



Bracken Bits

Bracken Holdings, Inc.

Dear Members:

What a great, early spring. As I write this, we have experienced three weekends in a row with sunny skies and 80-degree temperatures. The course is in great shape and I hope you have been able to take advantage of the conditions.

I am happy to report that Bracken Holdings received one bid, from a current member, on Lot 161 which met the minimum as required by the shareholders. Jack and Lynn Johnson plan on building a new home sometime in the near future. Funds from the lease of the lot have been deposited in the capital improvement fund for future expenditures.

The final agreement between Bracken Holdings and the Abingdon Fire Department has been signed. Bids for the construction have been received and approved by both parties. Look for construction to begin soon.

In last month's Bits, Jack Johnson long-range committee chairman, commented on several projects under discussion. One project in particular received an overwhelming response. Additions to the restaurant and the bar seem to be of great interest to a large number of members. A print of improvements has been completed and will be on display in the clubhouse in the near future. These improvements are currently in a discussion stage only. The committee would appreciate your thoughts.

In closing, I wish to offer a special thanks to the Mangieri family and Mike & Terry Howard for a great guest chef dinner on the 9th. Over 160 reservations were received and the meal was fantastic.

Until Next Time

Pat Blake

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to Lake Bracken Country Club.

Craig & Sherry Andrews-Full

John Hennenfent Family-Full

Carl Johnson-Full

Thomas and Marjorie Pearson-

Full

Richard Wells-Spec. Activity

Membership Cards:

A reminder there are some members who have not yet returned their recertification forms for

2005 and therefore have not received your membership cards. Please take care of this matter as soon as possible.

Pontoons:

It is again time to have any pontoon parked in the country club lots to be removed from those areas. Deadline for this is May 20th! Please call the office 342-4431 or Larry at 342-4341 to make an appointment to have your pontoon put in the water.

May,2005

Phone Numbers:

Office	342-4431
Pro Shop	343-5915
Rest/Bar	343-5912
Main.	342-4431

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Kids & Golf Carts

Spring is here and we know everyone wants to be outside enjoying the warmer weather. Before things get out of hand we would like to address the problem of young kids, 4 and 5 at a time, riding around the Club roads and cart paths. There is a Club rule stating only two riders per cart.

Saturday, April 16 there were several carts with kids running on the road through the Park, in between pontoons in the parking lot, and on the cart paths as late as 10:30 p.m.

This ongoing problem was discussed at the April Board meeting and the Board was in agreement this has to stop before someone is injured or causes an accident with another vehicle.

The following rule applies immediately!

Non-licensed drivers (two per cart) may use carts only for going from home to the Clubhouse or the Pool/Park area and back during daylight hours only!!

If this problem persists, parents will be called and the Board will consider further action.

Handbook Correction:

Proper golf attire suitable for a country club **MUST** be worn at all times by both members and guests when using the golf course, lounge or dining room. **Proper golf attire includes collared shirts or mock turtlenecks for males.** No shorts, gym shorts or cut offs allowed for male or female. Women may not wear halter tops or spaghetti strap tops on the course.

No bare midriffs. Only spikeless golf shoes or tennis shoes allowed on golf facilities.

Bar/Restaurant/Snack Window Hours for May

Bar:		Snack Window		Saturday	
Monday	closed	Mon. Wed., Thurs., Fri.	9:30 to 5:00	Breakfast	6:30-9:00
Tuesday	3-9	Tuesday	9:30-6:00	Dinner	5-8
Wednesday	12-10:30	Sat, Sun and Holidays	7-5		
Thursday	3-8:30	Restaurant:		Sunday & Holidays	
Friday	1-11	Monday	closed	Breakfast	6:30-9:00
Saturday	11-9	Tuesday	5-8		
Sunday	12-6	Wednesday	5-8		
		Thursday	5-8		
		Friday	5-9		

Ladies Bridge Winners:

March 18th

1. Carolyn Ray
2. Kay Goetsch
3. Joyce Goff

March 25th:

1. Rosey Lomax
2. Irene Allen
3. Carolyn Ray

April 8th:

1. Carolyn Ray
2. Irene Allen
3. Joyce Goff

Men's Bridge Results:

March 31st

1. Bill Tracy
2. Dave Goff
3. Jim Armstrong

April 7th

1. Wilbur Walck
2. Dave Goff

April 14th

1. Doug Tracy
2. Harold Perry
3. Paul Sandborg

April 21st

1. Tom Firof
2. Wilbur Walck
3. Doug Tracy

Bits and Pieces from Mary

As I look out my window I see green grass and trees budding more with each passing day. Hooray!! Spring has finally arrived and we are happy to see more traffic through the Clubhouse and on the golf course.

