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Golf Shop News

Welcome New Members!!

Please join us in welcoming our newest golfing members to Elm Lake. They are: Jan McClanahan, Bill Miley, Martin Howard, Greg Arinder, Jory Weeks, Shirley Williams, Reggie Hankins and Robert Matthews.

Give the gift of golf this Holiday season!!

This winter we are again offering our 10 rounds for \$250, valid ANY day and ANY time in 2017. 10 round passes can be purchased anytime before March 1, 2017. Golfer will also earn loyalty points on the purchase toward more free rounds!!!

Lady Crafters

The Elm Lake ladies craft club has again entered the Christmas tree competition at the Columbus library. Last year the ladies won 2nd place and they'd love to win first this year. Please take some time to stop by the library to vote for the Elm Lake tree!!

Twilight Special

For a limited time this winter we will be running a twilight special Monday-Saturday, excluding holidays beginning at 1pm.

Please be patient as we are working on a new website. We have put up a temporary/old website while our new one is being and expect the new site to be live before Christmas. You can still book tee times on our site using the 'Book a Tee Time' tab.

This month you will notice a \$10 charge on your member account for staff Holiday Bonus'. This was first implemented by the Board in 2015 and we are again offering it this year. The \$10 from each member will be dived up by the Board and given directly to the staff as Holiday Bonus'.

Many of you may have noticed that some of our golf carts have a green placard on the windshield. The green cart is for greens fee player, public. This way you can know who is a fellow member and who isn't, potentially being able to find a game or someone else to play with. We do encourage everyone to introduce themselves to greens fee players and make them feel welcome at Elm Lake. Thank you in advance for being respectful to other players.

We would like to get more participation in the Hole-in-One club and make the payout more prestigious. So, the next time a payout is made on the HIO club we will be increasing the club to \$10 per player instead of the current \$5. We hope that increased payouts will increase the participation. Player must be signed up and have at least 2 witnesses to earn the HIO payout.

From the Course

Course superintendent Justin Lanford has begun some chemical applications to the course and will continue to apply this winter to keep the course clean and neat. All of these steps will go a long way in making the course more playable this winter and with fewer stressors for spring green up. These steps include:

- 1) Completed an application of MSM on the fairways and greens surrounds to target white clover.
- 2) On November 30th an application of Monument on the putting greens to target any Poa Annua that has emerged. The chemical will stop growth of the Poa Annua right away but will take 3 weeks to actually kill the plant.
- 3) Later this winter, January, an application of round-up will be applied to the entire course (not greens) to target Poa Annua.

The Board and management are looking to purchase of a fairway mower this winter. If we are able to make this purchase there will be many benefits to the course including:

- 1) A much better and consistent cut on our fairway grass. By next summer our fairways grass could look and play as good as the collars.
- 2) Cleaner lines and definition of the fairway making for a much cleaner look from the tees
- 3) We can then use our current fairway mower to mow rough. This will give us 2 units to mow rough with so it can be cut more often and in less time. All leading to fewer weeds and fewer clumps of dead/cut grass.

From Tee's

Whether for family or business, let us host your holiday party! Please call right away so we can reserve the best date for your holiday event!

Stay warm this winter with our soup of the week. Beginning December 1st we will have a new soup every week for you to enjoy.

Tee's will be closed December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday and on 31st and January 1st for New Years. We will remain open Wednesday – Friday of those weeks as normal. Happy Holidays from our family to yours and thank you all for your continued support!!