

LRCC NEWS

A Newsletter for Members of the Lake Ripley Country Club



October 2011

Oktoberfest 2011

Join us in closing out 2011 with an Oktoberfest celebration, LRCC style! Tickets are 8.00 in advance, and 10.00 at the door. This includes:

- ◆ Appetizer buffet from 6:00 pm—9:00 pm
- ◆ Karaoke from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm
- ◆ Beer and drink specials all night
- ◆ Last night for Shake of the Day (guaranteed \$20 pot)
- ◆ Wheel of Fortune
- ◆ Pro Shop Deals and Steals

Mark your calendars today, as you will not want to miss out on the end-of-the-year party! Adult guests are welcome to attend.

LRCC Ladies Take First in Round Robin

Congratulations to the LRCC Women's Round Robin Team, who recently won the Gross Trophy! (Most points won for the lowest scores)

The Round Robin Tournament is held weekly for 6 weeks. The LRCC team competes against teams from Evansville, Fort Atkinson, Stoughton, Windwood Watertown, and Whitewater. Each team consists of 6 players, battling against each town for Low Gross and Low Net.

This year's players were Joyce Gehler, Captain, Betty Reay, Sarah Baird, Lillian Wendt, Pat Roisum, Kathy Tranchita, Marlene Lee, and Marion Stock, Subs were: Wendy Lehr, Beth Gilpin, Karen Joyce. Teams are picked by the lowest handicap each week.

Next year's Round Robin dates are:

- June 12, 2012 ~ Fort Atkinson
- June 15, 2012 ~ Stoughton
- June 22, 2012 ~ Windwood Watertown
- June 29, 2012 ~ Cambridge
- July 13, 2012 ~ Whitewater
- July 20, 2012 ~ Evansville

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Kitchen Hours

- **Tuesday 11 am-dusk**
Sandwich Menu
Ladies only til 12 pm
- **Wednesday 11 am-dusk**
Sandwich Menu
- **Thursday 11 am-dusk**
Sandwich Menu
Men only—all day
- **Friday 11 am-2 pm**
Sandwich Menu
- **Saturday 11 am-4 pm**
Sandwich Menu
- **Sunday 11 am-2 pm**
Sandwich Menu

**Regular Food Service
Ends on October 22nd.**

*Times subject to weather
and availability. Check at
the bar before golfing for
sandwich hours.*

A Letter from the Course Superintendent

July and August brought us some extended periods of record high temperatures as well as high humidity. We recorded over twenty days with temperatures above 88 degrees including a stretch of nine days with lows above 70 degrees. Compare that to last year, which only recorded eight days at or above 88 degrees. As a result of extreme weather, the turf becomes stressed and does not perform properly.

Here at LRCC we maintain a high percentage of the grass species, *Poa annua* or Annual bluegrass. Its characteristics include its yellow-green color, poor heat and drought tolerances, moderate shade tolerance and poor resistance to disease. After the spring seed production, the *Poa* plants have little if any root density remaining. When the stretch of extreme heat occurred, we lost small amounts of turf on greens and fairways. The optimal shoot-growth temperature for cool-season grasses is 60-75 degrees, and 50-65 degrees for roots. As temperatures approach the 90's growth significantly decreases. Respiration increases and eventually exceeds photosynthesis causing a net carbohydrate (energy) loss and eventually death once all carbohydrate reserves are exhausted.

Additional factors that contribute to turf quality include; air movement, shade, root competition, drainage, and traffic. Trees surrounding greens have been aggressively pruned to increase air circulation and reduce shade. Some problematic trees have been selected for removal, pending board member approval. This project will continue throughout the course. The greens at LRCC are push-up greens, meaning the native soil was used for construction. Over the past few decades, sand topdressing has provided a smooth firm playing surface. However, drainage is slow below the sand layer and the greens rely primarily on surface drainage. Conversely, USGA greens are built with a sand based root zone as well as a gravel layer and tile drainage to allow rapid removal of excess water. Our small green sizes and high number of rounds per day significantly increases the traffic concentration. High volumes of foot traffic can cause problems on greens, while high volumes of cart traffic can damage fairways. Be aware of cart signs and stay on cart paths when one is provided.