Our Guest Chef dinner was a huge success and I think this sums it up – A good time was had by all! The food was wonderful – all homemade by Joe & Gayle Mangieri, Jeff & Pam Mangieri, and Mike & Terri Howard. They spent many hours preparing the food the Sunday and Friday prior to the dinner as well as Saturday. Joe and Jeff were our chefs that evening, Mike assisted Mark in the Bar, and Gayle, Pam and Terri served Chianti and bread with dipping oil and Parmesan cheese. I can't thank them enough for all their hard work in making a delicious dinner for the 160+ members who were here that evening. **If we have any other members who would like to be guest chefs, please let me know.** Many members have said "Let's do this again!" October might be a good time for the next one. Give me a call if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

- April 30 Ladies League Opening Brunch @ 9 a.m. – Meeting and golf to follow
- May 3 Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. starting today
Ladies Day begins 9 Hole Men's League begins – Sandwiches in the Bar
- May 7 Breakfast and Outdoor Grill both begin today
- May 8 Mother's Day Brunch – 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- May 13 Couples Golf – Grilled sandwiches, chips, salads, tea or lemonade - \$6.95 inclusive
- May 21 Dining Room Closed – Wedding Reception
- May 28 Dining Room Closed – Wedding Reception
- May 29 18 Hole Guest Couples Golf – 10 oz. Top Sirloin Steak or Smothered Chicken Dinner
Your choice of entrée, baked potato, vegetable, soup & salad bar, dinner rolls, and tea or lemonade -
\$15.95 Top Sirloin (includes tax and gratuity) / \$12.50 Smothered Chicken (includes tax and gratuity)

News from Justin

I will be making some revisions to the menu May 1st. Some new items will be added and those that have not sold well will be removed. Pizza will be introduced in May as well as a revised Breakfast menu. And for all you golfers, a new Outdoor Grill menu with drinks outside for your convenience. Any member input is greatly appreciated and I'm excited about the feedback I have received so far. I hope to see you in the Restaurant soon.

Golfers – Take Note!

**In the next couple of weeks there will be white lines around the greens.
These will be approximately 35 feet out
and are to keep carts away from the greens.**

P.S. Remember the three R's – repair, replace, rake.

Thank you, Larry

Pool News

Hello! My name is Michael Adams. I will be the pool manager this season and am looking forward to an exciting summer. Some of you may know me, but for those of you who don't, I have previously been a lifeguard here at LBCC and I managed the pool in 2000. I have been a competitive swimmer since age 9 and have competed on teams at Lake Bracken and Western Illinois University. Recently I finished my first year as Head Coach of the McDonough County Dolphins YMCA swim team. I was also a student coach for the WIU Swimming and Diving. I look forward to coaching the Blue Waves and making it a fun summer at the pool.

Opening Day Saturday, May 28 @ Noon **Hours** Saturday, Sunday, Monday
May 28, 29 & 30 – Noon – 6:00 p.m.
Future hours will be posted & in the June Bits

Questionable Weather?? For the Pool to open, the air temperature must be 70 degrees according to Time & Temperature – 343-8011

Swim Team If anyone has any questions about Swim Team, please e-mail me at swimdive1@yahoo.com

Water Aerobics We will be continuing Water Aerobics in the morning on M-W-F, time and start date yet to be determined. Miranda Van Unnik will teach the class again this year.

I, as well as the Guard Staff, look forward to seeing all of you this summer. For more pool news, watch future issues of the Bracken Bits and the Pool bulletin board in the Clubhouse. Thank you.

Michael Adams

LBCC WGA NEWS

Finally, nice golfing weather has arrived and we are ready for the spring brunch and some good rounds of golf. The first regular Tuesday ladies day will be May 3rd.

