

Lake Bracken Country Club

Bracken Bits

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Restaurant/Bar Hours for May

Restaurant:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	5-8
Wednesday	5-8
Thursday	5-8
Friday	5-9
Saturday	Breakfast 6:30-9:00 Dinner
Sunday	Breakfast 6:30-9:00

Lunch available 11 a.m.—2 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday

Outdoor Grill
Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays
11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Bar:

Monday	closed
Tuesday	3-9
Wednesday	12-10:30
Thursday	3-9
Friday	1-11
Saturday	11-9
Sunday	12-6

Snack Window:

Monday—Friday
9:30-5:00
Sat, Sunday & Holidays
7-5

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Phone Numbers:

Office 342-4431
Pro Shop 343-5915
Rest./Bar 343-5912
Maint. Shop 342-4341
Pool 342-2413

New Members:

Please welcome the following new members to L.B.C.C.
Wade Boens-Spec. Activity
James and Deborah Collins-Full
Jerald Hill-Single
Larry Smith-Spec. Activity
David Walker-Single
Jason & Beth Fuller-Social
Chad & Diane Allen-Full



Smoke-Free Dining Room

As of May 1, 2006
the Dining Room
at Lake Bracken
Country Club will
be Smoke-Free.

WELCOME

Fishing/Boating

Reminder

Members **MUST** accompany
their guests when fishing or
boating!

Thank You!

A big thank you to Nicole and Natalie Johnson for stuffing all of the eggs for the Easter Bunny for the annual hunt at L.B.C.C.

The "Easter Bunny" will be back next year in the park.

Larry



New Entry Sign

On behalf of the entire Fire Dept. I would like to extend our thanks to all of the people that helped with the construction of the new Club entrance sign. Wow, what a great new addition for our country club. Larry and crew have the letters on it now and it really completed the first phase of the project. Again, thanks to the Country Club and all that helped.

Sincerely,

Lake Bracken

Fire Dept.

Pontoons:

The deadline for having your pontoon removed from club areas is May 18th! Please call Larry at the Maintenance Shop at 342-4341 or the Club Office at 342-4431 today to make an appointment to have your pontoon put in the water.

If you have not registered your watercraft in the Club Office please do so immediately and have your 2006 Club sticker placed on all your watercraft.

Reminder that even though we are a private lake you **MUST** obey all Illinois laws.

Attention Homeowners

A friendly reminder that it is a good idea to keep your garages, vehicles and storage areas locked.

Membership Handbooks

The 2006 Membership Handbooks are printed and ready to be picked up in the Office. Please stop by and pick up a

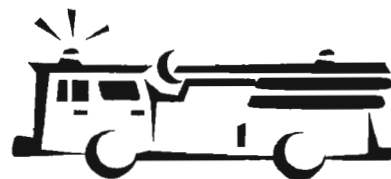
copy. For those who are unable to pick up theirs, the books will be mailed.

Free Smoke Detectors

Al Smith, President of the Knox County TRIAD Board, is working with the Lake Bracken Fire Dept. in offering FREE smoke detectors to people 65 or older who reside in the Lake Bracken Fire District. Contact the Lake Bracken Office at 342-4431 or any Lake

Bracken fireman if you are interested in receiving a smoke detector.

Chief Mike Howard



Bits and Pieces from Mary

Spring is here and the weather is beautiful – what more could we ask for! The golf course is in great shape, work is underway at the Pool and the Park, business is picking up at the Clubhouse and we are on our way to another exciting season.

Holly Hennenfent is back this season working on flowers and plants on our grounds. She does an outstanding job and we very much appreciate all she does for Lake Bracken Country Club.

The Easter Brunch was attended by 108 people and Travis and I both received positive comments from the members and their guests.

Please note the upcoming events listed below. Due to a funeral visitation this past Wednesday, the business that was holding a party here had to reschedule. **Next Wednesday, May 3 the Dining Room will be closed.** Appetizers and sandwiches will be available in the Bar or To-Go.