As greens keepers it is our duty to maintain adequate playing conditions and healthy turf. But like everyone else, we are at the mercy of mother-nature. Some cultural practices we have changed during this summer to promote recovery include, raising the mowing height of the greens and reducing the mowing and rolling frequency. Watering amounts, timing and frequency have all been adjusted. We also aggressively seeded bentgrass in the larger bare spots on greens. Additional chemical applications have been made when needed. This intensely hot summer has shown us the limits of our *Poa annua*. In the future, we will adjust cultural practices at the beginning of a predicted duration of heat, expecting less damage, but anticipating minor amounts depending on the weather severity. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Tim Adas

Course Superintendent



2011 Club Champions

Congratulations to all of the participants in the 2011 LRCC Club Championship! This year's victors are:

- ◇ **Men's Champion ~ Gregg Thatcher (His 13th!!!)**
- ◇ **Men's Runner Up ~ Bob Stilling**
- ◇ **Women's Champion ~ Pat Roisum**
- ◇ **Women's Runner Up ~ Kiren Wegner**



End of the Year Notes

- ⇒ *Pro Shop Clearance Sale! Sales on pro shop merchandise continues through October 31st. Stop in and see what is available for you and your holiday shopping needs!*
- ⇒ *Scrip cards and gift certificates expire on October 31st.*
- ⇒ *Food Service ~ Kitchen hours and menu availability will be limited during the month of October. See the front page for more details.*
- ⇒ *Lost and Found ~ Check the lost and found located across from the ladies locker room to claim lost items. Unclaimed items will be thrown or donated.*
- ⇒ *2011 Calendar ~ Contact Julie to add any items or pictures to the new calendar.*
- ⇒ *Address changes ~ Contact Greg for any address changes.*
- ⇒ *E-mail address ~ Contact us at greg@lakeripleycc.com*
- ⇒ *2011 Membership ~ Annual membership statements will be mailed out in January. Please contact Greg at (608) 423-3411 if you do not receive your statement by February 1st.*

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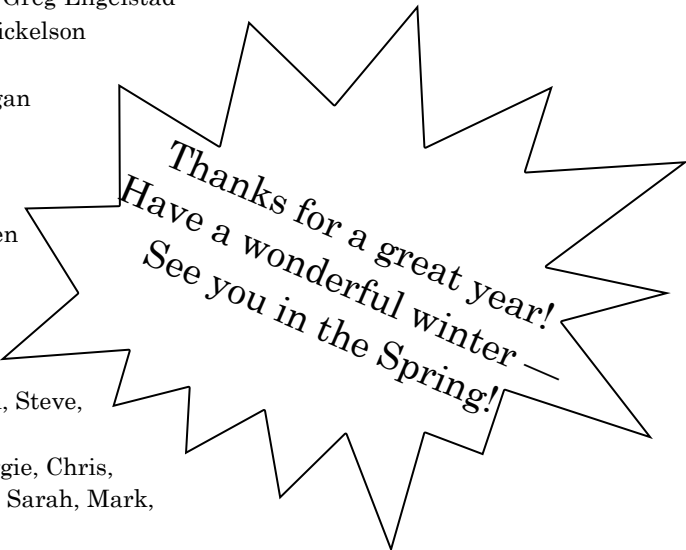
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Behind the Bar ~ Leah, Kim,
Shaun, Jace, Cody, Joe, Ann, Steve,
Maggie & Taylor

In the Kitchen ~ Collin, Leanne, Maggie, Chris,
Dana, Patrick, Kassie, Kyle, Sarah, Mark,
Ali & Melissa

In the Dining Room ~ Debbie, Ann, Kim, Leah, Maggie, Sarah, Joe,
Jake, Katie, Mandi, Chris, Sam, Patrick, Erik & Ryan

On the Course ~ Sam, Travis, Don, Rusty, Ken, Al, Brad, Gavan, Marcia & Jim



Thanks for a great year!
Have a wonderful winter —
See you in the Spring!

