

# Marion Lake Club Newsletter

January 2012-March 2012

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL LAKE JAMES OYSTER ROAST & TEXAS SCRAMBLE

Sponsored By: Morris Heating & Cooling

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lake James Oyster Roast and Texas Scramble which included 64 2-Player teams was the largest event of the year. The weather cooperated for a great weekend of golf. The field included many Members as well as guest from surrounding areas. Gregg Peck and his staff had the golf course in fantastic shape with the greens rolling close to ten and a half for the final round. Saturday evening's weather could not have been more perfect which included a beautiful harvest moon. Jon Hartman, Joey Tisdale, Kelly McGarr and Robbie Burgin did what we have grown so accustomed to, delivered an unbelievable meal. The evening was capped off with the acoustic version of member, Darrel Camby, and his band Side Street. The list of volunteers that helped to make this such a huge success is long.

Thank you to all who helped.

## 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The annual fundraiser raised funds in excess of \$5000.00. These proceeds will be used for equipment repair and improvements to all amenities. The dinner included steaks provided by US Foods and prepared by Joey Tisdale, Kelly McGarr and Scott Holland. The sides were provided by Coutryside BBQ. Following dinner live entertainment provided by Burt Lindsay of Magical Music kept the dance floor hopping for several hours. The \$1000.00 winner of the evening was 2011 Member of The Year JJ Laughridge.

## LADY'S BATHROOM/LOCKER ROOM RENOVATIONS

The renovations to the Lady's bathroom/locker room were financed by the MLC Lady's Association. The renovations included a "full" face lift. These changes have made the room more modern as well as a sense of comfort when entering the room. A huge thank you goes out to the Lady's.

## DONATION OF TREES LINING #1 FAIRWAY

Many of you may have noticed the new tree's located on the left of #1 fairway. Thanks to Roger Hollifield this was made possible. In time the trees will change the aesthetics of the tee ball on hole #1 as well as eliminate NC 126 as the view from the tee box. In the spring it will create a colorful view from the starting hole at the Marion lake Club.

Roger is accepting donations to offset the cost of this fantastic improvement. Please contact the staff at the Pro Shop to make donations, no matter how small.

## "SLICES" RESTAURANT

Jon Hartman and his staff will start remodel of the restaurant in late January and hope to open no later than March 3<sup>rd</sup>. With a grand opening planned in conjunction with a club sponsored event. The menu will be some of the same great food offered at Holly's Deli as well as some unique specials. The addition of "Slices" is just one of many improvements for 2012.

## ONLINE TEE TIME BOOKING

Book your tee times online! Just visit [www.marionlakeclub.com](http://www.marionlakeclub.com) and follow the "Book Tee Times" button. We do urge all members to book tee times in advance. In an effort to better serve our valued members and guest, the staff is making every effort to utilize the tee sheet and make each round more enjoyable!

## HANDICAP SYSTEM ONLINE

GolfNet handicap system will now be available online beginning mid January. Track your handicap from anywhere you have internet access. For details email [info@marionlakeclub.com](mailto:info@marionlakeclub.com) and say "send me the GolfNet info". You will receive an email with detailed instructions.

## CLUBHOUSE

Host your next Company Outing, Wedding Reception or Birthday Party at the clubhouse. Members \$300.00, Non-Members \$400.00 (Non-Members required to be sponsored by a Member). \$200.00 Deposit is required.

## 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Eskimo Open (2-Player/2-Flag)  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl Texas Scramble  
Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> TBD-"Slices" Grand Opening  
Apr 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off Tournament  
May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Spring 4-Ball  
Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> MLC Member/Guest  
Jun 12<sup>th</sup> Lady's Play Day  
Jun 17<sup>th</sup> Parent/Child  
Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Grassy Creek Inter-Club  
Jul 4<sup>th</sup> Pig-Pickin 5.0  
Jul 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Member/Member  
Aug 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> McDowell County Championship  
Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Steve Dalton Memorial  
Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> MLC Club Championship  
Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> MLC Senior Club Championship  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Lady's Member/Member  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lake James Oyster Roast and Texas Scramble

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Raiser

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 3-Player Step-A-Side

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Kris Kringle Klassic

## SUPERINTENDENTS CORNER

In today's "green conscious" society, it seems that everyone is attentive to environmental issues that impact our global and especially local environment. Golf courses naturally draw a lot of questions and concern because of the high degree of cultural practices that well maintained turf, especially greens, require. The truth is, rather than impacting local environment's in a negative way, great benefits are realized as a result of the presence of golf courses. Just a few of the extensive list of environmental benefits of golf courses will be addressed here for brevity's sake. Large areas of turf actually act as massive air conditioners during the heat of summer. While they cool the atmosphere, they are also cleansing the air of pollution, filtering water runoff of contaminants, and producing vast amounts of oxygen. Golf courses also provide the community with green spaces for outdoor activities and enhanced wildlife habitats. This space is also usually provided by private funding rather than draining already strained government resources. These green spaces are often reclaimed environmentally damaged sites such as landfills.

Most of today's superintendents are educated professionals who care about environmental quality. Extensive ongoing education is required for pesticide application licensing. This trains the superintendent on environmentally sound pesticide use. They are also the nation's leading practitioners of integrated pest management, reducing the risk of environment damage from pesticide usage. We are committed to correcting the misconceptions about golf and its impact.

Golf Course Superintendent

Gregg Peck

## A NOTE FROM THE GM

Let me first thank each of you that volunteer your time in the continued effort toward success at the Marion Lake Club. I would like to challenge each member for 2012 with the below.

.Support the Marion Lake Club

.Talk about MLC with your friends and co-workers

.Take ownership in the golf course and all our amenities

.Invite individuals to come see the "new" Marion lake Club and play our golf course.

General Manager

Kevin Bradley "KB"