Saturday, May 6 Tee Times begin along with Breakfast and Outdoor Grill every Saturday, Sunday and holidays from Saturday, May 6 through Sunday, October 1. Josh McElrea will be cooking breakfast for us. Josh cooked on the Outdoor Grill last year and had previously cooked breakfast here several years ago. Travis's assistant in the Kitchen, Jarrod Anderson, will cook on the Outdoor Grill.

As many of you have already heard, I am stepping down as Clubhouse Manager and will resume my former position as Dining Room Manager. I would like to thank all the members who have offered me support and encouragement in the past. A smile, a pat on the back, and your comments (both positive and negative) have always been, and will continue to be, appreciated.

Carol Dawkins has been hired as our new Clubhouse Manager and will begin her duties Monday, May 1. Carol comes to us with an extensive background in both food & beverage and management. Please stop by, introduce yourself and make her feel welcome at Lake Bracken Country Club. Carol will have an introduction in the June Bracken Bits.

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 1	Stearman Golf Outing – 1:00 p.m. Shotgun
Wednesday, May 3	Private Party – Dining Room Closed Appetizers and Sandwiches available in the Bar or To-Go – 5-8 p.m.
Saturday, May 6	Tee Times, Breakfast and Outdoor Grill begin
Friday, May 12	Dining Room Open 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. only 6:00 p.m. Couples Golf with Dinner to follow
Sunday, May 14	Mother's Day Brunch – 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – See enclosed flyer for details
Saturday, May 20	Private Party – Dining Room Closed
Sunday, May 28	3:30 p.m. 18 Hole Guest Couples Golf with Dinner to follow
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day - Tee Times, Breakfast and Outdoor Grill

Stamping and Scrapbooking

Are you interested?

Tuesday, May 16

Mary Royse will do a class on
stamping cards and designing a brag book

Cost - \$5.00

Call Darlene at the Office - 342-4431

Or Chris Ryner - 342-3723

Deadline for sign-up is May 10th.

Firefighters Golf Outing

Thank you, thank you to everyone who participated and helped in any way with our first 18 hole golf outing.

It was a huge success and we look forward to next year's event.

The support of our members and area firefighters serves to improve the Lake Bracken Fire Dept. which in turn benefits the Lake Bracken homeowners and the surrounding area homes.

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 14, 2006

10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Omelet Bar

*French Toast Sausage Links
Baked Lemon Pepper Catfish Filets
Carved Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Bean Casserole
Fresh Fruit Assorted Cold Salads
Mixed Greens with all the Trimmings
Assorted Desserts*

\$12.95 Adults

\$6.00 Children 7-12

\$5.00 Children 4-6

Children 3 & under—Free

Reservations by Noon Wednesday, May 10

Call the Office at 342-4431

Or the Restaurant at 343-5912

Bring Mom to Bracken for her special day!

Bass Tournament

Lake Bracken Fire Dept.

Date: Saturday May 13th. 6:00 A.M. till 12:00 noon

Kick off from Beach or old clubhouse area. Be there by 5:45 to pay entry fee and have pre tournament meeting.

Shotgun start – all boats no wake speed only for the tournament.

No pre-fishing for three days prior to the tournament.

There will be no open pre-fishing for non Lake Bracken members.

All boats must have aerated live wells. No stringers or fish baskets.

All boats must have liability insurance.

Limit will be: Six 12” bass per team. A dead fish penalty of 1 pound per dead fish will be assessed. Short fish(closed mouth pinched tail) 2pound penalty plus loss of fish.

Entry Fee: \$ 60.00 Dollars per boat. Ten Dollars of that is for the big bass pot. (Cash only- no checks can be accepted)

Pay back will be 80% of the remaining \$ 50.00 fee. In other words \$ 10.00 per boat goes to the Lake Bracken Fire Dept.

First place 50%

Second place 30%

Third place 20%

Since parking at the ramp is very limited. We will have to launch boats and drive trailers around to park across from swimming pool and walk down to meet your boat.

After the tournament we may eat at the clubhouse. However the golfers have priority for parking. We might have to drop trailers back at the pool to have enough room to park.



