



THE  
MONTHLY  
MULLIGAN

May 2026



## A NOTE FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Members,

As we welcome the month of May at Lost Key Golf Club, there is a renewed sense of energy and excitement throughout the property. With peak season ahead of us and summer on the horizon, this is a wonderful time to enjoy the course, the Club, and the restaurant. Our team remains focused on delivering a high-quality experience for our members and guests, both on and off the golf course.

I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our members for your incredible support of our inaugural Gulf Coast Classic Tournament. Your participation, generosity, and enthusiasm made this event a tremendous success, and we are proud to share that, together, we were able to donate \$1000.00 to Mary's Shelter, the tournament's designated charity. This achievement is a direct reflection of the strength and spirit of our membership, and we are truly grateful for your continued commitment to making a positive impact on our community.

On the course, we are continuing to make important strides in improving overall conditions. While our greens recovered well from the frost damage earlier in the season, our agronomy team have now focused on fairway and rough recovery, as well as bunker refinements across the property. Seasonal transitions, coupled with long-term planning around irrigation and turf health, are guiding our efforts. You can expect to see continued progress in playability and consistency as we move further into the growing season.

Our Food & Beverage team has introduced a fresh spring menu at Grille 625, which has already been met with great feedback. We will continue to monitor and refine offerings based on member input, and we're excited to feature upcoming seasonal specials and events, including Mother's Day and Memorial Weekend at the Club. Additionally, we are preparing to launch our updated wedding and events brochure, which will further position Lost Key as a premier coastal destination for special occasions.

From a membership standpoint, we are encouraged by the continued interest in the Club and are pleased to welcome new members in recent weeks. Our focus remains on building a vibrant, engaged membership while maintaining the level of service and access that our current members value.

Lastly, I'd like to recognize our top three members for their outstanding support of our Food & Beverage operation, each recording the highest restaurant spending for fiscal year 2025:

- First Place: Butch Stroupe
- Second Place: Greg and Tammi Town
- Third Place: Keith Sims

Each of these members will receive \$100 gift card, redeemable in the restaurant or golf shop. Congratulations, and thank you for your patronage!

As always, thank you for your continued support and commitment. Our team is committed to constant improvement, and we look forward to providing an exceptional experience each time you visit Lost Key Golf Club.

With Gratitude,

Michael Troyner, CCM  
General Manager



## MAY COURSE MAINTENANCE UPDATE

As we head into May, we've been enjoying warmer temperatures and sunny conditions, but the lack of rainfall has created drier-than-expected conditions across the course. Because of this, our primary focus has shifted toward responsible water management and maintaining overall turf health.

Some areas of the course had already been under stress, and we are continuing to do everything we can to improve overall conditions throughout the property. Rather than overextending our irrigation resources in isolated areas, we are taking a balanced approach to maintain adequate moisture levels course-wide. In line with this strategy, we made the decision not to move forward with sod installation at this time. While sod can provide an immediate visual improvement, it requires a significant amount of water to establish properly—resources that are better utilized maintaining and strengthening our existing turf during these dry conditions.

This month, greens will be core aerated, which is an important process for long-term health but will temporarily impact smoothness and playability as they heal over the following couple of weeks. We will also be slicing fairways, tees, and roughs to continue to help water move more effectively into the soil and support stronger rooting, as well as relieve compaction. These steps are necessary to help improve overall turf conditions across the course.

We appreciate your patience during this time as we work through necessary processes and remain focused on improving course conditions.

Thank you for your continued support.

*- The Golf Course Maintenance Team*



## MAY PRO TIP

*Playing Uneven Lies Like a Pro*  
Tommy Brodersen

If you've spent any time on the course at Lost Key Golf Club, you already know that uneven lies are part of the challenge, and the fun. From subtle slopes to more dramatic elevation changes, these lies can quickly impact your ball striking if you're not set up correctly. The key to success starts with understanding how to adjust your setup, particularly your shoulder alignment.

When facing an uneven lie, your goal at address is to match your shoulders to the slope of the ground. In simple terms, your shoulders should be aligned with the angle of the terrain rather than level to the horizon. On an uphill lie, this means setting your forward (lead) shoulder slightly higher than your trailing shoulder. This adjustment helps promote solid contact and encourages the proper ball flight. Conversely, on a downhill lie, your lead shoulder should be lower than your trailing shoulder, helping you stay balanced and avoid hitting the ball thin.

