You heard it through The Ivy Vine

FROM THE PRO SHOP

By: Eddie Moran

As much as we hate to see it, it is the time of year that the nights get longer, and we have the likelihood of frost on the clear mornings. So in November, we will have to move the first starting times back to 8:30 weekdays and 8:00 on weekends and holidays. (We will move it back another ½ hour in December through February, unless we get a run of exceptionally warm weather.)

Even with the calendar showing winter approaching, we will still have many great days for golf. And with Mike on the course pretty much every day from dawn to dusk, seeding, fertilizing, and mowing, the course should be absolutely beautiful through the month. So when the weather is playable, our weekly schedule is as follows:

Senior Men – 9:30 Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Ladies – 9:30 Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 Saturday

Men's Pack – 9:30 Saturday

Mixed Pack – 12:45 Sunday (Time moved up due to shorter evenings)

Senior Men – 3:00 Tuesday (9-holes)

We will also have a men's pack at 9:00 on Thanksgiving Day and Thanksgiving Friday.

All of these groups are points vs. quota, and have a $2 entry fee. With all these options, there is no reason to put your clubs up this fall and winter. Please sign up at least 30 minutes before the tee time so we can get everyone paired and tee off on time.

We will also have tee times blocked off for the 10:30 Monday and Thursday group of senior men playing the green tees, with a $5 entry fee.

Please keep in mind that when we do have frost, we will try our best to get you on the course as soon as possible, but only when play will not damage the course. Also, when we have a frost delay, that also applies to the practice range and *especially the putting green*. We will let you know when it is safe to practice on these. Your patience here is appreciated.

And with the cooler weather, we may cut back on the range mowing schedule. We have moved our mowing to Mondays, so call us if you plan to come out and hit some balls on Mondays, as the range may be closed for part of the day.

GREAT SHOTS

There weren't a lot of great shots or personal bests recorded with us in October. But Tim Kennedy had a great shot in October, getting a hole in one on the 18th hole. Congratulations Tim

CONGRATULATIONS 2011 CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the 2011 champions at Ivy Hill. You will get to see their names on the parking spaces all next year, but with the season drawing to an end, we wanted to congratulate them in the newsletter too.

Our 2011 champions are:

Frankie Smith, Jr.	Men's Club Champion
Frankie Smith, Sr.	Senior Men's Club Champion
Jim Shires	Super Senior Men's Club Champion
Eadie Moran	Ladies' Club Champion
Linda Mason	Senior Ladies' Club Champion
Knox Higley	Men's Handicap Champion
Marvin Jefferson	Senior Men's Handicap Champion
Cathy Wills	Ladies' Handicap Champion
Dewey and Donna Rowland	Couples' Champions

Congratulations to you all !!!!

JEFFERSON FOREST CHAMPS AGAIN, RAY DAVIDSON COACH OF THE YEAR

The Jefferson Forest Golf Team again had a great season. Comprised mostly of our young men from Ivy Hill, they won the district regular season *and* tournament titles. They barely missed out at regionals, but Josh Vaughan played well enough at regionals to advance to the state tournament. And Ray Davidson again was named coach of the year, a well deserved award.

Congratulations Josh Vaughan, coach Ray Davidson, assistant coach Dean Zentmeyer, and the entire team on another successful season.

SENIORS BRING BACK THE COUNTS CUP

The senior men continued their dominance on the local golf scene, taking the Counts Cup tournament held at London Downs. I did not receive the full recap, but unless my information was incorrect, it wasn't even close, with Frankie Smith Sr. and Dick Douthat both shooting lights out scores. Congratulations to our senior men.

TEAM RYAN AGAIN RYDER CUP CHAMPS

It couldn't get any closer. When all 33 matches were complete, the score was 49 ½ to 49 ½. Dead even.

Per the team captains' prior agreement, and the sunlight quickly fading, we had a one shot playoff on hole #18. I (Eddie), feeling no effects from the pressure of 50+ spectators and relying on my years of tournament experience, calmly hit a beautiful shot on the green some 40 feet from the pin. Then Ryan, feeling the pressure of his 66 team members, and obviously tired from the beating he and his playing partner Knox had taken on the previous 18 holes, hit a terrible shot that some way

ended up in the bunker short of the green. (Okay, maybe the account of the playoff is not entirely accurate, but I am the one writing this, so it is going in MY way.)

When the shots were paced off, Ryan's was the closer to the pin by a few feet, and for one more year Team Ryan holds the title at Ivy. Admittedly, losing hurt. Letting my team members down after the gallant rounds they played – that hurt too. But the humiliation of having to put on the U Va shirt will leave scars forever. Or until next year, when I am confident that Team Eddie will prevail, and Ryan will get to wear Virginia Tech attire.

