

LLCC NEWS

Lake Limerick Country Club Newsletter



September 2018

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President's Message

As summer comes to a close for 2018 I hope that everyone enjoyed all that Lake Limerick has to offer. The music on the patio Sundays was well attended providing fun and entertainment along with good food and drinks. Golfers shouldn't have been 'teed off' as there was no shortage of tournaments and special events to fill their desire to "putter a round". Our lakes once again provided swimming and boating to escape those hot summer days. We are lucky to have the opportunity to live here and I haven't mentioned our greatest asset ... our friends and neighbors.

This is the most getting together group of folks I have ever met. If we add to that our fine staff and volunteers it explains why we were chosen as one of the ten best small neighborhoods in the state. We really weren't, but we could have been.

There are a lot of things yet to be done. So weigh in on policy, direction, and vision, answer a survey, express your thoughts and opinions at the annual meeting. Let's work together for a safe, secure, and enjoyable environment for the entire community.

Paul Wagner, President

LLCC Board of Directors



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The Dock at The Inn

TREASURER'S REPORT, Mike Prather

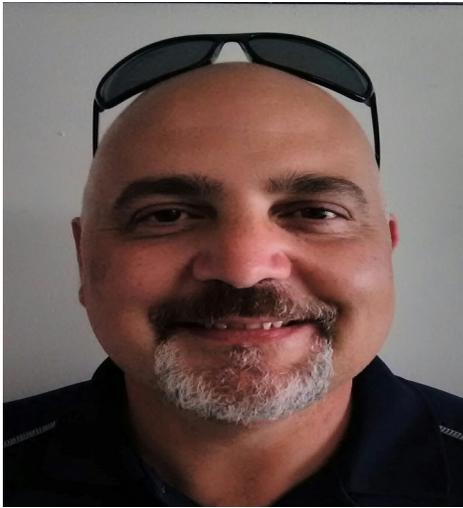
We have been working on the Operating Budget for fiscal year 2018—2019 for several months and the Board of Directors will approve next year's budget at the mid- September Board meeting. The office will then send copies of the budget, as well as supporting documentation, to each member via US Mail in late September for your consideration and review. We will put the budget to a vote during our annual member meeting in mid-October.

The Home Owner's Association is current on all our Federal Income Tax Reports and obligations.

We continue to clean up any data errors and correct past input errors to our Quickbooks system and (as a result) continue to gain confidence in the accuracy and integrity of our system as we approach our fiscal year end on September 30th.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER, Deborah Wallace

New Personnel



We are happy to announce that Joe Castelluccio is now our Water Department Supervisor. Joe completed his WDM 1 certification while working with Steve and has now gone on to achieve the WDM 2 which allows him to operate our water system. Joe was immediately tested when the main line was broken while the County was installing the guard rails on Mason Lake Road as part of their repaving project. Joe did a great job handling the emergency and had everything back up and running within hours.



Duane Carlson has been hired as our new Maintenance/Facilities Manager. Duane's background included work as an iron worker. His skill set is remarkable including welding, fabrication, construction and excellent management abilities. His first challenge was to assess and proceed on the construction of the new deck at the Inn which continues to be a work in progress. Getting to know the community, the extensive common areas and assessing the current condition of the associations assets has been taking most of his time. Duane is looking forward to proceeding with the installation of new play equipment at Leprechaun, assisting with large projects in the Water Department and helping the Greens Department with the Rain Garden.

WELCOME

New Way to Pay

We are still exploring more convenient ways for you to make payments. Currently, you can set up recurring HOA payments on your debit or credit card, arrange for Bill Pay through your bank, you can call in with a credit card, mail in checks, or bring cash into the office. For greater convenience and especially as winter approaches, we are happy to announce that we are adding a **drop box in front of the Pro Shop**. Save yourself a stamp and try it out!

New Budget

Every year we construct an Operating Budget for the new fiscal year. Our fiscal year end is September 30, so we have been intensely working on creating the new budget. This year there have been some changes in Washington State laws regarding budgets for common interest communities. Luckily our by-laws and the budget process we have been following matches the current requirements by the State. Reserve Studies and reporting on contributions to reserve accounts is another element that the state is requiring. We do not currently have a Reserve Study, the two reserve accounts we have are for our water system. You will note on your monthly water bill that \$5 is contributed to the Main Line Reserve (MLRR), and \$3 is contributed to the Water Capacity Reserve (WCR). This insures that funds will be available in the future to replace or upgrade these two important components of our water system.