Mastering this fundamental set-up adjustment will go a long way toward improving consistency on uneven lies. It allows your swing to follow the natural contour of the slope, reducing mishits and improving control. The next time you find yourself on one of the many uneven lies around Lost Key, take a moment to check your shoulder alignment, it's a small adjustment that can make a big difference in your score.

# BACK TO BASICS OF GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE

## **Golf Carts**

Golf carts are an important part of the game, helping players move efficiently around the course. However, when cart rules are not followed, they can cause significant damage to turf and playing conditions. Cart policies may change daily based on weather and course conditions, so players should always confirm current restrictions before teeing off.

Courses restrict cart access for many reasons—some obvious, others less so. Wet or newly grassed areas marked by signs should always be avoided, as these areas are particularly vulnerable to damage. Extremely dry turf can also be fragile, and during late fall or winter, players may be asked to remain on cart paths when grass growth is minimal and recovery is slow.

Because every course is different, cart rules will vary. Always follow posted signs, ropes, stakes, and directional markers—they are in place to protect the course. Avoid areas that appear thin, weak, or wet. When driving in high-traffic zones, spread out whenever possible and keep all four tires on the path as much as you can. Do not drive through naturalized areas, avoid steep slopes, and stay clear of tees and greens. When in doubt, err on the side of caution.

## **Repairing Divots**

Taking divots is a natural part of golf but properly repairing them is essential to maintaining course conditions. The goal is to leave a smooth surface and encourage healthy turf recovery.

If a divot is mostly intact, replace it carefully and tamp it down with your foot to ensure good contact between the roots and the soil. If gaps remain, fill them with divot mix to help the grass grow back evenly. Some courses prefer players to use divot mix instead of replacing divots, often due to turf type, weather conditions, or grass that tends to break apart rather than lift cleanly.

Divot recovery depends on many factors, which is why repair policies may differ. Regardless of the method, the objective is the same: leave the area as smoothly as possible for the next player and support turf healing. Avoid taking divots on practice swings and refrain from hitting extra practice shots on the course. A helpful habit is to repair your divot—and one additional divot nearby.

## **Ball Marks**

Although small, ball marks can cause long-lasting damage to putting surfaces if left unrepaired. Unfixed ball marks disrupt smoothness and can negatively affect greens for weeks.

To properly repair a ball mark, use a ball mark repair tool or a golf tee. Insert the tool just outside the mark and gently push the turf toward the center, working carefully around the edges. Avoid lifting or twisting the turf, as this can damage the roots. Once the turf is restored, lightly tamp the area with your putter to smooth the surface. Whenever possible, take a moment to repair one or two additional ball marks that may have been overlooked.

## **Bunker Raking**

After playing a bunker shot, players should aim to leave the sand as smooth—or smoother—than they found it. Proper bunker etiquette requires only a little effort and attention.

Enter the bunker from the low side and bring a rake with you to avoid unnecessary foot traffic. Use the rake to smooth all footprints and divots created during your shot. When exiting, avoid pulling sand up against the bunker edge, as this can damage the surrounding turf and create difficult lies for other players.

Follow the course's policy regarding rake placement. Place the rake with the tines inside the bunker and the handle resting outside the bunker. Before leaving the bunker, knock excess sand off your shoes to prevent it from being tracked onto greens or fairways, where it can affect play and damage mowing equipment.

## **Trash Disposal**

Please help us maintain the beauty and playability of our course by properly disposing of all trash. Use the designated trash receptacles located throughout the course for bottles, cans, food wrappers, and other waste. If a receptacle is not immediately available, kindly keep your trash in your cart or bag until you reach one.

Your cooperation helps ensure a clean, enjoyable environment for all players. Thank you for doing your part.



## TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH SHELBY COULTAS

Shelby is our little gem of Lost Key!! She's worked on the beverage cart for almost 3 years. She stands out for her kindness, dedication, and positive attitude. She goes out of her way to support her coworkers. Her friendly personality and professionalism make a lasting impact on both the team and golfers.

