



# Lone Pine Country Club



## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### CorresPONDence from the Golf Shop

**Spring Forward Fling  
Dance Party  
March 11  
6PM**



**Date Nite  
Friday  
March 17  
5:00—8:00 pm**

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So let's jump back in where I left off last month with the rest of the PGA show and Coach Camp USA.

While Wednesday at the show was primarily seminars and educational opportunities, Thursday was show floor and meeting day. I had 10 meetings with various vendors throughout the day, each lasting ½ hour to 1 hour. Each meeting had its own agenda, some finalizing orders for spring and or fall, others looking at product sales and merchandising techniques. After wrapping up Thursday afternoon, we went out to dinner then back to the hotel to prepare for Friday.

Friday is a quiet day on the show floor. Most of the meetings and orders are done so the crowd thins out. The lighter traffic on the floor makes it an ideal time to stroll all the aisles looking for niche products to add to the shop. Taking time to check out the "New Product" section and the golf training aids before saying goodbye to the Merchandise Show until next year.

Before departing Florida we were able to play one more round teeing it up at the Country Club of Winter Haven. Winter Haven is an unbelievable track designed by Rees Jones and Bill Bergin making it one of my "must play" courses if you are going to be in the Orlando area. It is definitely a little out of the way, but well worth the drive. The back tees mapped out to a little over 7,000 yards with stately oaks and pines giving it a low country feel.

The week after the PGA Merchandise Show I made my way to the Westin Savannah Harbor Resort for approximately 17 hours of seminars and instruction. Presenters included Brian Manzella, Mark Crossfield, Chuck Cook, Jeff Smith, and Andrew Rice. The subject matter included some very scientific approaches to swing analysis utilizing a lot of technology to measure different parts of the swing. My favorite part of the entire event is in the live lessons each presenter conducts. The live lessons give each of the attendees a chance to see how the presenters approach the instruction process. Digesting the information they are receiving through interviewing, watching and measuring swing data then diagnosing and providing feedback custom tailored to the student. It amazes me how the best in the world at coaching can take a complex movement and simplify it for the masses.

I look forward to everyone taking advantage of free lesson month in April to share in the experience I enjoyed at the beginning of February.

**LOYALTY REWARDED from TITLEIST is back!!!!** Buy 3 dozen Pro V1 or Pro V1x golf balls and get one free with free personalization. We are also taking orders for Callaway and TaylorMade balls as we will not be stocking them in the shop this year. We are able to get them, but they will be by special order and request only. We are beginning to see our 2017 spring merchandise arrive and we are back to being open 7 days a week starting March 1. We invite you all to stop in and say hello when visiting the club.

February was a stellar month rivaling the best February we have ever had and we shattered the previous single day round record of 39 by posting a total of 87 rounds on Friday February 24.

Thank you for your patronage and I can't wait for things to get back to full swing in the upcoming weeks. See you at the Club!

*J.R. Pond, PGA Golf Professional*



## “From the Course”

As I write this, the 5 day forecast looks great for golf. The above average temperatures for the end of February have allowed us to get out on the course and clean up some areas where limbs have fallen this winter. We have also had time to grind some tree stumps and clean them up. Going into March, the goal is always to get the course cleaned from winter. We will pick up all of the fallen debris and clean up leaves that we were unable to get last year. We will also be working on the sand traps. The heavy rains we have had really washed out a lot of them so getting sand back into place and getting them playable is a top priority. We are tentatively scheduled to aerify greens the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>. Just like the previous springs, we will solid tine and lightly topdress greens. Within 3 days you will not be able to tell that we aerified and this will have little to no impact on play. Lastly, I want to remind everyone that throughout the spring there are going to be times the golf course is wet. Please use caution and common sense when driving carts around the golf course. Avoid low areas and refrain from parking close to greens.

See you on the course!

**Brian Leichter—Course Superintendent**



## DATE NITE

March 17, 2017  
5-8 PM

### Menu to Include:

2 glasses of House Wine  
**Appetizer - Fried Chicken Slider**  
**Salad - Fresh Mixed Greens Vinaigrette**  
**Entrée - Beef Osso Bucco**  
**with Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables**  
**Dessert - Old Fashioned Chocolate Cake**

\$40.00 + 6% tax for Two

Call the Office for reservations. 724-222-4700

## Bandits News

Opening Day

Friday, April 7, 2017

Meeting/Breakfast—9:00 a.m.

Golf to start @approx. 10 a.m.

If you are attending Opening Day, please call JR or Kyle at the Pro Shop or call Frank Dobbin @ 412-997-0318, or Rick Christy @ 724-222-3228. We need to know how many for golf and/or breakfast or both—golf & breakfast. We are looking forward to the start of our 11th year. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, we will answer them at the meeting.

**PLEASE CALL AND GET ON THE LIST FOR OPENING DAY! SEE YOU THERE!**

Thank you,  
Frank Dobbin/Rick Christy

## Peg it Like the Pros

This month we are going to talk about something that we have talked about several times before which is the importance of clean clubs, especially wedges. After watching Rickie Fowler lead the field in scrambling at PGA National it reminded me about what generates spin and how important retaining friction between the face and the ball is to controlling distance, trajectory and spin. It amazes me how many people, including those at the highest level of the game, do not understand how moisture, debris and chlorophyll impact golf shots. If there is a reduction in friction, the ball will launch higher with less spin, making it hard to control distance on your shots.

