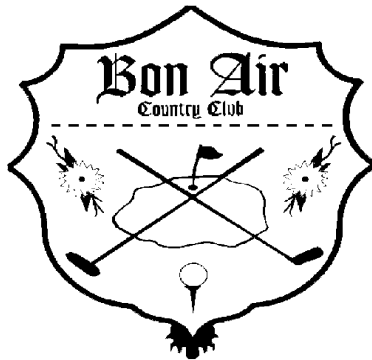


The Bon Air NewsLetter



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

The Bunker Committee continues to move forward in obtaining proposals. As was communicated to you via recent email Golf Course Architect, Dan Schlegel has been retained to manage the bid process; we will communicate further as bids are received and evaluated. To further maintain a high level of communication with the membership regarding the Bunker Project I have enclosed in the NewsLetter a letter from Schlegel Golf Course Design reflecting a summary of their findings and recommendations. I hope you find this letter both insightful and informative.

We just completed our Men's and Ladies Championship and I not only want to congratulate Mark Coburn – Men's Champion, Shirley Stake - 18 hole Ladies Champion, and Mary Allulis – 9 Hole Ladies Champion but also all of you who participated in the 2009 Championship.

A special thank you to Butch Howard and Larry Lau who with the help of their staff had the course in outstanding condition. The Maintenance Crew went the extra mile in doing everything possible to have the course in great shape. I also want to recognize our Head Professional and his staff for the outstanding job in organizing and coordinating the Club Championship. Once again we members of Bon Air are the benefactors of the commitment and perseverance of a small group of employees; thank you for a job well done!

You've probably all noticed the "golfer guy" who has been living in the Pro Shop for the past couple of months. This statue was donated to the club by the Friday Night Couples group and in the next few weeks will be moving to his permanent home in the flower bed on the hill in front of the GolfShop. Many thanks to the Couples for their generous contribution. Likewise, have you noticed the new shrubbery in front of the clubhouse adjacent to the walk-in cooler? A big thank you to Barry and Jane Black for designing, procuring and planting the shrubs and trees in front of the clubhouse. The plantings were really well thought out and will take attention away from the cooler as they mature. Again I am overwhelmed by the gifts of time and talent we receive from such a diverse group of members.

Though I wish I could continue to share praise for the good that we see; there are several areas that have been brought to my attention that need your help! We continue to have issues with cigarette butts (particularly filters) being deposited in bunkers, around tees and greens. If you smoke please be considerate about disposing of your butts. If you are playing with someone that throws their cigarette butt on the ground remind them to use trash receptacles. Also, the dress code is becoming more of an issue. I have directed the GolfShop Staff be more observant in enforcing the dress code. But, you as members have an obligation to be aware of the dress code and abide by it. Finally, when you bring guests, which we welcome, you are responsible for their conduct and adherence to the dress code.

Again I want to remind you that we will be soliciting members to consider serving on the Board of Directors; please give serious thought of throwing your hat in the ring. Though serving on the Board has its challenges, the rewards far exceed the challenges. If you are giving consideration to serving as a Board member and would like information about duties, responsibilities, and time commitment please contact me or any other Board member.



From your Course Superintendent...Butch Howard

With the bulk of the golf season over, as I look back it has been an incredible season, so far! But, though we have been challenged to keep the course in good playing condition I also want to thank many of you for your continued support and compliments. That does not mean that I am satisfied, which I may never be, and will rest on our laurels; there are many projects forthcoming that upon completion will raise the bar even higher in Bon Air

becoming the premiere golf venue in the county. Two near term initiatives are the installation of drains on the greens for holes 16 and 13. The current schedule has work starting on #16 green on October 19th; a temporary green will be in place. Immediately following will be drain installation on #13 green; again a temporary green will be in place. In both cases the green will be closed throughout the remaining part of fall and will remain closed until spring.

Just to remind you that aerifying will continue as we work on tee boxes and the fairways; please allow maintenance staff to perform the task at hand and do not hit into them, your cooperation and patience is appreciated. We have completed greens aerification, then tees and finally fairways. The fall aerification is analogous to a six month dental check-up; absent periodic maintenance a major price will be paid. So, bear with us as we do the necessary work to make the course better. Your patience is appreciated in allowing maintenance staff to do this essential maintenance.



