

APRIL NEWS

“The only thing a golfer needs is more daylight” - Ben Hogan



Hours of Operation

The Golf Shop is open 7 days a week from 7am-8pm.

The Golf Course is open for play 7 days a week, depending on weather.

The Driving Range & Dye Building

The Legends Driving Range is open as long as the Golf Course is open.

Through April, you can purchase Range Balls at the Golf Shop. The Dye Building will be open on a regular basis starting in May.



News from the Pro

by PGA General Manager, Ted Bishop

I am writing this as the final round of The Masters is getting underway. There is not an event that inspires people to play golf more than The Masters. Why is that? In my opinion a lot of it stems from the sheer beauty of Augusta National Golf Club. Just seeing the green grass highlighted by all of the flowering beauty in the background, makes many people want to be at a golf course- even though no other course is like Augusta National.

During my lifetime I have been fortunate to have played Augusta National five times and I served as a Rules official at The Masters on six occasions. Being there always inspired me to try and make The Legends Golf Club as good as we can be given the difference in maintenance budgets between here and Augusta.

Masters Memory

Q&A with Ted Bishop

Question: Ted, you have been very fortunate to spend a lot of time at Augusta - what is your most fond memory?

Answer: Many people have asked me what my favorite Masters memory is. That is a hard question because I had so many great ones! Four of the times that I played Augusta National I was the guest of Gene Howerdd who has been to every single Masters since 1934- albeit the first was in his mother's womb when she attended. Gene is the longest continuous member at Augusta National Golf Club and a true southern gentleman.

My first trip was in 2009. As PGA Officers, we stayed in the Firestone Cabin and had dinner at the club. After dinner, Gene took us on a tour of the Augusta National clubhouse. We went into the Champions locker room. Then we went up to the Crow's Nest where the amateurs stay during The Masters. Eventually, we worked our way down to the wine cellar where over 5,000 bottles of wine are stored. Gene showed us two shelves which were marked with dark pencil. The first said "reserved for Clifford Roberts" and the second simply "DDE" for Dwight David Eisenhower.

When we did play, we started on the back nine. I clearly remember making par on #10 from the back fringe. I always thought the front nine was tougher at ANGC. My best score was a 37 on the back nine. That round included a birdie on #16. I bogeyed #14 and #18. I had it inside 10-feet for birdie on #10, #11 and #12 but missed all of the putts.

I've been lucky enough to spend over 60 days of my life at Augusta National Golf Club. My tombstone should read, "I spent two months of my life at Augusta National- it has been a great

Continued Emphasis on Player Expectations

In the past few months, we have spent a lot of time and money seeding and fertilizing areas on our course. The Legends maintains over 300 acres of turf on 45 holes, so it is simply not possible to have 100% flawless areas of turf. Our focus is on greens, tees, fairways, primary roughs and bunkers.

We have emphasized the importance of basic Player Responsibilities.

Those would include:

- Fixing Ball Marks
- Repairing Divots
- Raking Bunkers
- Following Golf Car Directional Signs
- Pace of Play



Pace of Play Policy

The Legends has devised a Pace of Play System called Par Time: which establishes guidelines on how long it should take to play each hole.

Under these guidelines, the expected pace of play is 2 hours and 5 minutes for 9 holes on any of our Championship Courses regardless of the skill level of the player. We often find that groups can easily play faster than the 2 hour 5 minute pace if they play Ready Golf and stay aware of their position on the course.

Our Rangers have been given the responsibility to monitor Pace of Play. If they see that you are starting to fall out of position, you will be warned. If you cannot pick up the pace, you will be asked to skip a hole to create an improved pace of play for those playing behind you and to get your group back in line with Par Time.

Thank you for your cooperation!

In my time on the course this spring, I have seen an improvement with bunker raking although it could always be better. Ball marks and divots are also being repaired better than in the past. **However, following golf car directional signs needs to get better. Specifically, the following things are extremely important.**

-Golf Cars are to remain on the cart path AT ALL TIMES around the tees and greens. We are experiencing lots of wear just off the cart paths around greens because golfers are not doing this.



-Please follow the directional signage. When you see a cart sign, take the golf car directly to the cart path and keep it there through completion of the hole.

-Handicap flags are only given to those who have a physical disability. We ask that golf cars remain at least 30 feet from the greens at all times. There will also be times when the golf cars are restricted to the cart paths and we will not issue handicap flags. Our first concern will always be the condition of the golf course.

-Seniors are expected to follow all of the golf car rules at The Legends.

Finally, you will be happy to know that we have improved drainage on our Creek Nine bunkers. We have also added sand where necessary. All 27 championship holes are really in good shape and as is the Dye Par 3 course. No matter what your rotation is, you will enjoy The Legends GC more than ever.

Golf Car Etiquette - What is the 90-Degree Rule?

The 90-degree rule is often used to protect turf and prevent course damage when conditions are wet. This means that a golfer is supposed to drive their golf car along the path until they are in a position to make a 90 degree turn to get to their golf ball.

Golf Tip of the Month

by PGA Director of Instruction, Jim Morse

Get a (good) Grip

A very common problem that I see among amateur golfers is that they tend to grip the club incorrectly. In every lesson that I give, the first thing that I will pay attention to is how the student grips the club. The reason for this is because the way that a person grips the club will influence how the clubhead rotates during the swing. Delivering the club into the ball with the club face square to the intended target will allow the ball to begin its flight straight towards that intended target and that is always a nice way to begin a shot.

