

The Bon Air Newsletter



April 2009

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**Bon Air Country Club
2287 Club House Road
Glen Rock, PA 17327**

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From the President of the Board of Directors...Layton Lyon

As your new president the first thing I need to do is to thank the outgoing members of the Board, Joe Leckrone and Brady Terrell, for their service to the Club. Both Joe and Brady have served on the Board for the past six years and have made significant contributions to Bon Air. Joe was the liaison for Greens and Grounds; and Brady is the outgoing president. I wish you well and hope you spend time enjoying the fruits of your labor!

The start of a new year will bring many challenges to the new Board. As you are aware we are facing an economy with unprecedented difficulties which has had a direct effect on your Club. Our membership drive has resulted in three new members so far, we need the power of word of mouth advertising to also bring in new members. As a member you can assist us by being an advocate for Bon Air, if you have friends, neighbors, business associates that are golfers tell them what a great facility Bon Air offers. Not only does Bon Air offer an outstanding golf course but the value is a bargain. Basically, the cost of a membership at Bon Air is less than the cost of a week at Ocean City; and the Club is available for three months of swimming and at least 9-10 months of golf.

As you are aware the Board has taken a hard look at reducing operating expenses and postponed any salary increases for all staff. An area that came to our attention that represents a significant expense is the practice over the past several years of providing "free" tees to members and guests. However, the tees are not really "free", in 2008 the cost to the club for tees was \$1,380. Likewise, you will notice that the Spring Social has been eliminated this year; this event was "free" to members. But again not really "free", the expense to the club was in excess of \$2,000. The Board is serious about keeping expenses under control and I hope you understand the rationale for eliminating some of the not really "free" perks at Bon Air. Likewise, our Head Professional, Ryan Paucek, has proposed a plan where he will be looking at staff utilization to maximize efficiency.

My intent is not to paint a doomsday scenario, rather convey that we have short term challenges that we believe are manageable. However, with the coming of spring it is my hope that interest in the Club will occur, especially with 360 advocates. I look forward to serving as your president and welcome any input that will help me raise the bar at Bon Air.



From your Course Superintendent...Butch Howard

We have had a relatively cold winter and except for a few weeks in late January and early February there was a dearth of snow, exposing the turf to winter damage. I would have liked to have seen a significant snow to insulate the turf and to give the course a rest.

Even though we have had a skeleton staff over the winter much has been accomplished! We had our usual painting projects including the interior of the ballroom, ball washers, and various motorized equipment. Several other projects this winter include the drainage project for #12 green and replacing the storm drain on #10 that was undermined during the winter. We will be aerifying the greens and fairways April 1st and 2nd; tees will be aerified April 8th and 9th; and weather permitting top dressing of greens will be completed during the week of April 6th, please plan your golf accordingly. Also, over the next few weeks we will be adding sand to the bunkers, this is a short term effort to improve the playability of the bunkers.

We will be opening hole #12 for play for opening day, April 18th. Please remember that maintenance staff are on the course doing work that enhances your golfing experience. We try to minimize impact on play but your patience and understanding is requested. For the early bird golfers you need to be particularly cognizant of the maintenance staff. In order to prepare the course for the day the greens need to be cut, you need to wait for mowing to be completed on the green before completing the hole. Please be patient and allow maintenance staff to complete their work!

I want to thank the Men's Golf Committee for their efforts in organizing a group of volunteers to build the steps leading to #11 tee and the bridge across the creek in front of #3 tee. A special thank you to: Al Taylor, Barry Black, Craig Saxon, Fred Brehm, Mike Weaver, Steve Sweeney, Ted Bartkowiak, Wally Alsrue, and Tim Holmes for their labors. I also want to thank Bruce Atkinson for donating the re-bar that was used for these projects.

Finally, a personal note regarding our long time employee Jake. Jake has had a knee replacement and is currently residing at the Shrewsbury Lutheran Home where he is in a re-hab program. If you would like to send Jake a card his address is: Maurice (Jake) Kline, c/o Shrewsbury Lutheran Home, 200 Luther Road, Shrewsbury, PA 17361. We wish Jake a quick recovery and look forward to seeing Jake return to Bon Air later this year!



From your PGA Professional....Ryan Paucek

Another season is now upon us and I am looking forward to serving as your Head PGA Professional. It is both a privilege and an honor to be given this opportunity to serve the members of Bon Air. In addition to having Wayne Burgess and Jeff Thomas again working in the GolfShop I have hired Tom Plunket as the First Assistant PGA Professional. Tom comes to Bon Air from Valley Green Golf Course where he was the Assistant Golf Professional. Tom has an Associates Degree in Golf Course Management and is a Level 1 PGA Apprentice; he also has extensive experience teaching golf skills. Tom will be a real asset as part of the Bon Air staff!

