



# Tree Talk



## Pride and Professionalism

By Mike Kelly



To love what you do and feel that it matters - how could anything be more fun?

[Katharine Graham](#)

The PGA has come out with a new slogan, "Play it Forward". There is also a new program that makes the golfing experience more enjoyable called "Family Golf Courses". Lane Tree has decided to adopt both concepts and offer more for its members as well as attracting new business.

Let's take a look at both programs and see how they will come together to make you a happier golfer. "Play it forward" is basically what it says. The PGA feels that if a golfer can hit his or her drive, and then hit a 6 or 7 irons into the green, he/she would score better. Scoring better has always made me feel good and would make me want to play more. How is this accomplished?

We have always started our round of golf by deciding what tees to play. The gold for the really good golfer, the blue for all the guys that think they can play. Then you have the whites that none of the guys want

to move up too, but age starts to dictate. Now when you get to the seniors, well we have the gray tees. And of course we have the reds for the ladies of any age or caliber of golfer. Doesn't seem fair does it.

Well forget all of that. Bring in "Play it Forward". One should hit from the tees that allows him or her to hit driver, 6 iron to the green. So if you hit an average 220 yard drive, you should be on the white tees, 180 yards, the greys and so forth. But wait a minute, we stop at the reds. Then what? Poor ladies. And let's not forget that men are never going to hit from the ladies tees. Scratch it all.

Now we bring in the "Family Golf Tee". This offers two more sets of tees that will allow players of all handicaps to play fun golf. Coming in the next week or two, you will see PGA markers in the cart paths with corresponding markers in an area to tee off from.



The driver carry distance represents 100%, and each club distance is a percentage of the driver carry distance.

		Driver Carry Distance	100	140	180	220	269
		Level 1 Forward Tee	Level 2 Forward Tee	Approximate Existing Ladies Tee	PGA Tour Driver Carry Distance (Avg. Avg. Carry 2007-12)	PGA Tour Driver Carry Distance (Avg. Avg. Carry 2007-12)	
3-wood	90%	90	127	163	199	243	
5-wood	84%	84	118	151	185	226	
4-iron/hybrid	77%	77	108	139	169	207	
5-iron	72%	72	101	130	158	194	
6-iron	68%	68	95	122	150	183	
7-iron	64%	64	90	115	141	172	
8-iron	59%	59	83	107	131	160	
9-iron	54%	54	76	97	119	145	
Pitching Wedge	49%	49	68	87	107	130	

We will also be contacting the CGA to come out and survey the new tees. This will allow us to put into the handicap program these new tees. We think this is a great addition to Lane Tree and it should allow more golfers the opportunity to enjoy a more fun filled round. For more info, talk with me when you come in, or go to:

<http://www.uskidsgolf.com/eng/familyCourses/courseSetup.cfm?cmSectionID=234>

We will have new score cards for the family tees soon.

Don't forget to thank a Vet on November 11.

## Thank You Brave



Dinner Buffet 11AM till 3 PM

## Pro Shop News

By Joe Bailey



(Yea, yea, yea)

### Pro Shop News

By the time you read this we will have had our first frost. The trees will start to change colors which will make Lane Tree even more beautiful than it already is. Also will mean we will start having frost delays. Pro shop staff will try to get you out as close to your requested tee time as possible. There may be times we will shotgun so we can catch up the tee times; we ask you try to work with us as much as possible. Our goal in the Pro shop is to help you have an enjoying round of golf. If you have any suggestions on how we can accomplish this please let us know.

Please review our calendar for upcoming outings/events.

#### Brag Box:

We have 1 Brags for this month. Dave Herring had an eagle on hole 3 & 14. Birdie on hole 16. Posted score of 74, 2 shots less than his age. Great playing Dave. I know better than play a money game with you. Stop by Pro shop and get your sleeve of ball's Dave.

#### Monthly Quote

*I just hope I don't have to explain all the times I've used His name in vain when I get up there.*

*Bob Hope, about his golfing.*