

The Bon Air Newsletter



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From the President of the Board of Directors...Brady Terrell

What more could be said than WOW when assessing the condition of the course! In talking with several members that play throughout the area the consensus is that Bon Air is as good as or better than any course in York County. And, have you seen the renovation work that was done on hole #1? Our course superintendent Butch Howard, his assistant Larry Lau, and the entire maintenance team continues to provide the members of Bon Air an outstanding facility! I encourage you to tell Butch or Larry what a great job they are doing, it is greatly appreciated. Not only is the golf course in great condition but the pool is now open and is in the best condition in years. All of the seams were removed and replaced with a special sealant to remedy numerous leaks that had occurred during the 2007 season. The pool has been

repainted, additional new lounges and chairs have been purchased. All that is needed now is for some warm weather to grace southern York County.

Our head professional Mark Wiley and his assistants Ryan Paucek and Todd Miller have gotten us to a rousing start for the 2008 golf season. Mark has stocked the GolfShop with both apparel and equipment. We have the upcoming Member-Guest that has but a few vacancies. Tournaments have shown a resurgence in participation; the Wednesday Night League has over 100 participants. Hats off to Mark and the entire GolfShop staff!

Have you noticed the new view from the club house? We recently had many of the pines removed from the stand of trees in front of the Club House. Recent wind storms have resulted in significant damage to trees and the potential of a tree falling into the building resulted in the decision to clear out much of the area in front of the building. A significant benefit of the tree removal is the extended sun light on the pool and a reduction in the pine needles and pollen in the pool!

The Snack Bar is again managed by Fran! Fran not only brings us great food at the snack bar but offers catering for events at Bon Air. Those who missed the recent Spring Social not only missed an opportunity to socialize, but the service and *Hors d'oeuvres* by Fran and staff were fabulous! Once again, a big Thank You to Fran!



From your Course Superintendent...Butch Howard

We have had a wet spring affecting playability on occasion; it is not often that we restrict cart use or close the course due to wet conditions, but exercising prudence this spring has been necessary. When a decision is made to restrict cart use it is done with a long term view to ensure that damage to the course is avoided by exercising my professional judgment; the minor inconvenience for a day is a small price when considering the effort it takes to repair cart damage and the time for the turf to heal. Your understanding and patience is appreciated.

Hole #10 is now open for play again; the decision to close the green for the winter has paid great dividends. We have completed work on the back of the green on hole #1; this "reconstruction" should reduce many a score throughout the year. Please be aware of the roped area of the fringe so that the new grass on the slope can mature.

Again, please remember that maintenance staff are on the course doing work that enhances your golfing experience. For the early bird golfers you need to be particularly cognizant of the maintenance staff. Please be patient and allow maintenance staff to complete their work!

We have experienced the second wettest month of May since records have been recorded. The wet conditions expose the greens to greater damage from ball marks; it is essential that everyone be conscientious and take the time to repair ball marks; better yet repair yours and another! Ball marks left unattended take a month for grass to grow after maintenance staff has made the repair. It is to your benefit to repair ball marks, fewer putts will be missed!

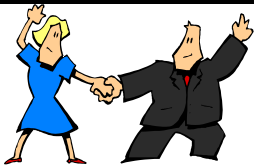


From your PGA Professional...Mark Wiley

Though the weather has been less than desirable on occasion the 2008 season has gotten off to a great start. I want to thank the membership for their continued support. We had an impressive turnout for the recent "demo" where many had the opportunity to try out various manufacturers' equipment.....quite a few of you took that step to replace/upgrade with new clubs. The Spring Member-Guest will be June 13 and 14; we have nearly filled all openings for this great event, if you are interested in playing do not procrastinate, he who hesitates may be left out....

Something to consider, before the golf season gets into full swing and before the weather turns hot and humid, are lessons from myself or Ryan; we offer personalized instruction giving you dedicated instruction to aid you in improving your game. Remember, lessons around the green, on the green, and from bunkers can pay huge dividends! Talk to us about a package of lessons, a cost effective way to improve your game. There are limited spaces available if you would like to take advantage of club storage, the cost is \$75 for the year.

