

LA CROSSE COUNTRY CLUB

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Clubhouse Notes

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The La Crosse Country Club staff works with the sincere intention of doing the best job they can for the Clubs members. In order for us to meet or exceed your dining expectations in the future, I would like to ask for your help in the area of reservations. In the past two months we have consistently had more walk-ins than reservations. One Wednesday evening we had 49 reservations and served 112 guests. Please help us to give you and your guests the pampered attention by making reservations so we can all enjoy a successful and pleasant evening.

On the positive side we served 196 members for dinner on Friday, August 15, 2008, the most since I have been with the Club. The night went very well. We had reservations for 174 with 22 walk-ins, which we understand making a decision to come out spontaneously. We can do the job if we are prepared; knowing the approximate numbers that plan to visit us is very helpful.

According to the survey we took last month, 72% of our members will stay in La Crosse for most of the winter and of those 65.5% said they would visit the club if open for dining. We will be working on a winter schedule and will post it on the website and send out emails.

We would also like to invite our members to have dinner parties here at the Club during the winter months. Let's say a couple is thinking of having a friend or neighbor over for dinner, why not entertain here? Give Jessica a call to set up the time and menu. Your event or get together can be set up in the Lounge. The comfortable sofas and chairs, with a glass of wine or cocktail, create a relaxing environment before the dinner. The cost would be determined by your choice of a variety of menu or buffet options we offer. This is an excellent opportunity to get more value out of your membership. Please call me with your feedback on this idea.

To touch a little more on the survey, we have implemented some of your suggestions already:

- Improved the décor in the Main Dining Room
- Changed the silverware right side up
- On going training with our staff
- Looking at long range goals and ways to finance them
- Made changes in the lunch and dinner menus bring back some old favorites
- Healthier food in Mulligan's for the children, such as string cheese, gogurt, & peanut butter sandwiches

Several comments about Mulligan's suggest increasing the menu selection. Mulligan's was first envisioned as a snack bar with items for the pool area and golfers on the turn, rather than a full service restaurant. We will continue to do the best we can with the limited amount of space and equipment.

I would like to thank everyone who took the survey. We take your comments seriously. Overall the survey gave us satisfactory grades and ideas in which to improve so that we can focus on your expectations of the Club.

Reminder: We are open for Sunday Breakfast, Ala Carte menu from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Clubhouse.....781-5837	Pool781-5538
Golf Shop.....781-5562	Grounds.....783-4344
Tennis Shop.....781-5537	



The following is a copy of a letter received from Dr. Richard Artman, President of Viterbo University.

Dear Herb:

On behalf of Viterbo University, I wish to thank the club and the staff for your hospitality and outstanding service. As we did in 2007, we chose to have one day of our senior management planning retreat at the La Crosse Country Club. Of course, we have wonderful facilities at Viterbo but it helps to move off campus at times for a change of scenery and to create a different meeting atmosphere.

The Club provides a beautiful setting and the meeting facilities are ideal. Food and beverage service was excellent as were the many interactions between our participants and your staff. We particularly enjoy working with you and Jessica. You both are most cooperative and professional in planning and execution.

I'm pleased to endorse the use of the club by our members for their meetings and outings. Many other locations charge facility fees in addition to food and beverage expense. As members, we have the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful setting with outstanding service without the additional expense of a facility charge.

Thanks again for providing this opportunity to our members and for your excellent service.

Cordially,

Richard Artman
President



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&
Dr. George Ellenz

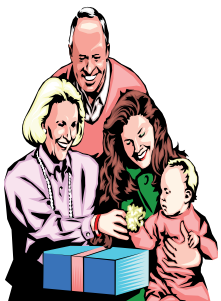
Your support of the Club
is greatly appreciated!

National Grandparents Day
Sunday, September 7

Come celebrate with brunch.

Make your
reservations today!

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



REMINDER:

THE MAIN DINING ROOM WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN THE LOUNGE.
BECAUSE OF LIMITED SEATING, PLEASE
CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

THANK YOU!

Important Dates:

September 1: Pool Closes @ 4:00 p.m.

Black Monday Event

September 6: Girls HS tennis by OHS

September 7: TRGA Championship

September 8-9: Aerify Greens (9 Holes Closed)

September 9: Men's Tennis member-guest

September 10: Ladies tennis round robin/

Awards Luncheon

September 10-11: Aerify Tees (Course Open)

September 14: Couples Golf @ 3:30 shotgun start

September 14-17: Aerify Fairways

September 16: Women's Golf Final Award

Luncheon

September 19-20: Ryder Cup Matches



3rd Annual Don Flynn Senior Cup Results

The 3rd Annual Don Flynn Senior Cup event (for men 60 years and older) was held on Friday, August 22nd. A total of 23 golfers participated in this event which features a low net and low gross format. Winners for this year are:

Low Gross	78	Don Nontelle (3 rd consecutive year)
Low Net	68	Gary Roberts (2008 Senior Cup Champion)

Other participants included Don Flynn, Gary Stuhr, Dan Meeker, Gary Coorough, Don Iverson, Sandy Hook, Dave Litzow, Bob Rasmusson, Al Topel, Dick Graw, Al Palmer, Tom Roberts, Eric Wheeler, Bob Schwandt, Ron Klich, Richard Marchiando, Bob Johns, Dale Harkness, John Ujda, and Kermit Newcomer.