Please keep an eye out for the budget which will be mailed out for your consideration. There will be a meeting in October where the budget will be ratified.



EXCERPT FROM AARP June/July 2018

NEIGHBORHOOD discussion groups and email threads are nothing new, but Nextdoor has become a go-to-community networking site, with groups for 85 percent of the neighborhoods in the U.S. Here is some etiquette for users:

- Don't Play Detective ... Use the site to chat about neighborhood safety concerns. But always report criminal activity to the police first.
- Do Post Requests For Help ... Neighbors will help put up Christmas lights, set up computers, etc.
- Don't Post Tirades About Your Neighbors' Habits. You may not like dog poo on your lawn or overflowing recycling bins but, you really should work it out in person.
- Do Post Goods For Sale. This is a common use of the site. Just make certain you list items in the For Sale or Free section. No one will think you're a spammer.



WATER COMMITTEE, Don Bird, Chairperson

Water Main Break on Mason Lake Rd.: On July 30th, the 8" water main by Mason Lake Rd. between Clonakilty and the railroad trestle was accidentally broken by the County's contractor that was installing new guard rails. Due to the water main break water pressure on the east side of Lake Limerick went way down from about 1 pm until 3 pm when the Water and Maintenance departments were able to locate and close the valves and stop the water leak. It then took a few hours for the water system pressure to stabilize. Fortunately, because the Lake Limerick Water System was built in a loop around the Lake, almost normal water service was restored to all customers by midafternoon. The broken water main was repaired the next day by Lake Limerick crews. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of both the Water and Maintenance departments the duration of the water service interruption was limited.

Water System Personnel Change: As many of you know Steve Wheaton, our long time Water System Manager, has moved with his family to the Phoenix, Arizona area due to a major promotion for his wife. We will all miss Steve but wish him and his family all the best in their new adventures.

Summer Water Usage High but Manageable: Due to the long dry spell and unusually warm weather our systemwide water usage has been quite high. In July we used 10.7 million gallons (MG) whereas in July 2017 we used 1 million gallons less. It is also much higher than in June when we used 6.8 million gallons. The good news is that we still have plenty of capacity and our unaccounted water losses were only 2.4% of the total. However, please continue to watch for leaks on your property and other areas as you walk around the Lake. Please water your garden and lawn only when needed and control the watering time to conserve our precious water resource.

Annual Water Quality Report: The Lake Limerick Annual Water Quality Report has been prepared for the 2017 year and will be sent with your September bill. It continues to show we have excellent water quality. The only measure that is above the State guidelines is for manganese which is not a health risk but only affects taste.

LAKE/PARKS COMMITTEE, Debra R. Moore, Committee

FIREWORKS

There was a bit of a ruckus shortly after the Fourth of July regarding damage done to our park docks by fireworks. Original reports suggested the costs were substantial, but further investigation revealed the repair costs were not nearly as burdensome as originally suggested. But, they'll never be the same. We continue to search for cost effective, efficient means to either prevent the wanton destruction or catch the people in the act so they can provide a form of restitution. Keep up the great job we've started by saying something to someone if you see something.

LAKE DAM SEPTEMBER MEETING - rescheduled

Our September meeting will be held Saturday, September 8th, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to join us and share any questions or concerns you may have.

PARK MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

Our committee and the staff of LLCC are working to install the new playground toys we've purchased for the Lake Leprechaun Park. With any luck, by the time you're reading this, they'll be installed. We'll also be installing a doggy poop bag dispenser and garbage can. Concurrently, we're ordering additional playground toys for Old Lyme Park. Once installed, we hope you take advantage of new toys and use the parks as we'd like it see them be used. For Old Lyme, the new toys are just part of the transformation we're working on. We've already added lighting, cleared brush, opened the bathrooms and repaired the basketball hoop to regulation height. For those of you who have volunteered to help with projects, we have not forgotten you, we just haven't figured out how to incorporate your willingness to help – YET.

LAKES WEED TREATMENT

We've successfully treated the lakes this summer. Sometime in the month of September, our lake management specialist, Harry Gibbons, and I will tour the lakes to see how effective that treatment is. While weed treatment seems like an easy way to get rid of the weeds, their decay causes the muck you walk in. That's why when you see a weed in the lake pull it out by the roots – and haul it all the way up to the street. If that is done systematically over 5 years the weeds in that location would be all but gone. Without the weeds, the algae will have nothing to hold on to. If you want some great ideas on how to remove weeds from your lakebed, talk to your neighbors, especially those who've been around for a while or come to one of our meetings. You can also check-out a weed cutter from the Pro-Shop.