Please keep your account current; there are numerous members with past due accounts which creates a hardship for me when I need to pay vendors for merchandise I have ordered for the GolfShop. Your continued support and understanding is appreciated!



From the Social Committee...

Bon Air continues to offer a wide variety of social events at the club beyond the golfing experience to meet the needs of its membership. These social events are mostly put together by a small group of volunteers with some assistance from the paid staff. As you are probably aware some social events are very popular and require you to sign up quickly, while other events end up being cancelled due to lack of participation.

Still other events never make it to the planning stage because no one volunteers to be the "Event Coordinator". The Event Coordinator does not need to do everything as an individual. The Event Coordinator plans and makes sure that everything comes together with the assistance of a committee. There is a large number of members that are willing to assist, but don't want to take the lead. This is what happened to the Crab Feast!

If you are interested in becoming an Event Coordinator for future events or have ideas for social events, please contact Eric Porter, Board Representative to the Social Committee to discuss. His phone number is 764-1758.

Below is an update on other functions; please note that dates have changed for some of the events:



The **Crab Feast** that was planned for July has been **CANCELLED**; we have been unable to obtain an event coordinator. The Crab Feast was the most successful social event at Bon Air and it will be missed by the 200 plus members and guests that regularly attended.



Moonlight Golf is scheduled for September 19th. This is a fun event where 5 holes of golf are played by the light of the moon with "Glo-Balls" and candlelit fairways, a very unique evening of fun!



2008 Oktoberfest - PLEASE WATCH FOR THE DATE. This is a pay as you go event with German beer and grilled food.



November 15 - Bull, Oyster and Shrimp Feed - NOTE CHANGE IN DATE. Watch for sign up information in September.



From the Greens and Grounds Committee...

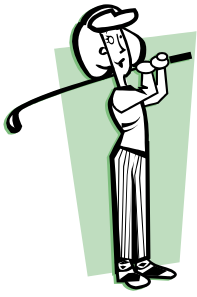
The greens, fairways, and rough are in great condition. However, there is room for improvement with the tee boxes and bunkers. The primary issue impeding rapid improvement in both these areas is cost. Tee boxes need to be expanded and leveled. Many bunkers need more than just sand. Repairs to improve drainage and liners must be performed in numerous bunkers to effect lasting improvement. The Greens and Grounds Committee developed a proposed Five Year Plan covering items to address over that time span. Bunkers and tee boxes are featured prominently, on a phased in basis. The Board is reviewing this Plan in order to determine what funds, if any, can be allocated to the measures outlined in the Plan.

From a different vein an item regarding "care of the course" needs everyone's collective attention. Frequently used tees embedded to ground level on tee boxes, especially the par 3's is becoming an issue affecting the health of teeing areas. This phenomenon can occur for two reasons: normal shot making, and "tee pounding". Tee pounding is a practice whereby the golfer will drive a used tee into the turf with either their club or their foot after completing a shot. The problem is that no grass will grow where there are embedded tees. It will benefit all if you remove tees after each shot, and refrain from "tee pounding". You can be a good steward of your course by reminding fellow players to pick up their tee or if you see a tee in the ground pick it up and discard in a trash receptacle or in the broken tee caddies that are being purchased by the Men's Golf Committee and will be placed on the par 3's.

JUNIOR GOLF "PLAY DAYS" BEGIN THURSDAY July 3rd!



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE 1ST TEE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL 10:00 AM EACH THURSDAY THROUGH AUGUST 6th. THE COURSE WILL BE IMPACTED ON THURSDAY MORNINGS, PLAN YOUR GOLF ACCORDINGLY.