We recently had a meeting to discuss plans for the Traveling League, those attending were Cory Bizzari, Lake Bracken CC Golf Pro, Susie Howard LBCC WGA, Doug Pinter, Arrowhead CC Golf Pro, Roye Sparks Arrowhead CC WGA, Sandy Whalen, and Gynell Arends Midland Country Club WGA. We agreed on a format and scheduled the dates. We will explain it further at the opening Brunch.

Starting in the month of May we will be selling raffle tickets, the winner may select a club of his or her choice from the Pro Shop. Anyone may purchase a ticket and they will be available starting May 3 at the men's Tuesday night league. We also sell 50/50 tickets at most club planned events. The 50/50 is a way of raising money to help defray the cost of The Bixby Cub, Victory Tournament, Cancer Tournament and other guest day prizes. The Ladies of LBCC WGA thank you for your continued support.

I would like to thank everyone for all the positive feedback I have been receiving and hope everything we have planned for this golf season comes together and you are as excited about golfing as I am.

Susie

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Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 8, 2005

10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.



*Omelet Station
Biscuits and Gravy
Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links
Roasted Pork Loin with Gravy
Chicken Parmesan
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetable Medley
Salad Bar Rolls
Assorted Desserts*

\$10.95 Adults

\$5.00 Children 12 & under

Children 3 & under—Free

Reservations by Noon Wednesday, May 4

Call 343-5912 or 342-4431

Bring Mom to Bracken for her special day!

Breakfast Served (starting Sat., 5/7)
 Saturdays, Sundays, & Memorial Day
 6:30—9:00 a.m.

May 2005

Outdoor Grill Serving (starting Sat., 5/7)
 Saturdays, Sundays, & Memorial Day
 10:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2:00 LBCC Shootout	2 Stearman Outing 1:00 Shotgun	3 Ladies Day 6:00 Men's 9 Hole League	4 Men's Day	5	6	7 Tee Times Begin Breakfast & Outdoor Grill begin Challenge Cup @ Soangetaha
8 Mother's Day 10:30—1:30 Mother's Day Brunch	9	10 Ladies Day 6:00 Men's 9 Hole League 7 p.m. Private Party West Side/Dining Rm. East Side-Reg. Dining	11 Men's Stag 1:00 Shotgun	12	13 6:00 9 Hole Couples	14 1:00 Challenge Cup @ LBCC
15 8:30 Shotgun	16	17 Ladies Day 6:00 Men's 9 Hole League	18 Men's Day	19	20	21 Private Party Dining Room Closed
22 12:00 Tee Times Sadie Hawkins	23	24 Ladies Day 6:00 Men's 9 Hole League	25 Men's Day	26	27	28 Pool Opens @ Noon Private Party Dining Room Closed
29 3:00 18 Hole Guest Couples	30 Memorial Day	31 Ladies Day 6:00 Men's 9 Hole League				

From the Golf Shop.....

Change in Dress Code

~ All men must wear a collared shirt. Mock turtlenecks are acceptable. No Exceptions!!!

Spring Specials Extended through May 15!!!!

~ All grips and spikes 20% off

~ 4 golf lessons for \$100

~ 4 junior golf lessons for \$50

It's Never Too Late to Join the Buyer's Club!!!!

~ Ask us for details

Demo Day

~ Sunday May 15th, 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

~ Vendors: Cleveland, Hogan, Nike, & Tour Edge

Golf Shop Credits

~ Golf shop credits and tournament gift certificates are to be used on regularly priced in stock merchandise only. Credits may not be used on clearance merchandise. Special orders are subject to retail pricing.

Range Balls

~ If you have not purchased range balls in the golf shop or do not have a range plan you should not be hitting range balls. The golf shop staff has observed several members hitting range balls who did not purchase them or have a range plan.

~ Please do not steal range balls from the driving range. These balls cost 50 cents each.

~ We sell our old range balls in boxes of 300 for \$30.00.

New Handicap System

~ Our handicap service is now coming from the Iowa Section PGA.

~ The posting screen will look slightly different from the old one, but the process is essentially the same.

~ Our new service has a comprehensive website with many useful tools and functions.

You may access this website at ***IowaPGA.com*** or ***Handinet.com***.