*Happy
Mother's Day*

May 2006

Breakfast Served (starting Saturday, May 6)
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays
6:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
Outdoor Grill (starting Saturday, May 6)
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Stearman Outing 1:00 Shotgun</i>	2 <i>Ladies Day</i> 6:00 <i>Men's 9 Hole League</i>	3 <i>Men's Day</i> Private Party Dining Room Closed- Appetizers/Sanwiches in the Bar or To-Go	4	5	6 Tee Times Begin <i>Breakfast and Outdoor Grill begin</i> 1:00 <i>Challenge Cup Qualifying</i>
7 2:00 <i>LBCC Shootout</i>	8	9 <i>Ladies Day</i> 6:00 <i>Men's 9 Hole League</i>	10 <i>Men's Day</i> <i>Men's Stag 1:00 Shotgun</i>	11	12 Dining Room open 5-6:30 p.m. only 6:00 <i>9 Hole Couples Dinner to follow</i>	13
14 Mother's Day <i>Mother's Day Brunch 10:30—1:30</i>	15	16 <i>Ladies Day</i> 6:00 <i>Men's 9 Hole League</i>	17 <i>Men's Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>1:00 Tee Times Challenge Cup</i> Private Party Dining Room Closed
21 <i>1:00 Tee Times Challenge Cup @ Soangetaha</i>	22	23 <i>Ladies Day</i> 6:00 <i>Men's 9 Hole League</i>	24 <i>Men's Day</i>	25	26	27 Pool Opens
28 3:30 <i>18 Hole Guest Couples Dinner to follow</i>	29 Memorial Day <i>Tee Times Breakfast Outdoor Grill</i>	30 <i>Ladies Day</i> 6:00 <i>Men's 9 Hole League</i>	31 <i>Men's Day</i> <i>Two-Man Handicap/ Two-Ladies Handicap Match Play Begins</i>			

Pool News

With the weather warming up and the school year winding down, summer is fast approaching. Things at the Pool are starting to come together. Let me first start by thanking all the people that have contacted me about the Swim Team or otherwise. Many of you have offered your services and this, indeed, is greatly appreciated. Please remain patient with me as I acclimate myself to your facilities and we will together make for a very enjoyable summer.

Opening Date: Saturday, May 27th

Hours: Hours will begin from 12-6 p.m. When school is officially out, future hours will be posted.

**Again, Time and Temp. (343-8011) must indicate 70 degrees at the start time to open.

**For more Pool news and events, keep an eye out in future Bracken Bits and the Pool bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

Swim Team News

I have only 10-12 names of swimmers that contacted me as interested in the Team this year. I assume more will come later but if not, we will be small but mighty ☺. I have lined up a company to provide us with a Team suit and will have a try-on day on Saturday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Card Room. I would like to take this opportunity to have all swimmers interested in the Swim Team this year to make this meeting regardless of whether you will be trying on a suit or not. At this time, I will introduce myself to swimmers and parents, talk about my plans for the Team, finalize suit orders, take t-shirt and hooded sweatshirt orders, and collect final contact information. It is very important to me to introduce myself and meet all of you in person so if you cannot make it, please let me know by e-mail (jkmstreak@hotmail.com) or phone (343-3509). My e-mail has been fixed so those of you who tried unsuccessfully to e-mail me before will have no problems this time ☺. I know you are all busy....so am I...but this will not take long and will help to build a good foundation of communication between myself and you.

Suit and Goggle Prices

Female: Size 22-40 - \$54.00

Male Jammer: Size 22-38 - \$34.50

Goggles: \$12.00

T-Shirt and Hoodie Prices

T-Shirt - \$12.00

Hoodie - \$27.00

**Prices are still subject to change but all cover tax, interest, and delivery. This company guarantees 48 hour delivery so you will have your suit before practice begins.

**Practice times, start dates, and a "rough draft" meet schedule will also be offered at the meeting on May 6th.

**I will be working hard to provide a very positive experience with the Swim Team this year. I remember Lake Bracken having a large and successful program in the not-so-distant past. Working together can get that track built faster. See you at the meeting ☺.

Jake Miller

FROM THE GOLF SHOP...

***MOTHER'S DAY SALE**

All Mother's Day purchases from the golf shop will be 20% off the retail price. Stop by the golf shop and pick up a new Ashworth outfit or possibly a light jacket or pullover from Weatherproof!