18 Hole Ladies Results

April Winners:

April 16th - Opening Day Scramble Gross 78

Betty Winner - Carol Hoffman - Marjie Heagy - Claudia Niner

April 23rd - Sucker In The Bucket Net 67

Judith Bradley - Carol Smith - Diane Seitz

April 30th Spring Handicap Tournament

Pat Lowder - Net 70 Pat Fielder - Net 72

May Winners:

May 7th - 1 Best Ball of threesome - Net 66

Carol Hoffman - Mary Lu Mixon - Emma Tomasic

May 14th - 2 BB Odd Holes - 1 BB Even Holes - Net 103

Judith Bradley - Mary Lu Mixon - Marjie Heagy - Emma Tomasic

May 21st - Total Team Putts - 143

Judith Bradley - Carol Hoffman - Emma Tomasic - Vicki Miller

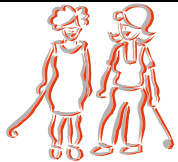
May 28th - 2 Best Balls of 3some - Net 132

Betty Winner - Mary Lu Mixon - Emma Tomasic

Up-coming Events

Women's York County Amateur Championship will be played at Cool Creek on June 16th thru 19th. The Junior Girls Championship will also be played at this time. If you know a junior girl (under 18) that would be interested in playing, please contact someone from the Bon Air Ladies Golf Association ASAP.

- **July 4th - Bon Air Mixed Couples Tournament - 1:30 PM**



Nine Hole Lady Golfers.....2008 Season



The Nine-Hole Ladies invite any ladies of the club, regardless of their golfing talents, to join us on Tuesday mornings for golf and fun. We start at 9:00 am every Tuesday in June. If you are interested in joining us this season, please call the GolfShop or Avis Scherer at 235-3939. We welcome both new and old members!

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY FROM MEETINGS IN 2008



- Increases were approved for guest fees, cart fees, and ball room rental
- Those members approved for handicap privileges will be charged \$5 for handicap flag. Rules governing handicap privileges were reviewed and updated.
- Authorized the purchase and installation of a Safety Vacuum Shut Off Valve on the wading pool. A new federal law requires installation by December 2008. Valve is to be installed by June 1st.
- The installation of a sound system that is integrated with the wide screen television was approved.
- The Club Manager is to send letters to those persons that are over 30 days past due to Mark Wiley, stating that club privileges will be suspended until payment is made. A service charge of \$35.00 plus 2% of the balance due will be added to the bill.
- Approved limited golf privileges for those on the waiting list to play the course on weekdays; and after 1PM on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays. Tee time must be obtained through the GolfShop at which time full green and cart fees (at the guest fee rate) must be paid.
- Approved the removal of white pines between the pool and club house for safety reasons. Young and small pines and the first line of smaller trees next to # 5 and # 9 cart path will be left standing.
- Approved the purchase of a used dump truck for use on the grounds by maintenance staff; truck will not be licensed for road use.

BACC Snack Bar

THE BACC SNACK BAR IS NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON.

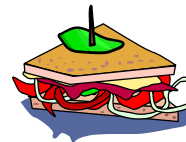
THE DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION ARE 11:00 AM UNTIL 6:00 PM**. AS IN THE PAST FRAN'S MENU OFFERS A BROAD SELECTION OF QUALITY SELECTIONS AT FAIR PRICES!

WE HAVE ADDED BONKEY'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM TO THE SNACK BAR IN 2008. BECAUSE OF A LACK OF STORAGE SPACE WE OFFER A LIMITED VARIETY OF FLAVORS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!

(IF YOUR FAVORITE FLAVOR ISN'T AVAILABLE LET FRAN KNOW, IF THE DEMAND IS SUFFICIENT WE WILL ADD IT TO THE MENU.)

FRAN CAN ALSO HELP WITH POOL PARTIES OR OTHER CATERING NEEDS, GIVE THE SNACK BAR A CALL IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR EVENT.

WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY AFFECT HOURS OF OPERATION



Men's Golf Committee

This year's golf season is off and running. The opening day Double-Trouble tournament was a great success. The event was won by the team of Tom Boyle, Jay Campbell, Joe Herkalo, Laverne Gladfelter and Ken Smith. In the Spring Better Ball tournament, the winning team in the gross division was Scott Knouse and Tim Meckley. The net division was won by Mike Filsinger and Tim Burgess. Thanks to all of the members who participated in these events. We encourage you to participate in our upcoming events.

If you have not done so already, the MGC would like to encourage you to sell the raffle tickets that were recently distributed. Proceeds from the raffle go directly into course improvements. The first raffle drawing takes place on May 31. Remember, the raffle tickets save your guests \$5 during weekday rounds.



