



LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-Paul Wagner

Winter is coming to an end. As we look forward to Spring, our staff prepares for the upcoming events, returning Snowbirds, and members who use their properties more often during the warmer season. Once again we have the opportunity to golf, enjoy the parks and lakes, and socialize with friends and neighbors in the lounge, restaurant and café. Although it may be a closely guarded secret many of us have that opportunity year around albeit in rubber boots and yellow slickers.

I want to thank the current Board of Directors for their commitment to this community. Besides Board Meetings they attend various Committee Meetings, planning work sessions once a month, and interact with various governmental and private agencies as necessary. Many have volunteered their time to investigate HOA problems and concerns gathering information so we can clarify policy and rules for the membership as the community demographics change.

Elections will be coming up in April. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and evaluate those who wish to serve on the Board and the Water Committee. Please read their resumes, attend the Q and A sessions, and vote. The BOD requires a greater commitment then a couple of hours once a month on the third Saturday. However, if you have the time and the desire to share your thoughts we would value your participation.

Paul Wagner, President
LLCC Board of Directors

TREASURERS REPORT-- Mike Prather

Our financial situation continues to stabilize. Thanks to increased attention by the Board and our great office staff, we continue to increase the collection of late dues and water bills. This has helped maintain our operating cash accounts at good levels as we navigate through our slow, winter months.

The Board has been reviewing the list of additional capital projects submitted by committees and staff last fall as part of the annual budget process. Once reviewed and prioritized, the Board will approve the top projects for implementation work to begin in anticipation of our upcoming busy, summer season.

We have decided to change banks that service our accounts for the Home Owners Association and the Lake Limerick Country Club Newsletter

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Water Department. We have found a new bank that will provide an increased level of required services, a decreased level of service charges, and local customer service personnel. By the time you read this newsletter, the change should be close to completed.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER- Deborah Wallace

Every September a budget is created to map out the expenditures for the year. This is a great tool to measure the fiscal performance of the association. The Board and the management team want to make sure that your monies are being responsibly managed and spent to benefit the entire community. Each month we report the actual amount spent versus what has been budgeted. All financial reports are available to members at any time. The monthly profit and loss statement is posted in the office and is also available at every Board meeting. I am happy to say that the organization is in excellent fiscal health and being monitored daily. Should you wish to discuss any financial matters, I am happy to assist you.

If you have concerns with your billing, Rhonda Hunt can help you with complex issues, payment plans and water billing questions. Leedia, Christy and Terry can take your monthly payments and assist with simple matters regarding your HOA and Water accounts. We are very excited to offer a new way to effortlessly pay your HOA bill with a recurring payment authorization form that lets us bill your credit or debit card every month. Come into the office and fill the form out and you will never have to worry about remembering to make a payment!

Leedia Bailey, our member services point person, can answer any questions about park passes, boat registrations, hall rental and other member concerns. She does a fabulous job on our communications making sure that the latest news and information is posted to the website and sent out in email blasts. Please contact Leedia if you would like to have your name added to the email mailing list as it's a great way to get information from Lake Limerick.

Every accounting department needs an experienced and versatile professional like Terry Hinchcliff. There is very little that she can't handle. She makes sure our bills are paid on time, and that all monies are properly posted and accounted for. She is an asset to the smooth running of the office, and she is also available for member questions and concerns.

Our job is to provide financial integrity with transparency and honesty in all transactions. Lake Limerick is lucky to have such a devoted and caring administrative team that has the best interests of the members at heart.

WATER COMMITTEE--Don Bird, Chairperson

Water Quality: The water quality of our system continues to be excellent. We recently did required testing for lead and copper at 10 residences. The amount of lead in all samples was too small to be measurable. This isn't surprising because there are no lead pipes used in our water system. In about half the samples copper was undetectable and in the other half the amount was very small and was less than 1/10th of the State regulated limit. The amount of copper is dependent on the type of water pipes used in a house.

Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing: Every three years we are required to test, and repair if necessary, all the nearly 800 backflow prevention assemblies installed at Lake Limerick. These devices are installed between the main service lines and each meter box to prevent contamination of the water system. In April we will have a specialized testing company perform this work. While they perform the test on the device servicing your house, your water will be interrupted for a few minutes. Notifications will be posted to let you know when testing will be done in your neighborhood.

Water Billing Statement: In September 2017 the water bill format was changed to plain paper bills to save money. The new full-page format will allow us to provide you with more information. We are exploring options within the billing program to provide a breakdown of the various charges. Don't be surprised if in the next month or so you see a different format for the bill.

