

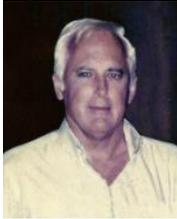


Tree Talk



Keep it Simple, Use Common Sense

By Bill Lane



Fall is in full swing here at Lane Tree and so are our golfers! Our most famous golfer, Ella Hannant (pictured below), is showing perfect form with her swing. This talented young lady has won at Pinehurst, and will now be moving on to the Masters. On top of all that, she likes to partner with her grandfather Phil Hannant to take on the Lane Tree men's club...and win! Her opponents say it's "downright embarrassing". We all wish our sing was as clean and precise as Ella's!



The weather may be getting cooler, but don't let your golf game get cold! Give Doc Johnson a call to sign up for lessons, and get your play up to "par". You can contact him directly (919-330-3711) or through the pro shop. "If your game is sick, call Doc!"

In other golf news, the annual Deacon Jones Tournament was October 21st and 22nd. Here is a letter from GM Eddie Radford about its success:

"Congratulations to all winners and participants in the Deacon Jones Memorial Golf Tournament. 78 teams played best ball on Saturday and super ball on Sunday. The weather was great and the course was in extremely nice condition thanks to Chad and his crew. Great job Chad! We would like to thank the Deacon Jones family and their dealerships for supporting this tournament. A big thank you to Ed Ezzell, the tournament director, for all the hard work he puts into this event. This tournament would not take place if not for him. Thank you Ed! The Friday night meal was delicious and the entertainment was super. Jeff, Jason, and their staff provided a meal and drinks fit for golfers. Several lucky ladies left a little richer by winning \$50-\$100! Carts and score keeping play important roles in tournaments. Doc Johnson and his staff did a tremendous job preparing the carts for the next wave of players, and the same can be said for Parker King keeping score! We also wish to thank the volunteers for their work spotting on hole #16 as well as other important jobs. Thanks to Bill Lane for making the course available to us. It takes a tremendous amount of work to provide a golf course and facilities of this magnitude. In conclusion, I would like to thank all golfers who participated, and it would be nice to see better participation from our members in the future. We will

be in the process of getting the 2018 tournament arrangements organized in the near future, and a date will be posted as soon as possible so you can make arrangements. Next year you will see the return of alternating shot and tee times. Until then, this is Eddie saying: Good golfing to all, and thanks to everyone!”

As usual, our superintendent Chad Matthews and his crew are hard at work keeping the course in tip top shape. The wet spot repair on #1 has been a success! We have also installed a drain beside the #4 green and it will soon be covered with sod. There are a couple of new items that have been purchased to enhance this beautiful golf course, starting with verticutting reels.



When spring arrives, we will start using these reels more often to do vertical mowing. That will eliminate some of the grain in the greens along with the usual topdressing. We are also in the process of purchasing two brand new greens mowers. Unfortunately, there was another hydraulic leak on #2, but this late in the season there is not much we can do. We will have to wait for the next growing season to evaluate how much turf is actually lost. These new mowers will eliminate or decrease this problem and we will continue to replace them every four years.

Remember our trusty eagle “Bogey Joe”? We caught a glimpse of him hanging out with one of his pals the other day:



-“Where did that big pile of sand go Joe?”
-“It’s on the way to Lane Tree!”

That’s right! Our bunker sand is now ready and “Bogey Joe” has been relieved of his guard duty. We will soon start adding the new sand to the bunkers to give players a more consistent bunker experience.



