

The Bon Air Newsletter

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From the President of the Board of Directors... Eric Porter



As I begin my term as the President of Bon Air Country Club I realize that my last four years as a member of the Board of Directors has been a true learning experience. A significant lesson learned has been how important it is to offer a kind word and a thank you to the many members and staff that make Bon Air such a fantastic venue. Of particular note are Layton Lyon, Jim Holley, and Jim Reck all who have completed their terms on the Board. The significant contributions that are made are many times not openly visible, but the results speak for themselves. We have a spectacular facility, at affordable rates and a reasonably stable membership that has enabled us to prosper. For all of the members of the Club, I offer a well deserved thank you to Layton, Jim and Jim.

Likewise, Laverne Gladfelter (or Glady) has retired after many years of service as our Business Manager. Our heartfelt thanks to Glady for his contributions to Bon Air and we wish him well in his retirement.

There are many new and exciting "things" at Bon Air that will enable us to continue to offer value for the dollar. The origin of the years of success of Bon Air has been the volunteerism from the membership. We have three new Board members, Bill Heiser, Joe Herkalo, and Kathy Fox, each brings unique knowledge and experience that will benefit the Club as a whole. We have a "rejuvenated" social committee at Bon Air that possess significant enthusiasm and are willing to reach out to the membership to encourage participation. Please support the upcoming functions, it is a great way to meet new people or just be with old friends! If you are interested in joining any of the various committees at Bon Air please call the Golf Shop and a contact will be provided. Committees that are always looking for new faces include: Golf, Greens and Grounds, House, Membership and the Social Committee.

The day-to-day operation of the Club is in the capable hands of our paid staff and tends to run smoothly. I want to welcome Shirley Stake as our bookkeeper; she brings to us years of experience and has made significant contributions over the past few months. We also have a major change in the Golf Shop; Tom Plunkett resigned from Bon Air to take a position at Lebanon Country Club. Our new assistant is Travis Conres; who most recently was the assistant at Media Heights Golf Club. Travis graduated from the York Technical Institute where he majored in the Golf Management Program. Ryan and Travis will be offering lessons, clinics, and our Junior Golf Program.

The Men's Golf Committee has presented their 2011 schedule; there will be 8 Saturday events, Spring and Fall Member Guest, Pro-Am, and the Junior-Senior Cup. Tournament play is a great way to experience golf and play with other members. The Ladies Golf Committee offers ladies the opportunity to play on Wednesdays; focus is also directed at getting the new golfer involved in "low key" golf events for both recreation and socializing.

We have had a great winter, from the perspective of the golf course; damage by winter play was minimal, the snow insulated the turf, and the cold will have killed many burrowed insects. From the golfers perspective it has not been a good winter, but patience will be rewarded. Our Course Superintendent's objective is to open the course in a timely manner, however wet conditions will have an impact on play and cart use; please understand that damage caused at this time of the year does not heal and it will be months for new growth to appear. Your understanding is appreciated.

Our membership is currently at 330 members with a cap of 375; we have initiated a two phase membership drive in an effort to attract more members. We have sent letters to former members offering incentives to come back to Bon Air; and we will be advertising in area newspapers in early spring. However, the most effective advertising is word of mouth by our members; please invite friends, family and colleagues to become part of the Bon Air family. Questions regarding membership can be directed to the Golf Shop or Fred Brehm, our membership chairman.

I look forward to being your president and welcome any input that will help me serve you better!

From Our PGA Professional ... Ryan Paucek



Believe it or not, spring will soon be here and Bon Air will be back in full swing. Even though the course has been closed for quite some time, we have been doing a lot of preliminary work for the up and coming season.

Unfortunately, our assistant Tom Plunkett will not be returning this season. Tom has taken the 1st Assistant Golf Professional position at Lebanon Country Club. I'm sure we can all agree that Tom will be missed as he was a great worker and carried a friendly personality. We like to wish him the best as he expands his career.

With Tom's departure I commenced the search process for an Assistant Golf Professional for Bon Air Country Club. At the February Board of Directors meeting, the board members approved Travis Contres as Assistant Golf Professional at Bon Air. Last season Travis worked as the Assistant Golf Professional at Meadia Heights Golf Club; and is currently working part time as a Sales Associate at Golf Etc. in Lancaster County. Travis recently completed his PGA Player's Ability Test and will be entering PGA PGM Program this spring. As a new employee at any golf facility, meeting and remembering all of the faces and names can be somewhat overwhelming. Please take some time and introduce yourself and welcome Travis to the Bon Air family.

