

# *You heard it through The Ivy Vine*



## **FROM THE PRO SHOP**

By: Eddie Moran

Wow, was it ever hot in July!!!. Despite the hot weather, the course has held up pretty well, and we are still getting good participation in our club events. Sorry we couldn't accommodate everyone on our July 4 Red, White, and Blue event. Next year we will schedule two shotgun starts. We will continue with our summer schedule for one more month, with the first tee times at 7:30 weekdays and 7:00 weekends. Surprisingly we are still getting rain and will be still be mowing the range weekly, having it down on Thursdays from 9:00 until about 2:30.

Our weekly event schedule hasn't changed from June and July. It continues as follows, unless modified by a club or outside event:

Mondays – Lynchburg Seniors in the morning – course open to other play about 1:30

Tuesdays – Senior Men at 5:30

Wednesdays – Senior Men at 9:00, Ladies at 5:30

Thursdays – Ladies at 8:30, Men's League at 5:30

Fridays – Senior Men at 9:00, Couples at 5:30

Saturdays – Men's Pack at 9:00, Ladies at 9:30

Sundays – Mixed Pack at 1:15

All of the packs as well as the Tuesday and Thursday evening men's leagues have a \$2 entry fee, and are points vs. quota. These are all great fun for players of all abilities, so come out and join us.

## **GREAT SHOTS**

There were quite a few great shots and personal milestones in July.

Gary Marple bettered his age again, this time with a very solid 69. Robert Proffitt also shot his age, with a 76. John Thompson holed out his second shot for an eagle on hole #1, and Nancy Huften eagled hole #14. We had four first time sub 80's, with Mike Scranton a 79, Chris Burnett a 79, and Bob Caughey also a 79. John Hazlehurst couldn't let Bob Caughey get ahead of him, so he shot a personal best 77. Susan Oliver broke 100 for the first time with a 97 and Rick Turner shot a personal best 70.

Logan Smith, a rising senior on the Jefferson Forest golf team, is warming up for the season, shooting a personal best 68. Ryan Hansen shot his first sub par round at Ivy Hill, with a 70. (On a personal observation, he should have saved this round for a couple on months – he will need it when his team plays in our October 2 intraclub Ryder Cup Format match, where his team “lucked out” an upset against mine in 2010 )

We also had a hole in one last month on #4, with Zack Kirkpatrick holing out a 7-iron on the 154 yard hole. But the circumstances were pretty unusual. Zack must have had a premonition of the shot he was going to hit there – he works on the maintenance crew, and was the one setting the pins that day, so he just set the pin where he was going to hit the shot a few hours later. he was playing alone, but was fortunate that two witnesses, young golfers Jack Neenan and Zeke Shen. They were walking the front and let Zack play through on that hole, so his ace was official !

Congratulations to you all on these accomplishments.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **NIGHT GOLF FRIDAY, AUGUST 5**

This is a make up for the rained out annual night golf scheduled July 8. We tee off at 5:30, with the normal 9 holes of 4 person Captain's Choice, then after dinner we head back out for 9 more using the glow balls and lighted flag sticks. The cost of \$35 per person includes all the night golf stuff as well as golf, dinner, prizes. Space is limited, so sign up early if you want to play.

### **JUNIOR CAMP AUGUST 8 – 10**

This is our last of the 4 camps scheduled throughout the summer. The cost for the 3 days, including lunch Tuesday and Wednesday and snacks each day is \$50 for children and grandchildren of members, and \$75 for non-members. Ryan and I will be leading these, and they are open to all children ages 6 – 15. Please sign up early if you want to participate, as these tend to fill up early.

### **JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY, AUGUST 15**

This is a first this year. You have probably noticed a lot more young golfers at Ivy than in recent years. So we will be having a Club Championship just for them. We will tee off at 1:00 PM on Monday August 15. We will divide the groups by age, with the younger players (12 and under) playing nine holes and ages 13 and up playing 18 holes.

This is open to all members ages 8 and up who have not yet graduated from high school. There is no entry fee, and winners in each division will receive trophies. Please sign up by Sunday, August 14 if you want to play.

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST 27 AND 28**

We will hold our Club Championship Tournament here on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28. This is a two day gross score event, flighted after Saturday. The entry fee of \$25 plus cart fee will include refreshments both days, breakfast Sunday morning, and lunch after play on Sunday. We will have tee times on both front and back from 7:40 until 9:40 Saturday, and an 8:30

shotgun start Sunday. (May possibly have two shotgun starts Sunday if over 116 players participate.)

We will have divisions for men, women, senior men (55 – 69), and super senior men (70 and over).

Please sign up by Wednesday, August 24.

### **BEDFORD SENIOR MATCH AUGUST 11 AND 16**

We will play at Bedford on Thursday, August 11, and back here at Ivy on Tuesday, August 16, teeing off at 9:00 each day. The fee of \$23 includes cart and lunch at both locations. Please sign up by Tuesday, August 9.