From your PGA Professional....Ryan Paucek

I want to say what a great thrill it has been to experience my initial Club Championship as your head PGA Professional. The support and participation by the membership was outstanding! The Championship play was both exciting and interesting to watch. Though a success my observations do tell me that we need to do a critical review of the processes and procedures to see how to create a more seamless event. Though 2010 is really just around the corner, I hope that each of you will take the time to enjoy the wonderful facility we have at Bon Air.

Even though we are coming to the later part of the golf season there are still numerous events at Bon Air. Of particular note is the Fall Member-Guest on October 10th; the start time is 1:00 pm and the format is a scramble with modified handicap. A catered dinner will follow the tournament.

The GolfShop has a nice selection of fall clothing with more to arrive; much of the summer apparel is now on sale, stop in the GolfShop and check out the merchandise. I have started ordering 2010 merchandise, both apparel and equipment. In 2010 look for equipment from Mizuno, Titleist, Callaway, and Taylor Made. A "demo day" will be scheduled in the spring where manufacturer's representatives will be present with their 2010 line and offer fitting. Special discounts will again be offered on "demo day".

As a reminder, for those of you that have accumulated "shop credit" please remember that **GolfShop credit must be redeemed by December 1, 2009!** 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.



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

James & Fran Allman
Michael Romantowski

Chris Carpenter

Charles King III
Kevan & Tammy Vetter

Membership Update

Our membership cap is 375; we currently have 373 members, which include pending applications for membership. 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!



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 – 3:00 Monday through Friday
- Weekend and Holiday Groups
 - Early Risers (or Dew Sweepers) – 7:00 am
 - "A" Group – 8:00 am
 - "B" Group – 8:30 am

Note: watch for posted signs reflecting upcoming changes in "Group Play" times.

18 Hole Ladies August Lady Events Winners

August 5th 1 BB Par 5's – 2 BB Par 4's – 3 BB Par 3's - *Net 109*
Pat Fielder - Carol Seitz - Brone Folderaurer – Margie Heagy

August 18th Past Chairladies Tournament – Play Against Par - *Even*
Dot Ruby

August 26th 1 Best Ball Front – 2 Best Balls Back - *Net 93*
Shirley Stake - Dot Ruby - Pat Lowder - Vicki Miller

2009 LADIES CLUB CHAMPION – Shirley Stake
 RUNNER UP - Donna Ensor

1st FLIGHT:

CHAMPION: Carol Seitz
 RUNNER UP: Pat Lowder

2nd FLIGHT:

CHAMPION: Carol Hoffman
 RUNNER UP: Mary Lu Mixon



Nine Hole Lady Golfers.....2009 Season



Nine - hole ladies - Congratulations to Mary Allulis winning the nine-hole ladies championship. We would like to thank Bon Air Country Club staff for all their help in making our two day championship a success

Twilight Couples.....

Sunday Twilight golf continues the third Sunday of the month thru October. Next outing is Sunday September 20th at 4:00 PM. The 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

Thanks for all that participated in the MGC 2009 Championship; and congratulations to our Club Champion Mark Coburn and all the Flight Champions! Below are Champions and the runner up of each Flight:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:

CHAMPION: Mark Coburn
 RUNNER UP: Scott Knouse

1st FLIGHT:

CHAMPION: Derek Madsen
 RUNNER UP: Charlie Dolan

2nd FLIGHT:

CHAMPION: Greg Anderson
 RUNNER UP: Tom Fielder

3rd FLIGHT:

CHAMPION: Dave Gibson
 RUNNER UP: Norm Flowers

4th FLIGHT:

CHAMPION: Bill Alt
 RUNNER UP: Mitch Fox

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY FROM THE AUGUST 2009 MEETING



- There was discussion concerning course morning opening time. There is concern that the number of gofers starting play before 7 am continues to grow and the affect on the maintenance crew's ability to prepare the course for the day in a timely manner.
- The Fairway #10 drain needs significant repairs as a result of damage caused by recent storms. Jim Holley reviewed the storm damage with Butch and will report at the September meeting on planned improvements to prevent further wash outs.
- Two other projects that have been put on the table to think about during the budget process are dredging the ponds and paving the entrance road from the cul-de-sac to the parking lot.
- Approved a request by John Piermatteo to place a memorial plaque at the base of the tree planted in his mother's memory near #10 green.

