



Tree Talk



Keep it Simple, Use Common Sense

By Bill Lane



Summertime is upon us which means time for vacation, recreation, and relaxation. We have had some beautiful weather conditions the past couple of months, even with the intermittent storms, and the first half of this year has really set Lane Tree up for success. We are looking forward to playing lots of golf, witnessing beautiful events, and unwinding in our swimming pool that opened Memorial Day Weekend.

One of the great things about Lane Tree is the number of young golfers we have at our course. As always, we will be having our kids' camp every Monday and Wednesday starting July 9th and continuing for 3 weeks. The cost is \$100 for 6 sessions which will include golf, pool access, and lunch. We will also have separate lessons focused solely on golf for Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced players. Each session is 3 days long and will cost \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members. Call the Pro Shop for details and to sign up.

Over the years I have watched many people grow up here and summertime is when we get to see most of our college age golfers come back to play, visit, or even work a few hours. I have

used the word family when speaking about Lane Tree many times, and this is a perfect example. It makes me proud to see these young people with bright futures decide to spend their time off here with us. You'll see these familiar faces working the counter in the Pro Shop, hustling in the grill, helping around the facility, or keeping a watchful eye over the pool. I would like to recognize a few graduating senior golfers we have employed that I hope will do the same: Bryce Jones, Carl Floars, and Leah Campbell. All three are graduating from CBA and I'm sure they will do great things!

We are also fortunate to host practices, matches, and even some regionals for three local schools: Charles B. Aycock, Wayne Christian, and Wayne Country Day. All three schools have girls' golf in the fall and boys' golf in the spring. Our pro shop employee/pool manager John Falkenstein had the privilege of coaching the Wayne Christian



boys' team this year and, as a part of their community service project, they decided to give back to our golf course for letting them use the facilities. The team consisted of 8 boys who played several matches around eastern NC including one hosted at

Lane Tree. One of those young men finished in the top 6 of the conference championship. We appreciate the young athletes from all these teams and wish them the best of luck in the future!

Aside from the familiar faces you'll see, we have a new addition. Bryan Haas will be helping out in the pro shop as well as giving golf lessons. With strong family ties to the golfing profession (Jay Haas and Bill Haas from the PGA), Bryan has always had a connection to the game. Upon graduating from the Golf Academy in San Diego, he became Assistant Golf Pro and lead instructor at Van Patten Golf Club in Clifton Park, NY. We are excited to get to know him and see the great things he can do for our club.

Superintendent's Corner

It has been brought to my attention that the golfers are getting frustrated with the maintenance crew getting in the way. It is that time of year when we are hiring new employees. Often these new employees have never been on a golf course so I'm requesting your help and understanding. As you can see, there are many tasks that need to be performed daily for a well maintained course. As the weather improves, it attracts more golfers increasing the amount of work to be done. With that being said, our workers are being trained to continue doing the task they are performing until the golfer approaches their ball and makes eye contact with them. The worker should raise his hand to acknowledge that he sees the golfer and it's safe to take their shot. Keep in mind that equipment may still be idling and the worker may not see the ball. If you feel they may be in danger of being struck by your ball, please wave your arm and yell "FORE"! If the worker sees the ball he will raise his hand in acknowledgement, but if he does not he

will take cover. When the golfers are on the greens the workers should stop, be still, and remain quiet if doing work within 100 yards. Again, the equipment may be on idle, but you may ask them to turn the equipment off completely if needed. The maintenance crew are here to do exactly that: maintain the course in the best possible way to give you a more pleasant round of golf. If a situation arises, please contact the pro shop and it will be resolved in a respectful manner.

Thank you,
Chad Matthews

A Note from Big Ed

I would like to thank everyone for following our parking lot policy by not parking under the canopy. Although there are still a few violators, it has improved drastically. Thank you!

The weather has finally broken making playing conditions great. I hope everyone is enjoying the new golf carts, course, and facilities. Bill and Vito are to be commended for their excellent choice of carts!



"For our customers we aim to please, With lots of toppings and extra cheese! If you like a burger that's fixed just right, Bring your family out to Lane Tree's Burger Night!"

Thank you,
Big Ed Radford