



Tree Talk



Pride and Professionalism

By Mike Kelly



There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.

John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

First let me start off by congratulating all of our Champions. We had a great time and crowned some well deserving golfers in the process. I will be naming all of our winners a little further in this article. Please offer your congratulations when you see them.

As I set in my office, I often hear what people are saying. A couple things said lately have motivated this article.

Let's start by talking a little about what monies Lane Tree deals with.

First we have the membership dues that are collected. Last year that total was \$171,000.00 from the 300 or so members. The operating cost just for the golf course was \$391,000.00. When you look at these two numbers, one can see that the dues collected don't even come

to 50% of the operating cost. Membership on a normal week uses roughly 75% of the tee times. I have to sell 25% to outside play to cover over 50% of the operating cost. As you can see, if it were not for the facility and the grill, we would be in bad shape.

In the last few weeks I have heard some grumbling about the \$40 cost for the club championship and how it should have been free. If I may, I will share with you the cost of just this small event.

We had Soda, water and snacks both days for a cost of \$160.00.
80 Sandwiches @ \$240.00, Gift Certs for the winners @ \$754.00, Cart fees @ 12 x 61 for \$1464.00 and finally, Trophies for the winners @ \$380.00. We had 61 players @ \$40 each which equals \$2440.00. Net proceeds after costs = **(\$558.00)**.

I have said since I was hired that I would do everything in my power to keep dues low. We have not had a dues increase and only a \$1.00 increase in cart fees over the last 10 years. I have **NO** plans on increasing dues, we just simply ask that you understand and continue to support our efforts. By the way, the new Green Covers are in and ready for winter.

**Thanks You
Members**

Lane Tree's Champions

Ladies Open Division

Champion	Cathy Garris
Runner Up	Nan Jarrell
Low Net	Mary Cotner
Consolation	Pam Ginn

Ladies Senior Division

Champion	Linda Watson
Runner Up	Mary Ann Sutton
Low Net	Novella Zambelli
Consolation	Lou Ellen Flowers

Mens Open Division

Champion	Jonathan Burke
Runner UP	Shane Ogburn
Low Net	Michael Sutton
Consolation	Michael Sutton

Mens Senior Division

Champion	Stan Adams
Runner Up	Robert Brown
Low Net	Jeff Cannon

First Flight Win

First Flight R.U.	Grant Webber
Second Flight W	Richard Lancaster
Second Flight R.U.	Tom Sassano, Jr.
	Randy Sutton

Mens Super Senior Division

Champion	Roland Gurley
Runner Up	David Gardner
Low Net	Jerry Thompson
First Flight Win	James Mitchell
First Flight R.U.	Dick Read

Masters Division

Champion	Don Shaver
Runner Up	Jerry Bankhead
Low Net	Bill Best
Consolation	Bill Best

Lane Tree Golf Events for October

Golf Tournament. Cash **Wednesday, October**
O'Berry Foundation Golf Tournament

Thursday, October 2, 12:30

Goldsboro Civitans prizes. Call the golf shop for more information or to sign up, 919-734-1245 ex24.

Saturday, October 4, 1:00

Woods Grove Church Tournament

Tuesday, October 7, 10:00

Southeastern Seniors Two Man Superball

Saturday, October 11, 10:00

Ping Fitting and Demo Day. You can test drive all Pings new products including the G30 clubs. Call the golf shop to schedule an appointment.

Wednesday, October 15, 1:00

Pikeville Lions Club Golf Tournament

Thursday, October 16, 12:30

NC Traffic Club Golf Tournament

Thursday, October 23, 5:30 LTLGA

Saturday, October 25 Matches with Southern Wayne CC, first round to be played here at Lane Tree.

Sunday, October 26 Matches with Southern Wayne CC, second round to be played at Southern Wayne.

Club Matches between Southern Wayne CC and Lane Tree GC

On Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26 (Ryder Cup type format)

Sign up in the Golf Shop. Meeting to announce pairings is scheduled for Thursday night, October 23 at Steak Night. More details to be announced.

Lane Tree Ladies Eastern League Winners

9/11/2014 SJAFB Three Eagles

2 nd Flight Mary Ann Sutton	1 st Low Nett
Novella Zambelli	2 nd Low Net
4 th Flight Barbara Hill	1 st Gross