The GolfShop has new merchandise for the 2009 season and I have placed orders to supplement what is currently available. I do plan to offer some of the same clothing and club lines as were offered in the past, but also plan to offer apparel from new vendors. With the ever changing economy I will strive to offer competitive and reasonable prices on merchandise in the shop. I will try to match and or beat competitor's prices on many of the equipment, balls, and supplies offered. Just because you may not see a particular item in the GolfShop doesn't mean we cannot get it. If there are certain items that you are looking for please let the golf shop staff know and we will make every effort to give you a competitive price.

With spring just around the corner, we have been very busy over the past few months in setting up the golf schedule for the year. Once again, the pocket calendars are available in the GolfShop. The Men's Golf Committee Opening Day tournament is on April 18th and the sign-up sheet has been posted in the 19th hole. The Ladies opening days are April 7th for the 9 Hole Ladies and April 15th for the 18 Hole Ladies. Mark your calendars for the Junior Clinic that will start June 23rd and is open to both Golf and Pool members!

This year's Golf School is scheduled for April 28th and will be held from 10:00am until 3:30pm. In addition to Thomas and me providing instruction; returning instructors for this year are Jeff VanEtten from Hickory Heights, and Richie Krebs from Hanover Country Club. The cost for the school is \$125.00 per person. This price includes: instruction, video taped analysis, lunch, range balls, and carts for anyone interested in playing after the class. The Golf School is a great way to start the new golfing season with a revamped golf swing. Please call the GolfShop to sign up; class size is limited to 25 people.

Again, I look forward to the up and coming season. Bon Air is truly a special place with a friendly, family oriented enjoyable atmosphere. The staff and I will hopefully see all of you here at the Club as the golf season arrives; please stop by and introduce yourself to Tom.



GOLF SCHOOL

Tuesday April 28th
Registration Check-in 9:30 am
Instruction 10:00 am - 3:30pm

Cost: \$125 - Class size limited to 25 people

Includes: Video taping of your swing, Instruction, Lunch, Cart, Range Balls

Total Instruction Package

- **Set-up, Grip, Posture, Chipping, Putting, and Bunkers**
- **Short and Middle Irons, Fairway and Driver**
- **Pitching and Distance Control**
- **On Course Instruction**

Instructors:

- **Jeff VanEtten – Hickory Heights**
- **Richie Krebs – Hanover Country Club**
- **Ryan Paucek - Bon Air Country Club**
- **Tom Plunket – Bon Air Country Club**

Call the GolfShop to make your reservation!



Club Storage for 2009 is still available!

Club Storage includes: Clubs stored in a secure heated and air conditioned facility; Clubs Cleaned after each use; Upon signing in your clubs will be removed from storage and either placed on your cart or provided for your use. The cost is \$75 for the season, ending November 29th.



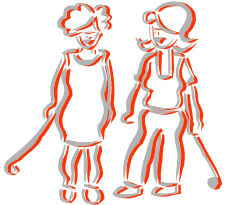
Ladies opening day -- Wednesday - April 15th

All Ladies of Bon Air Are Welcome!!!

THE LADIES OF BON AIR WILL HOLD THEIR OPENING DAY BEGINNING WITH COFFEE AT 8:30am WITH BREAKFAST AT 9:00am. WEATHER PERMITTING WE WILL PLAY A FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE FOLLOWING BREAKFAST.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MANY "OLD" FACES AS WELL AS MANY NEW ONES! RSVP BY APRIL 1ST, BY CONTACTING: CAROL SEITZ (717-747-0841) or SHIRLEY STAKE 717-428-1834. DUES MAY BE PAID ON OPENING DAY, MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "BON AIR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION"

BON AIR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION	\$25.00
HOLE IN ONE INSURANCE	4.00
YORK COUNTY DUES	20.00
BREAKFAST	10.00
Total Due	\$59.00



Nine Hole Lady Golfers.....2009 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 will be starting on Tuesday, April 7th with a reorganization meeting at 9:00 am, weather permitting golf will follow! If you are interested in joining us this season, please call the GolfShop or Connie Wood at 717-235-4114. We will be happy to include you in our plans.



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The Board of Directors has authorized that a survey be conducted regarding the desire of the membership to permit or restrict smoking within the fenced area of the pool. You will find a brief survey enclosed with your April statement, please return the survey with your payment. The results of the survey will provide input to the Board regarding the preference of the membership.