****CART DETAIL**

Aaron Thiel is offering a golf car detailing service this summer. The fee is \$25. If you would like to have your golf car detailed, set up an appointment in the golf shop. Several members have already scheduled appointments. Further details are posted in the golf shop and around the clubhouse.

*****MENS & LADIES DAY WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND RUN THRU THE END OF SEPTEMBER!!**

******JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM**

The 2006 Junior Golf Program will begin on Thursday June 8th. The cost for the program is \$35 for the first child; any additional children will be charged \$20. The schedule of events can be found on the following page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 5-1 Stearman Golf Outing
1:00 Shotgun
- 5-2 Mens 9 Hole League Begins
6:00 Shotgun
- 5-6 Challenge Cup Qualifying
1:00 Tee Times
- 5-7 LBCC Shootout
2:00
- 5-10 Men's Guest Stag
1:00 Shotgun
- 5-12 9 Hole Couple's Golf
6:00 Shotgun
- 5-20 Challenge Cup @ LBCC
1:00 Tee Times
- 5-21 Challenge Cup @ SCC
1:00 Tee Times
- 5-28 18 Hole Guest Couple's Golf
3:30 Shotgun
- 5-31 2 Man Handicap Match Play Begins
2 Lady Handicap Match Play Begins

JUNE

- 6-1 Ladies 9 Hole League Begins
6:00 Shotgun
- 6-3 Men's Beer Tasting
Time: TBA
- 6-4 Sadie Hawkins
12:00 Tee Times
- 6-5 Pro-Am Drawing (7:00)
Bar opens at 6:00
- 6-7 Pro-Am
1:00 Shotgun
- 6-10 Husband/Wife Championship
12:00 Tee Times
- 6-11 Husband/Wife Championship
12:00 Tee Times
- 6-12 Chamber Golf Outing
1:00 Shotgun
- 6-17 Shotgun
8:30 Shotgun
- 6-19 Alzheimer's Golf Outing
1:00 Shotgun
- 6-21 Bixby Cup @ Bunker Links
- 6-24 Handicap Championship
- 6-25 Handicap Championship

Lake Bracken Country Club

2006 Junior Golf Program

Times

~Tuesday Morning Clinics:

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Each clinic will be the same, you can attend either.

~Thursday Mornings:

18 Hole Group: 7:30 a.m.

9 Hole Group: 8:30 a.m.

3 & 5 Hole Group: 9:30 a.m.

Schedule

Thursday June 8	Safety & Basic Etiquette Principles
Tuesday June 13	Fundamentals & Driving the Golf Ball
Thursday June 15	Etiquette on the Golf Course
Tuesday June 20	Putting 101
Thursday June 22	Rules of Golf Part 1 (Basics)
Tuesday June 27	Chipping & Pitching
Thursday June 29	Rules of Golf Part 2 (Hazards)
Tuesday July 4	NO CLINIC TODAY
Thursday July 6	Course Management
Tuesday July 11	Bunkers & Flop Shots
Thursday July 13	Junior Guest Day
Tuesday July 18	Skills Challenge
Thursday July 20	Drive, Chip, & Putt Competition
Tuesday July 25	Choose a clinic (Driving, chipping, or putting)
Thursday July 27	Junior Club Championship
August 3 & 4	Galesburg Junior Open
August 8, 10 & 11	Galesburg Junior All-City

Fees

- ~ \$35 for 1 Junior Golfer
- ~ \$20 for each additional Junior Golfer
- ~ Members of the LBCC Junior Golf Program are entitled to play in the Galesburg Junior Open for only \$15!

L.B.C.C. COURSE AVAILABILITY

****ALL JUNIOR GOLFERS 11 & UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES!!!***

*****JUNIOR GOLFERS AGES 12 & OVER OR HAVING COMPLETED SIXTH GRADE MAY PLAY UNACCOMPANIED DURING SPECIFIED TIMES!!!***

Children (Ages 7 & Under)

Monday: After 2 p.m.
Tuesday: No Play
Wednesday: No Play
Thursday: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (during the junior golf program)
Friday: After 2 p.m.
Saturday: After 6 p.m.
Sunday: After 6 p.m.
Holidays: After 6 p.m.