2008 MEN'S SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

JIM WILLIAMS -- SENIOR CHAMPION GROSS WITH A SCORE OF 77
BILL OPPITZ -- SENIOR CHAMPION NET IN A PLAYOFF WITH A SCORE OF 71

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Please help us to reduce expenses for the NewsLetter by obtaining your copy of the Newsletter via the web site www.bonaircc.com. If you prefer to receive your copy of the NewsLetter in the mail please return this form to the GolfShop.

RETURN THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WANT THE NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOU!

Name _____ Member Number _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Mark Your Calendar!



Ongoing weekday events that affect play:

Tuesdays in June

- 9 Hole Ladies - Alternating weeks the front or back is closed from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Front closed on 6/10 and 6/24; Back closed on 6/3 and 6/17

Wednesdays in June

- 18 Hole Ladies - The 1st Tee is closed from 8:45 am – 9:30 am
Wednesday Night League - Course is closed at 5:30 pm - 1st Tee is closed at 3:45 pm

Tuesdays in July

- 9 Hole Ladies - Alternating weeks the front or back is closed from 8:30 am – 11:00 am
Front closed on 7/8 and 7/22; Back closed on 7/1, 7/15 and 7/29

Wednesdays in July

- 18 Hole Ladies - The 1st Tee is closed from 8:15 am – 9:00 am
- Wednesday Night League - Course is closed at 5:30 pm - 1st Tee is closed at 3:45 pm

Thursdays in July

- Junior Golf “play days” begin July 3rd; the front will have Junior Golfers from 8:00 am until 11:00 am

All Fridays through September 26th

- Friday Night Couples - The 1st Tee is closed at 4:00 pm
Play will only be on the back 9 after 6:00 pm

Other events in June and July that affect Play:

June – 2008

- 2nd - Ladies Monday Mixer
9:00 am Start – 1st tee Closed 8:45 – 9:30
- 5th - Private Outing
Course is closed until 1:30 pm
- 6th - Private Outing
1st tee Closed 8:45 – 10:00 am
- 13th - Member-Guest – Day 1
Course is closed until 4:00 pm
- 14th - Member-Guest – Day 2
1st tee Closed 9:00 am
Course is closed 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- 15th - Twilight Couples 4pm
1st Tee closed from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

June – 2008

- 28th - Presidents Cup 8:30 am
Course is closed until 1:00 pm
- 30th - ProAm Tournament
11:00 am Shotgun Start
Course is closed until 4:00 pm

July – 2008

- 2nd - Ladies Member-Guest
Course is closed until 1 pm
- 5th - 1-2-3 Tournament 8:30 am
Course is closed until 1 pm
- 20th - Twilight Couples 4pm
1st Tee closed from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

REPAIRING A BALL MARK

Repairing a ball mark on a green takes seconds, but can save weeks of healing to the turf. It's an important thing to do for the course, and for the golfers who follow you. The following technique should be used to repair a ball mark:

1. Insert the repair tool at the edge of the ball mark (figure 1 below). Do NOT insert the tool within the depression itself.
2. Push the tool forward from the edge of the ball mark toward the center. Do this around the edges of the depression.
3. Do NOT insert the tool under the indented area and push up - a common mistake (figure 2 below). Think of it as pushing turf in from the edges toward the center.
4. Tamp down the repaired area with your putter so that the surface is even (figure 3 below).



TIPS – 1. If a piece of turf has been displaced by the ball, do not replace it.

2. Pushing the tines of the repair tool under the indentation and pushing up damages the root system (figure 2 above).
3. You not only should always repair your ball marks, but, you should also repair any other ball marks on the green.

