

The Bon Air Newsletter



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Glen Rock, PA 17327**

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

Being the president of Bon Air has benefits that I never realized; I have met more people over the past 5 months than I have met in the past 9 years as a member! It is amazing how many folks want to discuss with me various aspects of Bon Air, for which I am appreciative.

Much of the conversation with the membership has dealt with etiquette issues, rules violations, and the condition of the bunkers. Etiquette is really the exercising of common courtesy to your fellow golfers and employing the "golden rule". Please remember to allow groups, even singles, to play through; rake bunkers, and repair divots and ball marks. The major complaint I receive regarding rules relates to golfers jumping holes in front of a group and/or not starting on hole #1. **NO ONE** is to start on other than the first hole unless given explicit permission by GolfShop staff. Jumping holes is absolutely forbidden under any circumstances; I have directed our head professional to enforce the rules, have a presence on the course to monitor play and to report violators of the rules to the Board of Directors.

Regarding the bunkers I have asked our Course Superintendent to address the bunkers in his report to the membership in this NewsLetter.



From your Course Superintendent...Butch Howard

Bunkers, or the lack of same, is a topic that I would like to address. In the fall of 2008 a proposal was presented to the Board of Directors and discussed at a general membership meeting. The scope of the proposal was to rebuild all bunkers; the approach to the methodology resulted in two proposals both for approximately \$225,000 when the cost of labor, materials, and sand are included. Exercising its fiduciary responsibility with consideration given to the

uncertainty of the economy and stability of the membership the BOD opted to postpone any initiative to rebuild the bunkers.

Right or wrong we now are presented with the reality of not having rebuilt the bunkers. I agree that the current status of the bunkers is generally deplorable; likewise as your course superintendent I am not happy with the bunkers. Over the past 3-4 years we have made extensive improvements in the quality of the fairways, rough, and greens; we now have to address the bunkers!

The playability of our bunkers is limited to many issues, but most importantly the problems are: lack of drainage; ripped, missing or damaged liners; and rocks leaching up from the damaged liners. We need to rebuild all of the bunkers to have bunkers that will be playable over the long term. The maintenance staff has spent many hours doing repairs to damaged bunkers with but short term benefit. The hours spent working on bunkers certainly can be better utilized tending to other areas of the course. The general membership may not realize that we have but four full time maintenance staff, the rest is either part-time or summer help. Needless to say, we have neither the staff nor the funding to do other than day-to-day maintenance and temporary repairs to bunkers.

There are several activities that are under way relative to bunkers. I have taken the initiative to have the left bunker on hole # 1 rebuilt employing a "sprayed-in liner" technique. I was able to negotiate with the contractor to rebuild the bunker at a "materials only" price; he is willing to absorb the labor cost as a show of good faith and to demonstrate the quality of the construction methodology. I am also in the process of negotiating with a second vendor to rebuild a set of bunkers on another hole wherein the "traditional" construction method will be employed. Though I am partial to the technique being used on Hole #1; having two different bunker construction methodologies will enable a valid assessment to be made.

In addition to the above initiatives the Greens and grounds Committee has been charged with establishing a committee to research and recommend potential solutions to remedy the bunker situation at Bon Air.

From your Course Superintendent...Butch Howard - Continued

The one solution to the bunker problem that is not a viable approach is adding sand to bunkers; this is but a short term fix and as soon as the first torrential rain comes we lose most of the sand...we have seen this over the last few weeks. The ultimate solution is to bite the bullet and commit the funds and have the bunkers rebuilt. The question on the table is whether the membership is willing to pay in the neighborhood of a quarter million dollars to do so?

In closing I do want to address another issue regarding the bunkers; there have been comments made that maybe the condition of the bunkers are such to make a point. To those who embrace such a ridiculous accusation you obviously do not know me nor are you aware of the strides that have been made to improve the course since I started at Bon Air in 2005. I take immense pride in my job and the results that have been achieved, there is no one more disappointed with the condition of the bunkers than me; but it is not possible to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear!



From your PGA Professional...Ryan Paucek

It is hard to believe that we are at the half way mark in the golf season; I guess it is true that when you are having fun time flies by! It has been an enjoyable start as your Golf Professional; the support of the membership has been outstanding and I truly want to thank you. Participation in tournaments has increased over recent years and the recent Member-Guest and Pro-Am events were immensely successful! We have had a great turnout for the Junior program and the addition of Peter Grove and Tom Plunkett as

instructors has raised the bar. In observing the junior golfers there is much potential in the youth of Bon Air.

