



Tree Talk



Pride and Professionalism

By Mike Kelly



[If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts he shall end in certainties.](#)

[Sir Francis Bacon](#) (1561 - 1626)

As we begin the New Year, I would like to thank everyone for the support that each of you has given me and my staff. You once again have proven to be the best members any club could hope for.

We decided to try a few new things in 2012. First, and probably the most popular, is that we plan to start a "Seafood Night" on Friday's. Just as we did the Steak Night, we hope to start off slow, learning along the way, but having the most successful endeavor yet. We hope to start this the first week in February. Watch for bulletins around the club house.

If you haven't noticed, there is a big yellow machine in the cut out along the hall way. We have decided to give the Educational Lottery a try. OK I know, I have listened to all sides of the argument

when it comes to gambling. The funny thing was how one individual argued against, but I know for a fact, he bets on every hole every time he plays. If the machine offends you, I am sorry. But, I am always thinking of ways to increase our revenues, and keep you dues down.

Another thing that we have decided to install is a "Game of the Week" for our members. We think this will be an added feature to get the membership more involved. The plan is for any member to play his or her round any day of the week and post the score. There will be a cost of \$2.50 to participate but will have pay the top third of the field. Jonathan Burke and the staff in the pro shop will be happy to assist you. The full rules will be explained in Jonathan's article later.

Well that's just a few things, but as always, if you have an idea that will make Lane Tree a better place, stop by and see me.



**HAPPY NEW YEARS
EVERYONE**

PRO SHOP NEWS

By Joe Bailey



(Yea, yea, yea)

Pro Shop News

I hope everyone received the gifts they wanted for Christmas, I received a bundle of switches and a bag of coal, I think someone was trying to tell me something.

Can you believe the weather we are having in December with temperatures in the 60s and 70s? But that makes for great golf weather for us.

I hope that 2012 is the best year we have ever had at the course and in our personal lives. 2011 has been a trying year with the economy like it is with people working to keep their jobs and paying bills.

Last Monday (12/19/11 if you were playing golf at Lane Tree you would have seen 2 Bald Eagles circling around the course. It was a beautiful sight. They have been spotted around the course several times this year.

Brag Box:

We have four brags for this month. **Ricky Woodring** had an eagle on Hole 7. **Tim Ferrell** had an eagle on Hole 18 **James Mitchell** had an eagle on hole 5. **Mike Lewis** had an eagle on hole 14. Winner drawn was **Mike Lewis**. There were a lot of big birds flying this month.

Pro's Point

By Jonathan Burke

Lane Tree Members Game of the Week Available for Lane Tree Members only, we will be starting a game of the week January 1, 2012. We will choose a different format every week all which will factor in your handicap. Your handicap will be based on your USGA handicap, or your Men's Club handicap if you do not have a USGA handicap, for your first game. From there on out, we will keep a record of the scores you shoot during your game of the week which will then be your game of the week handicap. You will have from Sunday until Saturday to play your round every week. You will only be able to play your game of the week one time during that week and you must be playing with another competitor that is also participating in the game of the week. The cost will be \$2.50 per day and we will pay out the top third of the field. Check in will be at the pro-shop and all members are encouraged to participate.