ANNUAL LOWERING OF THE LAKES

In anticipation of fall rains, Lake Limerick starts removing the weir boards from the spillways at Lake Limerick as early as September 15th and from Lake Leprechaun on October 1st. This means the lakes will be lowered to winter levels by the 31st of October. Plan accordingly if you

need to remove your boat from the lake. They will be put back in place starting on April 1, 2019, which will begin again the process of slowly "raising the lakes" for summer use.

DOCKS

Although numbering your docks has become mandatory, 126 of you haven't done so yet. Steve Glenn, a member of the Lake Dam Committee, is making 4" x 10" aluminum dock plates with reflective division and lot numbers that are attached to your dock with screws. The cost to you is \$10 and they can be ordered in the office. 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.

STYROFOAM SUPPORTED DOCKS

To comply with state regulations, quite a few years ago, Lake Limerick enacted rules prohibiting the use of Styrofoam or a Styrofoam type product, whether wrapped or unwrapped, to support your dock. If you have Styrofoam floats, you've likely received letters asking you to replace them with compliant floats. Please be aware that the committee is going to start looking into ways of "encouraging you" to get those floats replaced. Some docks are safety hazards. The Dock Rules require you to keep your dock in good condition. Some of you have docks that need significant help – please repair, replace or remove derelict docks from your property immediately. If you have any questions, please contact the Lake Dam Committee.

LAKE PATROL

Lou Jackson has stepped in to fill the void of a Lake Patrol. And, it looks like he's interested in stepping up efforts and rounding up more volunteers for next year – thank you Lou for all you DO! You'd think that as a community owned lake we wouldn't need to mention it, but there are those of you who persistently forget life vests (a WA legal requirement for skiers, tubers and anyone under 13 years old,) speed limits, boat lanes, buoy safety rules, quiet times, boat registration rules and other basic boating rules. Please do your part for the safety of your own families and others by learning, then following the rules. You can be a big help to Lake Limerick, to the Lake Patrol, and to the safety of others when you practice safe and legal boating on Lake Limerick.

SWIMMERS

When you are lakeside of the buoys, you need to be accompanied by a boat displaying a red flag – that goes for party barges or other boats parked in the middle of the lake. If your boat is parked in the lake with folks swimming around it, you need a red flag displayed, the same as tubers or water-skiers with people in the water.

FISHERMEN

Lake Limerick is not a year around fishing lake. October 31st is the last day of 2018 for fishing. The next fishing season starts April 27, 2019. Also, please be advised that while Lake Limerick is open to the public for fishing only, Lake Leprechaun is not.

The Lake Dam committee hopes you have a safe and rewarding remainder of the summer!



**CHEF'S NEWS,
Brandon Lawin, Head Chef**

For Reservations:

Call 360-426-3581

Email mail@lakelimerick.com

Hello all! I would like to thank our regulars for making this summer a great hit. I would also like to personally thank all of the new faces we have been seeing in the dining room this season. It is because of you that my staff and I enjoy coming to work.

Overall, things are going really well in the Food and Beverage department. We have had 2 SOLD OUT Food and Wine Pairings that the attendees say they enjoyed. I enjoy these events also because they give me a chance to “cook outside the box.” We have also had 2 very successful live music nights. The third music night, featuring a Jimmy Buffet impersonator will be on September 1st ... just as this newsletter is coming out. I believe this will be a huge hit.

The Café has also been doing really well this summer. Be sure to keep an eye out for changing hours over there as the season winds down. If you haven't been down to the Inn lately please stop by and check us out, the food is great and we are now stocking some nice wines.

Feel free to contact me with any issues, concerns or requests you have.



The June 27, 2018 Food and Wine Pairing



**INN COMMITTEE,
Sheila Nokes/
Deb Will Galbraith,
Chairpersons**

Here we are in the dog days of summer. Hard to believe fall will be right around the corner soon with cooler temperatures and shorter days. It has been a beautiful summer and we have been busy getting projects going at the Inn. Since our last news letter we have celebrated the 4th of July with a very successful beer garden and volleyball tournament. Attendance was lighter than usual due to the weather.



We hosted two “Music on the Patio” events this summer featuring “The Lady Drinks Whiskey”. Both events were very well attended.



