

# December 2008

## Captain's Message-Tom Knoflick

*It's been a great year for the LWW Men's Nine Hole Golf Club and a great year for golf in general. We enjoyed good weather most of the year right up to today (except maybe the smoky days of June), we experienced fun and exciting monthly golf tournaments, we had an excellent picnic in June, and we all enjoyed the camaraderie in the bar after golf.*

*Last January, my objectives for the year were to: 1) have fun and enjoy the game, 2) play ready golf, 3) increase attendance at all events, and 4) stay within budget. You members will have to answer the first item for yourselves. I think we improved at playing ready golf but there is still room for more improvement. Our attendance was excellent, especially the picnic, where we had over 130 in attendance. And our budget is still healthy.*

*I personally want to thank all the officers of the Club and all the committee volunteers who helped make my job a whole lot easier. Also a special thanks to Rich Ellingson of the Pro Shop Staff for managing our Tuesday shotgun starts and turning chaos into a form of art.*

*I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and enjoyable Holiday Season, and a prosperous New Year.*

## Upcoming Events

December 16: Free Christmas Breakfast Meeting @ 9:00 in the Cedar Room. Voting will take place for 2009 Officers. Bloody Mary's to follow on the course or in the Pro Shop.

December 23: Golf - be sure to make tee times

December 25: Merry Christmas

January 1: Happy New Year

January 13: Board Meeting @ 9:30. Shotgun start golf @ 11:00. Golf Committee meeting @ 2:00.

January 20: Breakfast Meeting @ 9:30. Breakfast fee to remain at \$9.00 Golf Tournament to follow @ 11:00

Call the Pro Shop to check on frost delays.

Our web site is at

[www.geocities.com/lww\\_men\\_9ers](http://www.geocities.com/lww_men_9ers)



## Turkey Shoot Winners

Low Gross: A-Dennis Loggins  
B-Dick DeLisser

High Gross: A-Will Beilman  
B-Tony Dallojacono

Low Net: A-Larry Danilson  
B-Jim Studabaker

High Net: A-Bill Brown  
B-Jim Smith

Fewest Putts: A-Ralph Daugherty  
B-Bob Leasure

Most Putts: A-Ed Crotty & Don Streseman  
B-John Short

Closest to the Hole  
#3: A -Bernie Scalisi B-Bob Smilo  
#9: A-Charlie Mathews  
B-Jack Leavy

## Golf Committee News

### Bob Martin

Before Thanksgiving we had a short opinion survey on **Frost Delay Options**. One option was to move from tee times to a shotgun format on Mondays and Fridays in the winter. The other was to call a shotgun anytime the frost delay exceeded one hour instead of the current two hour window. Both measures failed with overall negative votes of just over 54%. Both men and women were negative to the proposals but women were more negative than the men.

This is my last article as your club representative to the Golf Committee. It has certainly been an interesting two years; some frustration, some disappointments and some successes. I have particularly enjoyed trying to keep you all up to date on Golf Committee activities via my article in the monthly club newsletter. I'm only sorry that I did not start writing it sooner in my tenure.

Very significant accomplishments of the Golf Committee are the beginning of the formal forward tees (so far on holes #5, #7 and #8) and the new cart paths on holes #13 & #14 (Note - without the necessity of rebuilding the bridge on #14.) As the Men 9ers club representative, I point to one result that has been a direct benefit to our club (and the Lady 9ers too). I claim as a personal accomplishment the fact that we play 9 holes on Tuesdays and only get charged for 1/2 a round - 9 holes. Thus those of us who bought a Limited Annual this year can play 50 Tuesday 9er rounds in a year and still have 50 regular rounds left out of the original 75. Beyond that, my involvement has been primarily focused on efforts for the golfing community as a whole. I was significantly involved in the establishment of "Golf Central" on the Internet and the Opinion Survey on the Golf Course Master Improvement Plan.

Finally, Lake Wildwood is now in the middle of the annual budget process. Let me try to offer a few words of assurance to you and the golfing community as a whole. Contrary to the rumors you sometimes hear or the somewhat natural tendency of all of us to periodically feel insecure and to jump to conclusions without really knowing the facts - no one is trying to "do it to the golfers", not the General Manager, not the Finance and Audit Committee and not our Board of Directors. We, Lake Wildwood, have a number of fiscal challenges facing us. You probably realize that the national economy has a few problems. Then there has been a somewhat steady reduction in the number of golfing rounds per year and therefore golfing revenues. Inflation has been a factor in our lives for as long as I can remember and I don't think it is likely to ever go away. What does that mean? It means that the cost of golf course maintenance continually increases. What does that mean? You guessed it - golfing fees have to go up also, to counteract both of the above factors. Then, the golf course has a very substantial problem called aging, manifested primarily by the specter of the need to rebuild our greens sometime in the not too distant future. And don't forget, there are demands from other areas besides golf. Trying to balance these increasing needs for money is a challenge but the people trying to do it are sincerely trying to do the right thing. So, keep informed, contribute ideas and have some faith.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year     *Bob*