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# LA CROSSE COUNTRY CLUB

## *The Niblick*

October  
2008

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The CAPITAL CERTIFICATE SPONSORSHIP is such a great program it bears repeating.

A letter was sent to all LCC members explaining a new and exciting program “to encourage new memberships and to reduce our long term indebtedness.” As stated in the letter, “One of the primary purposes is to encourage an existing member in good standing to allow the transfer of their capital certificate to a family member or friend to encourage a potential new member to join the Club.”

The questions most considering members have asked are: *Why should I do this? What’s in it for me? What are the annual benefits of being a Capital Certificate Sponsor?*

*Some revisions have been made for 2009 benefits (Current sponsor members please note existing benefits will apply for the remainder of 2008):*

#### Golf Certificate Members:

Guest pass value \$300.00 annually for the life of the membership

#### Pool/Tennis Certificate Members:

10 Pool & Tennis Guest passes annually for the lifetime of the membership

How does this translate into cold hard cash? Let’s do the math! For example, a member 50 years of age who participates in the program and remains a golfing member until age 75 will have received **\$300.00 per year** for golf passes for twenty-five years. (Note: A family members golf cost is \$30.00 a non-family member is \$50.00). **\$300 for 25 years is \$7,500.**

It makes sense to take another look at the Capital Certificate Sponsorship program. You can get more for your money and help increase your club’s membership. Please give me a call in the office to start receiving your benefits today.

#### October Mulligan’s Schedule:

Thursday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m./cl

Friday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m./cl

Saturday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m./cl

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./cl

\*\*\*Bar Only

\*\*\*Weather Permitting

Last Day Open: October 26th



#### Reminder:

**LCC Employee Golf Outing  
Sunday, October 12, 2008**

**3:00 p.m.**

**(Front Nine)**

**Mulligan’s Closed All Day  
Brunch Open**

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

## Jack's Facts

*By: Jack Tripp, Golf Course Superintendent*

I would like to thank my crew of Keith, Richard, Barb, Chris, Ben, John, Bernie, and Bob for an excellent job of getting greens, tees, and fairways aerified and back in playing condition in record time. The weather was great most of the days, and we were able to clean things up very nicely.

You may be wondering why all of the trees were cleared to the right of #1 ladies tee. Elmwood Partners has owned this commercial property for many years. They cleared the trees in the hopes of trying to spark interest in a buyer. They also recently completed the asphalt paving of the street along hole #2 of their newest housing phase. You will probably see some new houses start next spring in this area.

As mentioned in last month's Niblick, we will be rip rapping the creek on #18 by the green at the end of this month or the first part of November. If the course is not yet closed when the work is being done, then we will shorten hole #18 by placing the pin in the fairway for a couple of days.

I would like to thank the Monday morning divot filling crew for another great year. This year they recruited a couple of new members and were able to cover the whole course most weeks. A big thanks to the leader **Jack Jansky**, and his crew of wife **Minnetta Jansky**, **Marvin Case**, **Ken and Shirley Fletcher**, **Fred and Joan Kautz**, **Rocky Marchiando**, **Paul Poehling**, **Chuck Mathy**, **Dean and Kay Morton**, and **Richard Seminario**. I would also like to thank the dedicated team of **Gary Coorough** and **Don Flynn** for taking care of filling the tee divots. Mr. Jansky said this year the crew spent 350 hours filling divots. Please continue to help the crew by using the sand bottles on the golf carts to fill tee divots. There is a special year-end party at Jansky's Eagle Point each fall. Jim Kjellenberg and myself had the opportunity to attend this year and if you have never had the chance to go to Eagle Point, a little work filling divots is well worth seeing the astonishing view from one of the best places in the La Crosse/La Crescent area.





## Couples Golf Finale

Sunday, September 14th Results  
9-hole Couples Scramble

### **Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Doug & Rebecca Atkins  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tom & Barb Roberts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ron & Peggy Klich

### **On-Course event winners:**

Rebecca Atkins  
Tom Roberts  
Richard Marchiando  
Carolyn Case  
Ron Klich



Thanks to those who participate and  
make Couples Golf fun for everybody!!!

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ryder Cup Challenge Results

The Ryder Cup now rests on our soil and in our trophy case thanks to the following soldiers: Mike Borgen, Jeff Cooley, Steve Franke, Chris Grode, Don Iverson, Tim Johnson, Jeff Kessler, John Knothe, Joe Laux, Greg Loomis, Steve McConaghy, Dan Meeker, Brad Mills, Jack Niedfeldt, Jeff Oswalt, Ed Overholt, Tom Reinhart, Gary Roberts, and Dave Wise.

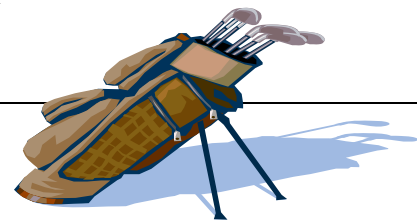
These LCC men racked up 105 points to win the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ryder Cup competition here at the La Crosse Country Club. Rochester Golf and Country Club finished in second place with 88 points while the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club finished third with 76 points.

The LCC squad put their dedication and enthusiasm on display for all to see in the weeks leading up to the competition. This was a true team effort by a group of gentlemen who accepted the challenge and got the job done. The

LCC has reason to be proud of these men who represented the Club with pride and dignity. They were wonderful hosts and were all very humble and gracious in victory.

