



# Tree Talk



## Pride and Professionalism

By Mike Kelly



**"Elephant in the room"** The idiomatic expression applies to an obvious problem or risk no one wants to discuss.

I think by now everyone has either heard that we have lost our greens or we don't know what we are doing. I assure you that neither is true. It's time for a little education.

First let it be known that according to NOAA this winter was the coldest on record in this part of the country. Second, the bent grass we had on the greens before, loved cooler weather and hated hotter weather. The champion Bermuda grass we have now loves hot weather and hates cold weather. And finally, we have PGA Spec greens, and not push up greens. Keep up now because this is going to get complicated.

Back when we contracted the company to install new greens, Chad and I attended many sessions on how to care for, what to look for, and what ways to maintain a healthy program. All of which have been done since installation.

Now let's look at the facts. Back when we had bent grass the winter and spring was always a time of a good putting surfaces. However, come the dog days of July & August the greens would look like they were dead or dying. Fast forward to present day and we have a new situation.

What we are experiencing is "winter kill". You have seen it before, but really didn't know it. Think about the many springs, before now, when you would see dead spots in the fairways and roughs. This was winter kill. Now magnify that by the coldest winter yet, and shorten the grass to green height and this is what you get.

I know you have a friend that has told you the such and such a course has the same greens and they didn't have the damage. Well my answer to that is making sure you have all the facts. I have played far too many courses further south that have the same or worse conditions. Most PGA spec greens have suffered some sort of damage and similar, push up greens suffered very little. PGA greens sit higher with a very sophisticated drainage and push ups are just that. A mound of dirt flattened and turned to a putting surface.

I have also heard how we should be doing this and we should be doing that. One thing I learned a long time ago. If you don't know the answer, call in the experts. We have been in constant contact with the people that developed the grass we use, and they are guiding us through the process of bringing them back to true form. The big thing we needed is for the nights to get to 55 degrees and stay that way, and the days to be hot and humid. That's Bermuda grass.

Could we have done anything to prevent this? Spent \$35,000.00 more on blankets and covered the greens for most of the winter. Come by and see more for updates.

**Thanks for your patience and understanding**

## Pro Shop News

By Rick Green



PGA Pro

**PGA Junior League Golf :** We are now signing up junior girls and boys age 13 and under to play in a **PGA Junior League**. Lane Tree is in the same league with Three Eagles Golf Course, Wilson Country Club, and North Green Golf Club at Rocky Mount. We will play one away match at each of those courses and three home matches with each of them coming here for a total of six matches. We are limited to 12 juniors on each team and all golfers will get to play if they show up for the matches. The fee to play is \$119 per golfer and includes a team shirt, golf balls, bag tags, practice time at the course and coaching with a PGA Professional. We are going to start practicing and playing around Thursday, June 19. We still have about 4 or 5 spots left for our team. For more info check [www.pgajrleaguegolf.com](http://www.pgajrleaguegolf.com) or call me at 910-289-1589 to sign up.

**Golf Notes from May** Nick Adams won the Wayne County Championship for public high schools held here at Lane Tree and lead his team to the team championship. Congratulations Nick

**Golf Shop Notes** Just in case you have not been in the shop in the past two weeks, stop by and take a look at all the changes and all the golf clubs and bags that we have in stock. We have lots to choose from with names like Adams, Bridgestone, Callaway, Cobra, FootJoy, Greg Norman, Nike, Ping, TaylorMade, and Titleist. We also have a good inventory of grips including some of the Fatso Putter grips that are so popular right now.

**Swimming Pool News** Just in case you are unaware, the pool opened this past weekend.

Lisa Green (Rick's wife) is helping oversee the lifeguards and schedules for this summer. **Remember that Lane Tree members are able to add pool privileges for their family by paying \$200 for the summer.** Pool information including applications, hours of operation, rules, etc. are available in the golf shop. We would love to add you to the pool list.

