



LA CROSSE COUNTRY CLUB

Established 1900

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September
2009

UPPER CLUBHOUSE HOURS

LUNCH: Tues-Fri 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
DINNER: Tues-Fri 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
BRUNCH: Sunday 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Serving Hours through November 30th

MULLIGAN'S

August - September 13th:
11:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m./close

September 17th - October 5th
Thursday-Sunday
11:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m./close
Full Service

October 8th - November 1st
Thursday-Sunday
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./close
Bar Open & Limited Menu Available

October 5th and November 1st
PACKER/VIKING PARTY

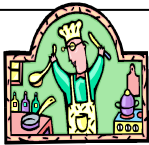
Save the Date:

Saturday

October 17th

LCC Fall Party

Details to follow



From the Kitchen By: Chef Darcy Sonsalla

Hello again from the kitchen. We have seen five months of the season fly past us and we are left asking ourselves where has summer gone? However, we still have some very comfortable months ahead of us as well as many delicious foods to try. I would like to remind those of you who have ordered food to go, please look for any serving trays or other items that may have tucked away before they were brought back to the club. Also thanks to all of you who came in and dined with us and used the club for your special event. We appreciate all your support. School is starting just around the corner, so make some time now for some family time here at the club before life gets busy again. The features menu will continue to change for the next few months. I will start moving towards those hearty family favorites and "spice" up a few options. My tomato patch is in peak production and I would also like to add a Capri salad for tomato lovers to enjoy. We have scheduled the next wine dinner, which will be on November 7th. Please mark your calendars and make your reservations now because space is limited. We are gearing up for a big holiday season and would like to start suggesting a few options this year. I would like to do more cooking in your homes for the holidays. Now this is just the start but we would like you to start thinking about those special family events that take place over the next few months and possibly let us do the work for you so you can enjoy the time and not be stressed out by coming up with menus and preparing the food. Let us take your worries away. We can do anything you wish, whether that be a themed event, or we use your family recipes. If interested please contact Jessica or myself at the club to book your special day. Fall is my favorite time of year so let's have some fun: football is back, Packer party, Badger game, no problem we can take care of any reason to get together and make your day easier. 2009 has been a great year so let's keep it rolling. As always Happy Eating!!

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The LCC is proud to have welcomed 12 members to our family in 2009, four of which are due to the successful response of our three week trial program. Thank you to all who invited friends out and recruited new members. Your support is greatly appreciated!

FROM THE PRESIDENT By Dr. Chris Born

Every two weeks, I drive from La Crosse to Prairie du Chien to see patients and do surgery. The drive naturally becomes very routine (unless the rocks are falling off the bluff as they do every spring!) Every once in a while, I have to consciously remind myself that I am driving down one of the truly beautiful stretches of highway in our country. It is a shame that familiarity makes us ignore many of the great things in our life.

One nice advantage of having guests at our Club is to get a fresh perspective on our facility and our staff from people without that familiarity. Recently, we had golfers from all over the state at the WSGA Senior Best Ball Championship. Throughout the event, we received overwhelming praise for the condition and layout of our golf course. We also had the similar praise for our food and our excellent staff. Some of the golfers were so impressed that they have inquired about the new non-resident membership that has been established for people who live over 100 miles away. You should be very proud of your Club.

I recently spent several days at Hazeltine Golf Club watching the PGA tournament. Even though the Grounds Committee is now in the very capable hands of Eric Wheeler, I have a hard time not thinking like a member of my former committee. I walked some of the holes at Hazeltine after the last groups were past and they took down the ropes. My impression was that the greens were pretty bumpy compared to ours. Maybe this explains why I sat by the 12th green all day Saturday and never saw a putt over six feet go in the cup. The putts were jumping all over the place! I also noticed lots of bent grass invading the rough, especially around the greens, just like we see in our course. It seems that even tons of PGA tour money doesn't change the fact that golf is never played on a perfect course. We probably should remember that when we look critically at our course.

On a less cheery note, we have had several recent incidents at our Club where members have behaved in ways that were not socially acceptable. Please remember that we are a family club and we need to show respect to the other members and their families, to our guests and to our Club staff. While human nature makes issues like this inevitable in any organization, the Board takes these episodes seriously and will take appropriate action when necessary.

Christopher Born

A Hole In One!

Congratulations to **Lynne Griesel** for making a hole in one on August 6th. Lynne aced the 7th hole from 87 yards using a #8 iron. The ball flew straight into the cup on the fly i.e. a "slam dunk" as it's called in hole in one business. Way to go, Lynne! And, on behalf of all Mulligan's patrons that day, "THANKS!"