Thanks to all who participated in this event and stayed to enjoy a wonderful evening following golf. Special thanks, also, to Don Flynn for providing such a wonderful day of golf and an opportunity to spend time with friends. It's easy to see why Don draws a crowd any time he's here at the LCC!

Mark you calendar for Friday, August 21st, 2009 for the 4th Annual Event.

Mulligan's Hours:

Until September 14:

Daily 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./close

September 15th - October 31:

- Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
- 11:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m./close
- Bar only (Hot dogs & soup available)
- Weather permitting

Upper Clubhouse Dining:

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

Lunch: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dinner: Tuesday-Friday 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays & Saturdays



Hole In One information!!

Dr. Seuk Kang

8-23-08

Hole #7

123 yards

#7 iron

Congratulations, Dr. Kang,
on your hole in one. Keep
up the good work!





TENNIS NEWS

By: Ian A. Griffin, USPTA Professional

Reminder about our evening **LADIES' MEMBER-GUEST EVENT** on Wednesday September 3 from 5:00-7:15 p.m.--drinks to follow (optional). This is an opportunity for our members and their friends, who are unavailable to play during the day--and for all--to enjoy a competitive social evening at our Club. The following Wednesday, September 10, we host our **LADIES' END-OF-SEASON ROUND ROBIN/ AWARDS LUNCHEON** from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. with lunch (optional) to follow. This is the last of our popular mixers of a *very* short summer. We'll again extend our very best wishes to mixer regular **Helen Flynn**; and our hope to see her back on the courts soon.

On Saturday the 6th, the **LCC HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRIPLE DUAL HOSTED BY ONALASKA HS** will occupy our courts from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Other participants this year are Durand, Menomonie and Waunakee.

EVENT CALENDAR

Aug. 25 - Sept. 13.... Adult Club Championships

Sept. 3....5:00-8:00 p.m....Ladies' Member-Guest Event*

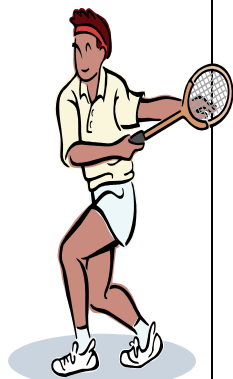
Sept. 6.....9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.....LCC Girls' High School Triple Dual hosted by Onalaska HS

Sept. 10.....9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.....Ladies' End-of-Season Round Robin/Awards Luncheon

Sept. 13.....2:00-5:00 p.m.....Davis Cup* ??

**this is different from the time/date published in the Handbook*

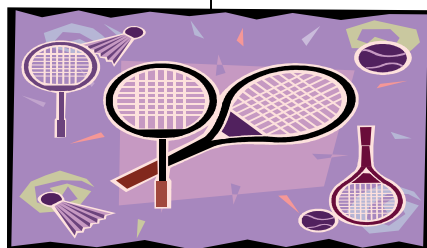
We'll try **DAVIS CUP** on Saturday September 13 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a new format: captains pick their own teams. We still need another captain; so if you're interested in being one, or if you wish to play and haven't yet been asked to join a team, please let us know.



One of the best ways to *encourage your child to play tennis* is to let the child you see you playing and having fun at it; even better, play *with* your child. Our families did just that at our **PARENT-CHILD EVENT** on July 27, with twenty participants--as many as 5 members from a family.. Congratulations to the **Bertrands, Grodes, Peyers, Saterbaks, Waltzs** and **Wettsteins** for making a fun afternoon.

We're leaving boxes of balls outside the Tennis Pro Shop: they are 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.

And...we have a few summer-end **racquets** for sale: demos at **half-price** and new racquets for **\$99!**



Women's Golf Association News

Jeanne P. Hulse, President

It is hard to believe that September is here and the summer is already behind us. The WGA has been quite busy during the month of August with events such as the Ladies Club Championship, the Senior Tournament and the Pepsi Tournament as well as the election of the 2009 Executive Committee. Congratulations to the following Officers: President – Pam McCorkle, Co-Presidents Elect – Barb Leinfelder & Martha Oswalt, Secretary – Lynne Griesel, and Treasurer – Margie LaPoint. What a great group of Ladies to move us forward into another wonderful year of golf at the LCC!