Our next “Music on the Patio” will be at the “End of the Year Bash” featuring Tropic Zone’s Dave Calhoun aka Jimmy Buffet. The theme of this years Bash is “Cheeseburger in Paradise” and will feature children’s and adult activities, the usual “Beer Garden” and Cheeseburgers in the afternoon with ice cream bars for dessert all of which will be FREE to members. We look forward to everyone attending all the events on Saturday September 1st 2018.

The Inn is scheduled to be painted in August and the lake side deck in the process of being rebuilt. Watch for updates from the office on the dates for painting. Next time you come to the Inn check out our improvements. We will be tackling more projects as the year progresses. There is also a new wine fridge in the bar to help keep our new selection of wines chilled just right for your enjoyment.

We look forward to the change in seasons and will soon be saying goodbye for the winter to our snowbird neighbors. I look forward to Saturday and Sunday football games, pumpkins and crisp fall mornings. Enjoy the rest of summer and see you all soon!



SEMI-ANNUAL LLCC MEETING

This year’s Semi-Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, October 20th in the great hall.

Your vote is essential to select the best future direction of Lake Limerick, community association governance, management, and living. LLCC is your organization, and your vote counts!

PRO SHOP NEWS, Ron Stull, PGA Head Golf Professional

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2019 USGA Rules of Golf

One of the new rules that goes into effect in January is the **Ball at Rest Moved**.

Current rule is if a player accidentally moves their ball or ball-marker on the putting green, they incur a penalty of one stroke and the ball must be replaced. If it is not replaced the penalty is two strokes for playing from a wrong place.

New Rule: No Penalty.

Another rule is **Accidental deflection**. Player's ball in motion accidentally hits the player, his or her caddie, the person attending the flagstick or the attended or removed flagstick. **Current penalty;** one-stroke penalty except that it is a two-stroke penalty if the deflection is off the flagstick or the person attending the flagstick.

New Rule: No Penalty

Golf Etiquette

Etiquette is a term used to define standards of normal social behavior. When we meet new people, we greet them in a way that you would show kindness and respect to the person. When you dine, you use certain methods to show that you can dine in an unoffensive manner. Emily Post wrote a lot on the subject for different occasions.

Golf etiquette has its own set of expectations that have to do with being kind and showing respect to other golfers and club staff. It, also, has certain expectations for caring for the golf course and its facilities.

Watching golf on television reveals that the PGA and LPGA Tour players act in certain ways. They always shake hands and wish each other prior to the round of golf. During the round of golf, they fix their ball marks before they mark their ball. They replace divots except on courses when they have someone come by later to sand the divots. During the round they communicate with each other to make sure that they don't do anything out of turn that may affect the play of another player mentally or physically.

Golf is a unique sport where the golfers call rules on themselves when a breach of a rule is known. Golf has always been a sport for ladies and gentlemen. Being kind to each other and the golf course is critical in maintaining that image.



Ron's Golf Tip

To hit a shot straight, the path of the club needs to be swinging straight at the target near impact with the clubface pointing at the target. If your shots are starting at or to the right of your target and slicing, you will need to swing the club more to the right. If it straightens out, then great! If it still slices some but starts farther to the right, you need to have the clubface more closed at impact. To do this will require either moving your grip counter clockwise on the grip. 1/8th of an inch should correct 20 to 30 yards of slice on a long shot. The other method is to have the left wrist flat and rotating counter clockwise on the downswing. The flat left wrist is imperative in having a pivot point that will close the clubface during the downswing.

GREENS COMMITTEE, Vern Duggan, Chair

Hello, I hope that everyone had a good summer. We have been very busy at the golf course. Ron Stull, Golf Pro, and his staff have been doing an excellent job at running the Pro Shop, making sure that the needs of our members and the public have been met. Our revenues have been up and costs are down. In June, we had over 2200 rounds of golf. We have had tournaments, and provided golf lessons.

Jason Howerton, Greens Superintendent, and his team have been keeping our golf course in great shape. He has been able to keep cost down. HOA members and the public have commented on how well the shape the course is in. This has resulted in bringing back repeated and new public play, due in part to the heavy sanding program on the fairways

We have been fundraising for the purpose of re-designing the 7th green. As of 8/13/2018 we have raised \$6000 for the reshaping of the green. At present, because of the slope and design of the green, we are able to only utilize 25% to 30% of the green. Because of the current design of the green, it increases maintenance because of high

traffic only going to the specific area. This discourages people from coming back to play due to the design of the green. For more information see the Pro Shop.