The following explanation of the grip pertains to Right Handed golfers, so if you are a proud Lefty, please just imagine the opposite of what is written.

- Keeping the club more in your fingers as opposed to deep into your palms you will do one of the following:
- Overlap your right pinky finger between the index finger and middle finger of your left hand
- Interlock your right pinky finger and your left index finger
- Place all fingers directly on the grip but making sure that there is no space between the two hands
- Now let your left thumb rest just to the right of the grips' center and your right thumb just to the left of the grips' center (when this is done correctly, the left thumb will be covered up by the pocket in your right palm)

You now should be able to look down at your grip from your address position and see 2 knuckles on each hand. This is what we would call a "neutral" grip and it will help you deliver the club into the ball with a square club face.

If you look down and see less than 2 knuckles on your left hand **OR** more than two knuckles of your right hand this would be considered a "weak" grip and will most likely leave the club face open at impact and thus starting your ball to the right of your intended target.

If you look down and see more than 2 knuckles on your left hand **OR** less than 2 knuckles on your right hand this would be considered a "strong" grip and will most likely close the club face at impact and thus starting your ball to the left of your intended target.

Lastly, make sure that your grip pressure is not too tight. A firm grip is fine, but if you are squeezing the club too tight you will create unnecessary tension in your arms and shoulders and that will hinder your ability to make a good turn in your backswing.

Please feel free to contact me or any of our other PGA Professionals here at The Legends Golf Club if you have any further questions.

Tee Times

We encourage everyone who wants to play The Legends to make a Tee Time. This can be done one of two ways:

1. We encourage everyone to utilize our online booking system by going to www.thelegendsgolfclub.com and booking for a tee time 3 days in advance.
2. If you want to book for a tee time that is further than 3 days in advance, please call us at the Golf Shop.

9 Hole and 18 Hole Tee Times

If you are booking a reservation between 3pm and 5pm there is a 9 Hole option and an 18 Hole option. If the 9 Hole option is the only one available - don't assume you can play another 9 when you are finished. The way the course rotation works, you will more than likely not have a place to turn to after your first 9 holes.

Tee Time Changes

We understand that a golf group can change quickly - we only ask that you please call us with changes as soon as possible! We want to accommodate everyone, however, if you book for a twosome and show up with a threesome or foursome, it creates issues.

If you book for 4 and only have 2, please let us know so we can potentially put someone in those slots. Thank you!

Golf Instruction

"Don't be too proud to take lessons, I'm not." - Jack Nicklaus

The Legends has 4 PGA Professionals on staff that are ready and willing to help you with your game!

May 7th will start our Get Golf Ready Group Series! We will have a class for Ladies Only taught by PGA Professionals Crystal Morse and Ted Bishop.

Along with that, there will be a Co-Ed class starting that will be taught by PGA Professionals Tony Clecak and Jim Morse.

You can sign up for these classes by calling the Golf Shop at 317-736-8186. The cost is \$99 for 4 - 1 hour sessions.

We are always willing to cater group instruction to you - do you have friends or co-workers that you would like to get together and learn or improve your game with? Let us know and we will be happy to create a program just for you!

Contact Crystal Morse for upcoming Junior Instructional opportunities.



Get Fit for Clubs

Don't let your clubs hurt your game.

If it has been over 5 years since you purchased clubs, it would be worth your while to check out the new technology!

The great thing at The Legends is - you can try before you buy! Set up an appointment with our Master Clubfitter, Dan Gibson to see if new clubs will improve your consistency and ball striking.

Even adding new wedges to your bag can offer a huge improvement in your feel around the green.

Contact Dan at 317-363-5563 to learn more about the new equipment that Callaway offers!



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Promotions

The Legends **Prime Time Pass** is a fantastic opportunity for all players!

Details:

- Pay \$99 and receive a \$99 gift card for The Legends to be used on anything that we offer. No risk!
- You will have the ability to make Tee Times 7 days in advance (perfect for Anniversary Members).
- Lock in your rate at \$39 for 18 Holes with a cart, 7 days a week. For Seniors (over 55) you can play for \$29 M-F and \$39 on Weekends.

Upcoming Events

If you are interested in **Mens Club Events**, such as the Saturday Morning Choose Up and Tuesday Night League - please contact Ted Bishop at tedbishop38pga@aol.com.

Ladies League: Ladies have two opportunities to play each week starting in May. There is no season long commitment, you simply sign up each week that you can play.

- **Tuesdays - starting May 7.** Tee Times will start at 10 am and ladies can play 9 or 18 holes. There will be a 9 hole game each week. Cost is \$2 for the game and any additional cart fees or green fees.
- **Thursdays - starting May 16.** Wine & 9. Tee Times will begin at 5:30pm and you can sign up weekly. This is a fun event open to any lady. Play will be in a scramble or shamble format and varying tee options will be available depending on skill level.

Couples Golf: Couples Golf will be scheduled two Saturdays a month at 3:30 in the afternoon. The first event will be on Saturday, May 11th. You can sign up as a foursome or as a twosome and we will pair you with another couple. Sign up by calling the golf shop or stopping by the front counter and giving us your name.

2019 Boys & Girls Club of Franklin Golf Outing: Help support a great cause! Thursday, May 23. Check-In at 10:30; Shotgun Start at Noon. Contact Ted Davidson to register a Foursome!
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