

# JANUARY NEWS

"You swing your best when you have the fewest things to think about" - Bobby Jones



## Hours of Operation

9am-4pm M-F

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## From the Pro

by PGA Head Professional, Crystal Morse

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of our loyal players and  
customers!

We are very excited about everything happening at The  
Legends in 2019 and we look forward to keeping you up-to-  
date and informed by offering a monthly newsletter and  
calendar.

If you would like to be added to our electronic e-mail list, you  
can go to our website and enter your e-mail address via the  
form on the right side of the homepage.

We look forward to seeing you at The Legends once the  
snow melts!

## Preferred Lies

by PGA General Manager, Ted Bishop

### **Pace of Play- Always a Hot Topic!**

If you want to warm up a cold day in January, then get a bunch of golfers together and start a discussion on pace of play! The Legends GC recently sent out a survey and no topic received more attention than pace of play.

We have always viewed 4 hours for 18 holes, or 2 hours for 9 holes, to be our pace of play goal. Certainly, there are factors that will effect this. If golf cars are restricted to the cart path, pace of play can be impacted by as much as 15 minutes per 9 holes meaning that a reasonable timeframe to complete 18 holes could be 4 hours and 30 minutes.

For the sake of this discussion, let's assume that there are no golf car restrictions. We would expect the first few groups of each day to play faster than 4 hours for 18 holes, or 2 hours for 9 holes. The reason for this? With open holes in front of these players, it should easy to play in less time.

The Legends GC holds walkers to the same standards as we do those riding in golf cars.

When the golf course is busy it is advisable to pair up as many singles and twosomes as we possibly can. This makes the flow of traffic more consistent. Having a couple of twosomes paired together is much better than being caught as a twosome in the middle of a course full of foursomes.

Playing "Ready Golf" can speed up a round of golf more than anything else. "Ready Golf" means the first golfer to be in position to hit their shot should do so, no matter who is "out" or furthest from the hole. This saves time!

Here are some other tips on how to speed up play.

- Drive to your next shot and be ready rather than spectate every shot in your group!
- Make your club selection while others are hitting their shot, so you are ready.
- Exercise continuous putting, which means putt out when possible.
- Be timely with head cover removal and replacement.
- Keep your stories short while on the course! Use the 19<sup>th</sup> hole for the longer ones!

You can expect more emphasis on pace of play at The Legends in 2019. By this, I mean we will provide more awareness on what the pace of play actually is each and every day. Just because you pull into a parking lot full of cars- don't think it's going to be a slow day on the course.

We will do our job to make sure you can enjoy a fun round of golf!



## *New Rule Changes will Improve Pace of Play*

There are several new Rules of Golf changes that should help everyone speed up. Here is a brief summary of those:

1. Golfers now have just 3 minutes to search for lost golf balls.
2. The Legends will implement a local rule that offers an alternative to the stroke-and-distance penalty for lost balls or shots out-of-bounds. A player may drop a ball anywhere between where the original ball was believed to come to rest (or went out-of-bounds) and just into the edge of the fairway, but no nearer the hole. The golfer takes a two-stroke penalty and plays on instead of returning to the tee.
3. You are allowed to leave the flagstick in while putting.
4. The Legends will implement a local rule that limits the maximum allowable strokes taken on a hole to be twice par (i.e. 6 on a par 3; 8 on a par 4 and 10 on a par 5). These are also the scores posted for handicap purposes.

We will have more on the new Rules of Golf next month.

**On Thursday, March 14, we will offer a free Rules Seminar conducted by Mike David, Executive Director of the IGA/PGA. Mike's program will run from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Legends Banquet Hall. The Legendary Kitchen Food Truck will offer food (cash/credit cards) from 5-6:20 p.m.**



## Golf Tip of the Month

by PGA Director of Instruction, Jim Morse

### **Are your wedges “Up to Par”?**

As you look outside and see a blanket of snow covering the ground, it does not mean that you can't do something to improve your golf game, especially your short game.

How long has it been since you have paid attention to the wedges that are in your golf bag? A couple of months? A few years? Not since you purchased your last set? Now would be a great time to check them out as you reflect on how you may have been able to save a shot or two per round by how you played from around the greens last golf season.

Here are a few things that I recommend that players of all skill levels should look for when determining if they may be hurting their ability to score from close range.

- The condition of the grooves on your wedges: worn out grooves will greatly reduce the spin that you can create and thus make it difficult to control the distance that you hit them and how quickly you can stop the ball on the green
- The condition of the grips on your wedges (this applies to ALL club in your bag!): have you ever picked up a club with a slick grip and said, “Wow, this feels good!”? I didn't think so.
- Do the lofts of your wedges have the proper spacing?: the lofts between the wedges in your set should have a difference of 4 to 6 degrees between them. Here are a couple of examples of proper lofts between a set of wedges:

Pitching Wedge	46 degrees	46 degrees	45 degrees
Gap Wedge	50 degrees	50 degrees	50 degrees
Sand Wedge	54 degrees	56 degrees	55 degrees
Lob Wedge	58 degrees	60 degrees	60 degrees

If you are unsure of the loft of your pitching wedge you should be able to find the specs online or we can check the loft for you (all other wedges should have the lofts stamped somewhere on the club head).

I hope this sheds some light on what are, in my opinion, the most important clubs in your set. If you have any questions or if you find that you are in the market for a new set of wedges or even just one wedge to fill in a gap that you may have please contact the golf shop at The Legends Golf Club with any questions or to schedule a wedge fitting.

## Upcoming Events

PGA Jr League Registration starts this month! All registration is done online at [www.pgajrleague.com](http://www.pgajrleague.com), however we are having an open house on January 31st and February 1st at The Legends Golf Shop.



Parents (and players) can come anytime during 9am-6pm on either day and ask questions, meet the Captain (Crystal Morse) and get help with registration if needed!

You can find out all the details about Jr League on our website under the Junior Golf Tab.

Also, be sure to pencil in Thursday, March 14th at 6:30pm for a New Rules Seminar at The Legends banquet hall. This will be a free seminar put on by the Indiana Golf Association. Open to anyone! The Legendary Food Truck will be serving from 5:00-6:20pm that evening.

## Promotions

Whether you are a daily fee player or Anniversary Member, you will want to check out our new **Prime Time Pass!**

The Prime Time Pass will cost \$99 and players will receive:

- A \$99 gift card to The Legends to be used on anything...merchandise, carts, rounds of golf, lessons or food.
- Make Tee Times 7 days in advance.
- Play in Men's Club Events.
- Play for \$39 anytime (Seniors over 55 would be able to play for \$29 M-F and \$39 on Weekends). For Anniversary Members, this would benefit you on weekends before 11am.