Tournament Results

"Easy Day" Shotgun

1 st Place:	\$160	-49	Marilyn Malley, Betty Werder, Marine McKemie
2 nd Place:	\$120	-45	Carol Aten, Jane Youngquist, Val Perkins, Angie Miles
3 rd Place:	\$100	-38	Steve Perkins, Dennis Werder, Casey Gibbs, Tim Sullivan
4 th Place Tie:	\$70	-34	Wilbur Walck, Larry Smith, Walt Fellers, Carl Swanson
4 th Place Tie:	\$70	-34	Wayne Miles, Tom McKemie, Stan Farmer, Daren Davis
6 th Place:	\$60	-33	Joey VanUnnik, Mike Hasselbacher, Ron Patterson, Vic VanUnnik

Pin Events: \$12/Each

Long Putt #3:	John Rogers
Closest to the Pin #7:	Larry Smith
Closest 2 nd Shot #9:	Dave Moore
Closest to the Pin #11:	Steve Perkins
Closest to the Pin #16:	Mike McLees
Long Putt #18:	Jerry Fritz

Master's Pool

1 st Place:	Sonya Jones
2 nd Place:	Joe Dillman
3 rd Place:	Greg Gibbs
4 th Place Tie:	Gary Harrison
4 th Place Tie:	Steve Ehrenhardt
6 th Place Tie:	Larry Sholl
6 th Place Tie:	Steve Ehrenhardt
8 th Place:	Haley Jones

April 17th Cross-Country Couple's Golf

1 st Flight	
1 st Place:	Wayne & Karen Gonyea/Paul & Rita Sandborg
2 nd Place:	Coke LaFollette & Barb Empson/Phil Johnston & Marilyn Malley
2 nd Flight	
1 st Place:	Steve & Val Perkins/Bill & Susie Howard
2 nd Place:	Mike & Kelly Holmstrom/Jeff & Lynn Herrin
3 rd Flight	
1 st Place:	Ken & Dorothy Sargent/Neil & Jeanne Thomas
2 nd Place:	Marty & Jackie Christian/Rick & Cindy Wagner

Pin Event Winners \$8/Each

Lynn Herrin
Rick Wagner
Coke LaFollette
Irene Allen
Paul Hensen

Payout

1 st Place:	\$40/Team
2 nd Place:	\$20/Team

Upcoming Events

~Sunday May 1st

LBCC Shootout

2:00 Start Time

~Monday May 2nd

Stearman Golf Outing

Course will close at 1:00

~Tuesday May 3rd

Men's League Begins

6:00 Shotgun

~Saturday May 7th

Tee Times Begin

~Saturday May 7th

Challenge Cup @ Soangetaha C.C.

~Wednesday May 11th

Men's Guest Stag

1:00 Shotgun

~Friday May 13th

9-Hole Couple's Golf

6:00 Shotgun

~Saturday May 14th

Challenge Cup

1:00 Tee Times

~Sunday May 15th

Men/Women Shotgun

8:30 Shotgun

~Sunday May 22nd

Sadie Hawkins

12:00 Tee Times

~Sunday May 29th

18-Hole Guest Couple's Golf

3:00 Shotgun

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Weather Siren

In 2001 a weather alert siren was installed to serve the Lake Bracken Area. This siren will be activated in two different situations.

1. This alert siren will be sounded in the event the National Weather service issues a tornado warning for Knox County in the Lake Bracken area. A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has actually been sighted or is indicated by radar.

2. The emergency siren will sound a steady tone for two minutes or longer for any tornado warning.

This siren will also be activated to clear the Lake Bracken Country Club golf course in the event of lightening in the immediate area. **The emergency siren will sound an intermittent tone for two minutes or longer for any lightening in the immediate area.**

Although you may be able to hear the siren when in your home, it is intended to alert those who are participating in outdoor activities.

On the 1st Tuesday of each month this siren may be tested around 1:00 P.M. to ensure the system is functioning correctly.

Larry

HOMEOWNERS – FYI

In the last year, two dry hydrants were installed around the lake – one near the boat ramp and one near Breezy Bluff. These give the tanker truck from the Abingdon Fire Dept. a place to obtain more water on site once the tanker has been emptied. Also, if you read the information on the front page from Board President Pat Blake, we are close to having a fire truck located on Bracken property. This increase in fire protection may reduce homeowners insurance premiums at some point down the road. Check with your own agent for further information.