Water Filling Station: A "water filling station" has been installed next to the Well #2 building adjacent to the putting green. Any water truck that is authorized to draw water from our Water System will be required to use that station. This will allow us to meter the actual amount of water used each time and also monitor for any unauthorized use. The Fire Department will continue to draw from hydrants around the lake to test the hydrants. Now that the "water filling station" is available, any other unauthorized water use from Lake Limerick hydrants should be reported to the Water Department or to the Sheriff.

Water Conservation: Unaccounted water losses for the last month were less than 5% which is better than our average loss per month last year. However, please continue to watch for leaks on your property and other areas as you walk around the Lake.

LAKE LIMERICK STREET SIGNS—Brian Smith, Secretary

At its February meeting, the Board approved a recommendation to replace the old wooden street signs with signs provided and maintained by Mason County. This idea was first proposed a few years ago but rejected by the then Board. Since then, member volunteers and staff have tried to maintain the existing signs. The signs are dilapidated, poorly placed, falling down and hard to see and read. The Board decided that going with Mason County installed and maintained signs would 1) let members find streets more easily, 2) let visitors find streets more easily, 3) forego a \$1,000/year maintenance cost for Lake Limerick, 4) let first responders find streets more easily, and 5) provide attractive, uniform and durable signs improving the appearance of the community. One member of the community at the meeting suggested selling the old signs to members interested in owning a bit of Lake Limerick history.

GREENS COMMITTEE- Vern Duggan, Chairperson

Hello from the Greens Committee. I hope everyone is in good health. Spring is right around the corner and we are looking forward to a great season.

We have seen more play on the course this winter due to an aggressive sanding program on our fairways. The conditions have been better this year and will continue to get better in the future. We have reduced the cost of sanding by 1/2 because of better pricing that Jason Howerton negotiated from the sanding company. This is one example of how we are being good stewards of our money.

There has been an increase in walkers, with and without their dogs. We are glad to see people enjoying the new golf pathways. There are a couple of reminders in that regard. The dogs need to be on a leash and what your dog leaves behind, needs to be picked up by the owner and deposited back at your home. Walkers must be aware of the golfers because they have the right away. Golfers are always looking out for the walkers. We do not anyone to get hurt.

A reminder that skateboard and bicycles are not allowed on the cart paths.

We now have a new set of tees (black). They are shorter in distance. This will help newer players come out and not be so intimidated by the length of the course. This winter we have had two tournaments, playing off the black tees and 40 plus players played in the tournaments. At the time of the tournaments, Brandon offered a food special, at the Café' (it was delicious) and most golfers did partake. This was an increase in revenue during the winter months.

The golf season is starting. There are leagues, discounts and lessons for members. Contact the Proshop and they can answer your questions. Additional information is on our website. LAKELIMERICK.COM. Last year the golf course raised over \$220,000... Our expectations for the coming year are to increase the revenue and keep costs down. Our Golf course Maintenance crew not only work on the golf course but work at our PARKS, INN, LAKES AND DAM. They do a great job for us. This way, the Lake Limerick assets are maintained.

The Greens Committee hopes that there are more members who come out and enjoy Lake Limerick's golf course. This is our asset and it belongs to all of us. We are continuing to look at ways to keep costs down and to increase revenue. We have great Assets and they need to be maintained and improved.

Enjoy your spring and summer. See you on the course.

INN COMMITTEE- Sheila Nokes, Chairperson

We have made it through the Holidays with a beautiful unexpected White Christmas. We started a new tradition of a Tree Lighting that was very successful. So now we move on the anticipated arrival of Spring! Buds are forming and bulbs are sprouting and I am excited to begin working in the garden again. If you have been to the bar lately you have seen the upgrades the committee has completed. New paint and light fixtures as well as newly wrapped wood window trim. Our new door at the stairs has arrived and will be installed soon. We will be meeting next week to plan our improvements to the restaurant so be looking for new paint and lighting soon. We are hoping to improve the mood to a more relaxing dining experience. . If you love wine why don't you join our new Wine Club? We have already hosted one tasting party with Scatter Creek Winery from Tenino. All who attended enjoyed great wine as well as some of Scatter Creek's Brews.

Valentine's Day dinner was a great success and we are now moving on to our St. Patrick's celebration. There will be shenanigans in the bar and a great traditional meal in the restaurant as well as our regular menu.

Think Spring and Tulips and Daffodils and maybe an early opening of the patio this year! The Inn Committee meets at 9:30 in the restaurant the second Saturday of the month. Guests are always welcome.

LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE-- Debra R. Moore, Committee Member

ATTENTION FISHERMEN;

We are starting our planning for the 2018 LLCC fishing derby. This year, the derby will be on April 28th and, as in past years, there will be; 1) cash prizes for biggest fish 2) cash prizes for tagged fish 3) special door prizes (second chance) and 4) a raffle drawing for prizes donated by both local businesses and our community members. Tickets will go on sale in March. If you have something you would like to contribute for our raffle, or if you have ideas on how to improve our overall derby, please coordinate with Dennis Muretta (djmuretta@hotmail.com) or Deb Baker (debbie@thefair.com).

Docks

Numbering your docks is mandatory. Steve Glenn, a member of the Lake Dam Committee is making dock placards with reflective lettering. They are 4" x 10" aluminum plates that your division and lot number can be placed on, then attached to your dock with screws. The cost to you will be \$10 and the plates will be available to order in the office. The Dock Sign purchase request form is available on the Limerick website under Association>Association Documents. If you are concerned that you might have difficulties with the

attachment part of the process, come to a committee meeting and ask for help. There's a group of handsome handy guys, that if you offer a plate of cookies, may be more than willing to help a neighbor out.

If your dock is still floating on white or blue encased Styrofoam - replace the floats. If your dock is in poor condition - repair or replace it. These duties are requirements not requests.

Dam Weir Boards

LLCC staff will begin placing weir boards into the Lake Limerick and Lake Leprechaun dam structures in April. The weir boards provide higher lake levels in the summer and help maintain flow in the Cranberry Creek watershed. You should notice water levels rising throughout April, especially in Lake Leprechaun before the fishing derby fish are planted in both lakes.

Weed Control

We're scheduled to have both lakes treated with aquatic herbicides for weed control between July 15th, and July 31st this summer. Our contractor will post advisory signs identifying water use restrictions prior to treatment. Herbicide treatment is regulated under a permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology. During the short treatment periods, follow the directions on the notices regarding withdrawing lake water for potable, domestic animal, livestock, or irrigation purposes. LLCC makes every effort to treat weeds as required, in an environmentally safe and healthy manner.

If you see weeds in the lake - pull and remove them. If you use fertilizers for your landscape - make sure they're phosphate and nitrate free. If you drain hot tubs, kiddie pools etc. do it in such a way that they don't drain directly into the lake. If you wash cars, boats or outside gear - do it as far from the lake as possible. If you see a duck – make it move off your property. If you're tired of the bio-muck in shallow areas – come talk to the lake dam committee for ideas as to what you can do.

Boating Season Approaches – Safe and Sane

If you acquired a new (or new to you) power or pontoon boat 16 feet or longer powered by a motor of 10 HP or greater - register it at the office before you put it in the water. When you come to the office you must bring with you a current original Washington State boat registration that shows the length of the boat, and that a member is the owner of record.

“It's a fact universally acknowledged that” . . . a group of people believe the **RULES** do not apply to them. There are a group of people who believe they know the **RULES** inside and out – and have subsequently forgotten most of what they knew or failed to notice **RULES** changes. The **RULES** are there with the hope that by following them, we reduce the chance of accidents, especially the catastrophic type. So, please read the **RULES** again. Even if you don't go near the lake. Review them with guests and family. Report people who do not follow the **RULES**. The key to safety on a small and busy lake is to be able to predict what other people are going to do. Let's be predictable!

The Lake Restrictions and Regulations, Dock and Float Guidelines and Vessel Registration Procedures are available on the Lake Limerick website under *Association>Association Documents*.

For everyone's safety and enjoyment, anyone living on or using the lakes must understand and follow these rules.

We wish every one of you a safe and fun summer on the lake. Here's hoping the weather cooperates!

YOUTH COMMITTEE- Emily Fleshman, Chairperson

Can you feel it, can you feel it? Spring is in the air can. Can you hear it, can you hear it? the birds are chirping. I don't know about you guys but I am ready for Summer fun activities. I am ready for Movies in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt, Lake Limerick Days, End of Summer Bash.... I'm ready for summer. To kick it off, Easter is right around the corner-- March 31st, the Saturday before Easter Sunday. Like the last couple of years I've managed it, we will have an Easter egg hunt for different age groups, with hot cocoa, and prizes. The hunt begins sharply at 9 a.m. so bring your baskets, bunny ears and smiles for a good time. If you'd like to help hide eggs or hand out hot cocoa please contact me at 360-463-3184. We will start movies in the park again real soon stay tuned for more details.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Easter Egg Hunt.

