



# Lone Pine Country Club



## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

### News from the Pro

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**DATE NITE**  
Friday  
September 15, 2017  
5pm—8 pm



**Hit 'n Giggle**  
Friday, September 29  
4:30 pm Shotgun

**Buffet Dinner to follow**  
Sign up in the  
Golf Shop or call the  
Office  
724-222-4700

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Hello Lone Pine!

For those of you who have not met me yet, my name is Larry Roytas and I am your new Golf Professional. I want to thank everyone I have met for welcoming me with open arms. Many of you have known me for years, but, to those of you who don't I would like to give you my background. I have been a Golf Professional since 1991. I began my career at Montour Heights Country Club after I graduated from Duquesne University. I worked 7 months a year at Montour and 5 months a year at Emerald Dunes in West Palm Beach for 3 years. I then moved to Southpointe Golf Club where I was the First Assistant for 8 years and then the Head Golf Professional for 9 years. I was then presented the opportunity to be the Head Golf Professional for Rolling Hills Country Club. I spent 5 years there until the club was sold for housing development in January of 2016. Forced to make a career change for the lack of golf jobs available, I had been working for Luttner Financial Group in Pittsburgh. Luttner is a great firm but my year and a half out of golf made me realize how much I missed and loved being a Golf Professional. I am so happy to be back and I promise to make your experience the best it can be!

Our new First Assistant, Steve Weidner, officially started August 21<sup>st</sup>. Steve has 17 years' experience as an Assistant Professional, including 5 years on my Staff at Rolling Hills. Please welcome him to Lone Pine when you meet him. Also, I am sure it will make everyone happy that Taylor Moore will remain on my staff and Kyle Bennett will be working part time as well.

I would like to let everyone know that I believe very strongly in communication between the staff and membership. I promise to make sure the membership is aware of all the day to day happenings, member golf events and course closures for outside parties. Please understand my door is always open and I am always available to hear any suggestions you may have to improve our Club.

We have had several events since I have started my new career at Lone Pine. Our ladies have had a great season and I would like to congratulate our winners and participants for making great events. Shirley Runco is our Ladies' Club Champ and the runner-up is Leisa Shawley. Congratulations to Shirley for winning her 11<sup>th</sup> straight! Our net lady champ is Jan Lis who won in extra holes over Julie Harrison. Both ladies played great and gave us an exciting playoff! Thank you ladies for all your efforts and participation.

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JT Carrigan and Jeremy Markey had a battle for the men's club championship that went to extra holes. Congrats to JT for winning the Championship and also to Jeremy for putting up a great fight! Steve Allison and Butch Richmond are our Member-Member champions this year with Tim and Tom Phalin as a close second. Thanks again guys for helping make our events strong!

For my final note I would like to thank your former Golf Professional, JR Pond, for making my transition pleasurable and seamless. JR and I have been friends for years and I know we will continue our relationship. I wish him all the best on his new career path. Once again thank you for welcoming me to Lone Pine and I promise my goal is to provide the best possible service while taking our club to the next level!

**Your Pro,**  
**Larry Roytas—PGA**



## Date Nite

Friday, September 15

5 pm to 8 pm

\$40.00/couple

(+6% PA tax)

### MENU

**2 Glasses of House Wine**

**Patata con Formaggio**

(Italian potato skins)

**Antipasta Salad**

**Porchetta con Salsicca (with Sausage)**

**Polenta**

**Verdura la Fresco**

(fresh vegetable—hopefully from the garden)

**La Torta Shricioland con Pesche**

(Peach Crumb Cake)

*Reservations Required*

*Call the office at 724-222-4700*

## “From the Course”

Last week we completed greens aeration. I am happy to report the greens are healing quickly and will be fully healed right on schedule. If everything goes as planned we will be back to our regular mowing height around the first few days of September.

The cart path paving is nearing completion. The weather has not been kind to us during this project but within the next week the topcoat should be down and my crew will begin to fill and seed the edges of the paths. Once we begin to topsoil and seed these areas it is important that they are left undisturbed until they grow in. Avoid driving carts or even stepping in these areas. Once the paving is complete we also will have areas roped off so carts can no longer travel in certain areas. Carts must remain on the path behind 3 green at all times. The turn around by 3 white tee is to be used as a parking area for blue tee players. Rope and stakes will be up also to prevent cart traffic from driving directly up to the tee box.

See you on the course!