Swimming Pool News



The pool is now open for the 2008 season! We have quite a few returning lifeguards and 4 new lifeguards that will be at the pool during the season. Much has been done to enhance the enjoyment of the pool; all of the seams were replaced (we were losing 3000 gallons of water per day during the 2007 season), the wading pool and main pool have both been painted; additional lounges and chairs have been purchased, the golf course maintenance staff have seeded, fertilized, applied herbicide, and generally nurtured the grass to hopefully have lush turf in the pool area. Some general reminders about the pool:

- Upon entering the pool you are required to sign in for your party and guests. Please be sure that your number and name are legible.
- The pool hours are 11:00 am until 8:00 pm, weather permitting. When the pool is not being used at 7:00 pm it will be closed. Likewise when the weather is cool and/or rainy the pool will be closed.
- For the safety and enjoyment of pool users there is to be no Ball Playing nor throwing of any objects inside the fenced pool area.
- Swimming lessons will begin July 7th, the cost is \$35 per person per class. Classes will be for one week. Swim applications are available on the club's web site www.bonaircc.com or from the lifeguards.
- Pool Parties must be scheduled when there are more than 10 people in the party. Contact Wayne Burgess in the GolfShop or call 717-495-6001.
- Please do not go into the club house wearing a bathing suit.

Again, thanks to Dave Gibson who graciously volunteered to serve as our webmaster. The Bon Air web site is WWW.BONAIRCC.COM. If you have any suggestions for the web site please send an email to golfshop@bonaircc.com.



We plan to use our web site to better communicate information regarding course or pool closing which are driven by weather conditions. Likewise we will post reminders regarding impacts to playability caused by events at Bon Air. Please check the web site for helpful information.

Question:

Where should the rake be placed after raking a bunker?



Answer:

Place the rake inside the bunker along the edge of the bunker. Having the rake in the bunker will facilitate the work of the maintenance staff when cutting grass. The rake is considered a movable obstruction and relief may be taken as per USGA Rule 24-1.

Membership Update

Our membership cap is 375; we currently have 375 members. We again have a waiting list for membership; there are currently eight people on the waiting list. Applications can be obtained in the GolfShop or from the web site www.bonaircc.com



Guests at Bon Air

Guests are welcome at Bon Air Country Club; however, please remember that club rules require that guests can only play after 9:30 am on Weekends and Holidays. The only exception weekends and holidays is when you have one guest and you play in one of the groups.



The Bon Air Family continues to grow. Below are the names of new members to the Club this spring

Donald Giacomelli

Kyle Henry

Kirk & Pat Henry

James Minter

Jon Klinedinst & Wendy Markle

Kenneth & Mary Ann Reott

Bobby Stiffler

The Bar in the ballroom is currently open as follows:

- Wednesdays and Fridays 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Saturdays and Sundays noon – 6:00 pm

The bartenders this year are Jolene, Becca, Laurie, and Travis, stop by and say hello! Remember, when the Snack Bar is open food orders can be placed at the bar!

Please bear in mind the bar at Bon Air is a “convenience bar” stocked with selections that satisfy a broad member base. Because of limited storage space we cannot honor requests to stock your favorite beverage. Your support and understanding is appreciated. If there are questions/issues related to the bar please contact Wayne Burgess (717-495-6001).



Only Alcoholic beverages purchased from the Club are permitted on the golf course. Bringing coolers stocked with your own alcoholic beverages is not permitted.



2008 Hole In Ones

APRIL 11

GREG ANDERSON

HOLE #16

6 IRON

MAY 25

JOSH SHEPPARD

HOLE # 16

8 IRON

Group play at Bon Air is a great way to meet new members or to play and not worry about finding people to complete a foursome. The men’s groups are as follows:



- Noon Group – 9:30 am Monday thru Friday
- Three o’clock group – 3:30 Monday through Friday (2:00 pm on Wednesdays)
- Weekend and Holiday Groups
 - Early Risers (or Dew Sweepers) – 7:00 am
 - “A” Group – 8:00 am
 - “B” Group – 8:30 am



A quick review of rules covering Children Under Twelve (12) Years of Age.

Note - Detailed explanations are included in the BACC Club Rules Document.

- A son or daughter of a member under twelve (12) years of age must be accompanied by an adult member at all times and will have the following privileges:
- Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays) may use the club facilities at any time only when accompanied by an adult member.
- Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays They may use the club facilities after 5 PM and then only when accompanied by an adult member.



Everyone, as in everyone, must sign-in in the GolfShop **prior** to going onto the course. This applies whether you are walking or riding. If you are unsure about how to sign-in ask for assistance from GolfShop staff. Failure to sign-in can result in your golf privileges being suspended!