



# La Crosse Country Club Spring News 2009

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## CLUBHOUSE NEWS by Herbert J. Bassett [hjbassett@charterinternet.com](mailto:hjbassett@charterinternet.com)

We have been busy at the Club making preparations for the coming season.

I for one am very anxious for the season to begin as well as the rest of my management staff. Chef Darcy has prepared an excellent winter menu which we have available Wednesday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We would love to have you stop in try some of Darcy's new creations and say hi. He also has a new menu for the season, which contains a special section that will be changed on monthly basis to give some variety for our regular guests. Hope to see you soon.

Enjoy entertaining but don't have the time to clean, prepare, etc...

Let us relieve the stress!

Whether you hold your party here or have us cater your next home party, we will make planning easier, plus your catered items will be applied toward your food and beverage minimum. Call Jessica to customize a menu for your event!

## UPPER RESTAURANT WINTER HOURS

**Wednesday - Friday**

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Sundays**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## WEEKLY SPECIALS

**Wednesdays:** Prime Rib and Popovers

**Thursdays:** BBQ Ribs and Pulled Pork Sandwiches

**Fridays:** Broasted Chicken and Fish Special

Please visit [www.lacrossecountryclub.com](http://www.lacrossecountryclub.com) to view the complete dinner and brunch menus

## EASTER BRUNCH

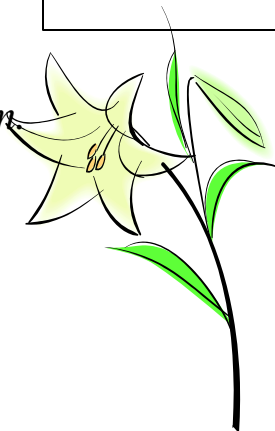
*Sunday, April 12, 2009*

*Serving 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

*\*Crafts and Games\**

*\*Easter Bunny visits*

*11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.\**



*Make your reservation today*

*by calling 781-5837!!*

*Adults \$19.00++*

*Children 4-10 \$9.00++*

*Children 3 & Under Free*



## **A message from the Grounds Committee Chairman:**

Eight months ago I was elected to the LCCC Board and was asked to Chair the Grounds Committee. In hindsight, I had no idea what I was jumping into by agreeing to do this. Within two days, I was immersed in the problems of a wet spring and an unopened driving range. Over the next few months, I had to crash educate myself in golf course agronomy, irrigation systems, DNR regulations, drainage patterns etc. On top of this, we had a year of lousy weather, budget concerns and several major projects.

A great deal was accomplished during 2008. The Board agreed to guidelines regarding the opening of the driving range. In 2009, if the practice range can not be picked with the mechanical picker when the golf course opens, the range will open with limited hours and hand picked one week after the course opens. The practice range will be fully open by the beginning of May. We negotiated with Elmwood for a comprehensive drainage plan (that they will fund) for the front nine housing development. This plan will shunt the water from the new streets and hillsides underground through piping into a central drainage area. Hopefully, this will avoid the many issues that arose during the development of the back nine and result in a drier course. The first phase of this plan is a forebay pond behind the #8 tee. You will see this as you begin golfing this spring. We have finished riprapping #18 creek and will be finishing the final grading and plantings this spring. Among many other projects, the bridge decks have been replaced, many thousand feet of drain tile have been installed and the slope of the pond on #6 has been repaired.

The goals for 2009 are many. First and foremost, we will work on improving playability of the course. This includes issues such as appropriate irrigation to try to achieve a drier course and more consistent cup placement and green speed. I know that these are major concerns for many golfers and this will be the major focus of our committee for this year. We are going to look closely at reducing the groomed areas of the course, especially those rough areas which should be out of play except for very errant shots. Jim Kjellenberg has repeatedly stated that LCCC golfers are at a disadvantage (and our handicaps are not accurate) when going to other courses because our course does not play as tight as it should. Much of our grounds cost is directly related to the acreage maintained and a small reduction in costs is a side benefit of this effort. Expect that you will see more long grass areas in the periphery of the course as the golf season progresses. If our tight budget allows, we would like to continue with the Tournament tee project, get DNR approval for dredging of the lake on #18 in the winter of 2009-10 and complete the wiring of back to back sprinkler heads around the greens which will allow us to irrigate the rough around the greens separate from the greens themselves.

