



Tree Talk



Keep it Simple, Use Common Sense

By Bill Lane



September is here and fall is on the way which means changing leaves, shorter days, and pumpkin flavored everything. The sometimes harsh humidity of a North Carolina summer will begin to taper off soon and leave you with plenty more time for golf and other activities here at our Lane Tree clubhouse.

One of my favorite quotes is “don’t expect what you don’t inspect”, and as always, we are trying to make our club the best it can be for members even if it means cutting certain things out. As of October 1st members will no longer be allowed to charge to their accounts in the grill or pro shop. I have mentioned previously, you ask any law enforcement officer and they’ll tell you that a small percentage of the population cause a huge percentage of the problem. The majority of the members who use this privilege stay on top of things and pay their bills regularly. Unfortunately, the smaller group who abuse the privilege have brought us to this decision. Too many times members will allow their children or other family members to charge. Their bill will rack up and they will either call questioning the charges and complaining, or their accounts

will go delinquent and we are left holding that expense. We cannot keep this course and clubhouse in tip top condition if we have to continue incurring charge expenses on member accounts. We apologize for any inconvenience, and if you have any questions or concerns you may call Eddie Radford or Vito Laudicina.

Superintendent’s Corner

In the height of summer when grass is growing vigorously it’s almost all we can do to keep up with the regularly scheduled maintenance of the course. The summer is coming to an end, night time temperatures are about to become cooler, and days are shorter. This process slows the growth of the turf considerably allowing us to focus on some much needed projects. One of the major projects involves the wet spots in the fairways caused by stopped up drain lines.



As the trees on the fairway grow, their roots extend into the small holes in the pipes causing the pipes to clog. The only two options we have are removing the

trees, or putting in new drain lines. If we replace the drains they will only last a few years before the roots find their way back into them repeating the clogging process. While sometimes tree removal is necessary, it will always be a last resort.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. To me, fall produces the most fantastic views and playing conditions of the year so go ahead and get your rounds in before winter arrives!

Thank you,
Chad Matthews

A Note from Big Ed

The weather has been very favorable to our golfers for the past few days. Chad and his crew have done a great job keeping the course in good playing condition. Big pat on the back to those guys!

As you are aware, the annual Deacon Jones Memorial Tournament is at the end of this month and it has been filled. Thanks to Ed Ezzell for all his hard work. He has made numerous phone calls to make this a successful tournament.

We are excited for the new YamaTrack GPS systems in our carts! We are doing a trial run with 20, and should receive 45 more within the month. Their primary functions to begin with will be to show golfers their yardage to the greens, and to allow the pro shop to keep track of activity for each cart such as delays, and carts travelling in restricted areas. We will be able to send messages directly from the pro shop to your cart. We are happy to add this advancement to your golf experience!



In closing, keep our steak night and burger night as a gathering for your family and friends. If you have not tried it, come and visit Jeff and his staff.

Good Golfing,
Big Ed

Attention Members

If you have not completed your updated application that was sent out last month, please do so and send it back to us by October 1st. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (919)734-1245.
