



Tree Talk



Keep it Simple, Use Common Sense

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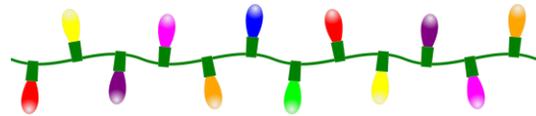


Another year has flown by and Christmastime is here! As Winston Churchill once said “Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing, but of reflection”, and as we reflect on the past year here at Lane Tree we are overwhelmed with joy from all the support we receive. As you look around the course and facilities, you will notice there is an overwhelming sense of family. Over the years we have been blessed to acquire many different kinds of family members.

A perfect example was exhibited at a recent event held here for Wayne Memorial Hospital. They were having an upscale awards banquet for 250 people. As the guests started to arrive it was brought to the attention of Jeff Cannon (club manager) that the parking lot was pitch black. This particular evening

was so cloudy that not even a ray of moonlight could pass through to help out the situation. Jeff immediately called longtime friend and member Randy

Sutton. Randy is the owner of Sutton Electric and has done a lot of work for Lane Tree over the years. Randy took Jeff through a few troubleshooting procedures at the breaker box and was able to identify the problem over the phone. He told Jeff he would be here bright and early in the morning to fix the problem (like any other regular business would). About 5 minutes later, Jeff’s phone rang. Randy told him he couldn’t stand the thought of Lane Tree having a problem like this during an event and he would be there in a few minutes. He showed up soon after and got it fixed in no time. There was even applause from the guests! Lane Tree has been fortunate to develop these kinds of relationships and Sutton Electric is only one from a long list.



Family can be described a lot of ways...even furry! When you come to Lane Tree there’s a good chance you will be greeted at the entrance by our tree squirrel friends. They are fed an abundance of peanuts daily and are so much fun to watch. The golf course is also home to fox squirrels who like to hang out on the front 9. You can usually find them between holes 4 and 5 or 6 and 7. “Ham” is black with a lot of white and “Bone” (pictured below) is mostly black with a little white. The pair was named after a beloved member we lost this year. Hambone loved those little squirrels and, after he passed, Tom Sparks stepped up to



take care of them. They have now been joined by a little grey fox squirrel we will call “Sparky” after their new caretaker! Be sure to keep an eye out for them during your next round.



The backbone to any company is its staff and we are lucky to have such wonderful people working in all departments. When you play a round, admire the beauty of the course, or eat a delicious meal you can feel the pride and hard work our employees put into it every day. We are grateful for every one of the people who keep this business running!

Last, but surely not least, are our members. When you walk through the doors we want you to feel like you’re family because we would not be here without your patronage! There have been many changes this year and we are thankful for everyone understanding. We have listened to your suggestions and hope that we can continue to make Lane Tree the place you want to spend your time. Our GM Eddie Radford had this to share with you this month: “Lane Tree takes pride in providing our members with well-conditioned carts that are reliable, clean, and up to date. We have not had an



increase in our cart fees for several years and we have been below several of our surrounding courses. It has become necessary due to increased expenses for us to raise our cart fees. Beginning January 1st 2018, our new rates will be \$14 for 18 holes and \$8 for 9 holes. We will once again provide cart cards for both 18 holes and 9 holes of golf. Twenty round golf cards are available for \$230 and 9 holes for \$115. Both will provide savings to the members. We would like to replace old cards with up to date cards so, if you have an old card, please turn it in and we will distribute new ones. These cards are available just in time for a great Christmas gift along with our regular gift cards that you can purchase from the pro shop or grill. We appreciate your support of our club and hope you have a very Merry Christmas!”



