

FEBRUARY NEWS

"Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you." - Arnold Palmer



Hours of Operation

9am-4pm M-F

Weekend Hours are
Weather Dependent.

Outings & Events

Now is the perfect time to plan your Golf Outing or Special Event!

With 27 Championship Holes and a Banquet Facility, The Legends is the perfect venue for your golf outing, wedding or party.

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From the Pro

by PGA Head Professional, Crystal Morse

Spring weather is around the corner and we couldn't be more excited for the upcoming golf season! As you may expect, there is not much golf being played this time of year, however, we are in full swing organizing for the 2019 season.

Be sure to read through our Newsletter to learn about:

- How the Legends will handle Player Expectations in 2019.
- Updates to the golf car rental procedure.
- Golf Tips from our PGA Professionals.
- Handicap/iGolf Membership Information
- Junior Golf Sponsorship Opportunities.
- Promotions and Important Dates.

Also, important to mention, we are happy to be adding to our Golf Staff this season with two Seasonal Golf Professionals and an Intern from the Trine University Golf Management Program who are all eager to get started. We believe they will be a great asset to The Legends and provide our members and customers with great service.

As always, I am open to your feedback and questions and look forward to being your Head Professional in 2019.

Sincerely,

Crystal Morse, PGA

Preferred Lies

by PGA General Manager, Ted Bishop

Excitement is starting to brew as we near the beginning of a new golf season at The Legends Golf Club! Snow, a polar vortex and plenty of TV golf from sunny destinations on the West Coast gives everybody a heavy dose of cabin fever. We thought this would be a good opportunity to introduce some changes at our golf course that will impact all golfers.

We will be spending a lot of time and effort on emphasizing Player Expectations at The Legends which will enhance the experience for everyone at our golf course. We have identified five key areas.

1. Check in at the Golf Shop prior to picking up a golf car from the staging area. The keys will be distributed by the golf shop in 2019. This allows The Legends to better control usage making sure that every group has no more than two cars per foursome. This policy is in place for ALL members- Lifetime, Full Golf Annual and Anniversary as well as daily fee players. **ONLY Lifetime and Full Golf Annual members** who have range privileges will be allowed to use golf cars for practice on the driving range.
2. Follow cart signage and rope restrictions on the golf course at all times.
3. Replace divots in the fairways or use the sand boxes on the golf cars. Use **ONLY** the sand boxes on the par three tees to repair divots.
4. Rake bunkers. Take your time and leave a smooth playing surface for other golfers!
5. Fix any ball marks you see on the putting greens- including your own!

The Legends will be monitoring our players to make sure these basic responsibilities of golf etiquette are performed by everyone. We will issue a friendly, verbal warning for first time offenders and that will be noted in our player database. Second-time offenders will receive a written warning ticket. Third-time offenders will receive a 30-day suspension of playing privileges from The Legends. Hopefully, it doesn't get to that.



Our goal is to have everyone do their part to help keep the course in good playing condition for everyone else who has come to The Legends to enjoy a round of golf. The last thing we want to do is upset any of our valuable customers, but every golfer has an obligation to other golfers to perform these basic responsibilities because when not done- it can ruin someone else's round.

Important Information on Ground Conditions

You can rest assured that The Legends will be open whenever possible, particularly this time of the year. However, the ground must be thawed out by several inches for this to happen.

Occasionally, in February or March, we will have days when the temperature might appear warm enough for golf, but the course could be closed because the ground is frozen. Most of the time in late winter it takes the greens longer to thaw out because the shorter grass makes the ground more susceptible to a freeze near the surface.

This won't mean that another course in the area might be open for play. The Legends make its decision on our ground conditions and what is in the best interest of our greens and the people who will play on them this spring.

You can always access the current course conditions by checking out our website thelegendsgolfclub.com or call the course at 317-736-8186.

We apologize for any confusion the first weekend of February regarding course conditions. That was a prime example of how unpredictable the weather can be!

Handicap Information/iGolf Membership

Now is the time to think about establishing or renewing your handicap for 2019! You receive many benefits by having an iGolf Membership, including:

- An official USGA Handicap
- A one-year subscription to Golf Digest and an online subscription to iGolf Magazine
- Travel and Golf Discounts
- Eligibility to play in IGA, PGA & IWGA Events

The cost to establish or renew your iGolf Membership is \$35 if done online and \$38 if it is handled through the golf shop. Juniors under 17 years of age can establish a handicap at no cost - this must be done by contacting the golf shop.

