



Lakewood Links

October 2021

Feature Story - Ray & Ann Knowis

Most every member at Lakewood knows Ray and Ann and if you don't, you need to. Ray is currently the Mayor of Tullahoma and Ann is known to many as "the First Lady". We all know that Ray would not be as successful as he is without his beloved Ann. Ray wrote this story of he and Ann's golf journey and it's well worth taking the time to read. I only hope that this will inspire some of us to go and do while we have the time and ability. ENJOY

The Golf Journey of Ray and Ann Knowis

Growing up on farms in rural southern middle Tennessee we never thought of playing golf. Those years were spent working, doing the normal farm activities associated with growing crops of cotton, corn, tobacco, strawberries and raising cattle. Then, my engineering career brought me to AEDC in Tullahoma and subsequently to Micro Craft, Inc., an aerospace company where I was employed for 31 years, and Ann worked for the Tullahoma City School System. It was my job with Micro Craft that led to our introduction to golf. While working in California on one of Micro Craft's programs I became friends with one of the managers of Micro Craft's Ontario, California division, Gardner James. Gardner and his wife Pat were avid golfers. The Jameses owned a condo at a golf resort on the Big Island in Hawaii and extended an invitation to us to spend a vacation there; but told us that it was a golf resort and there was little else there to do. We told them that since we didn't play golf, we would surely find something else to do.

Upon awakening on the morning after arriving at the Sea Mountain Resort in Hawaii, we surveyed the surroundings and realized there really was little there to do except play golf and tour the island. The first day there we found that the closest place for lunch was at the golf course. After lunch, we were going through the golf pro shop looking at golf paraphernalia. The manager of the shop, a very friendly Hawaii native, asked if we were there to play golf. We responded "No, we don't play golf". I'm sure he must have wondered what are you doing here. Being a good manager, he suggested that we rent some clubs and give it a try. We did and so the journey began.

Going on the course with no lessons or instructions of any kind, we found the course to be so scenic there on the ocean and in sight of the Kilauea volcano that we couldn't help but fall in love with the game. While playing on that course you were listening to the sound of waves crashing on the shore and looking at black sand beaches. Ann was amazingly good as a first time, completely novice golfer. We played every day while there. Being able to enjoy a luau, featuring a roasted pig, in the evenings at the Black Sands Restaurant also enhanced the experience. What an awesome way to start our golf journey.

While awaiting departure from the island on Sunday, April 13, 1986, as now "experienced golfers" we watched Jack Nicklaus win the Masters at Augusta as he triumphantly raised his putter in the air. We were on our way home to start purchasing golf clubs. Of course, we started with inexpensive starter sets and started playing somewhat regularly and Ann was good enough that she deserved better clubs and got a set of top-of-the-line Calloway Irons and driver. This boosted her confidence, and she became involved in the local women's league. My job with Micro Craft didn't allow me to play regularly locally but did provide me with an opportunity to play while on travel to many of the company's remote sites including Ohio, Virginia, and California.

After being introduced to the game of golf on our first trip to Hawaii where we stayed at the James's condo, they invited us to go back to Hawaii the following year for a 3-week golf vacation. We gladly accepted and played golf on Oahu's North Shore, several courses on the Big Island and then on to the Island of Kauai playing several courses there including Poipu Bay which is one of my favorite courses in the country. Over the course of 15 years, we made several trips back to the islands and played golf extensively on each trip. Pat and Gardner were always looking for new places to play golf and arranged trips into Nevada, Arizona and even into Canada where we played in the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia including Vancouver Island.

All our golf was not with Pat and Gardner. Ann and I arranged numerous trips on our own. One trip was to Seattle, Washington where we traveled down the range of mountains from Mount Rannier in Washington to Mount Shasta in California then back up the coast where we played the Dunes in Oregon. Similar trips were made to the New England area where we played in many states including Maine and the course at Bar Harbor. Side trips there included Acadia National Park and Mount Washington, the tallest mountain east of the Mississippi.

At some point Ann and I were discussing the number of states in which we had played, and Ann had been keeping track by using a map of the United States and placing a pin in the states in which we had played. Seeing that we had already played in a large number of the states we decided to commit to playing in all of the states. We had enjoyed all of our travel and golf, so it was an easy decision.

We wanted to see Glacier National Park in Montana. We had already seen Glacier, but we had seen it from Canada. I wanted to drive the "Going to the Sun Road" so a trip was planned that we combined with a Rotary Convention in Kansas City, MO. After the Rotary Convention we went across the river to Kansas City, KS and played a course there on Sunday morning. Finishing around noon we went on to Lincoln, NE, arriving midafternoon. With nothing else to do, we located a golf course for another round. On the 3rd hole that afternoon Ann had a hole-in-one, her second. On that trip to Glacier we played in 8 states. So now we were really getting close, and we were finally down to 4 remaining states: Oklahoma, New Mexico, Michigan, and Alaska. Now those states are just not normally travelled through from Tennessee, so we had to do some planning to play there. As it turned out we had to make individual trips to accomplish our goal.