I inherited a very capable and hard working committee in 2008. I thank all of them for their dedication and support. In 2009, I have added several new committee members to help achieve the Grounds Department goals. One major problem last year was poor coordination between the Grounds Committee and golfing activities I have asked Jim Kjellenberg to join the Grounds Committee so that we have continuous input regarding the needs of the golfers and the golf activities. Hopefully, we will hear about playability issues before they become a major problem. He discusses the course with our golfers on a daily basis. I have asked Eric Wheeler to join the committee so that the Board will have two members on this important committee. He brings a wealth of architectural and construction experience as well as a strong interest in grounds related concerns. Last year, Tina Francis joined the committee so that we are alerted to the needs of the women golfers and she has agreed to remain on the committee despite having a very long commute. Other members of the committee will be Ron Klich, Mike Hutson, Steve McConaghy and Jack Tripp. I anticipate that each ground committee member will strongly represent the concerns of all LCCC golfers.

Finally, we hope to improve communication and response time to our golfers. All the committee members are ready to listen to your concerns. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. We have a great course and, with a little help from the weather gods, we will make 2009 the best golf season ever at LCCC.

Chris Born  
Grounds Department Chairman

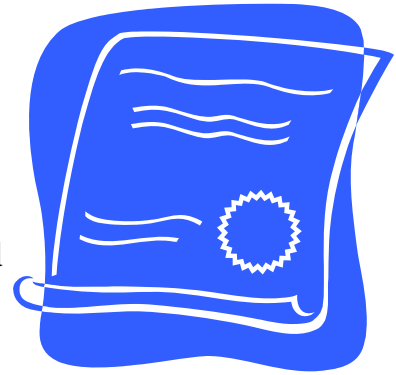


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*LCC Sponsorship Certificate Exchange Form*

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Funds Available \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor offers to exchange current Capital Certificate pursuant to the Capital Certificate Exchange Program established by the Board of Directors.

Sponsor Member shall receive a replacement Capital Certificate having a value of \$1.00.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ are held in the Capital Fund administered by the Board of Directors.

Sponsor Member designates person or persons identified below with all or part of the Capital Funds available.

**New Member Designee**

**Amount of Designated Capital**

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Designated Capital may be used for Upgrade of Membership if Sponsor Member has not designated all of the Capital Funds available.

Sponsor postpones designation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ of Capital Funds.

Designation can be postponed for the lifetime of the membership of the Sponsoring Member.

**Signatures:**

Sponsor Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **A Spring Golf Reminder by Jim Kjellenberg, PGA Professional**

Folks, we're almost there. The worst is over. In just a few short weeks it will be time to open the golf course and begin another great season. The only way to succeed at anything is to have some form of plan or strategy along with the desire to be successful. Here are a couple reminders to get your golf season off to a wonderful start.

- \* As you've already heard me say, be sure you're physically ready to play. Hopefully your winter training regimen has kept you active and you're in top form. If not, get going. It's not too late to get involved in a flexibility and endurance program that will pay big dividends once the golf season begins.
- \* Write down a few goals for the 2009 season. There may be a few areas that you can improve on which will make golf more fun. If you're unable to pinpoint where to begin, consult your PGA Professional staff for a few suggestions.
- \* Review and examine your grasp of the basic fundamentals of golf. Beware the danger of falling for the latest "swing craze" or fad. Not everything in print pertains to your swing type and how to make the most of the abilities that you have. The "Revolving Door of Swing Styles" may sell a lot of magazines but it hasn't helped many golfers. (Examples of this include "One Plane/Two Plane", "Stack and Tilt", "Straight Line" putting, etc.) The list goes on and on. What does matter, however, are things like gripping the club correctly, standing properly in relation to the target line, executing the correct turn and pivot in unison with the golf club, the correct impact fundamentals, balance, and tempo. Remember, NO ONE certain type of swing will work for everybody. It simply can't because we're all built differently with different abilities and limitations.

Please consider these points while you build your game plan for the golf season. Lower scores are within your reach if you truly want to improve. Again, contact your PGA Professional staff for advice. Motivation without knowledge equals frustration.

## **WINE SOCIETY**



### BENEFITS:

- \*Discounted Wine Dinners
- \*Wine Tastings
- \*5% discount on wine with your dinner  
(*please notify your server*)
- \*Discounted wine (10% above cost) on all wine orders
- \*Annual Dues per couple only \$40.00

### **FIRST WINE DINNER OF 2009:**

**Saturday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

**5 Course Meal:**

**\$50.00/person wine society member**

**\$70.00/person Non-member of wine society**

Contact Steve Phelps for reservations or to join the Wine Society:

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Phone: 608-781-5837