

Bracken Bits

Lake Bracken Country Club

Volume 14 Issue 3

Restaurant/Bar Hours for March

Bar

Monday	closed
Tuesday	3-?
Wednesday	12-9 ? (depends on crowd)
Thursday	3-8:30
Friday	1-10 ? (depends on crowd)
Saturday	12-8:30
Sunday	12-5

Restaurant

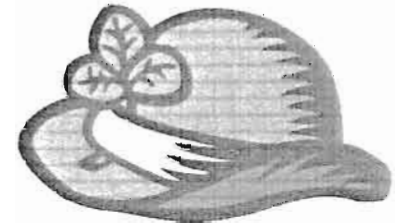
Monday	closed
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	5-8
Thursday	5-8
Friday	5-9
Saturday	5-8
Sunday	closed

Tee Times

Tee times begin on May 3rd. If you have never had a tee time and are interested in obtaining one this season, please call the Club Office at 342-4431 for more information. Deadline for tee time requests is March 17, 2008.

Optional Fees

Optional fees which include Cart Trail Fee, Cart Stall Fee, Handicap Cards, Locker, Lease Fee, and Trash Fee are due on or before April 1st.



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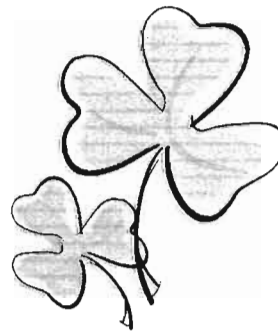
Phone Numbers

Club Office
342-4431

Restaurant/Bar
343-5912

Maintenance Shop
342-4341

Pro Shop
343-5915



WELCOME

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to L.B.C.C.

New in January:

Danny Allen—Special Activity
Chris Malesker—Special Activity

New Members in February:

Steve & Joy McKelvie—Clubhouse
Chrissy Darst—Junior 4 Family
John & Ann Treat—Full 2
Allen Vaughn—Full 2 James Blake—Full 2

To All Members,

We have been very busy this winter – cutting trees, plowing snow, working on equipment, clearing woods around #11 Ladies Tee, putting 2 ½ ton of riprap around that tee, building four new docks at the old beach area and five at the end of West Shore Dr., and cleaning the Clubhouse in January.

Rich Purl is the new Lake Patrol – 343-5228.

- 1) Illinois State Fish and Game Laws will apply with regard to licenses and size and species of fish which may be kept.
- 2) Maximum catch per day is:

Largemouth Bass – A harvest limit of five (5) fish/day/person with only one (1) fish/day/person over 15 inches.

Walleye – Catch & release only until further notice (recently stocked). The future Walleye regulation should be a harvest limit of two (2) fish/day/person with a minimum size of 15 inches.

Black & White Crappie – A harvest limit of twenty-five (25) fish/day/person with no minimum size limit.

Bluegill and/or Green Sunfish – No harvest or size restrictions.

Redear Sunfish – Catch & release only until further notice (recently stocked).

Channel Catfish – A harvest limit of five (5) fish/day/person with no size restrictions.

Flathead Catfish – A harvest limit of one (1) fish/day/person with a 15 inch minimum size limit.

Carp – No harvest restrictions.

All anglers fishing Lake Bracken, which includes members and their invited guests, must possess a valid Illinois fishing license or be exempt due to age or disability. In addition, all anglers are subject to all rules and regulations within the Illinois State Fish Code.

- 3) Trout line, throw line, seining, netting or bottle fishing are not permitted.
- 4) Only minnows purchased from bait dealers are allowed.
- 5) All guests fishing require a daily fee paid at the Club Office, Snack Window or to the Lake Patrol Officer. (Age 16 and over)
- 6) No fishing allowed from private docks or shoreline without the consent of the homeowner.

All pontoons stored in the Club Parking Lot **MUST BE REMOVED** by May 14, 2008.

Sincerely,

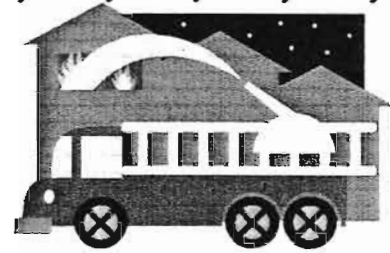
Larry



A Message From Chief Howard

It is February 21st and we are going after the new addition to our fire-house. We are adding a 1985 Chevrolet pumper truck to our stable. This truck has 1000 gallons of water, a portable tank, and many other upgrades from our other truck. Stop by any Thursday night and check it out. Watch for us in your neighborhood soon as we will be practicing attack procedures in the coming months.

Thanks again from all of your LBCC firefighters.