Our Men's and Women's Golf Committees have put together a very attractive tournament schedule for this season. Keep an eye out for some new events for both Men and Women this year. The pocket calendars are in the printing process and will be mailed out with the Men's Golf Committee raffle tickets. Extra calendars will be available in the pro shop and a copy will be available on our website. More specific tournament information will become available once we get closer to the events.

Golf lessons are a great way to start out the golfing season. We will still be offering video instruction at Bon Air. I have acquired the JC Video Golf Analysis system which some of you may have seen in the ballroom this past winter. All video analysis lessons include a take home CD for the convenience of reviewing the lesson in your own home. Look for lesson prices around the facility and on the website.

Once again, we will be holding our one day golf school. This year it is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Along with Travis and me, returning instructors for this year are Jeff VanEtton from Hickory Heights, and Richie Krebs from Hanover Country Club. The cost for the school is \$130.00 per person and members may bring guests. This price includes: instruction, video-taped analysis with take home CD, lunch, and range balls. A wonderful way to start the new golfing season is with a revamped golf swing. Please call the pro shop to sign up.

We will soon be receiving new merchandise in the pro shop. This year we will have a nice selection of demo irons and woods from various companies. Again, with the volume of retail competition in the area I will strive to offer products at competitive prices. If there is a particular product you are interested in that you may have seen for a lower price elsewhere, please ask me and I would be able to match and/or beat the competition. Our Demo Day is scheduled for April 23rd and special Demo Day prices will be in effect that day only. Vendors will include, Callaway, Mizuno, and Ping.

Again, all of us in the Pro Shop are looking forward to the up coming season. We hope to see all of you out here shortly.

A Message from our Superintendent..... Butch Howard



With another winter just about under our belts I am looking forward to the upcoming golf season. The winter has really been kind to the course which should yield benefits as spring arrives. I want to thank everyone for their understanding as we managed play. As the weather moderates and the maintenance staff start to work on the course I will be scheduling a “workday” for Saturday, April 2nd for any member willing and able to volunteer to help remove debris from the course. Details will be communicated to the membership later in the month.

One negative of the snow on the course was the impact on some work that we hoped to accomplish. As soon as weather permits we will be installing a drain by hole # 3 green in an effort to eliminate the wet areas; likewise we will be installing drains in the fairway of # 9 fairway. Another project that needs to be completed is constructing a berm on the right side of # 10 fairway to divert runoff into the drain. Even though we were unable to do course maintenance our staff spent significant time repairing and painting equipment, posts, and course hardware.

A project that your maintenance department completed this winter was the refinishing of the wood floor and bar in the ballroom. The surfaces were sanded to remove the old finish with sealer and polyurethane applied. The finished product is a significant improvement and with the increase in ballroom use the refinished floor is *aesthetically* pleasing!

With the start of the golf season please remember that there will be frost delays in early spring, your cooperation will again be appreciated in understanding the need to delay course access. It is my goal to make the course available for play as soon as possible; likewise my ultimate objective is to provide a well maintained course that adds to the enjoyment of the game of golf.

The driving range is now open for mats only! When we are able to fully open the range please remember that mats are to be used on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; the grass hitting areas will be available on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The grass area that is to be used will be designated by the roped off area. Your cooperation is appreciated when using the driving range; doing so will benefit all members of the club.



Golf School

Tuesday, April 19th

Registration Check-in 9:30 am

Instruction 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$130 - Class size limited to 25 people

Includes: Video taping of your swing, Golf Booklet, Lunch, Range Balls

Total Instruction Package

- *Set-up, Grip, Posture, Chipping, Putting, and Bunkers**
- *Short and Middle Irons, Fairway and Driver**
- *Pitching and Distance Control**
- *Video Analysis**

Instructors:

- Jeff Van Etten – Hickory Heights**
- Ryan Paucek - Bon Air Country Club**
- Travis Contres - Bon Air Country Club**
- Richie Krebs - Hanover Country Club**



Call the Golf Shop to make your reservation!

