come to my attention that some believe it is okay to hit the sand on the backswing in a bunker. This is not the case. The key is in the first sentence which states: *before making a “stroke”*. The definition of a “stroke” is as follows:

A “stroke” is the forward movement of the club made with the intention of striking at and moving the ball; but if a player checks his downswing voluntarily before the clubhead reaches the ball, he has not made a stroke.

Ron’s Corner

I just finished my first year as Head Golf Professional at Lake Limerick Country Club. The past year, I accomplished a lot in working on the administration of the Pro Shop and Golf Course and training the staff. My staff has been terrific: they include **Elen Gaschet De L’isle, Nick Riccobene** and **Josh Craig**. Josh has gone back to school, leaving me with Elen and Nick for the remainder of the season. My last day of work for this season is November 4th. I will be returning on March 11th. Elen will be working full time during the four months I’m gone, with Nick filling in for Elen a couple days a week. Many thanks to all three of them for their dedication and loyalty to me and the club!

I would like to thank our golf course Marshals: **Ken Neal, Kirk Crowell, Dick Getchel** and **Tim Gulberg**. I hope they can return next season. They all did a great job helping play run smoothly.

The Green’s Committee was fabulous to work for under both former Chairman **Jerry Nokes** and current Chairman **Vern Duggan**. The committee members worked hard to represent the needs of all demographics of golfers and the leagues. I need to acknowledge **Robbi Alberts** for helping so much with the editing of our Policies Manual along with her help in so many areas of the golf programs. She is a truly a valuable asset to us all.

The Men’s and Women’s Leagues are the driving force of our golf course income, social activities and competition. It is a pleasure to work with **Bonnie Morrow, Sheila Nokes, Gary Yando** and all their volunteers. I am excited to get back to work next season with all of them and **Deb Nokes** as the Women’s Captain.

Then there are the Board of Directors and our CAM, **Deborah Wallace!** Nothing can get done without them. We deeply appreciate the support the Board has given to me, the golf community and the golf course. Thank you!

Others that have been great for our golf operations include our new Head Chef **Brandon Lawin** for taking over the management of the Café, and our Webmaster **Leedia Bailey**.

Jason Howerton is a great Golf Course Superintendent, we are lucky to have someone that is so knowledgeable and hard working. Under his leadership and support from the Green’s Committee, I know that our golf course will improve by implementing renovations of our golf course and practice areas and playability through his enhanced turf grass programs. He has been one of the easiest golf course superintendents to work with in preparing the course for our golf events.

We will soon be getting in some new clothing and shoes for the fall and winter. Check in with the Pro Shop occasionally to check out the new stock! Our spring orders will be arriving monthly from March through June.

Thank You!