**Brian Leichliter—Course Superintendent**

**WELCOME FALL!**

## “From the Kitchen”

### Hello,

September is in and August is out! Personally, September means a few different things to me.

Number 1 – September is the precursor to October (my favorite).

Number 2 – If you have not noticed, Mother Nature has the best box of crayons, and she will start to display them again.

Number 3 – Bugs return back to hell where they belong.

And finally – something I seldom talk about and think about frequently, we will call a mystery that started in September (43 years ago) for me....In September '74, I sat one seat behind Anna in Algebra class. I passed papers to her every day, studied for tons of tests together, though it often seemed impossible. Eventually we always found the unknown for X. But not this time. This equation bounces against my brain and sneers at all attempted answers. I know I'll reexamine the variables and reanalyze the unknowns forever. But it won't matter because Anna – I know I'll never figure out Y. “Y” you didn't want to live and “Y” I never noticed.

On to something new. For half of my life, I worked at corporate companies. And, most corporate companies in the hospitality industry offer some sort of “Employee of the Month” program. By the same



token, the other half of my working life has been at “Mom & Pop's”. They do not offer the aforementioned program. So, I decided to start my own program of sorts. It is called “The Un-Sung Heroes”. These people are always

underappreciated. I will honor a total of three (3) – One a month for the next 3 months. The first one revealed this month. The first to win this award is Joan Rodgers. Joan has kept the Club's common

area the cleanest I have seen in the 4 years that I have been here. I have seen her go above and beyond the norm for cleaning the common area including restrooms and locker rooms, etc. I have seen her on ladders dusting the pictures in the Ballroom and hallways, etc. And, if this is not enough, she will fill in at the Grille Room and Banquets when needed. Sometimes she will clean in the morning, then go home, change, come back and work where it is needed, and work all night the same day! She has more than once offered to help the kitchen wash dishes if we needed the help. This is the work ethic of the “Un-Sung”.

To All, Take Care,

Duane

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P.S. The kitchen has a new toy. It is for Pasta Nite. I will tell you more about it later.

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or call

724-222-4700 or  
724-222-4844

**WELCOME**

**NEW  
MEMBERS**

Andrew Ciotto, Eleanor Field, Christopher King, Jr., George N. Scott, Terry Wiltrout.

We hope you use and enjoy the Club!

As always, non-golfing and Social Dining members are welcome to join us for dinner. Buffet served approx. ½ hour before golfers come in from the Event.

**Menu and details will be posted in the Grille Room. Watch your e-mail or check the website for the flyer!**



# September



**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

27	28 <i>Leagues</i>	29	30 <i>Salad Nite</i>	31 <i>Wing Nite</i>	Sept 1	2 <i>Labor Day Men's Event  Pvt Party in Ballroom</i>
3 	4 <i>Labor Day Member Appreciation Day</i>	5 <i>Leagues</i>	6 <i>Golf Outing Course Closed After 12:30 pm Salad Nite</i>	7 <i>Golf Outing Course Closed until after 2 pm Wing Nite</i>	8 <i>Pvt. Pty. - 6 pm Ballroom</i>	9
10 <i>Golf Outing Course Closed until after 2 pm</i>	11 <i>Leagues</i>	12	13 <i>Salad Nite</i>	14 <i>Golf Outing Course Closed After 12:30 pm Wing Nite</i>	15 <i>Date Nite 5pm—8 pm</i>	16
17	18 <i>WPIAL Boys Golf Finals  Leagues</i>	19	20 <i>Salad Nite</i>	21 <i>Wing Nite</i>	22 <i>Pvt. Pty. - Grille Room Grille closes at 4:00 pm today</i>	23 <i>Players Cub</i>
24 <i>Players Cub</i>	25 <i>Leagues</i>	26	27 <i>Salad Nite</i>	28 <i>Ladies Closing Day  Wing Nite</i>	29 <i>Hit 'n Giggle 4:30 pm Shotgun</i>	30 <i>Men's Closing Day  Pvt Party in Ballroom</i>
Oct. 1	2 <i>Golf Outing Course Closed After 11:00 am</i>	3 <i>Special Olympics Golf at 3:30 pm</i>	4 <i>Salad Nite</i>	5 <i>Wing Nite</i>	6	7

**GRILLE ROOM HOURS**



Open at 11 AM daily (Sun-Sat)  
 Open at 8 AM on Fridays  
 Wednesdays—Salad Nite  
 Thursdays—Wing Nite  
 Fridays—Martini Special  
 Saturdays—Wine Special  
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