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Ladies Club Championship and Senior Tournament! Once again, they were fun and successful events. Congratulations to our 2008 Ladies Club Champion – Janell Stewart! Other winners include:

18 Hole

Championship Flight

1st: Janell Stewart

2nd: Tina Francis

1st Flight

Barb Loomis

Shirley Fletcher

2nd Flight

Pat Poehling

Deon Nontelle

3rd Flight

Jeanne Hulse

Carolyn Case

9 Hole

Championship Flight

1st: Peggy Klich

2nd: Merley Rasmusson

1st Flight

Joyce Grill

Anne Barney



Winners of the Senior Tournament include:

18 Hole – 1st Deon Nontelle

2nd Barb Loomis

9 Hole – 1st Roberta Gelatt

2nd Merley Rasmusson

We had wonderful representation at the Pepsi tournament again this year, which was held at Coulee Golf Bowl. There was some tough competition this year and the Ladies held their own and came in 6th place. Thanks to the six team members who represented the LCC WGA at this event – Lynn Hickey, Barb Loomis, Connie O'Conner, Rita Kang, Lynne Griesel, and D.A. Ferguson.

Our next and final mixer of the season is Tuesday, September 16th. Don't miss the golf clinic at 8:00 am followed by a shotgun start at 9:00. Our year end luncheon and awards program will take place following golf.

Colman Cup/Flighted Championship Results

Colman Cup Semi-final matches:

Brad Mills vs. Jeff Cooley

Tom Knothe vs. Montana Stewart

Final match:

Brad Mills vs. Tom Knothe

Winner: Brad Mills

Flighted Championship

Final Match

Greg Loomis vs. Jack Niedfeldt

Winner: Jack Niedfeldt



Mark your calendars now and plan on attending! My time is already coming to an end. Thanks to all of you that have made it such a joy to be a President of the WGA and I look forward to enjoying one more meeting with you!

Junior Golf Champions Crowned

Boys 18 Hole

Nick Bertram

Girls 18 Hole

Kathryn Terry

Boys 9 Hole "1st" Flight

Bennett Hutson

Boys 9 Hole "2nd" Flight

Adam Rathgaber

Boys 9 Hole "3rd" Flight

Brendan Londergan

Girls 9 Hole

Jackie Ebner

Congratulations to these Junior Golfers. Keep up the good work!

What It Takes To Become a PGA Member

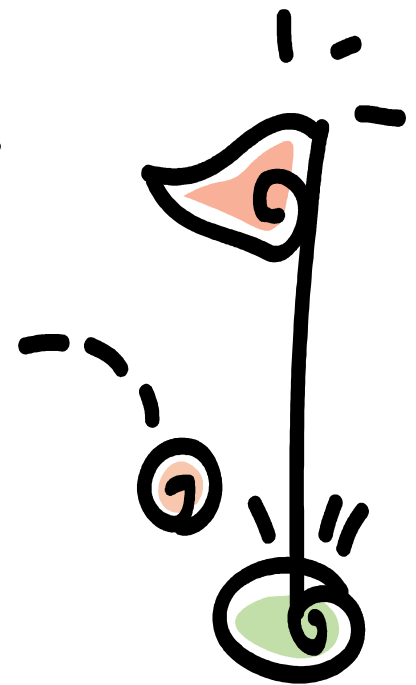
By Jim Kjellenberg, PGA Professional

This spring our Assistant Professional Joe DeRosa completed the final steps necessary to obtain his "Class A" status as a PGA Professional. For Joe this was the realization of a goal and the fulfillment of a dream that he had been working toward for many years. Many of our members have asked questions regarding the process of becoming a Class A member so I thought I'd offer a brief summary of the requirements involved in doing so.

The first and most obvious ingredient is a love for the game of golf and the willingness to work hard to become a proficient player and competitor. Joe played a lot of golf as a youngster and also as a member of the Holmen High School and Saint Ambrose University golf teams. Following graduation Joe played in and passed his PGA Playing Ability test which is the first step toward enrolling in the PGA Golf Management Program. Within the PGM (Professional Golf Management) Program are three levels of schooling and classroom work that must be completed and approved. Successfully passing the required exams at each of these three levels is mandatory as well. Each of these three levels will require up to two full years to complete. Being employed at a recognized golf facility during this period of years is also required. Joe began his professional career at the Cedar Creek Golf Club in Onalaska before joining the La Crosse Country Club in 2001. For several seasons during the winter months Joe traveled to Florida to work at the PGA National Resort. Experiences such as these provide a tremendous variety of job-related duties and responsibilities. Seeing how a multiple-course resort facility functions in comparison to a single-course private club, for example, provides a great basis for future job preparedness.