### **WINTON SENIOR MATCH AUGUST 30 AND SEPTEMBER 8**

This is one that I really want us to win, so I can save face against my buddies at my former club. We play here on Tuesday, August 30, and at Winton Thursday, September 8. I will be playing in these, so we need all of you to play well to make up for my lack of play this summer.

The entry fee of \$25 includes breakfast and lunch at both locations. Please sign up by Sunday, August 28.

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER**

Our big event in September will be the Ivy Cup, on September 10 and 11. This will be a 2-person event, with better ball Saturday and a two person Captain's Choice Sunday, flighted after Saturday. The cost of \$80 per person ( \$100 for non-members ) covers two days of golf, lunch both days, breakfast Sunday, refreshments on the course, and prizes. We will have men's, senior men's, and ladies divisions.

Please sign up by Wednesday, September 7

### **COUPLES/MIXED PACK TRIP TO WINSTON-SALEM OCTOBER 28 – 30**

Time to plan another get-away. We will be leaving on Friday, October 28 and coming back Sunday, October 30. The arrangements are similar to last year's trip. We'll be staying at the new Hampton Inn in Advance, North Carolina, just west of Winston-Salem. The fee of \$225 per person covers two nights lodging, breakfast two days, golf and carts for two days, and the prize fund.

We will play Oak Valley Saturday, and we have a 9:30 shotgun start Sunday at Greensboro National, which is on the way back home just north of Greensboro. We will also have an optional day of play Friday on the way down, with details to follow later.

This is open to anyone. With the points vs. quota format we do not have to have exact couples to make this work, so find a partner and sign up if you want to go. I will need a \$50 per person deposit by September 1, and the rest by October 21. I have tee times and rooms for 40 people, but I can get more if I know soon enough. And if you sign up but can't make it, there is no problem getting a refund. These trips are great fun, so I hope we can get a big group again.

## **2012 PIPESTEM TRIP JUNE 10 – 13**

I know it is a long way away, but it is time to start planning this one. In order to get the good rooms, and the tee times we want, we need to reserve by the first of September. For 2012 we are going to make it a 3 day – 3 night package, from Sunday night through Tuesday night, playing Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The total cost will be \$275 per person, which includes the 3 nights lodging, 3 days of golf with cart, club storage, tips at the course, Monday evening steak cookout, and the prize fund.

We have 60 spots reserved at the course, but I have not yet made the room reservations. For the package with gorge view rooms at the great rate we had last year, I have to pay up front. So I will need a \$225 per person ( \$450/couple ) deposit upon sign up. Again, this is refundable if for any reason you cannot go. Like the October trip, this is open to everyone - couples, men, and women. As with all the trips, we will play points vs. quota each day, and will have the “bling tees” for the women on 10 holes.

Please sign up by September 1 so I can get the reservations and we can make the 2012 trip even better than last year. I thought last year’s trip was the best I have ever been on.

## **GREENS WORK TO BEGIN AS WEATHER COOLS**

We will have a lot of work going on with the greens in September. We will be aerifying the greens on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The course will be closed Tuesday until the senior pack at 5:30.

But even before that we will be doing some work to rid the greens of some invasive grasses. We have a grass called Kyllinga that is in various places around the course. It has gotten into several greens, and grows very rapidly during the day. It gets on the greens largely from the resident Canada geese that we have in the area. The geese eat all kinds of grasses around the course and all the lakes in the area they visit. Then when they leave droppings on the greens, the grass seeds take root with unwanted species of grass, like Kyllinga and goose grass that you see now.

We have the chemicals that will target this grass, but with the long stretch of extremely hot temperatures we have experienced, the greens are already very stressed, and this application could harm the bent grass if we used it before it cools down. We are targeting the first part of September, but if we get some cool days and nights before that Mike will be applying this sooner. This will make the Kyllinga turn brown, but we will be doing some heavy overseeding when we aerify, so the greens will heal pretty quickly in September after the aerification.

Thank you for your patience as Mike and the crew do their best to get the greens back in the conditions that we want them in. Let’s hope the weather cooperates and we get some cool nights some time soon.

## **OUTSIDE EVENTS IMPACTING PLAY IN AUGUST**

We have a few outside events impacting play in August.

On Saturday, August 6 we have a Moose Tournament for Special Olympics that will tie up the course for the morning. We will have a pack at 2:00 for those who want to play, and the course will open up at about that time for everybody else.

On Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> we also have an outside event that will impact some tee times but likely not shut down the course. We will send out an e-mail to everyone as we get closer with more info as to what times will be impacted. Then on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> we will have a smaller event, but it should not impact the regular play on Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon the Jefferson forest Golf team will host a meet. This will also impact some tee times but not require a shut down to other play.

Thank you for your cooperation in this, and I will keep you all informed if we have any further changes.