There is still much golf to be played in 2009, some great times to enjoy the club are weekend evenings and with the longer days one can still get in 9 holes with a 7:00 pm start. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities for a leisurely golf experience.

I want to reiterate that it is required that all members stop in the GolfShop prior to going onto the course; likewise, you must start on hole #1 unless given permission to start anywhere else. Your cooperation is requested in obeying the rules of the club. GolfShop staff will be on the course with the intent of monitoring play and being of assistance where possible.

For those of you that have accumulated "shop credit" please remember that ***GolfShop credit must be redeemed by December 1, 2009!*** The calendar of events has a wide variety of golfing opportunities for men, women, and juniors; I encourage you to take the time to explore the calendar and enhance your golfing pleasure. Because we have a busy calendar there are times when planned activities may impact play, so check the calendar on a regular basis; also, you are welcome to call the GolfShop and check to make sure the calendar is open.

Membership Update

Our membership cap is 375; we currently have 373 members. Our membership drive is still under way; the initiation fee has been temporarily lowered to \$2,000. Membership applications and information can be obtained in the GolfShop or from the web site www.bonaircc.com



Cart Rules Summary

- KEEP YOUR CART ON THE CART PATH ON ALL PAR 3 HOLES.
- HANDICAP CARTS MAY DRIVE UP THE BACK OF HOLE #8; NO CLOSER THAN 15 FEET OF THE GREEN.
- PARK CARTS ON THE CART PATH ADJACENT TO ALL GREENS; WALK TO YOUR BALL FROM THE CART PATH.
- CARTS ARE TO BE NO CLOSER TO A GREEN OR BUNKER THAN 30 FEET; 15 FEET FOR DESIGNATED HANDICAP CARTS.
- DO NOT DRIVE CARTS TO THE RIGHT OF HOLES 5, 9, 11, & 12.
- DO NOT DRIVE CARTS TO THE LEFT OF HOLES 4, 6, 13, 15, & 18
- VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION!



18 Hole Ladies June Lady Events Winners

June 3rd

1 Best Ball - Net 63

Carol Smith - Mary Lu Mixon - Rita Miles - Madeline DePangrazio

June 10th

Bingle - Bangle - Bungle

Pat Fielder 20 pts - Tie for 2nd with 19 points Marjie Heagy & Vicki Miller

June 17th

2 BB Front - 1 BB Back Net 95

Marjie Heagy - Mary Lu Mixon - Judith Bradley - Pat Lowder

June 24th

2 BB Front - 1 BB Back Net 92

Brenda Atkinson - Diane Seitz - Marjie Heagy - Carol Seitz

*****JULY AND AUGUST Tee Time 8:30 Sign In 8:00*****



Nine Hole Lady Golfers.....2009 Season



The nine-hole ladies entertained guests for their annual member-guest held Tuesday June 30. We celebrated "Everyone's Birthday" with a two person scramble. Before starting golf a special presentation of a bench donated by the nine-hole ladies (to be placed near #10 men's tee area when it arrives) was made to Barry Black, BACC Board Member for grounds and greens; Butch Howard, course superintendent; and Ryan Paucek and Tom Plunkett, golf professionals. The tournament concluded with lunch and awarding prizes to everyone with 1st Diana Spooner/Shirley Smorada; 2nd Carol Williams/Carol Kittell; and Connie Wood/Irene Wood. Closest to the line on #13 was Ginny Alpaugh and closest to the pin on #14 was Colleen Burke.

Twilight Couples.....

Sunday Twilight golf continues the third Sunday of the month thru October. Next outing is Sunday July 19 at 4:00 PM. All couples are welcome. Sign up sheet is outside the men's locker room on bulletin board. Sign up, bring a covered dish and join the fun.



Men's Golf Committee

We encourage you to participate in our upcoming events. Also, please continue to support the MGC by buying/selling raffle tickets; the next drawing is June 27. Raffle tickets can be obtained in the GolfShop.

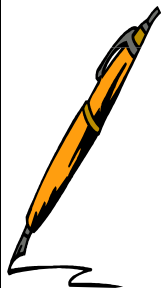
The Men's Golf Committee would like to thank those who have participated in our recent events, turn out has been very good this year, Congratulations to the winners of the recent tournaments at Bon Air:

- President's Cup tournament - Jerry O'Malley and Jeff Champlin tied for first place with a score of +3
- Senior Club Championship – **Gross:** Ray Lingenfelter **Net:** Joe Itzoe

Upcoming events include the 1-2-3 Tournament on July 25th and the 2-day Member-Member Tournament on August 1st and 2nd. Sign-up in the 19th hole or by contacting the Pro Shop.

