



Tree Talk



Pride and Professionalism

By Mike Kelly



For the golf course business, spring also starts a new beginning. The fairways are starting to green over. The trees are starting to send the new leaves, and the flowers are pushing thru to meet the morning sun.

[\[Spring is\] when life's alive in everything.](#)

[Christina Rossetti](#) (1830 - 1894)

Isn't it great to know that Spring is upon us? I don't know about you, but spring is my favorite time of the year. The flowers starting to bloom, the smell of fresh cut grass, what more could anyone ask for.

As a child, I knew that this was the time of the year when we could look forward to getting out of school. As I grew, my teenage years, it meant girls. You know the time of the year when the cloths were not as bulky. Then on to college age which still meant girls, but more parties. (Which I think carried on way past college age).

It's funny how as we mature, certain things take on new meanings. Throughout my adult life, spring has always meant something special. I can't explain it, but it always made me feel better. Even today, as I enter later life, I still feel like a small child when I smell spring. (And I still feel like partying)

Lane Tree Kids Golf Update



It has been a wonderful start to the new year for the Lane Tree Hannant kids. Zada (now age 5) played in her first US Kids Golf tournament for the Sandhill's Spring Tour. On March 5th, she competed at Fox Fire Country Club in the Pinehurst area and shot a personal best 47 to win against her

matched opponent making her 1st place of the 6-year-old and under.

Ella June (age 7) has been competing nearly every weekend in golf tournaments. She recently won both the Pinehurst and Raleigh Tour Championships. She also recently started the Sandhill's spring tour and just finished 1st place in the 7 and under division, shooting the course tournament low score of 34 (2 under).

Karsyn (age 11) finished in the top 5 for the Raleigh Winter Tour scoring her season best of 43 in a very competitive division that includes 14 opponents. She has also started the spring tour and scored another 43 for a respectable 3rd place in the highly competitive division.

The Hannant family thanks the Lane Tree Country Club staff and its members for all their continued support.

Owners Corner

By Bill Lane



Every now and then I play golf with some of the members. The other day I had the opportunity to play with Tom Sparks. As we played I noticed that he would have the sand bottle in his hand all the time. After looking a little harder, I saw that with every shot he made, he would go around and fill as many divots as he saw close by. He did this so much that he not only used his bottle, but also the other bottle on the cart. At the turn,

he had to replenish his sand bottles. I believe he ran out again before we finished the round.

To the point. It was very refreshing to see one of our members caring for the golf course as his own and trying to make it better for others. Thanks Tom Sparks!!!!

My friend Rex Whitfield hit a hole in one on number eight the other day. Can't wait for the steak. I am also told that Ms. Libby Newsome hit a hole in one on the same hole. Congratulations to you both

Lots of people have approached me about the 4 things that I will be doing soon, but nobody got all the right ones. Keep an eye out, with the good weather, we should be doing lots of stuff soon.

Here in Two.

A golfer set up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees.

He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. He took another mighty swing with his 3-wood and the ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him on the forehead and killed him.

As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter saw him coming and asked, "Are you a good golfer?"

And he replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?"