Some reminders regarding how you can help maintain the quality of the course:

- All divots in the fairway should be repaired using the sand mix in the bottles on the carts.
- Walkers with pull carts can pick-up a small bottle of divot mix by the stand adjacent to the entrance to the men's 19th hole.
- All divots on the tees should be repaired using the sand mix found in the containers on the tees.
- Pay attention to signs on the course regarding carts. Always park the cart on the cart path when on the green, do not park on the grass to the side or back of any green.
- Place all bunker rakes back in the bunker after use (labels are now on each rake indicating the rakes should be placed in the bunker; they should be placed (not thrown) in the sand with the handle parallel to the margin of the bunker); and knock the sand off of your shoes prior to walking on the green.
- Please discard cigarette and cigar butts in appropriate containers. Do not place butts in golf carts or leave on the course.
- The incidence of golfers not repairing ball marks on greens has increased. The instructions below describe the correct method of repairing ball marks, your help is appreciated.

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.



To All Who Elect to Smoke---

The decision to smoke is very personal. However, for those that smoke there are two factors that we ask you to consider: 1. Please do not discard a butt on the course, in a cart, or any other place except a receptacle; 2. Remember, we are a non smoking facility; which applies to the entire club house, snack bar deck, and fenced area of the pool. The only areas around the club house where smoking is permitted is the front entrance porch and the patio outside the ballroom.

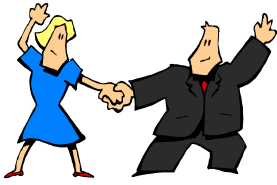
The Bar in the ballroom will be open through October as follows:

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

Other bar hours will be scheduled to support special events.

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





From the Social Committee...

A small but enthusiastic group of members continue to work on planning various social functions for the 2009 / 2010 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. Please see the poster included in the NewsLetter with details regarding Moon Light Golf on Friday, October 2nd!



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
AUGUST 1	AL TAYLOR	HOLE # 14	WEDGE

Mark Your Calendar!

Ongoing weekday events that affect play:

- Tuesdays in September; 9 Hole Ladies - Alternating weeks the front or back is closed from 9:00 am – 11:00 am
 - Front closed on 9/15 and 9/29; Back closed on 9/22
- Tuesdays in October; 9 Hole Ladies - Alternating weeks the front or back is closed from 9:00 am – 11:00 am
 - Back closed on 10/6; Front closed on 10/13
- Wednesdays in September through October 21st
18 Hole Ladies - The 1st Tee is closed from 8:45 am – 9:30 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

Remember, the Susquehannock High School Golf Team will be practicing from 3:15 until 5:30 during the week; they will allow golfers to play through. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Other events in September & October that affect Play:

September

- 8th & 9th - Greens Aerification
- 10th - 18 - Tee and Fairway Aerification
- 19th - Fall Better-Ball
8:30 Shotgun start
Course Closed until 1:00 pm
- 20th - Twilight Couples
Front Nine Closed from 4– 6:00 pm
- 23rd - YCWGA Team Party
Course Closed until 1:00 pm
- 26th - Bon Air Cup – Day 1
One Group only at 7:30 am
Course closed immediately after
Group tees off until 3:00 pm
- 27th - Bon Air Cup – Day 2
Normal Group Play
1st Tee Closed from 9:30 – 11:30