We hope everyone enjoyed the event again this year. If you want to mark your calendars, next year we will again hold the Intraclub Ryder Cup on Sunday, October 7, with likely both morning and afternoon starts.

As much as it hurts to say it, congratulations to "Team Ryan" on the victory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are quieting down some in November, but we still have an event we hope many of you will enjoy.

TURKEY BLITZ CAPTAIN'S CHOICE NOVEMBER 19 and 20 – This year, since we have had such great participation in our member events that we often can not accommodate everyone in one shotgun start, so we are running this event on two days. We will have our tournament for the Thanksgiving turkeys on Saturday, November 19, with a 9:00 tee time, and Sunday, November 20 with a 12:45 tee time. Each day is a separate event, and you may play in either one or both days.

This tournament will be a two person Captain's Choice, with a men's division, a senior men's, a women's division, and a couples' division, assuming enough people sign up in each division. You will play the normal tees for your age and gender. We will play both gross and net, with everyone who plays "winning" a turkey, and gift certificates for the division winners.

The entry fee of $25 plus cart includes the prizes plus lunch. Please sign up by Wednesday, November 16 so we can make sure to have the right number of turkeys available. You may sign up as an individual and we will pair you, a two person team, or you may pick your foursome (two 2-person teams). We hope that weather permitting you will all play in this event, which will be a lot of fun for everybody involved.

Also, if the weather permits we will have a Ham and Turkey event on Saturday a week before Christmas

OUTSIDE EVENTS

There is an outside event which may impact play for some of you.

On Saturday, October 29, there is an outside event that will impact some tee times but not shut down the course. We will have the men's pack at the usual 9:00, but will not schedule a women's pack that day, as many of the women that usually play in the pack will be with me on the Winston Salem golf trip. Other than that and the Turkey Blitz, play will be on a normal November schedule for the month.

WINTER RATES, MEMBER SPECIALS

As in the past, we will have reduced green fees for our guests during the late fall and winter months, starting Tuesday, November 1. This winter weekday guest fees will be $23, which includes green fees and cart. Groups of 4 or more will play for $20 each. Weekends will be $30 per person, but $25 in groups of 4 or more. In November and December we will also sell the “Preferred Customer Cards”, which will be $30 individually, but $25 each in quantities of 4 or more. We hope you will encourage your friends to come out and enjoy our course, especially when the rates are so competitive.

We also have something for you members. As we’re sure all of you already know, we sell “cart cards” for members, letting you get 10 rounds of carts for the price of 9. These sold for $126 last year, making the cart effectively $12.60 per round instead of the usual $14. Next year we will be raising our cart rates to $15 to help offset the *much* higher cost of gasoline for the carts, with the cart cards being sold for $135. But November 1 through the end of the year, you can buy these cards for 10 rounds of cart fee for $110, making the cart fee $11 per round with the card. These are good any time, so you can buy all you want over the next two months and “ride cheap” all next year. Again, this opportunity is good through December 31, so if you want some discounted member cart cards make sure to get them this year.

GOLF COMMITTEE NOTES

The Counts Cup returns to Ivy! It was only gone for a day. The 5 other clubs competing with Ivy were from Botetourt, Mariners Landing, Winton, London Downs, Falling River and Buena Vista. Format for this event is the best 10 scores out of a maximum of 16 players. No handicaps.

Ivy prevailed again with a “best 10 score” of 764. The scores were closer this year than they have been in recent memory. Buena Vista placed second with a 768, London Downs third with 776 and Mariners Landing with 778.

Frankie Smith, Sr. was medalist with a solid 67, followed closely by Dick Douthat with a 68.

Congratulations to the Ivy Seniors for another impressive win!

REMINDER

Don't forget the Turkey Tournament coming up November 19 & 20. Sign-up sheet is in the Pro Shop.

2011 LYNCHBURG SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE

By: Wayne McMillan

On October 17th, the Lynchburg Senior Golf League (LSGL) concluded its 2011 golf season with an end-of-season scramble and awards luncheon. There were 90 members that enjoyed lunch prepared by the pro shop staff that day. The LSGL consists of 122 men age 55 and above from Lynchburg and surrounding areas. The league played 2486 rounds at Ivy Hill Golf Club on 31 Mondays or Tuesdays (on holiday weeks). This number does not include the makeup matches played on other than scheduled play dates. There was only one round (in September) which was completely rained out. On March 28th, 35 brave souls battled the elements (cold and damp) as well as their opponents to play scheduled matches. The other 30 play dates had an average in excess of 81 players.