Men's Golf Committee News... Antonio Prezioso

It has been a busy offseason for the MGC. Our committee has grown substantially in number of members as well as member diversity. This spring you will see a bunch of new things around BACC provided by MGC funds.

- *The range will have all new mats. They are the newer type of mat which allow you to use a real tee and have a feel that is much more representative of a grass surface. We believe we purchased the best mats on the market and hope that you enjoy them.
- *We have replaced the score card holder wooden box with something more belonging in a golf shop. It is not only more aesthetically pleasing but meets our practical needs as well as our storage needs. It is a continuation of the theme used at the corner shoe cleaning area coming off 18 that the MGC financed last year.
- *In the new cabinet referenced above the MGC will continue to provide free environmentally friendly tees as well as free modern style ball mark repair tools. These tools hurt the greens less than traditional tools and we are hoping to motivate everyone to repair their own ball mark as well as one or two others you may see on every green.
- *We have replaced the mailbox on number 2 with a modern style score card box that also matches the theme we are supporting moving forward.
- *In keeping with the theme we have also added a new water cooler station at the range as well as provided the grounds crew with some posts for roping off areas.
- *You will see a new gate on number 4's tee matching the fence we put in on number 5 last year.

*We have agreed at the request of the BOD to finance all club championship events at BACC including mens, ladies, and seniors. All of these events will now be free to play in and all costs will be paid by the MGC.



The MGC would like to offer a special thank you to Butch and his crew. While we may finance these projects without Butch and his crew none of this would be installed. These projects are all in addition to their general responsibilities and a burden on them.

Shortly in your mailbox you will find this year's raffle tickets as well as the 2011 season calendar. We have an exciting agenda for 2011 and shook up a couple of things. The money generated from the raffle and MGC events is what allows us to financially support everything we do at the club as well as fund our scholarships. Please use your raffle tickets when bringing guests! It saves you money as well as gets you an opportunity to win money. It is a win / win for all.

The MGC would also like to thank everyone who participated in the survey. The response was excellent and we will try to learn from your answers and comments.

There were several people who questioned the validity of member's handicaps and the policing of them. Just because you do not see it happen does not mean that people are not questioned and / or adjusted by the handicap chairman.

Out of respect the issues are dealt with on a person to person basis and not publicized. Please know that we do review handicaps and we do question their validity. In four cases in the 2010 season handicaps were adjusted by the handicap chairman.

There were also several requests to allow seniors to play from the forward tees in MGC events. The MGC does not feel that it is fair to use a multiple tee format in a tournament because handicaps already compensate for that. If you normally play from the forward tees when playing from the white tees your handicap is higher. We did however add a new tournament called the Senior Cup. This event will be for seniors only and will be played from the forward tees. In an effort to keep the cost down the MGC is taking no income from this event.

Breakfast will continue to be served at all paid MGC events. While some members did want to eliminate it the overwhelming majority was in favor of breakfast. Toast will now be added. Our events will be better advertised this year. Forms will be more detailed and be placed in more areas around the club. They will also be attached to emails that you receive advertising them. For any event the golf shop will be happy to try to help you find partners. If you do not have a partner or team just ask. You can also sign up on the sheet as an individual and let others or the shop fill names in around you.

In an effort to integrate new members to tournament play the MGC will be having a tournament this year where any member who has never played in an MGC event will be offered the opportunity to play on us! This tournament will also offer a free lunch in addition to a continental breakfast with no additional cost to our traditional participants. A keg of beer and soft drinks will be included as well during lunch. The MGC feels like we have missed the boat on introduction to new members over recent years. We want to make sure every man at BACC feels welcome to and at our events!

The MGC would also like to thank Ryan and all of the shop staff for all of their support. They give a lot of their time for meetings and planning usually outside of working hours.

We look forward to seeing you opening day on April 23rd!

Membership Committee News ... Fred Brehm

Would you like to make a difference at Bon Air? Bon Air Country Club would like to implement a Mentorship Program for new golf members beginning this 2011 Season. We are asking our members to consider being a part of this ground breaking opportunity! As a "Mentor-Member", you would support helping strengthen friendships, and positively impacting the future of BACC. Encouraging your new member to participate in club activities, motivating them to share their ideas and talents, and inspiring them to actively partake in helping improve the club, will be a rewarding experience! Your commitment would entail assisting your new member for their first year in familiarizing them with events, introductions, and club practices. Our members are our best resource... your time and efforts will be much appreciated.