Please help support the Men's Golf Committee and Bon Air by selling your raffle tickets. There are still two more drawings left! All proceeds go toward improving the golf course. As an example, the Men's Golf Committee has recently purchased a new greens roller for Butch and his staff using income generated from the raffle. Help us continue to make improvements to Bon Air! Also, remember that use of the raffle tickets saves \$5 during weekday play. Anyone who did not receive tickets or anyone who needs extra tickets, please stop by the GolfShop.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY FROM RECENT MEETINGS IN 2009



- Approved request by the Men's Golf Committee to pursue cost study to laser level tees.
- Authorized the MGC to purchase tees and provide to members at no charge.
- Agreed to have the audio system moved from closet..
- Authorized a contract with Lee Alwine to replace and install 57 feet of wrought iron railing on the balcony at a cost of \$5,300.
- To avoid jeopardizing the Club's status with the USGA the BOD directed that there will be no Calcutta type event for any tournament at Bon Air.
- Approved the YCAGA Better Ball Tournament to be held at Bon Air on Sunday, April 10, 2011
- Authorized solicitation of proposals for a Point of Sale System for use at the club.



The Bon Air Family continues to grow. Below are the names of recent new golf members to join the Club:

Steve & Lesley Crane
Douglas & Mary Knox

Nathan Coulter
Joel Stoneburg

Vernon & Michelle Kelly
Ken & Darryl Thomas

The Bar in the ballroom is currently open as follows:

- Wednesdays and Fridays 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Thursdays in July 1:00 – 7:00 (With special pricing)
- Beginning June 11th – Thursdays 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm



The bartenders this year are Travis, Janelle, Kim, Kathy, and Tyler; stop by and say hello! Remember, when the Snack Bar is open food orders can be placed at the bar!

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



2009 Holes In One

APRIL 17	BETTY WINNER	HOLE # 2	13 WOOD
APRIL 18	TOM FIELDER	HOLE # 14	7 IRON
MAY 9	BILL OPPITZ	HOLE # 8	4 IRON
MAY 20	BILL LEWIS	HOLE # 16	6 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:

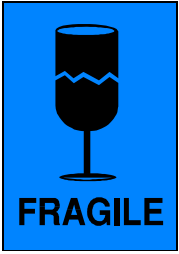
- Noon Group – 9:30 am Monday thru Friday
- Three o'clock group – 3:30 Monday through Friday (2:00 pm on Wednesdays)
- Weekend and Holiday Groups
 - Early Risers (or Dew Sweepers) – 7:00 am
 - "A" Group – 8:00 am
 - "B" Group – 8:30 am

Blogging is coming to the Bon Air Web Site! Our webmaster, Dave Gibson will soon be implementing a short "how to" guide for logging into the blog and adding new posts. Keep an eye on the web site www.bonaircc.com. Embracing the "blogosphere" will enhance our ability to better communicate with the membership!



Thank You Thank You!!!

On two recent weekends, members Joe Kurisch, Dave VanArsdale and Gordon Smith restored our storage cabin adjacent to the seventh tee. Despite dislodging thousands of yellow jackets and hornets, no stings were reported. There were over 100 holes in the siding from errant golf shots, and the former roof was of the see-through variety. In this photo, Joe (right), and Dave, were dodging the hornets.



Please remember that the pool is now open and children are walking outside the fenced area of the pool. Our children are fragile and special care needs to be taken when driving a golf cart. We have received numerous complaints of “near misses”; remember pedestrians have the right-of-way. Please drive slowly and be cautious at blind corners when on the cart ways around the pool and club house! Golfers need to be aware that families are coming and going near the pool and snack bar area and should be allowed the consideration to come and go safely.



Swimming Pool News



We have had a noteworthy year in 2009. For the first time in memory we had to drain the pool because of the torrential rains that washed top soil into the pool. Thanks to the hard work of Evan, Becca, Tyler, and Kerry the pool was drained, cleaned, and filled with water in two days!

- Just a reminder that you are responsible for the conduct of your children. Lifeguards are charged with ensuring a safe area, not baby sitting children.
- 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. If you are in doubt concerning whether the pool is open call the GolfShop 717-235-2091 to inquire about the status of the pool.
- For the safety and enjoyment of pool users there is to be neither Ball Playing nor throwing of any objects inside the fenced pool area.
- There are still some openings for swim lessons; call Patrick (717-676-8699) to find out if a slot is open for the week and category you are seeking.. Swim applications are available on the club’s web site www.bonaircc.com or in the GolfShop.
- 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.
- Remember, the picnic tables outside the fenced area of the pool are for general use, please share with other members.