October

- 8th - Private Outing
Course Closed until 1:30 pm
- 10th - Fall Member-Guest
1:00 pm Shotgun Start
Course Closed until 6:00 pm
- 17th - Men's Closing day Tournament
9 am Shotgun Start
Course closed until 1:30 pm
- 18th - Twilight Couples
Front Nine Closed from 4– 6:00 pm
- 21st - Ladies Closing Day Tournament
Course will be closed, times will be
published at a later date
- 31st - Cross Country Tournament
10:00 am Shot Gun
Course Closed until 2:30 pm

..... TEAR ALONG DOTTED LINE

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

Name _____ Member Number _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____



July 22, 2009

Bon Air Country Club Members:

Schlegel Golf Course Design has been retained by your Club to prepare construction documents, specifications, and bid forms for the redesign, shifting, and/or elimination of the bunkers throughout the golf course. We will also be involved during the construction process to insure that the selected contractor is building the new features to the intent of the design. Daniel Schlegel, ASGCA, with over twenty years of experience in the golf design industry, will over see all work on the project.

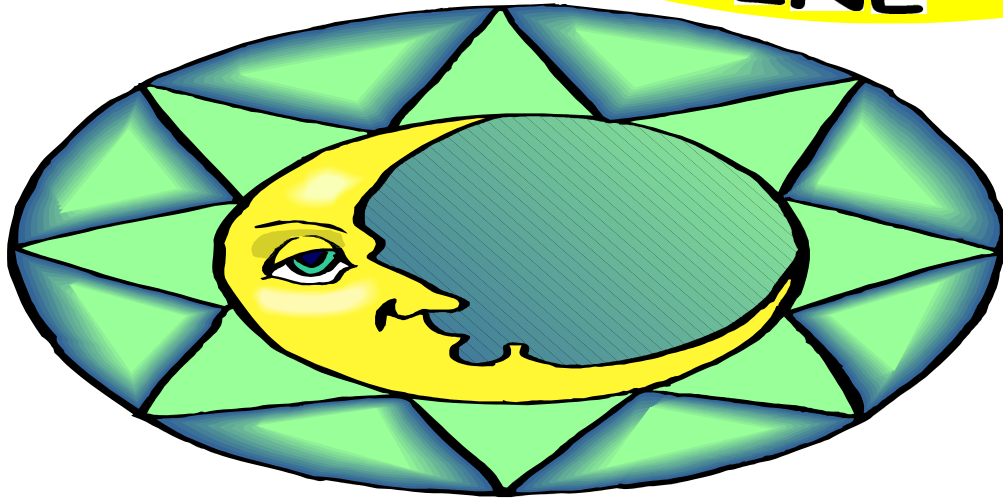
In general, the existing bunkers on the golf course are in poor condition. The bunkers consistently exhibit the following characteristics:

- They have outgrown their original shapes to the point where excess sand area is being maintained.
- They typically have a low side edge that has excessive sand build up, blocking visibility into the sand bays.
- The sand limits (edges) are quite high and encourage sand migration during periods of heavy rain. This also causes the bunkers to be maintenance intensive.
- The sand is contaminated with silt and rocks.
- They drain poorly.
- Many of the greenside bunkers are too close to the putting surfaces, undermining the green cavity and creating difficult and unsafe maintenance practices.
- Most of the bunkers that have been previously renovated are not able to be maintained and are in terrible shape (actually played as ground under repair).

The proposed designs will endeavor to solve all these problems and any other issues that develop during discussions with Club representatives. The bunkers will have a consistent style with regard to grass/sand faces, depths, contour, and position (from the green edge). All bunkers will be constructed in a manner that they have extensive subsurface drain lines, liners (if and where appropriate), and a consistent depth of sand.

When bunkers are properly built and presented to the golfers, there are few other features on a golf course that create heightened visual excitement. We look forward to working with the Club and helping with the improvement of the overall facility.

MOONLIGHT GOLF
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd
--RAIN OR SHINE--



DINNER 7:00 PM

GOLF...8:00 P.M.

DESSERT FOLLOWING GOLF
GOLF, FOOD, BEER, WINE & SODA

*****CASH BAR FOR MIXED DRINKS*****

\$50.00 PER COUPLE

MAX OF 50 PLAYERS

SIGN-UP / CANCEL BY SEPTEMBER 28TH