Don Flynn Senior Cup results

The 2009 Don Flynn Senior Cup event was held on Friday, August 21st. 26 golfers, age 60 and over, took part in the Low Net/Low Gross competition.

Winners for this year include:

Low Net (Senior Event winner)	Greg Loomis	69
Low Gross	Dan Meeker	76

Special thanks go to Don Flynn for sponsoring the winner's awards and the on-course beverages during the event.

Thanks to all who participated and made this event fun for all. This group of age 60+ golfers is a special group of guys who really know how to play!



Jack's Facts

By Jack Tripp, Golf Course Superintendent

Sand Bunkers

If you played the golf course in the last couple of weeks you have probably noticed we have been adding some sand to the bunkers. The last time we added any significant amount of sand to the bunkers was in 2002. Overtime from players hitting shots, the wind, edging bunkers and the Sand Pro carrying a little sand out of the bunker each day on it's tires, the sand in the bunkers eventually gets depleted. This summer after the 3.3" of rain on August 8th when we went to push up the washouts there was only an inch of sand in the bottom of some of the bunkers and the Sand Pro plow would gouge into the soil in the bottom of the bunker. An ideal bunker should have approximately 4" of sand in the bottom so the mechanical rake does not damage the drain tile in the bunker. Also, this amount of sand will allow gravity to drain water out from the sand and leave it dry on the surface.

Sand Bunkers by the numbers

- 63 bunkers on the golf course
- The bunkers cover an area of approximately 3 acres, this is the size of #6 fairway
- It takes 522 tons of sand to add one inch of sand to all 63 bunkers
- One Workman can carry approximately one ton of sand per load
- It will take 522 Workman loads of sand to add one inch of sand to all the bunkers
- It is 1.25 miles from the maintenance building to #4 green. 2.5 miles round trip
- Average driving distance to add one load of sand to a bunker is one mile

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The new sand will be softer than normal for a period of time, but will firm up as it is compacted by the rain and Sand Pro running over it. The tines on the Sand Pro only cultivate the sand ½-1" deep and do not fluff the sand very deep. The sand used in the bunkers is angular sand. It will set up better than a round-type sand, which does not set up, no matter how much you try to compact it. Round sand tends to act like marbles. You can only compact marbles so much.



Fall Aerification Schedule

As part of hosting the Wisconsin State Golf Association Senior Best Ball Tournament the WSGA paid for Mr. Bob Vaverk, the USGA Greens Section Regional Agronomist, to make a consultation visit to La Crosse Country and offer suggestions on how to improve the LCC Golf Course. During his visit on July 16, 2009 he felt a good cultivation program (aerification) was very important to having a top-notch golf course. He stressed if you want a nice golf course it is necessary to go through the pain of aerification.

The fall aerification schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, September 8th-Aerify Greens, nine holes will open for the ladies in the morning then the entire golf course will be closed the rest of the day so we can finish aerifying greens and get them back in the best shape possible.

Wednesday, September 9th-Aerify Tees-golf course open for play, but discouraged so we can do the best job possible.

Sunday-Thursday, September 13-17, 2009-Aerify Fairways-we will start aerifying fairways as soon as the last group from the TRGA Tournament tees off on Sunday afternoon. 9 holes of the golf course will be closed at a time for play until we finish aerifying fairways.

Woman's Golf Association Pam McCorkle, President

July has been a cool month for golf – literally and figuratively. We actually have had very nice temperatures for our events and we sure have had fun. On July 14, we held our Rally for the Cure with 52 ladies competing in this scramble. **Jeanne Hulse, Barb Loomis** and **Kelly Saterbak** won the event with an incredible score of 35 – one under par. **Carolyn Case** won a new hybrid golf club for being closest to the pin on hole # 13. We then all enjoyed a lovely lunch with beautiful table decorations. Then to top off the day, several ladies won beautiful baskets in our raffle netting almost \$1,000 for Rally for the Cure. All proceeds will go to our local hospitals. I want to personally thank Jeanne Hulse, Lynn Hickey and Kelly Saterbak for organizing the lunch, and Donna Loveland and Cherry Lommen for collecting the items and then displaying them in the baskets – they were gorgeous!