Ladies Bridge Results

Dec. 21st	3. Bobbi Harrison	3. Irene Allen
1. Mildred Gore	Jan. 11th	Feb. 1st
2. Irene Allen	1. Rosey Lomax	1. Rita Sandborg
3. Glenda Wyatt	2. Pat Steller	2. Tillie Mangieri
Dec. 28th	3. Joyce Goff	3. Bobbie Harrison
1. Mildred Gore	Jan. 18th	Feb. 8th
2. Rita Sandborg	1. Tillie Mangieri	1. Tillie Mangieri
3. Peg Johnston	2. Carolyn Ray	2. Mildred Gore
Jan. 4th	3. Peg Johnston	3. Irene Allen
1. Carolyn Ray	Jan. 24th	
2. Margaret McCullough	1. Carolyn Ray	
	2. Bobbie Harrison	

Men's Bridge Results

We're always looking for new members for our men's bridge group. We meet every Thursday at 6:45 pm at the clubhouse. We play a fun game of rubber bridge. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Please contact Bill Tracy if you are interested in playing or would like to watch.

February 8th

1. Bill Tracy
2. Tom England
3. Larry Smith

February 14th

1. Bill Tracy
2. Wayne Gonyea
3. Jim Armstrong

February 21st

1. Bill Tracy
2. Wilbur Walck
3. Jim Armstrong

Homeowners

A friendly reminder to L.B.C.C. homeowners that you **MUST** obtain approval from the Home-site Committee before doing any exterior construction or alterations to your property.



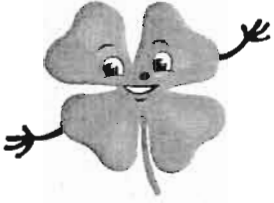
Entertainment

Thanks for the responses we received about the activities for this year. I only received 3 but that is a start. Again, if you have any ideas for new activities or changes for current ones feel free to drop us a note. Also keep in mind if you have an idea we want you to help organize the activity. One of the activities is to have movies in the park and on the beach. If anyone can help with this we can use some volunteers and also equipment for showing the movies. Another activity was a boat rodeo. If anyone is interested in helping organize and/or participate let us know. The third idea was an employee outing. As soon as I saw that one all I could think of was Caddy Shack and the Baby Ruth incident. We will look into that one! Ha Ha. Thanks again and keep in touch.



Mike Howard

St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Monday, March 17, 2008
Serving from 5-8 p.m.

Corned Beef Braised Cabbage
Cornbread
Roasted Red Potatoes
with Rosemary
\$9.95 per person

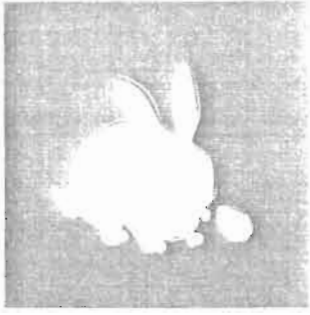
Limited menu of
Reuben Sandwiches
Tenderloins and Hamburgers
also available at menu prices



Please call the Office—342-4431
or the Restaurant—343-5912



We must have 50 reservations
by Noon Wednesday, March 12
or the Club will be closed
on St. Patrick's Day.
Thank you!



Easter Brunch

Sunday, March 23, 2008

10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Applewood Smoked Bacon
Maple Glazed Sausage Links
Scrambled Eggs
Bourbon Chicken with Sweet Potatoes
Chef Carved Virginia Ham
with Raisin Sauce
Kids Chicken Strips Kids Mac & Cheese
Potatoes O'Brien
Key West Vegetable Medley
Smoked Alaskan Salmon
Shrimp Cocktail
Assorted Cold Salads
Assorted Fresh Breads & Desserts

\$13.95 Adults

\$6.95 Children 7-12

\$4.95 Children 4-6

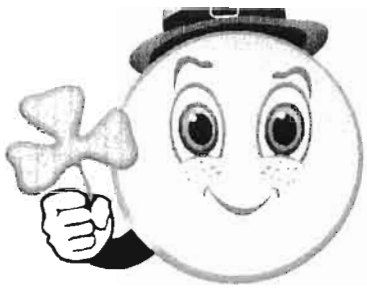
Children 3 & under—Free

Reservations by Noon

Wednesday, March 19th

Call the Office at 342-4431
or the Restaurant at 343-5912





March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>*Saturday, March 15 West Side of Dining Room Closed for Private Event</i>						1
2	3 <i>Bar and Restaurant Closed</i>	4 <i>Bar and Restaurant Closed</i>	5	6 <i>Private Event Restaurant Closed 6-8 p.m. Sandwiches and Appetizers Avail. in the Bar or To-Go</i>	7	8
9 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	10 <i>Bar and Restaurant Closed</i>	11 <i>Bar and Restaurant Closed</i>	12	13	14	15 1:00 Private Event in Dining Room <i>*East Side of Dining Room Open for Regular Dining</i>
16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day See Flyer for Details Deadline for Tee Time Requests</i>	18 <i>6:00 Private Event</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m. in the Park</i>
23 <i>Easter Brunch 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Raindate—Easter Egg Hunt—1 p.m.</i>	24 <i>Bar and Restaurant Closed</i>	25 <i>Bar and Restaurant Closed</i>	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Bar and Restaurant Closed</i>					