You can go to www.indianagolf.org, iGolf Membership, Become a Member or Renew Membership. If you are Renewing your membership, use your existing iGolf number.

We recommend for all golfers, regardless of skill level, to establish a handicap. However, it is mandatory that you have an established Handicap if you want to play in any Men's Events at The Legends.

Golf Tip of the Month

by PGA Director of Instruction, Jim Morse

Don't Be Afraid of the Numbers

Technology. Some people love it, some people maybe not so much. In our great game of Golf, the use of Launch Monitors has become extremely popular. A Launch Monitor is a device that measures what the golf ball does in flight and what the golf club is doing during the swing. There are many variations of these, some will only measure the ball, while others will measure both club and ball. It wasn't too long ago that only the most elite players in the world were those who were using them, but in today's game, players of all skill levels are starting to see some form of this technology especially if they are taking private instruction or getting fit for new clubs.

As an instructor, I have seen firsthand how a Launch Monitor can improve someone's ball striking. A couple examples of the data that I may use to help someone's swing:

• **Angle of Attack:** This will show how many degrees the golf club is descending or ascending at the point of impact. This measurement has a major influence on the **trajectory** of the golf ball.

• **Club Face Angle:** This will show how many degrees the face of the golf club is open or closed at the point of impact with the golf ball. This measurement is roughly 95% responsible for the **initial direction the ball will travel** after impact.

Properly translating the data that comes from a launch monitor not only helps me quickly identify even the most minor swing flaws, but it also allows me to give the golfer a much clearer understanding of why the golf ball does what it does. To me, just making a student better is not enough. I want my students to be able to identify a problem without having to guess.

As a fitter, a launch monitor is an absolute necessity when comparing clubs to one another. A couple of examples of the data that I would use to fit someone into new clubs:

• **Launch Angle:** This shows the angle (in degrees) that the golf ball comes off the face of the club.

• **Spin Rate:** This shows how much the golf ball is spinning directly after impact. Too much spin results in too high of a trajectory while not enough spin results in too low of a trajectory.

Showing someone that Club A goes 25 yards further than Club B is pretty powerful, but then showing them Club A with a different shaft in it and seeing it go even farther is just down right fun!

Now, please don't get me wrong here. I am not suggesting that you go out and buy yourself a Launch Monitor, as some of the best ones are quite expensive, although there are some more reasonably priced ones that don't give as much data. My message here is, the next time you find yourself hitting balls with a Launch Monitor either with an instructor or a club fitter and you are shown all sorts of data, don't panic, the person who is working with you will explain them all to you. Just embrace the technology and **Don't Be Afraid of the Numbers!**

Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you want to help us grow junior golf in the community? The Legends is very supportive of growing the game of Junior Golf and we couldn't do it without the support of our members and loyal customers. Here are some programs that we are offering this year:

- PGA Jr League (Summer and Fall League)
- Johnson County Summer League (for middle school and high school golfers to develop their game)
- First Tee Golf Clinics.
- LPGA*USGA Girls Golf Clinics that specifically help empower young girls through the game of golf.
- Additional clinics and tournaments that help juniors learn and advance their game.

Here is how you can help:

Become an individual sponsor of our programs: You can choose an amount of \$25, \$50 or \$75 that will go directly into our junior programs and offset the cost for participants. Cost is one of the main barriers that keeps parents from getting their kids into the game - by having sponsors, we are able to give the students a very high quality experience at a reasonable cost.

For businesses that would like to sponsor:

- We have 6 PGA Jr League Teams that are able to be sponsored (four 13U Teams and two 6U Teams). When you sponsor a team, you can get your company name on the jersey, signage is posted at every practice and match and the company name will be recognized in our summer newsletters. The cost of a business sponsor is \$250.
- Businesses can also choose to donate to our overall Junior Programming and receive recognition in our monthly newsletters for \$150.



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Promotions

Callaway Golf

Callaway Golf is offering our customers a chance to get a great deal on Chrome Soft Golf Balls. When you buy three dozen personalized golf balls, you will receive the fourth dozen for FREE! This offer is valid on any white or yellow Chrome Soft or Chrome Soft X golf ball. Use this chance to get stocked up for the season!

Lock in your rates for the 2019 Season!

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.



Important Dates

Thursday, March 14: New Rules of Golf Seminar at The Legends Banquet Hall. The Legendary Food Truck will be serving food for purchase from 5-6:20pm. The rules seminar is free and starts at 6:30pm.

Winter Instruction

If you want to brush up on your game before the nice weather gets here, contact:

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