We also had the winners for the **June Handicap** play

9 holes winners: 1st place tie **Barb Roberts & Roberta Gelatt**
2nd place **Bert Ujda**

18 holes winners: 1st place **Margie LaPoint**
2nd place **Sara Levenstein**
3rd place **Pat Poehling**



Upcoming Events:

WGA Final Luncheon/9 Hole Mixer – Tuesday, September 15th

Dorothy Fregin Past Presidents Event – Tuesday, October 6th

Black Monday event

On Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, the annual Black Monday event will take place for those men up to the fun challenge of playing all 7,181 yards of the LCC layout. This is a multi-event day of golf with team activities and a skins game as well.

Further information is posted in the Men's locker room. Get your game ready!



Colman Cup 2009

Congratulations to **Montana Stewart** for capturing the 2009 Colman Cup title.

Montana defeated

Tom Knothe in the 18-hole

final match on Sunday, August 2nd. With this victory, Montana will have his name added to the Colman Cup trophy which has the names of all winners (dating back to 1903!)

engraved on it. Congratulations, Montana!

Keep up the good work.



After hosting three home swim meets, many family gatherings, birthdays, and the 2009 summer Olympics, our summer has ended. I wanted to thank everyone for the great time and the patience with the new staff this summer. I also wanted to thank you for helping me as the new supervisor. I know everyone is already looking forward to next summer. If you have any suggestions or ideas for next summer please e-mail me at

hyland.hail@students.uwlax.edu.

Thank you, Hailey Hyland



TENNIS NEWS

By: Ian A. Griffin, USPTA Professional



TENNIS FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

CARDIO-TENNIS

Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Cardio-Family: youths 11+ encouraged;

Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

*Guests of members are permitted to the classes (for a higher fee) within the Handbook guidelines, i.e., "in classes which are not full". Cardio-Tennis classes will continue through **Thursday, September 17.***

LADIES' TENNIS

Monday, August 31: WOMEN'S FRIENDLY DRILLS *Last day*

Wednesday, September 2: LADIES' DAY *Last day*

Wednesday, September 9: LADIES' MEMBER-GUEST 5:00 - 7:15 p.m.

These nighttime mixers allow us to invite our guests who are unable to play daytime tennis.

Wednesday, September 16: LADIES' END-of-SEASON ROUND ROBIN AWARDS AND LUNCHEON 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch (optional)

LCC GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL TRIPLE DUAL hosted by ONALASKA HIGH SCHOOL:

Saturday, September 12

With invitees Durand, Menomonie,
and Waunakee.

*Courts will not be available for
member play from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
This is an opportunity to come out and
watch/support area youth
tennis.*

CITY OF LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the LCC players who were winners:

Suzanne Tanner-WS

Dave McCarthy-MS

Kelly Waltz-G18S

Thomas Gundersen-B14S

Brendan Londergan over Andy Gundersen-B14SCons.

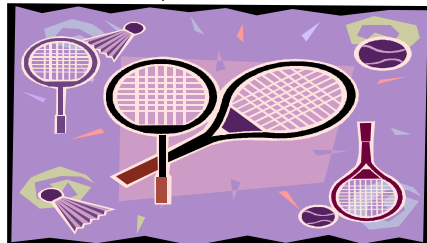
POOL/TENNIS OLYMPICS

For the first time, our tennis Parent-Child Event was conducted in conjunction with our annual pool carnival on **Saturday, August 1.** Twenty-five families participated in tennis only, swim only, or both.

Congratulations to the Gold Medallists the **Peyers:** Michael, Kisha, Marissa, Madison and Josh all played. The **Vogels** came second, the **Eides** third. Thanks to all the families who made it a fun day.

RACKET SALE:


A *limited* number of little-used demos are available in our end-of-season sale for **\$99.** Also, a few adult-length junior rackets--ideal for middle school-age--at **\$49.**



ADULT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

continue through Sunday, September 13

September 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Black Monday Pool closes for the season	8 Aerify Greens	9 Wine Tasting Tennis Ladies Mbr/ Guest Event Aerify Tees	10	11	12 Tennis Girls HS Triple Dual
13 TRGA Final	14	15 WGA Final Luncheon	16 Ladies End of Season Round Robin/ Luncheon	17	18	19
	Aerify Fairways				Ryder Cup @ RG&CC	
20 Couples Golf 3:00/After Packer game	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	IMPORTANT: Tuesday, September 15 the Main Dining Room will be closed for dinner and seating will be available in the lounge. Because of limited space, please call to make a reservation. Thank you!		

The pool is scheduled to close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 7th. If the amount of swimmers and weather are favorable, the pool may stay open as late as 8:00 p.m.