*Congratulations, Shelby!*

# PRO SHOP MAY UPDATE

“April showers bring May flowers”. Well, not quite, but we were grateful to see some much-needed rain toward the end of the month!

Please note that aerification is scheduled for May 4–5. We appreciate your patience during this essential maintenance, as it plays a key role in keeping our course in excellent condition.

We’re excited to share that we’ve received new Callaway rental sets, offering upgraded equipment options for both guests and members. In addition, new merchandise will be arriving soon, along with thoughtfully curated selections for future pro shop inventory. Our goal is to provide high-quality, in-demand products for both on- and off-course enjoyment.

Be sure to join us on **May 16 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for our Callaway Demo Day**. This is a great opportunity to test the latest equipment, receive professional fittings, and experience firsthand how new technology can enhance your game.

Thank you again for the warm welcome. I look forward to seeing you around the club throughout May!

Jon Piccione  
Golf Operations Director



# GRILLE 625 MAY UPDATE

## **Mother's Day Brunch – May 10th**

Join us in celebrating all the wonderful mothers in our lives with a special Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10th, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Our culinary team is preparing memorable brunch specials perfect for the occasion. We look forward to hosting you and your family for this special day.

## **New Summer Menu on the Horizon**

With warmer weather approaching, we'll be introducing a brand-new summer menu toward the end of May. Expect lighter fare, fresh seasonal ingredients, and exciting new dishes designed to complement the summer season.

## **New Summer Drink Features**

We're also refreshing our beverage offerings with a lineup of new drinks perfect for relaxing after a round or enjoying with friends:

- SpikedAde – A refreshing, sports-inspired cocktail with a vodka twist
- Good Boy Seltzers – A smooth, non-carbonated John Daly-style seltzer
- Michelob Ultra Zero (Non-Alcoholic) – A great option for those who want to enjoy a beer without the effects



## FEATURED COCKTAIL

### SPICY MARGARITA



Add a little heat to your next visit with this bold and refreshing favorite:

#### Ingredients:

- 1.5 oz. Ghost Tequila
- 0.5 oz. Agave
- 0.75 oz. Fresh Lime Juice
- Tajín & Salt Rim
- Lime Garnish

#### Preparation:

Shake all ingredients over ice, then strain into a Tajín and salt-rimmed glass filled with fresh ice. Garnish with a lime wedge and enjoy.




We look forward to welcoming you throughout the month of May whether it's for brunch, a casual lunch, or drinks after your round.

Cheers to a great start to the summer season!

**GRILLE 625**  
— AT LOST KEY GOLF CLUB —



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT LOST KEY GOLF CLUB MAY 2026

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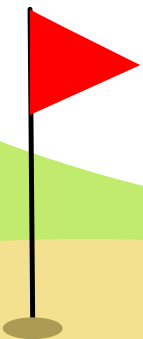


# GOLF COURSE AERIFICATION

## MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5TH

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- \* MONDAY, MAY 4TH, THE FRONT 9 WILL BE CLOSED; PLAY WILL BE LIMITED TO THE BACK 9 ONLY.
- \* TUESDAY, MAY 5TH, THE BACK 9 WILL BE CLOSED; PLAY WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FRONT 9 ONLY.



# Mother's Day

## Menu

SUNDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> | 8AM-4PM

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**SHRIMP & SMOKED SALMON PINWHEELS**

*with Boursin cheese*

\$12.95

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**CAPRESE SALAD**

*with fresh mozzarella and basil*

11.95

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**CROQUE MADAME**

*with fried egg & bechamel sauce served  
with breakfast potatoes*

15.95

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**AVOCADO TOAST**

*with tomato basil relish cilantro sprouts  
served with breakfast potatoes*

13.95

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**FRIDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> | 10:30AM-1:30PM**

-  **P-WAVE TREATMENTS BY PINNACLE SPINE & SPORT**
-  **PILATES CLASS BY PURA VIDA PILATES**
-  **SPECIALTY SALAD LUNCH INCLUDED**
-  **\$35 PER PERSON**
-  **REGISTER BY MAY 11TH TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

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# MEMORIAL DAY

## WEEKEND BBQ

FRIDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> | 10:30AM-4PM

BBQ Sandwich, Beans, Cole Slaw, and  
Cheesy Potato Casserole

*\$15 Per Person + Tax*





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