After submitting and being approved through the three levels of study and successfully passing all required exams, the last step involves a detailed presentation regarding one specific area of the candidates choosing. This presentation takes place before the Executive Board of the Education Committee of the PGA of America. Candidates must demonstrate a thorough knowledge of certain subject areas and be able to answer all questions related to their presentation. Once this final step is completed and approved, the honor of being elected to Class A membership within the PGA of America takes place. At a dinner and ceremony to present final awards to those successful candidates, certificates of membership and credentials are passed out. For any young man or woman this is a big accomplishment in their career as PGA Professionals. Many, many hours of study go into receiving this honor.

As I witnessed Joe go through the process of becoming a Class A PGA Member, I saw just how many hours are required to complete the necessary steps and progress through the entire program. Through his hard work and determination, along with his continued fine play in state and regional golf competitions, Joe has given the LCC much to be proud of. Well done, Joe. Keep up the good work!



Jack's Facts

By Jack Tripp, Golf Course Superintendent

At the August Board meeting the Board of Directors approved up to \$15,000 to rip rap the 470 feet of creek from below the dam on #10/18 to the cart bridge on #9/18. This area has continued to severely erode this year and is in need of repair before the #18 fairway slides into the creek. Rock will be stock piled while it is currently dry and it is easy to get dump trucks across a housing lot on #9 and into the area without rutting. In late October, or the first part of November, an excavator will be brought in to do the work. The reason the work is being done this fall is to eliminate disruption late next spring, which would disturb a busier time for golf play. Number 18 green will need to be closed for a couple of days when the work is done.

The pond dredging on #10/18 is being delayed until further sediment testing can be done. One of the two sediment samples taken came back with a higher level than normal of copper. Cutrine Plus, which is a common chelated copper product, is used to control the algae on the pond. Further testing needs to be done to show the copper is in the sediment and dredging will not expose any copper below the sediment level. To do this testing a 2-inch PVC pipe will need to be driven into the sediment to the old pond bottom. This operation is easiest accomplished when there is ice on the pond because the pipe needs to be pulled out once it is driven in and this is difficult to do from a boat. Therefore, we will wait until this winter to take more sediment samples.

Fall aerification season is approaching in September. Many times I am asked why we aerify. Aerification is a cultural turfgrass management practice that reduces compaction. This allows the roots to go deeper and so the roots can pull moisture and nutrients out of a larger volume of soil. Aerification also allows oxygen to get to the turfgrass roots. Also, oxygen is necessary for respiration and this oxygen allows for healthy roots. Lastly, aerification allows water and nutrients to get to the roots. If you remember last winter when an area was damaged on #7 and #14 greens due to ice damage, there was also some thin turf areas on #2, 9 and 10 greens. It was the still alive turf in the aerification holes that survived and provided enough plant material to restore those thin areas. The plug aerification that is done to the fairways also provides yearly topdressing, filling in small depressions. If you drive down the fairways in a golf cart the ride is getting smoother each year from when the golf course opened due to this topdressing. Topdressing also allows for a smoother ball roll. This is in comparison to the rough areas on the golf course that are not aerified as frequently and have a much rougher ride.



The fall aerification schedule will be as follows, weather permitting.

Front 9 Greens-Monday, September 8th-(we will start after the last TRGA group tees off on Sunday if the weather is going to be bad on Monday)-9 holes closed for the day

Back 9 Greens-Tuesday, September 9th- 9 holes closed for the day

Aerify Tees-September 10th and 11th-all 18 holes of golf course open

Fairways-start Sunday, September 14th at 3 p.m.-9 holes closed at a time until done. With good weather we would hope to finish the front 9 fairways by Monday evening and then do the back 9 fairways on Tuesday and Wednesday.

September 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Pool Closes 4:00 Black Monday Event	2 Mulligan's Taco Bar	3 Prime Rib	4 Men's Night Specials	5 Fish Specials	6 Girls HS Tennis
7 Brunch 10-2 TRGA Championships	8 Upper Clubhouse Closed Aerify Greens	9 Taco Bar Men's tennis Member-guest	10 Prime Rib Ladies tennis round robin luncheon	11 Men's Night Specials Aerify Tees	12 Fish Specials	13
14 Brunch 10-2 Couples Golf Aerify Fairways	15 Upper Clubhouse Closed	16 Women's Golf Awards luncheon	17 Prime Rib	18 Men's Night Specials	19 Fish Specials Ryder Cup	20
21 Brunch 10-2	22 Upper Clubhouse Closed	23	24 Prime Rib	25 Men's Night Specials	26 Fish Specials	27
28 Brunch 10-2	29 Upper Clubhouse Closed	30				



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