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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 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.

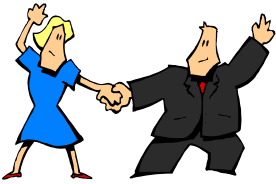
RETURN THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WANT THE NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOU!

Name _____ Member Number _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

From the Social Committee...



A small but enthusiastic group of members are working on planning various social functions for the 2009 season. If you are interested in contributing to this group please contact Board liaison Jim Reck (410-848-6077) to join the committee or to obtain additional information.

Several events are currently planned: for July - Summer Night by the Pool on Friday July 17th and a Crab Feast on Saturday July 25th - see the posters in this NewsLetter! On August 22nd there will be "Pub Night" in the ballroom with Tommy McCann's Irish band - details are being finalized and will be put on the web site and emailed to members as soon as possible! So, mark your calendars and save the dates!

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!

Standings Through June for the Coveted "Couples Cup"

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| 1. Dave and Mary Lu Mixon | 4. Bruce and Brenda Atkinson |
| 2. Jay and Debbie Levy | 5. Gary and Margie Liss |
| 3. Hugh and Wendy McLaughlin | 6. Jerry and Rita O'Malley |

Upcoming Food Schedule

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| July 10-Men cook | July 17-Fran cook | July 24-Ladies cook |
| July 31-Order out | August 7-Men cook | August 14-Fran cook |

Mark Your Calendar!

Ongoing weekday events that affect play:

Tuesdays in July and August

- 9 Hole Ladies - Alternating weeks the front or back is closed from 8:30 am - 11:00 am
Front closed on 7/7 and 7/21; Back closed on 7/14 and 7/28
Front closed on 8/4 and 8/18; Back closed on 8/11 and 25

Wednesdays in July and August

- 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 and through August 13th

- Junior Golf "play days" began July 2nd; the front will have Junior Golfers from 8:00 am until 11:00 am

Fridays through September

- 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 July, August & September that affect Play:

July - 2009

- 1st - Ladies Member-Guest
Course is closed until 1 pm
- 5th - Mixed Couples Tournament
1:00 pm Shotgun Start
1st Tee Closes at 10:00
1st Tee reopens at 5:30
- 16th - Private Outing
1:00 pm Shotgun Start
1st Tee Closes at 10:00
1st Tee reopens at 3:30
- 19th - Twilight Couples 4pm
1st Tee closed from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- 25th - 1-2-3 Tournament 8:30 am
Course is closed until 1 pm

August - 2009

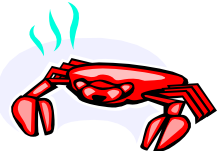
- 1st & 2nd - Member-Member Tournament
8:30 Tee Times
- 16th - Mid-Amateur Tournament
Course Closed until 6:00 pm
- 22nd - Hall of Fame Tournament
Course Closed until 1:00 pm
- 23rd - Twilight Couples 4pm
1st Tee closed from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- 29th & 30th - Club Championship Qualifying
8:30 Tee Times

September - 2009

- 5th thru 7th - Club Championship Weekend
- 8th & 9th - Greens Aerification

CRAB FEAST

Saturday July 25th 7-12 pm



Menu

Steamed Crabs, Pit Beef, Turkey & Ham
Crab Soup - Corn on the Cob - Bar BQ Chicken
Hot Dogs & Beans
Mac & Cheese - Sausage & Peppers
Zucchini & Tomatoes
Assorted Cheeses & Fresh Vegetables
Beer & Soda



--- Food Served 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm ---
---Catered by Atlantic Catering ---



Pool Side DJ Music

Cost: \$55 per person

For Reservations a Sign up Sheet is on the Bulletin Board Outside of the GolfShop
or contact: Judy Holloway at 717-235-8504 or email: hollowayfam@prodigy.net

Reservations Required by July 17th
*** Limit of 160 People -- Guests Welcome***
Volunteer to set up and get preferred seating choice!
No Cancellations After July 17th!

POOL NIGHT!

Friday - July 17th

Pool will stay open until 10 PM!



Snack Bar will stay open until 9 PM!

Bar will be open until 10 PM!



Bring your family and spend an evening by the pool!

**Grab Dinner, a Snack
or Your favorite Beverage**

Let the week's worries just fade away....