PRO SHOP NEWS - Ron Stull, PGA Head Golf Professional

USGA Rules of Golf

I have written about the new rules starting in 2019. They are posted on the bulletin boards in the "If Ida Room". If you would like a copy, please check with the Pro Shop. I will be sending out this in the *Limerick Times* newsletter in August.

This past year we have tried to make "playing by the rules" an important part of playing golf at Lake Limerick. We will continue this. If you have questions about the rules, please feel free to ask me what the proper procedure or implementation should be. Prior to the 2019 season changes I will be holding some seminars to go over the new rules. They are both fairer and simpler. I know everyone will look at them and say ... "what took so long to change them".

Golf Tip of the Month

The biggest factor in obtaining a lower handicap is distance. The longer you can hit it the lower your potential handicap can be. Hitting it straight and a great short game can really help, but longer is better. Okay, so how do you hit it longer? Well, it certainly isn't swinging slower! To gain more club head speed, practice swinging as fast as you can. If you have a short backswing, lengthen it. If you don't have a wrist cock, create one. Each mile per hour is worth 3.5 yards in distance. If you hit the driver 3 degrees more offline than normal, you probably are still in the fairway.

For personal help, please give me a call to setup a lesson. If you would like to setup a group lesson, let me know and I will set it up for you.

Merchandise

This year we have a great selection of merchandise on order. Thanks to Elen, Katie, Deb Will for all their help. New merchandise will be arriving each month, please check us out often. Great deals for members!

Playing with the Pro

I get back to work on March 18th. This year I will be setting up signup sheets to play with me (and my wife Katie) at Lake Limerick. I will also have a signup sheet for those that would like to play other courses in Pro Am events. This is a great opportunity to play other courses in competition at great prices.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE-- Brandon Lawin, Head Chef/Food and Beverage Manager

In our continuing effort to improve your food and beverage experience, the restaurant and lounge now have new wine glasses and we've upgraded our house wines. We've also begun a wine program in the Restaurant that will improve your "by the glass" selection. Two or more people enjoying the same wine can buy it by the bottle. Our "by the bottle" selection is growing too. If you can't drink the whole bottle, don't worry. We'll re-cork it for you to take home. The restaurant is offering a themed dinner every other Wednesday, and the Café offers an \$8.00 Eggs Benedict Special every Sunday. We have an excellent kitchen staff that is working hard to help provide top-of-the-line service. I encourage you to visit the Café, Restaurant, or Lounge in the near future and enjoy some of the best food, beverage, service and views in Mason County!

MAGPIES-Penny Cory, President

Lake Limerick Magpies Ladies Club is open to all ladies in the community, and, at our February meeting, we amended our Bylaws to also include any "Social Privilege" lady members. We are volunteers working to raise funds that benefit our HOA and facilities. We welcome new members and also appreciate any contribution, be it cookies for a bake sale, or helping with an event. All are welcome, and you don't need to attend meetings to be a "Magpie".

We are currently making plans for several events over the next few months. We'll hold our Bake Sale at the Annual Meeting on April 21st, and welcome any and all contributions. Having homemade treats to munch on certainly makes attending meetings a lot more fun!

Then on May 19th we'll hold our Fashion Show and luncheon. It's a good time to enjoy a nice lunch, see the latest fashion trends, courtesy of Cameo Boutique, visit with friends, and maybe even meet new ones.

Lake Limerick Daze in July will find us selling baked goods, our delicious Coney Island dogs, and sodas at the Snack Shack, so come on down and enjoy!!.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At their meeting on January 20, 2018, the Board of Directors approved the following:

The Lake Limerick Country Club will allow only Certified Service Animals inside our Inn and Café/Pro Shop.

WATER DEPARTMENT – BACKFLOW TESTING

Every three years we are required to perform a complete testing of the backflow valves in our water system. You may experience a few minutes to an hour of not having water, this is only temporary, so do not be concerned. The testing will take place April 9th through April 27th. If you have any questions call Rhonda at 360 426-3581.

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT LAKE LIMERICK NEWSLETTER is May 15, 2018 at Noon. Please submit your article or ad to the Lake Limerick office via email to mail@lakelimerick.com

NOTICE TO ALL LAKE LIMERICK MEMBERS: no anonymous ads or articles will be accepted in the Lake Limerick Newsletter. This newsletter will not print any political ads used for either promotion or condemnation of any candidates or issues.

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- Member ads will remain the same, 15¢ per word, or a \$1.50 minimum.