Swimming Pool News

- Statements for the 2009 pool season have been mailed to pool members. All pool members must pay their dues in full by May 1st in order to renew their pool membership.
- The pool membership is capped at 135; memberships that are not renewed will be filled from the waiting list for the pool, we have in excess of 60 people on the waiting list.
- The pool will be open for the season beginning May 23rd

..... TEAR ALONG DOTTED LINE

Please help us to reduce expenses for the NewsLetter by obtaining your copy of the Newsletter via the web site www.bonaircc.com. If are not receiving the NewsLetter in the mail and 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!

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Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

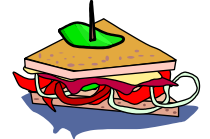
FRAN'S BURGERS AND DOGS



LIMITED FOOD SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED BY FRAN
ON WEEKENDS DURING APRIL!

BURGERS, DOGS, SANDWICHES, BREAKFAST ITEMS
AND BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE!

FOOD SERVICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:30AM UNTIL 2:00 PM



SPECIAL HOURS EASTER WEEKEND:
FRIDAY 8:00-2:00 SATURDAY 7:30-2:00
SUNDAY - CLOSED

THE SNACK BAR WILL BE OPEN DAILY FOR
THE SEASON STARTING MAY 2nd!



****WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY AFFECT HOURS OF OPERATION!****

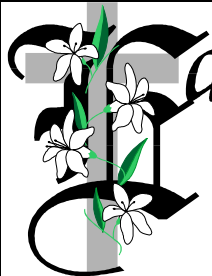


Men's Golf Committee

The Men's Golf Committee has established a fun and exciting tournament schedule for the upcoming golf season. A pocket version of the schedule was distributed with the recent bill. If you did not receive one, extra copies are available in the Pro Shop. We encourage all members to participate in the tournaments. One important change for the upcoming year - we will return to the Junior/Senior Cup Challenge. Watch for more information on this event, scheduled for September 26 – 27. Be sure to participate in the MGC events so that you can qualify for this fun event.

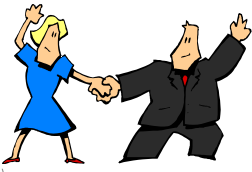
The Opening Day tournament will take place on Saturday, April 18th. The format will be a double-trouble scramble using computer-picked teams of 5. Signup sheets are posted in the 19th hole or you can register by calling the Pro Shop.

Raffle tickets will be distributed in early April. We encourage everyone to participate. Please note that these tickets provide your guest with a \$5 savings during weekday play. Moreover, proceeds from the ticket sales are used to make numerous improvements to the course and facilities. Most recently we have provided funds for the reconstruction of the 10th green. Look for some of our newest projects soon including installation of steps to the 11th tee and a new bridge over the creek on #3. The committee is working to develop a list of additional course improvements for the upcoming year. Help us to continue improving Bon Air by selling the raffle tickets.



Easter

On Easter Sunday, April 12th, the cart gate and clubhouse will close at 2:00 pm. All carts must be in the cart yard by 2:00 pm. The front gate will remain open for those that wish to walk.



From the Social Committee...

The Social Committee needs volunteers to help plan events at Bon Air. It is necessary to have a viable committee in order to have social functions. In years past we have had events such as Italian Night, Irish Pub Night, Crab Feast, Bull and Oyster Roast to name a few. These events were all organized and managed by members that volunteered their time and talents.

Recently, except for a few dedicated people the membership has not supported the Social Committee; similarly, the recent Social Committee survey resulted in less than twenty responses, indicating apathy by the membership. The real question now becomes are social functions a thing of the past? The Social Committee needs a chairperson, and a nucleus of members willing to serve on the committee. In order to have an event two people are needed to take the lead (or take ownership), this basically means, organizing, coordinating, and facilitating whatever needs to be done. Support is available from Bon Air staff to assist with advertising, caterer coordination, and many other details that need to be addressed in the planning process. The time commitment is small, but the reward of organizing a successful event is large. Contact Board liaison Jim Reck (410-848-6077) if you would like to join the committee or to obtain additional information.



The **Men's Wednesday Night League** will start Wednesday, May 6th. Again this year there will be a Handicap and Scratch division. The league will end on September 2nd with League Championship Play and the Crab Feast. Sign up sheets were posted on April 1, 2009, with sign-up ending April 27th. Sign-up will be by division.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd half winners; overall winners and winners of the end of season two night "also ran" tournament. The cost for the WNL will be \$50 per person, which will be billed and appear in your June statement. The course will be closed starting at 5:15 pm on Wednesdays May 6th through September 2nd.

FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES GOLF



- Play Golf in a Relaxed Format (e.g. scramble, etc.)
- We Play 9 holes of golf on the front nine
- Every Friday - 6:00 p.m.- beginning May 1st
- Reservations are not required
- Arrive at the Club by 5:45 for pairings and socializing

If you enjoy Good Food, a Cold Beverage, and Great People, Friday Night Couples Golf is for You!