A special note of thanks must go to Herb Bassett, Jessica Himmer, Darcy Sonsalla, Joe Bushmaker and their support staff for taking such great care of our guests during the competition. The visiting teams had nothing but glowing remarks about their visit to the LCC. Also, thanks to Jack Tripp and his crew for their efforts to make the course as playable as it was for the two days of competition. The Ryder Cup event is a huge undertaking and everybody involved stepped up and hit a huge home run for the LCC.

Thanks to everybody involved.



## \*\*A Special Gathering\*\*

As many of you know, our PGA Assistant Professional Joe DeRosa has qualified for the National Assistant Professional Championship in Port St. Lucie, Florida in late October. Joe qualified for this honor by winning the Wisconsin Assistant Professional Championship in August.

To recognize Joe's accomplishment, there will be a congratulatory social hour held here at the LCC on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to stop by to say hello and extend best wishes to Joe prior to his tournament. Also, this would be an opportunity to make a contribution to the travel fund that we are gathering to go toward the expenses associated with this major competition. (All incurred expenses are the responsibility of the competitor for this event, much like a week on the PGA TOUR. There have been several individuals already who have made contributions toward this cause and any amount of donation would be greatly appreciated. Please see Jim Kjellenberg to make such a contribution.)

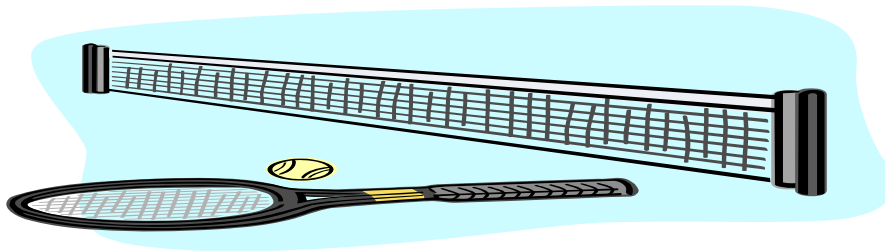
Because we know Joe will continue to represent the La Crosse Country Club in a championship manner, let's all make it a point to stop by and wish Joe good luck. This is a major event in the world of a PGA Professional and a week that he will never forget. We should all be proud of Joe for this accomplishment and the dedication needed to achieve it. See you on October 14<sup>th</sup>!

## TENNIS NEWS

*By: Ian A. Griffin, USPTA Professional*

Our two late summer school events---the **LA CROSSE DIOCESAN INVITE HOSTED BY AQUINAS** on August 28th and the **LCC HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRIPLE DUAL HOSTED BY ONALASKA HS** on September 13th---gave us the opportunity to meet young people and families from other parts of the state, and to show them our beautiful Club. Thanks to coaches **Kevin Roop** and **Kurt Gutknecht** whose schools organized these superb events. A special congratulations to **Sara Kessler** for coordinating so many activities in the Aquinas tournament; and to **Jim and Rose Wettstein**, who hosted the 6-team Players' Party in the same event.

And our successful junior instructional program finished the season with 105 different students. Our Children's Activity Coordinator escorted the youngest ones from the pool to the tennis courts, then played tennis-related games with them to fill the gap between their two different classes; we'll continue this program next summer.



On our **MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST EVENT** on Tuesday the 9th of September, we played a round robin with Dale Barclay's City of La Crosse team.

Players included: **Scott Blanke, Denny Ford, Tom Londergan, Rich Lively, Dave McCarthy** and **Herb Ross**.

We hope to do this several times again next summer.

### ADULT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Men's Singles: **Tom Londergan vs. Rich Lively**

Ladies' Doubles: 1. **Therese Waltz/Rose Wettstein**  
2. **Carol Ludlow/Martha Oswalt**

Mixed Doubles: 1. **Rich Lively/Jane Bentz**  
2. **Pete & Therese Waltz**

Our final two women's events of the summer---the **LADIES' MEMBER-GUEST EVENT** on Wednesday September 3 with 18 participants, and the **LADIES' END-OF-SEASON ROUND ROBIN** on Wednesday the 10th---capped a successful women's season highlighted by our **WOMEN'S FRIENDLY MIXERS**. Thanks to all who participated throughout the summer.

We'll still leave boxes of balls outside the Tennis Pro Shop: they're for member use on our courts--to practice, to drill or to hit serves. And...we also have some that we can give away: if you'd like some for your own use, or for a school, assisted living center, etc., please let us know.



# October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBERS</b> Clubhouse.....781-5837 Golf Shop.....781-5562 Tennis Shop.....781-5537 Maintenance .....783-4344			1	2	3	4
5 Mulligan's Open 11-8 Viterbo Men's Golf Invitational	6 Golf Invitational	7 Past Presidents Lunch **Special Board Mtg	8	9	10	11
12 Employee Golf Outing 3:00 p.m.	13	14 Joe Derosa Social	15	16	17	18
19 Mulligan's Open 11-8	20	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 Last Day Mulligan's 11-8	27	28	29	30	31	

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### Upper Clubhouse Serving Times

Lunch: Tues-Fri 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Dinner: Tues-Thurs 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Fri 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Brunch: Sun 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Fall Hours for Mulligan's

Thursday-Sunday: 11:00 a.m.— 8:00 p.m.  
 Bar Only  
 Weather Permitting  
**Sunday, October 26th—Last day Mulligan's is open**

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