We have seen an increase of walkers and dog walkers on our new blacktop cart paths. Remember, that walkers must yield to golfers and pet owners must pick up after their pets. There is no skateboarding or bicycles allowed on the cart paths. If both the golfers and the walkers proceed with caution, then we will all be safe.

I want thank my committee members and the staff for the great support and work that they do. We are committed to have a great golf course at the best cost for our HOA members. This is our asset and it is part of what makes our Community great. We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the Pro Shop. Come and make a difference.

See you on the golf course.

For a Tee Time Call the Pro Shop at:

360-426-6290 or use lakelimerickgolf.com



It's Never Too Early To Learn The Game Of Golf



MAGPIES, Sharon Hadsall, President

As we move into cooler weather, Lake Limerick's Magpies are busy as ever, preparing for, and looking forward to having a good time while supporting our community!

Our **Fall Ladies Social** is scheduled on **Tuesday, September 18th** from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, at the restaurant. Tickets are now on sale -- only \$10 each for an evening of hearty hors d'oeuvres, wine and fun. Theme this year is "Hawaiian Luau", so Hawaiian attire is encouraged! Our coordinator Terri Saylor always puts on a fun party -- so don't be shy.....come on down!! Especially everyone new to the community!

Next on our calendar is our **Annual Holiday Bazaar** on **Saturday, October 27th**. Several new vendors have applied this year, as well as some returning favorites. There will be a BAKE SALE and our much anticipated FOOD COUNTER, featuring our famous turkey soup, hot dogs, and Chili dogs. Plus we'll have our raffle basket (value \$100) with proceeds benefitting the local homeless shelter.

Through our fund-raising efforts, we have been able to purchase some items for the restaurant. We recently purchased a set of 98 very comfortable (almost-new) chairs for the Great Hall. We've also been funding the Inn Committee's project of updating the Lounge and Restaurant.

Gayle Wilcox, who has been our coordinator for several years has asked me to say thank you to all the Magpies and ladies in the community who contribute food and give a helping hand at **memorials**. In turn, I know everyone would also like to thank Gayle for her hard work and many hours she gives so that this service continues to be available.

31st Annual Lake Limerick 'Magpies' "ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR"

Saturday, October 27, 2018 ... 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Lake Limerick Inn (790 E. St. Andrews Dr., Shelton)

We'll have **30+ booths** of handcrafted items (mosaics, concrete leaves, woodcraft, birdhouses, art, stained glass, jewelry, painted glassware, fudge, Seahawks items, quilts, sewn & knitted bags, etc.) along with our popular homemade **TURKEY SOUP, Chili & Chili-Dogs**, plus coffee & **BAKED GOOD** items for sale.

We'll be raffling off a **BASKET OF GOODIES (worth ~ \$100)** plus a **handmade holiday QUILT**.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each.

*Proceeds benefit the **local homeless shelter & food bank**.*

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend this popular event!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR LLCC MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

Lake Limerick Country Club offers use of the Great Hall, free of charge, for memorial services for deceased members. In order to avoid confusion, we require a family member to initiate the request and designate the individual who will be in charge of arrangements. Dates are subject to prior commitments and must be approved by the Main Office. Please call Gayle Wilcox at 426-5174 for Magpie assistance.

LAKE LIMERICK FREE FAMILY NIGHT BINGO SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Free Family Night Bingo is held the third Thursday of each month. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and is FREE. Serious Family Fun!

NEW YEAR'S EVE "2019" !

The 2019 party is **SOLD OUT!** The party should be great, we have reserved the band "The True Romans" again!

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GAME DAY

Wednesday Women's Game Day is every Wednesday at 11:30am in the Café's "If Ida Room." We play a variety of games & newcomers are always welcome. Come early to have breakfast with us and meet new friends.

GREAT HALL RENTAL

If you are planning a wedding, reception, reunion, meeting or banquet, please remember our wonderful facilities here at Lake Limerick Country Club. Our rates are comparable or better than other facilities in the Shelton area and our beautiful setting compares to none. We have special rates for LLCC members.

HONOR LIBRARY

LLCC Members, if you're looking for a good wi-fi connection, an intriguing book or a challenging puzzle ... look no further than the Honor Library on the top floor of The Inn.

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT LAKE LIMERICK NEWSLETTER

November 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.

CLASSIFIED ADS PRICE INFORMATION

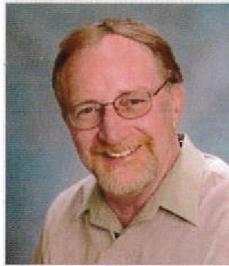
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