



# Tree Talk

## Keep it Simple, Use Common Sense

By Bill Lane



I certainly hope everyone has enjoyed their summer so far! August is sure to bring us more of this beautiful golf weather and round out the season nicely. Our annual Club Championship will be held the last weekend of the month, and Ed Ezzell is already working hard on the Deacon Jones tournament in September.

I have owned a golf course for many years now and one thing I've learned is that it's hard to grow trees and grass at the same time. There are many



circumstances that can lead to necessary tree removal. For example, when trees grow tall enough to shade the greens, they block the morning sunlight the grass needs to be in good playing condition. Last

month, we had to remove three trees for different reasons. On hole #2, a tree had

grown too tall and hindered the line of sight from the blue and gold tee boxes to the green making it difficult to hit a clean shot on a par 3. On hole #14, a cypress tree had grown up too tall beside the small pond and blocked those back tee boxes as well which offered golfers no choice but to hit a draw to get their ball on the fairway. The third tree was the large pine on the range that was producing a sizable amount of pinecones. Our range ball picker was picking up pinecones along with range balls resulting in damage to the balls and some to the equipment. It is a big job, but our maintenance crew excels at keeping our course in great shape!



### **\*Attention Members\***

It is time for us to update our member information. Please fill out the enclosed new application and send it back to us by October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (919)734-1245.

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**Superintendent's Corner**

First and foremost, I'd like to thank everyone who helped out, donated, and participated in the Tee It Up Fore Clint tournament last month. It was a huge success and a great day of golf! We ended up with 34 four man teams playing superbball that Saturday afternoon in a shotgun format. The winners were:

**1st Place Team**

John Falkenstein	Jonathan Burke
Tony Cameron	John Zambelli

**2nd Place Team**

Ralph LeGrend	Jared Grantham
Dane Jones	Scott Schmeltzer

The round was followed up with a tasty meal and a silent auction. Beyond the monetary gifts that will certainly help with the cost of what Clint and his family are going through, the greatest gift was that of support, friendship, love, and prayer. It was overwhelming and wonderful seeing how many people jumped at the chance to help out someone in need. I had so many people asking what they could do that I ran out of jobs to give. I hope this will be an example to all how powerful coming together is while being surrounded God's love.



**A Note from Big Ed:**

I would like to thank the members for all the play at Lane Tree. Although the weather has been extremely hot, we had a successful season so far.

The course is shaping up fine for the Deacon Jones Memorial tournament. From what I've been told by Ed Ezzell, it seems all the spots have been filled. Thanks to all the participants.

We need more teams for the weekly Burger Night Superball tournaments. It has been a blast and it is so much fun to TRY and beat the Hannant family! Come play and eat a delicious burger.

Thanks again to all the members and I hope you score a good number!

Big Ed

P.S. Glad to have Robert Brown back with us and the toss up group greatly appreciates all the money they win off him☺☺☺!