From the Restaurant

February is almost gone but unfortunately the snow isn't. Despite the cold, nasty weather the Restaurant has been doing well. Our new menu is up and running and the members seem very pleased with the new additions. We have new appetizers, wraps and sandwiches, new pork and seafood choices, and new specialties and pastas. The Bang Bang Stirfry, Italian Sausage Marinara, and Vodka Ziti are just a few items the members seem to really be enjoying. People seem particularly pleased with so many seafood choices, especially during Lent. And, of course, there is seafood on the Friday Buffet during Lent. Small copies of the new menu are available on the hall table near the front doors and it is also on the Club's website – www.lakebracken.com – click on Clubhouse. If you haven't been out to the Club yet, come see us soon.

If you missed the Valentine's Day dinner specials, you missed out on some great food. People are still talking about both the Filet Mignon and the Three Cheese Totellini. As we have been told, "they were to die for"!

To-Go Orders – If you have special requests when you call to place a to-go order, please be sure to tell us each time you call. When you consider the number of members we deal with, it impossible for us to remember each little detail pertaining to a particular member. We want your order prepared and packaged to your liking but we need to know your preferences. Thank you!

Again, we are looking forward to seeing more and more of our members in the coming weeks. And, as always, we appreciate your feedback – both positive and negative – regarding food and beverage quality, service or anything else that affects your time spent with us.

Mary Tapper
Dining Room Manager



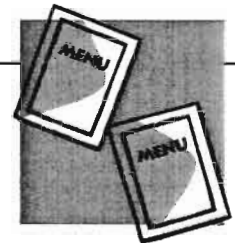
Many, many thanks to Stuart Alderson for our new menus. Stuart did the set-up, background photo scanning, and printing of both the menus and the new menu cover page. This is just another example of the great members we have here at Lake Bracken Country Club and how they give of their time and talents to benefit the Club and its members. Thank you again, Stuart!



Membership Cards

Membership Handbook

Boat and ATV Stickers



In order to save postage costs, all of the above will be mailed together by the end of March. As you can see in Larry's news this month, there are changes to the Fishing regulations so the Membership Handbook will have to be updated and reprinted. We are awaiting the arrival of new boat and ATV stickers, as the sticker color changes every year. Once the Handbook is reprinted, the stickers arrive, and membership cards are prepared you may pick up any of the above during Office hours – Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

What's New at the Pool

Get ready for the **Fun in the Sun** at your pool this summer! Your pool staff is looking forward to a brand new and exciting summer at the pool. The staff and pool committee have been planning many improvements to the facility for this summer. Keep watching the club newsletter for all the important dates for this summer.

What to watch for in the April newsletter.....



Swim Lessons

Blue Wave Team Suit Info



Family Moonlite Swim

Blue Wave Swim Meets



Movie - in - the - Pool

4th of July Activities

Pre-Season Information

Pre-Season training is open to any swimmer who participated on the Blue Wave or Kroccodile swim teams last season. Swimmers will participate in dry-land exercises, run, and maybe even swim. Participants should wear running shoes / clothing and bring a water bottle. Target first day is Monday, April 21st.

Swim Team Corner

The Lake Bracken "*Blue Wave*" Swim Team is a summer program that offers instruction and training to competitive swimmers from ages six and up, beginners to the elite competitive swimmer. This program is safe, educational, and enjoyable: while providing for the participant's personal improvement.

Join the "*Blue Waves*", where your child will have fun, make friends, develop confidence by learning skills, get attention from the coaches, practice in small groups of similar ability, and start lifelong habits of fitness.

Feel free to contact our coaching staff to find out more about the "*Blue Wave*" experience!

Meet the Coaches and Ice Cream Social

This is an opportunity for you to meet the coaches and ask questions. Parents and swimmers are invited to attend. Monday, May 12th 6:45pm at the clubhouse.

We are always interested in your comments or suggestions. Feel free to contact the pool manager via e-mail at: burekth.bluewaves@gmail.com or call the club office.

