

THE MONTHLY MULLIGAN



August 2026



A NOTE FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Members,

Summer is flying by, and we hope you've been enjoying your time at Lost Key Golf Club! Whether you're squeezing in an early morning round, meeting friends for lunch, or simply taking in the beautiful views, we appreciate you choosing to spend your time with us. Here's a look at what's happening around the club this month.

Do you have a young golfer who's interested in learning the game or improving their skills? Our Junior Golf Clinic will be held on Wednesday, August 5, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clinic is designed to be fun, interactive, and educational, with instruction focusing on the fundamentals of: Driving, Chipping, and Putting. The cost is \$45 per junior and includes professional instruction, range balls, a snack, and a beverage.

Whether they're picking up a club for the first time or already love the game, this is a great opportunity for junior golfers to learn in a relaxed and encouraging environment. Be sure to reserve their spot by contacting the Golf Shop, as space is limited.

If you haven't stopped by for brunch yet, now's the perfect time! Our new Sunday Brunch Menu, introduced on July 19, has quickly become a favorite with members and guests alike. It's the perfect way to wrap up a morning round or simply enjoy a relaxing Sunday with family and friends. From breakfast classics to delicious lunch selections, there's something for everyone. We hope you'll join us this Sunday and see what everyone is talking about!

Looking for a special keepsake from your round or a unique gift for the golfer in your life? Our new silk-screen patriotic pin flags have arrived in the Golf Shop! These beautifully designed flags are a great way to celebrate your love of golf and country. Be sure to stop by and check them out while supplies last.

It's never too early to start planning one of our favorite events of the year! Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Lost Key Golf Club Member-Member Tournament, taking place Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7. This two-day event promises great competition, plenty of camaraderie, and lots of fun both on and off the course. Additional details regarding the tournament format, entry fee, prizes, and weekend festivities will be announced soon. Start thinking about your partner, we can't wait to see everyone out for another memorable Member-Member weekend!

We recently made the decision to pause our weekly yoga classes due to low participation this summer. We appreciate everyone who joined us and those who expressed interest. We still believe yoga is a wonderful complement to golf, helping improve flexibility, balance, and overall wellness, so we'll be looking to bring the classes back this fall when schedules become a little less hectic.

As always, thank you for being part of the Lost Key Golf Club family. We look forward to seeing you around the course, in the Golf Shop, and at Grille 625 throughout August. Have a wonderful month and enjoy your golf!

With Gratitude,

Michael Troyner, CCM General Manager



AUGUST COURSE MAINTENANCE UPDATE

As we move into August, our focus remains on maintaining healthy playing conditions during what is typically the hottest and most challenging month of the year. High temperatures and increased stress on the turf make proper water management especially important, and our team will continue to closely monitor irrigation, soil moisture, and overall turf health to provide the best possible conditions throughout the course.

One of our primary maintenance practices this month will be our scheduled greens aerification. This process helps relieve soil compaction, improve oxygen exchange, increase infiltration, enhance root development, and maintain healthy putting surfaces throughout the remainder of the growing season. In addition to the greens, we plan to aerify as many other turf areas across the property as possible, including tees, fairways, and roughs, as conditions and scheduling allow. These cultural practices are essential to promoting long-term turf health and improving the overall quality of the golf course.

Along with aerification, we will continue our fertility, weed management, and disease programs while remaining focused on water conservation and efficient irrigation practices. Balancing moisture levels during August is critical to minimizing turf stress while maintaining healthy, consistent playing conditions across the property.

We appreciate everyone's continued patience and support as we work through the summer growing season. Our maintenance team remains committed to improving the golf course and providing the best possible playing experience for our members and guests.

- *The Golf Course Maintenance Team*



IMPROVE YOUR CHIPPING AROUND THE GREENS

BY TOMMY BRODERSON

A solid short game is one of the quickest ways to lower your scores, and it all starts with mastering the fundamentals of chipping. Whether you're trying to save par or get up-and-down more consistently, these three simple keys will help you build confidence around the greens.

1. Keep Your Weight Forward

At address, position slightly more of your weight on your lead (front) foot. Maintaining this forward pressure throughout the swing promotes solid ball-first contact and helps eliminate those frustrating chunks and thin shots.