Junior Golfers (Ages 8 to 15)

Monday: All day
Tuesday: After 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Before 11 a.m. or after 5:30 p.m. (May thru September)
Thursday: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (during the junior golf program)
Friday: All day
Saturday: After 1 p.m.
Sunday: After 1 p.m.
Holidays: After 1 p.m.

Ladies

Monday: All day
Tuesday: All day
Wednesday: Before 11 a.m. or after 5:30 p.m. (May thru September)
Thursday: After 1 p.m. (during the junior golf program)
Friday: All day
Saturday: All day
Sunday: All day
Holidays: All day

Men

Monday: All day
Tuesday: After 1 p.m. (May thru September)
Wednesday: All day
Thursday: After 1 p.m. (during the junior golf program)
Friday: All day
Saturday: All day
Sunday: All day
Holidays: All day

Join the Buyer's Club Today!!!!

Save on all your Golf Shop purchases.

2006 Buyer's Club

The Buyer's Club will have a couple of changes this year. The membership fee will remain at \$300. This \$300 will act as a **merchandise credit** and entitle the Buyer's Club member to a 30% discount off the retail price for all merchandise **EXCEPT GOLF CLUBS**. The initial \$300 credit may be applied to any merchandise purchases **excluding** golf clubs. Golf clubs have been excluded from the Buyer's Club. The major golf club manufacturers, such as Ping, Callaway, Cleveland, Nike, etc., are cracking down on accounts that are selling clubs below their Minimum Advertised Price (M.A.P.). Several stores in the Illinois and Iowa sections have lost their accounts with major manufacturers for selling product below M.A.P. pricing. M.A.P. price is usually 20% off the retail price. This is the price you will see major discounters, such as Edwin Watts, Golfsmith, Golf Discount, etc., selling equipment for. For example, a \$500 retail driver typically has a M.A.P. of \$399. In the past, Buyer's Club members could have purchased this driver for \$350, or 30% off the retail price. This enabled us to beat golf discounter's prices by roughly 10%. Unfortunately, we can no longer offer this discount on clubs or we run the risk of losing our accounts with these companies. We will, however, sell golf clubs at the **lowest possible prices** and **match competitor's prices** provided it does not jeopardize our accounts with major manufacturers.

Added Incentive to join the Buyer's Club:

We want to make the Buyer's Club advantageous to all members who are willing to join. To offset the lost discount on golf clubs, we have added another benefit to Buyer's Club members. This year, in addition to your initial \$300 in Buyer's Club credit, **any TOURNAMENT CREDITS acquired through club events**, can also be used at 30% off retail prices. In the past, tournament credits could only be used at retail prices for merchandise and M.A.P. prices for golf clubs. We believe that this added incentive will **more than** make up for the loss of discounts on golf clubs. Although your initial \$300 credit cannot be applied to the purchase of golf clubs, you will still be able to apply your **tournament credits** towards the purchase of golf clubs at the **lowest possible prices!!!**

The Buyer's Club is the best deal going and it just got better!!!

Join the Buyer's Club today and Save \$\$\$\$!!!!

If you have any questions about the changes to the Buyer's Club, please call or stop in the golf shop and we would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Ladies Bridge Results:

March 17th:

1. Bobbi Harrison
2. Mildred Gore
3. Glenda Wyatt

March 24th:

1. Carolyn Ray
2. Margaret McCullough
3. Bobbi Harrison

March 31st:

1. Irene Allen
2. Pat Steller

3. Bobbi Harrison

April 7th:

1. Peg Johnston
2. Kay Goetsch
3. Glenda Wyatt

April 14th:

1. Rosey Lomax
2. Carolyn Ray
3. Joyce Goff



Men's Bridge Results:

March 30th:

1. Paul Sandborg
2. Wilbur Walck
3. Jim Armstrong

April 6th:

1. Carl Nixon
2. Ken Munson
3. Wilbur Walck

April 13th:

1. Carl Nixon
2. Paul Sandborg
3. Bill Tracy

April 20th:

1. Bill Tracy
2. Doug Tracy
3. Dave Goff