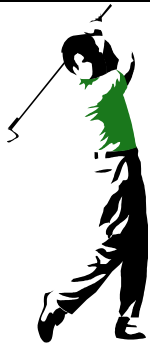
Once again the LPGA Championship is scheduled at Bulle Rock in Aberdeen, Maryland. This year the 2009 Championship will be held June 8 -June 14. There will be a Pro-AM Tournament on June 8th and 9th and a practice day on June 10th. The tournament rounds are Thursday June 11th thru Sunday June 14th.

Bon Air Country Club has again been selected to marshal the 10th hole for the 2009 LPGA Championship. This is a great hole to marshal. It is a starting hole for Thursday and Friday. I don't believe McDonald's will be involved in the future, the LPGA will determine when and where the event will be held in 2010. So this is the last opportunity to enjoy Bulle Rock with the **THE GIRLS THAT ROCK**. If you are interested in helping this year register on line

no later than May 1st at www.mcslpga.org or contact Joe Ward (Home 717-993-6981 or Work-717-235-5525) so that he can get you an application and answer any questions. Volunteers do not have to be members of Bon Air, if you know someone else that would be interested in being a volunteer please have them contact Joe Ward. Shifts will generally last between five and six hours, you should plan on volunteering at least one shift during the Pro-Am/Practice rounds. As to the exact days you can help that can be determined later.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE INFORMATION BELOW, SOME HAS APPEARED IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS AND REITERATES HELPFUL INFORMATION REGARDING SOME BASIC RULES AND ETIQUETTE AT BON AIR....



The Junior-Senior Cup is back!!

Because of conflicts in scheduling the Regents Glenn – Bon Air Challenge the event has been cancelled. In its place will be the Junior-Senior Cup that has been reinstated by the Men's Golf Committee. Participation will be based upon "points" earned participating in MGC tournaments; the top 28 point leaders will comprise the field for the Junior/Senior Tournament. The team make up will be determined by the Club Professional and his staff; the median age of the field as of August 22nd will be used as the initial criteria for team assignment. In the event there is obvious inequity in the make up of the team's adjustments may be made by the Head Professional reassigning those closest to the median age.

The Junior-Senior Cup will take place on September 26th and 27th. Details pertaining to time, course closing, and formats will be established at a later date.

BACC Dress Code

- ◆ Proper golf attire is required at all times and applies to everyone using any of the golf facilities, and includes the driving range and practice putting greens!
- ◆ Men's Dress Code: shirts with collars and sleeves with shirt tails tucked into slacks or shorts, slacks and golf shorts (not more than 4 inches above the knee).
- ◆ Ladies Dress Code: Dresses, shirts, slacks, skirts and golf shorts (not more than 4 inches above the knee).
- ◆ Jeans are not permitted at any time.
- ◆ Shoes must be worn at all times. Golf shoes with soft spikes are required; tennis shoes and soft-shoes are permitted.

The Bar in the ballroom will be open on weekends beginning April 18th.

- Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended operating hours will start May 1st :

- Fridays and Wednesdays 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm

The bartenders this year are Jolene, Travis, Janelle, and Tyler 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. 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 and illegal.



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.

Membership Update

Our membership cap is 375; we currently have 358 members. If you are aware of anyone thinking about joining Bon Air please tell them that now is the time to submit their application. Applications can be obtained in the GolfShop or from the web site www.bonaircc.com



HELP!!! If you are not receiving emails from the club, please send us an email at golfshop@bonaircc.com and request that you be added to the mailing list. This applies to both Golf and Pool Members!

2009 OPENING DAY



Saturday - April 18th
9:00 am Shotgun Start - Breakfast at 7:45 am

Format:
Double Trouble Scramble
Five Man Teams!!
Teams will be Computer Picked!

Sign-up in 19th Hole

Sign-up / Cancel Deadline is
Noon - Wednesday April 15th No exceptions!

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY FROM RECENT MEETINGS!



- Approved implementation of a wage freeze until April/May when the financial status of the club will be reviewed.
- Modified the use of "Irrigation Credit" to cover only greens fees and usage is restricted to once a year with up to three guests,
- Approved \$20,000 to be used for sand for bunkers
- Approved a request to hold an YCJGA tournament on Monday, July 20th. The course will be closed for morning tee times. The course will open for members one hour after the last group of tournament participants.
- Approved a "wellness clinic" for staff of SYCSD to be conducted by Ray Lingenfelter.

LADIES SOCIAL



Come out and meet the ladies of Bon Air at our first annual wine and cheese get together. Let's mingle, chat and get to know one another!

Thursday, April 23, 2009
At 6:00 p.m.

RSVP: Carol Hoffman - 410-343-0140
Shirley Stake - 717-428-1834