Looking forward to summer,
Tom Burek
Pool Manager & Swim Coach



<http://www.lakebracken.com/swimteam/index.html>





COME PLAY!

They say Spring is right around the corner, so we are planning accordingly. The Spring Brunch of the LBCC Women's Golf Association is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2008. Brunch will be followed by the annual spring business meeting and then a round of superball.

Come join your fellow women club members and become a member of the LBCC Women's Golf Association. The schedule includes different weekly events and an opportunity to meet and play with various club members and their guests. There are also monthly weekend events which can be played on Saturday or Sunday.

Regular play is every Tuesday morning and starts on May 6, 2008. The membership fee is only \$25 for the year. Weekly individual or team prizes.

So mark your calendars. A sign-up sheet will be available in next month's Bits as well as posted in the clubhouse.



J.R.'s News...

WELCOME BACK:

Is this winter ever going to end??? I know that I would just enjoy some typical February days where the temperature gets into the 40's once in a while. There will be some changes this year in the golf shop. I am proud to announce that Kenneth Christopher (K.C.) Harding will be joining the professional staff this year. K.C. will work full time as the Assistant Golf Professional. Many of you may already know K.C. as he worked at Soangetaha C.C. the prior two seasons. I am excited to have him on board and I am sure that everyone will help me in welcoming K.C. to Lake Bracken.

HOURS OF OPERATION FOR MARCH:

Starting March 3rd:

Monday – Friday: 9-5

Saturday & Sunday: Closed, but will open if the golf course is open for play!

2008 GOLF SHOP STAFF:

J.R. Millar Head Golf Professional

K.C. Harding Asst. Golf Professional

Aaron Thiel Shop Assistant

Marcy Herrin Shop Assistant

HANDICAPS:

I would like to remind everyone that in order to participate in most club events, you MUST have a handicap in the computer. If you need to establish and handicap, you will need to pay \$22 to the club office. It will then take approximately 5 – 10 rounds in the computer for a handicap.

HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE:

What is hole-in-one insurance? Insurance will cost \$5 and entitles you to a free drink in the bar anytime someone gets a hole-in-one valid that same day. If you have insurance and get a hole-in-one, the money in the pot will pay the bar tab and the remaining money is given to you in the form of golf shop credit. The total is currently over \$600. The current roster is posted in the hallway. If your name is not on the list and you would like to buy insurance, contact the golf shop!

RECIPROCAL CLUBS:

Being a member of Lake Bracken entitles you to an interesting perk. You are able to play the following clubs for a mere cart fee.

Arrowhead C.C.

Macomb C.C.

Burlington G.C.

Midland C.C.

Canton C.C.

Wee-Ma-Tuk Hills

Geneva C.C.

If you would like to play any of these fine establishments, you MUST contact the golf shop and we will make the arrangements for you!

BUYER'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP

A membership in the Buyer's Club is a very beneficial way to save money early and often throughout the year. The cost is \$300. This investment acts as a merchandise credit and also entitles the member to 30% off the retail price of all merchandise except golf clubs. In addition to the initial \$300 in credit, any tournament credits earned throughout the year may also be used with the 30% discount. For example, a dozen Pro-V1 golf balls that retail for \$58 is available to members of the Buyer's Club for \$40.60. This is roughly the same cost that you will purchase them at a golf discount store. You may as well buy them here and save a drive to Peoria or the Quad Cities. Essentially, you are purchasing a year long sale price, which means you won't have to wait on special deals when sizes of your favorite clothing items may be out of stock. By the time you begin to add up the cost of golf balls, bags, shirts, shoes, gloves, grips, spikes, hats, sweatshirts, accessories, etc., it does not take long at all to spend \$300. If you have any questions about the Buyer's Club, please call or stop in the golf shop!!

SPRING SPECIAL

20% OFF ALL GRIPS & SPIKES!!

2008 Golf Shop Services

Guest Fees

	<u>9 Holes</u>	<u>18 Holes</u>
Family:	\$10	\$15
Regular:	\$15	\$25

Range Fees

Individual Range Pass:	\$150
Family Range Pass:	\$225
Adult Bag:	\$4
Junior Bag:	\$2

Lessons

Adult Lesson:	\$30
Junior Lesson:	\$15
4 Adult Lessons:	\$100
4 Junior Lessons:	\$50
Playing Lesson (1 HR.):	\$50

Cart Fees

Daily:

9 Holes, 1 Rider:	\$10
9 Holes, 2 Riders:	\$16
18 Holes, 1 Rider:	\$16
18 Holes, 2 Riders:	\$26

Season (unlimited use):

1 Seat:	\$375
2 Seats:	\$650

Cart Rental Plans:

\$180 credit for \$150
\$375 credit for \$300