LSGL membership is open to any male golfer 55 years of age or older. A member may sign up with another member to form a team or the officers of league will assist in forming teams. During the last half of the season, the league had 48 two men teams and 26 substitutes. The teams were divided into flights determined by the combined total handicaps of the teams at the beginning of each half of the season. Matches are played between two teams. Combined net scores of the teams are compared to determine the winners of the front nine, the back nine and the overall eighteen. Points are awarded for wins as well as attendance. Prizes are awarded to the three teams with the most accumulated points within each flight during each half of the season. The maximum points available for a team in either half of the season are 120.

It is true that league rules do not conform to USGA rules of golf and are very generous, but comradeship is fostered amongst the team members and a good time is had by all. Competition is not so serious or the winnings so great that the spirit of the game is lost.

During the first half of the 2011 season, the winners were as follows:

NICKLAUS FLIGHT (total handicaps 18 - 31)
- First place - Sam Morrison and Bill Morton with 92 points
- Second place - Reese Hunt and Fred Thomas with 86.5 points
- Third place - James Lewis and Bo Hyler with 76 points

PALMER FLIGHT (total handicaps 32 - 36)
- First place - Mike Moorshead and Mike Wood with 105 points
- Second place - Bob Ferrell and John Wilkins with 85.5 points
- Third place - Ivor Browning and Mark Sihlanick with 81.5 points

COUPLES FLIGHT (total handicaps 37 - 42)
- First place - Roy Jessee and Louis Kiger with 90 points
- Second place - Walt Carey and Ed Vogt with 83 points
- Third place - Tom Jones and Frank Lukanich with 80 points

O'MEARA FLIGHT (total handicaps 43 - 49)
- First place - Glenn Jefferson and Buddy Tinnell with 89.5 points
- Second place - Barry Arrington and Bob Saville with 81 points
- Third place - Frank Denham and Bob Gulla with 80 points

IRWIN FLIGHT (total handicaps 50 – 55)
- First place - Mel Gallahan and Mike Scranton with 97.50 points
- Second place - Tom Heath and Lamar Owens with 84 points
- Third place - Davis Ballowe and Jim Hite with 82.5 points

TREVINO FLIGHT (total handicaps 56 – 64)

First place - Jack Hellewell and Dale Keen with 84 points
Second place - Peter Parker and Earl Simpson with 62 points
Third place - Tommy Doyle and Elias Richards with 58.5 points

SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS – First half

LOW GROSS SCORE - Mike Sharrett - 67 LOW NET SCORE – Sam Morrison - 56

DOUBLE EAGLE – Bill Morton HOLES-IN-ONE – Fred Thomas and Bob Marshall

During the second half of the season the result of league play was as follows:

SNEAD FLIGHT (total handicaps 18 – 26)

First place - Ron Waddell and Bob Gouin/John Johnson with 88 points
Second place - Sam Morrison and Bill Morton with 84.5 points
Third place - Don Roy and Bob Thornton with 84 points

HOGAN FLIGHT (total handicaps 27 – 33)

First place - Ken Rogers and Lowell Terry with 94.5 points
Second place - Max Guggenheimer and Jim Rice with 81 points
Third place - Bob Ferrell and John Wilkins with 77 points

NELSON FLIGHT (total handicaps 34 – 40)

First place - Roy Jessee and Louis Kiger with 85.5 points
Second place - Walt Carey and Ed Vogt with 81 points
Third place - David Sharett and Don Shilling with 76.5 points

PLAYER FLIGHT (total handicaps 41 – 44)

First place - Al Delbridge and Carson Holmes with 86 points
Second place - Frank Denham and Bob Gulla with 84.5 points
Third place tie - Barry Arrington and Bob Saville with 73.5 points
Third place tie - Glenn Jefferson and Buddy Tinnell with 73.5 points

JONES FLIGHT (total handicaps 45 – 52)

First place - Ron Johnson and Bob Power with 80.5 points
Second place - Tom Heath and Lamar Owens with 76 points
Third place - Sam Leslie and Charles Mayer with 74.5 points

BOROS FLIGHT (total handicaps 53 – 64)

First place - Bruce Deist and Lowry Miller with 70.5 points
Second place - Jack Hellewell and Dale Keen with 62.5 points
Third place - Charles Ashworth and Ed Cass with 61.5 points

SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS - Second half

LOW GROSS SCORE – Bob Thornton - 65 LOW NET SCORE – 57 Three way tie

Lowell Terry
Don Shilling
Charles Mayer