**Saturday, June 14 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 our GLAD TO BE OUT PARTY with free snacks and ice cream for members and guests. Come and have fun.**

## Lane Tree Ladies Golf Association

The month of May has been a whirlwind and has just flown by while we were trying to keep up with all the activities.

Let us all remember Memorial Day and what it means. We have our Freedom and we owe it all to our veterans and most of all to the ones that sacrificed everything. In addition, keep in your prayers ALL that are presently in harm's way.

Results are in from all of our competitive meets.

### MONTH OF APRIL WAS PRESIDENTS CUP:

Betty Jean Gurley First Place

### TWO DAY FINALS AT FALLING CREEK GOLF COURSE May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>:

Championship flight:

Mary Ann Sutton 2<sup>nd</sup> Gross

2 <sup>nd</sup> Flight	Eileen Henderson	1 <sup>st</sup> Net
3 <sup>rd</sup> Flight	Lou Ellen Flowers	1 <sup>st</sup> Gross
	Barbara Hill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gross

### SAND TRAPPERS RESULTS AT TIMBER LAKE GOLF CLUB May 5<sup>th</sup>:

Mary Cotner Low Gross

### WAYNE COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

May 21<sup>st</sup>:

We had six gold medals, 4 silver medals, and 3 bronze medals.

**Gold:** Teresa Shearin, Susan Davis, Sherry Minner, Barbara Hill, Linda Watson, and Lou Ellen Flowers,

**Silver:** Jeanette Sasser, Mary Cotner, Mary Ann Sutton, Linda Cannon

**Bronze:** Betsy Clark, Novella Zambelli, and Linda Hilburn.

All these ladies are eligible to play in the state finals at Tanglewood Golf Course in Clemmons, NC.

SEND IN YOUR ENTRY FORM EARLY AND SAVE. EARLY BIRD DEADLINE JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>. ENTRY DEADLINE AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**STATE PLAY DAY May 24<sup>th</sup>:** The winner is Linda Watson.

What a way to go Ladies! You represented Lane Tree Ladies Golf Association well in all the events.

**LATEST NEWS JUST CAME IN,** Novella Zambelli got her 1st hole in one yesterday May 25, 2014 on hole #13 at Lane Tree, witnessed by Johnny Zambelli & Mary Ann Sutton. Congratulations Novella! Some of us are still dreaming for that day.

**A multimillionaire bachelor** goes to his club to play golf with two friends. Not knowing who would be joining them, they walk to the first tee.

As they finish teeing off, a tall, beautiful, raven-haired woman asks if she can join them. Although the bachelor thinks this is going to slow down their play, he agrees. The woman tees up a ball and, without a practice swing, smacks it straight down the middle.

This goes on all day and she finishes even par for the round, beating all the men.

They invite her back the next week. They have a great time, and she shoots the same score. The bachelor thinks to himself, "This is the girl of my dreams!" So he asks her out on a date. They go out, find they have much in common, and have a great evening.

They make another golf date, during which she shoots two-under and gives a clinic in

shot making.

The millionaire is now convinced that they are meant to be together. He invites her back to his apartment, where they talk for hours. Everything is progressing smoothly, so he invites her to his bedroom. Their passions run riot, but she doesn't let things go too far and he drives her home.

This pattern continues for a month: Great golf, great dates, but nights of abbreviated passion. The bachelor can't take it anymore.

"I know the time we spent on the golf course and in my apartment is wonderful. And even though we haven't been fully intimate, I know that I love you, you love me, and that you are the girl I want to marry!"

"Darling," she says, "I have something to tell you. I cannot hide it anymore. I am a man!"

His mouth drops open, his face turns red, he begins to shake. She's convinced he's going to have a heart attack, or worse, when finally, in a blind rage, he shouts, "And all this time you've been playing from the red tees?"

Read more: <http://www.golf.com/tour-and-news/best-golf-jokes#ixzz331GP9ZNI>