To learn more:
Contact **Fred Brehm**,
Membership Committee Liaison,
derffer@clearviewcatv.net,



Welcome

*The Bon Air Family continues to grow. Below is
a recent new golf member to join the Club:*



Tom Harbaugh

Membership Update

Our membership cap is 375; we currently have 330 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 Golf Shop or from the web site www.bonaircc.com



- ◆ All functions - casual / golfing / social require dress code conformance
- ◆ Profanity has limits
- ◆ Please drive gently approaching, on, and leaving club property
- ◆ Constructively criticize



From Kathy Fox ... Board Liaison to the Social Committee...



Congratulations! Our energetic, ever enthusiastic Social Committee has been tirelessly working on Social Functions and Event Planning for all of BACC to enjoy! A very sincere, “THANK YOU!” shout out goes to all those who have contributed to the revival of this Committee and what it represents...a healthy, happy club! November’s Bull & Oyster Roast and February’s Putt-Putt Event were a big success! Doris Barnes, Kathy Fox, Paula Haas, Carol Hoffman, Kathy Hoke, Christine Carrier, Mary Lu Mixon, and Lindy Sweeney deserve our appreciation and thanks. Let them know when you see them!! Here are some things we can all do to kick up our “social-selves”:

- * *Smile, you know it’s contagious!*
- * *Get inventive...share your ideas!*
- * *Become involved in helping with an Event!*
- * *Support the Events the committee members have worked hard to organize!*
- * *Bring your friends!*

Social networking is one of the many benefits our club has to offer. The best improvements are made when one can “step out of the box” and try something new. So, how ‘bout it? Be part of the solution...roll up your sleeves and attend a Social Committee Meeting! Any thoughts or ideas Contact Doris Barnes or Paula Haas at baccsocial-comm@comcast.net, dorisd Barnes@comcast.net, pdjmhaas@comcast.net or Kathy Fox at kfox31@comcast.net. You can also contact Kathy at 410-357-4255, Doris at 410-472-2203 or Paula at 717-779-5875.

2011 Putt Putt Recap... Kathy Hoke – Chairperson

After a two year lapse, the Putt-Putt event was brought back by the Social Committee. The event was held on 2/11/11 and was attended by 55 people(43 members and their guests). Eric Porter and Kathy Fox, current Board Members, and their spouses were among those that attended the event. Hunt Valley prepared the evening’s meal. A selection of sandwiches, tossed salad and cookies were on the menu. Food was plentiful and delicious. Ann manned the upstairs 19th hole for the event and did a great job keeping everyone happy. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable evening. We had 18 holes of miniature golf. Several of the golf holes were deceptively challenging.

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Design Prizes went to:

1st Place for best design: Brenda Atkinson’s garden setting complete with live goldfish

2nd place for best design: O’Malley’s Wind Mill

Score Prizes went to:

1st Place for low combined score: Havekotte’s (Hoke guests’)

2nd Place for low combined score: Stiffler’s

Upon review the following day– the Mixon’s should have been awarded second place for low score.

Thank you to all who helped design and set up the golf course on Wednesday evening, and then help with the event on Friday.

A Special thank you goes out to the Club crew that brought in old golf holes and then returned to storage for next year.

We hope to bring the event back again next year- start thinking about the golf hole you will design for the event!



l-r Jerry O’Malley, Rita O’Malley, Brenda Atkinson, Bruce Atkinson (behind Brenda), Eric Porter, Dick Hoke, Kathy Hoke, Kathy Fox, Bobby Stiffler & Lisa Williams (the future Mrs. Bobby Stiffler)

Ladies Golf Committee News ... Carol Seitz

SPRING MEETING

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 23rd

ALL LADIES PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR SPRING MEETING IN THE BALL ROOM ON MARCH 23rd, 10:00 AM AND 7 PM. COFFEE AND PASTRIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 9:30 AM WITH THE MEETING STARTING PROMPTLY AT 10:00 AM THERE WILL COOKIES SERVED AT THE 7 PM MEETING AS WELL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA PLEASE CALL CAROL SEITZ (717) 747-0841 OR VICKI MILLER (717) 668-8642. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

LADIES OPENING DAY – WEDNESDAY – APRIL 13TH

ALL LADIES OF BON AIR ARE WELCOME TO COME OUT AND PLAY!!!!!!