2. Lean Your Hands Slightly Forward

Set up with your hands just ahead of the golf ball, creating a slight forward press. This encourages a descending strike, allowing the club to make crisp contact with the ball before brushing the turf.

3. Control Your Ball Flight with Ball Position

One of the easiest ways to vary your chip shots is by adjusting the position of the golf ball in your stance.

- * For a lower, running chip: Position the ball closer to your back foot.
- * For a higher, softer shot: Position the ball closer to your front foot.

Learning to control trajectory gives you more options around the green and allows you to match the shot to the situation.

With a little practice, these three fundamentals can make a noticeable difference in your short game. Spend a few minutes on the practice green before your next round, and you'll be surprised how much confidence you'll gain when faced with those crucial shots around the green.

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 BILL GAMBEL

When Bill is not flying planes over Lost Key he is grounded at our starter shack on Monday and Fridays. He anticipates guest and member needs and fosters a positive attitude and work environment.

Bill upholds club standards and values , offers suggestions that improve operations and service quality all with a friendly smile .

Congratulations Bill Gambel aka The Fun Broker !

Congratulations, Bill!

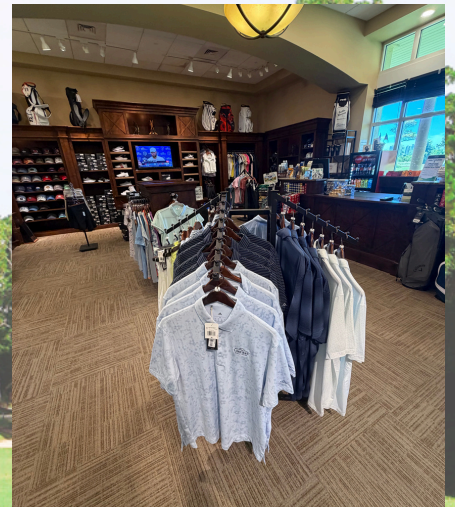
PRO SHOP AUGUST UPDATE



New Adidas apparel is out as well as Logo golf towels , divot tools and magnetic ball markers!

July started with a bang with the RED WHITE and BLUE tournament being a success , weather held out for us and even had fireworks during the event with Wally Clark's HOLE-IN-ONE!

Aerification dates are Monday August 10th and Tuesday August 11th . Several options to update your golf bag and game with new putters and wedges from Callaway, Titleist and Taylor Made.





JULY UPDATE

There's always something delicious happening at Grille 625, and we invite you to stop in and enjoy everything our culinary team has to offer!

If you haven't joined us for Sunday Brunch yet, now is the perfect time. Our new brunch menu features locally sourced ingredients, fresh seasonal flavors, and a variety of breakfast and lunch favorites that are perfect before or after your round. Whether you're craving a hearty breakfast or something light and refreshing, there's something on the menu for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you every Sunday!

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Fourth of July Celebration. It was wonderful to see so many members, guests, and families enjoying great food, good company, and a festive holiday together. Your support helped make the event a tremendous success, and we appreciate everyone who celebrated with us.

The clubhouse will be hosting a private event on Saturday, August 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. During this time, portions of the clubhouse and dining areas may have limited availability. We appreciate your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience as we accommodate this special event.

We look forward to serving you throughout August and hope to see you soon at Grille 625!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT LOST KEY GOLF CLUB

AUGUST 2026

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2 Couples Sunday Funday, 12pm Tee Time	3 Ladies 9 & Wine, 2pm Tee Time	4 Ladies Clinic 4pm Skins Game, 7:30am Tee Time	5 Jr. Golf Clinic 3:30pm Ladies League 9am Bubbles & Birdies	6	7	8
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- Shotgun Start: 8:30am
- Friday, One Best Ball (Net) per team, 90% of Handicap
- Saturday, Both Ball (Net) Score, 100% of Handicap
- Eagle or better +5 Points / Birdie +2 points / Par 0 Points / Bogey -1 point / Double Bogey or worse -3 points
- Prizes & Tee Gift

Breakfast Buffet: 7:00 am to 8:30 am both days

Lunch Buffet: After play 12:30 pm

Dinner and Awards: Saturday evening 5:30 pm

Spouses or Significant Others are invited to attend the Awards Dinner at \$35 per person.

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