On these shots, I see people regularly clean out the grooves of their club prior to making a swing on the golf ball. The truth is, the ball interacts very little with the grooves on wedge shots. Grooves play a great role in giving debris a place to go when it gets caught between the face and the ball, but they have little to no impact on generating spin on most wedge shots. The ball interacts primarily with the flat surfaces between the grooves making a dry, clean clubface a critical element with the wedges.

Here is the skinny, keep a half wet towel with you when you have a wedge in your hands. After your practice swings, be sure to wipe the face with the wet side first to help remove grass and dirt then with the dry side to give yourself the greatest chance of hitting your desired shot.

## *“From the Kitchen”*

*Hello,*

You know it's kind of funny, every month I sit down to write my entry for this newsletter and I try to think of what is new and in store for the month. I end up reflecting on something from my past. Be it five.. ten.. in this case fifty years ago. You see from the time I was quite young, my grandma always told me that “happiness was the key to life.” So it happened like this. It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold. When it is summer in the light and winter in the shade. I found myself in school (4th grade) being asked to write down what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote “Happy.” They told me I didn't understand the assignment. I told them they didn't understand life. I don't recall exactly the scolding or the call to my parents telling them to do something about their smart-mouthed kid, but I do remember Dr. Seuss “Be yourself because the people who mind don't matter and the people who matter don't mind.”

On to something new. March 11th will be, hopefully the first of many more to come “Spring Forward Dance.” There will be fun for all and plenty of food to go around. April 22 will be our second annual “Open House”. This is an opportunity for all members to bring friends and show off your club.

One of the most infamous days in March is St. Patrick's Day. So in closing, I find it only fitting, that I end with an old Irish saying, “As you slide down the bannister of life, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction.”

To All, Take Care,

Duane Steiniweg—Chef

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**Saturday, March 11**

**6:00 PM**

**\$50/couple**

**+ 6% tax & 18% svc. Chg.**

## **SPRING “FORWARD” FLING DANCE PARTY**

PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES  
AND LET'S GET FUNKY!  
ENJOY AN EVENING OF DANCING  
WITH APPETIZER STATIONS!  
PARTY UNTIL THE CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD!  
**MUSIC PROVIDED BY “JOHNNY VANN TRIO”**

### MENU

**SALAD BAR**

**SPUD BAR**

**FAJITA STATION**

**BURGER AND HOT DOG STATION**

**CHARCUTERIE BOARD AND MORE!**

**CARAMEL APPLE AND SHORT CAKE BAR**

**CALL THE OFFICE WITH YOUR RESERVATION!  
724-222-4700**

## **MEMBER APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE**

**SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017**

*As a valued member of Lone Pine Country Club, you can play an active role in helping the club grow its membership by introducing your friends to our club!*



# MARCH



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><b>26</b> BRUNCH 10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM</p>	<p><b>27</b> GRILLE ROOM CLOSED</p>	<p><b>28</b> GRILLE ROOM CLOSED</p>	<p><b>March 1</b> Pasta Nite Ash Wednesday</p>	<p><b>2</b> Wing Nite</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b> BRUNCH 10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM</p>	<p><b>6</b> GRILLE ROOM CLOSED</p>	<p><b>7</b> GRILLE ROOM CLOSED</p>	<p><b>8</b> Pasta Nite</p>	<p><b>9</b> Wing Nite</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Spring Forward Fling Dance</p>
<p><b>12</b> BRUNCH 10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM TIME CHANGE</p>	<p><b>13</b> GRILLE ROOM CLOSED</p>	<p><b>14</b> GRILLE ROOM CLOSED</p>	<p><b>15</b> Pasta Nite</p>	<p><b>16</b> Wing Nite</p>	<p><b>17</b> Date Nite</p>	<p><b>18</b> Pvt. Party Ballroom</p>
<p><b>19</b> BRUNCH 10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM</p>	<p><b>20</b> GRILLE ROOM CLOSED  FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p>	<p><b>21</b> GRILLE ROOM CLOSED</p>	<p><b>22</b> Pasta Nite</p>	<p><b>23</b> Wing Nite</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
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<p><b>2</b> BRUNCH 10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM</p>	<p><b>3</b> GRILLE ROOM OPEN</p>	<p><b>4</b> GRILLE ROOM OPEN</p>	<p><b>5</b> Pasta Nite</p>	<p><b>6</b> Wing Nite</p>	<p><b>7</b> Bandits—9 am Opening Mtg.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>

**GRILLE ROOM WINTER HOURS**

Grille Room Closed Monday & Tuesday

HAPPY HOUR DAILY  
FROM 4 PM—7 PM



Opens at 11 AM daily (Wed-Sat)  
Wednesdays—Pasta Nite  
Thursdays—Wing Nite  
Fridays—Martini Special  
Saturdays—Wine Special  
Sundays—Brunch



Sunday Brunch  
Available from  
10:30 am to 1:30 pm