Dues:

Bon Air Ladies golf association – \$25.00

Hole In One Insurance \$4.00

York County Dues \$20.00

Breakfast TO BE ANNOUNCED



The reorganization meeting for the **Nine Hole Ladies** group was held on Tuesday, March 8; at this time there is insufficient interest in playing as an organized group on Wednesdays. There will not be an "organized" Nine Hole Ladies group at this time.

BACC Ladies Weekend Golf Events for 2011



The Bon Air Women's Action Committee is a newly formed committee, created to provide golfing opportunities for weekend play to all ladies of Bon Air with any skill level. We're excited to bring fun golf events to Saturdays and Sundays for the 2011 Golf Season in relaxed formats that you'll enjoy. Come on out and mingle with the female variety! Join us for friendly golf and social networking with the ladies of BACC, who will encourage and inspire! At the very least, it should prove to be just pretty darn entertaining!



Save these dates in your Calendar!



Saturday, April 30th
9 Hole Wine & Cheese Scramble
Shotgun Start 2:00pm

Sunday, June 26th



18 Hole Murder Mystery! Event
Tee Time 11:00am

Saturday, May 21st



9 Hole Post-Mother's Day Scramble
Shotgun Start 2:00pm

Sunday, October 2nd



"18 Hole Couples For A Cure"
Breast Cancer Event
Shotgun Start 1:00pm

Sunday, October 30th

Women's Cross Country Scramble
Shotgun 10:00am



More information will be made available for sign-up in the Pro Shop. Looking forward to a phenomenal 2011 Season! All interested in participating and/or volunteering to help make these events a huge success, please contact Kathy Fox, kfox31@comcast.net, or 410-357-4255.

From Friday Night Couples...



“Opening Night” is **May 6th**

Play 9 holes of Golf in a

Relaxed Format

(e.g. scramble, etc.)

Every Friday – 6:00 p.m.

Reservations are not required!

No partner, no problem...we're not picky!

Arrive at the Club by 5:45 for

Pairings and socializing

Enjoy food and cold beverages with

friendly people!



Congratulations



Laverne Gladfelter (or Glady) has retired after many years of service as our Business Manager. Eric Porter presented Glady with a plaque in appreciation of his service and dedication to Bon Air Country Club. Our heartfelt thanks to Glady for his contributions to Bon Air and we wish him well in his retirement.



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY FROM RECENT MEETINGS

Established the policy that members with an account balance older than 60 days past due will be charged a \$25 late fee and be sent a letter requesting payment. Failure to pay within seven days will result in membership suspension.

Approved the purchase of a “new” used pick-up truck to replace the existing vehicle.

Approved an incentive program for former members to re-join the Club; former members will be sent a letter to consider returning.

We need to keep our email contact list up-to-date! If your email address changes or you are not getting email from Bon Air, send us an email at golfshop@bonair.com or include this coupon with your payment. Providing your email address will ensure you receive timely correspondence!

Name _____

Spouse Name _____

Email address _____

Spouse email Address _____

The Board of Directors elected officers and established committee assignments at the meeting of 2/8/2011.

The results are as follows:

President—Eric Porter

Vice President—Bill Heiser

Secretary—George Garrett

Treasurer—Phil Stake

House—Joe Kurisch

Golf—Tim Holmes

Greens and Grounds—Joe Herkalo

Social—Kathy Fox

Membership—Fred Brehm

NO FISHING

**Please remember,
fishing in either of the
ponds on the
Bon Air campus
is prohibited!**



**The Bar in the Ballroom will be
open on weekends
beginning April 16:**

Saturdays and Sundays

11:00 am – 6:00 pm



**Only alcoholic beverages purchased from
the Club are permitted on the campus.**

**Bringing coolers stocked with your own
alcoholic beverages is not permitted
and is a violation of
Club Rules.**

The Board of Directors has extended the

“ Winter Guest Fee” of \$25 through March 31, 2011.

This fee includes both cart and greens fees for either



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