First, it was a trip to Oklahoma in September of 2019 where we played a course on the Cherokee Nation called Cherokee Springs. With COVID-19 being a challenge in 2020 we did not travel but in March 2021 we decided to go to Albuquerque, New Mexico and play the University of New Mexico Championship Course. Now down to only two (2) left, we traveled to Augusta to play our 49th state, that was Augusta, Michigan, in early May.

With only Alaska remaining, we could wait no longer and we started planning that trip. Where in Alaska should we go was the question. So, thinking back to the courses we had played, Sea Mountain on the southern tip of the Big Island of Hawaii (where we had actually started), then Poipu Bay on the western side of Kahui and the Bar Harbor course in eastern Maine, we had played the southernmost, the westernmost, and the easternmost courses in the US, so why not play the northernmost. An Internet search found a course in Fairbanks, Alaska, that had the distinction as being the northernmost. That became our destination, and we began planning the trip.

On September 2, 2021, we played the course in Fairbanks on a gloomy, drizzly day with lots of water standing on the course. We played in our 50th state. Ann birdied the final hole. A very nice way to finish. Dan and Fran Marcum accompanied us on the trip to Alaska and played with us in our 50th state, making that experience even more enjoyable. While in Fairbanks, we had the opportunity to tour Denali and spend 3 nights searching for the Aurora Borealis. Quite a way to end our Golf Journey.



Sea Mountain, Hawaii



Poipu Bay, Kauai



Bar Harbor, Maine





Words from our President - Matt Layton

Fall has arrived and another golf season is winding down. My least favorite morning of the year is when I look out the back window and see nothing but brown Bermuda grass! 2021 has been a great year and the club. Our fiscal state has improved immensely thanks to the added revenue from increased membership. We hope to have holiday parties return this year as they are a great revenue producer to close out the year. I would ask you or your organization consider hosting your events at Lakewood.

Looking forward to next year we have begun drafting the 2022 budget. We will present it to the membership at the annual meeting in December. We also will have several board positions open this year, so if you would like to be on the proxy we will be sending out how to nominate candidates soon.

Thank you for your continued support of Lakewood and keep inviting your friends and ask them to join. The more members we add the more improvements we can make to the property and facility!

Lakewood Happenings - Kenny Saunders



Member-Member 2021

The annual 2 day tournament had one of the largest fields in many years. Four flights paid 5 places each, along with Closest to the Pin contests. Congrats to all the winners!



1st Flight

King/Darlington - 129
Jennings/G.Hicks - 130
Hall/Miller - 133
Jones/McAfee - 134
Dunlap/Dunlap - 134

2nd Flight

Glass/Stanton - 133
Tevrucht/B.Hicks - 136
Clem/McCormick - 137
Carter/Hardy - 139
Dennis/Beniek - 139

3rd Flight

Jo.McCord/Copeland - 137
Waggoner/Slater - 139
Carden/Powers - 140
Minkowitz/Sacheck - 144
Pearson/Wilson - 144

4th Flight

Ja.McCord/Moore - 138
Teal/Overholt - 143
Graham/Hand - 148
Lutz/Kaiser - 151
L.Thoma/M.Merz - 152

Closest to Pins: #3 - John McCord #7 - Jamey King #15 - Mike Greene #18 - Stan Pearson

Congrats to Pat Welsh - he chipped in on hole #18 to shoot his age for the first time. The rarest of accomplishments in golf. Pat shot a 67 to match his youthful age.

Pat's playing partners were John Rickman, Mike Greene and Kenny Pack.

A big congrats to Mr. Welsh when you see him around the club.



Abbie Slater Scoreboard

Lakewood was so proud to dedicate the beautiful new Abbie Slater Scoreboard on Labor Day. What a beautiful day for friends and family to gather and play the 1st Annual "Abbie" scramble.

Great stories about Abbie were shared by her family and friends.

If you would still like to purchase a plaque to memorialize a loved one that was a Member at Lakewood in the past, please see Steve Cope to make it happen.



Abbie's family with scoreboard organizers, Randy Wilson, Doug Bennett & Steve Cope.



Abbie's husband, Dick and daughter and family Meredith, Michael & Mikey Kelly



Upcoming Golf Events

October 1 Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

October 9-10 Fall Ramble

October 19 LLGA Fall Fling

October 22-24 Baits Cup

October 29 United Way Golf Tournament



ALMOST FULL - Call NOW



Stay tuned for the date and menu for the
3rd Annual Golf Ball to celebrate our
golfers at Lakewood Golf & Country Club.



Samuel & Samantha Wright

Chris & Hannah-Marie Bond
Sarah & Samantha

Tyler Fresch

Finance - Mike Melton

From the Finance Committee: Below are the key Financial changes from July to August of 2021.

Income:

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| Membership Fees: | Increased 14% |
| Hospitality Sales: | Decreased 4% |
| Pro Sales: | Decreased 21% |
| Total Revenue: | Decreased 2% |

Expenses:

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| Cost of Food: | No Change |
| Golf and Grounds: | No Change |
| Hospitality: | Decreased 47% |
| Clubhouse: | Decreased 17% |
| Pro Shop: | Decreased 82% |
| Administrative: | Increased 9% |
| Total Expenses | Decreased 18% |

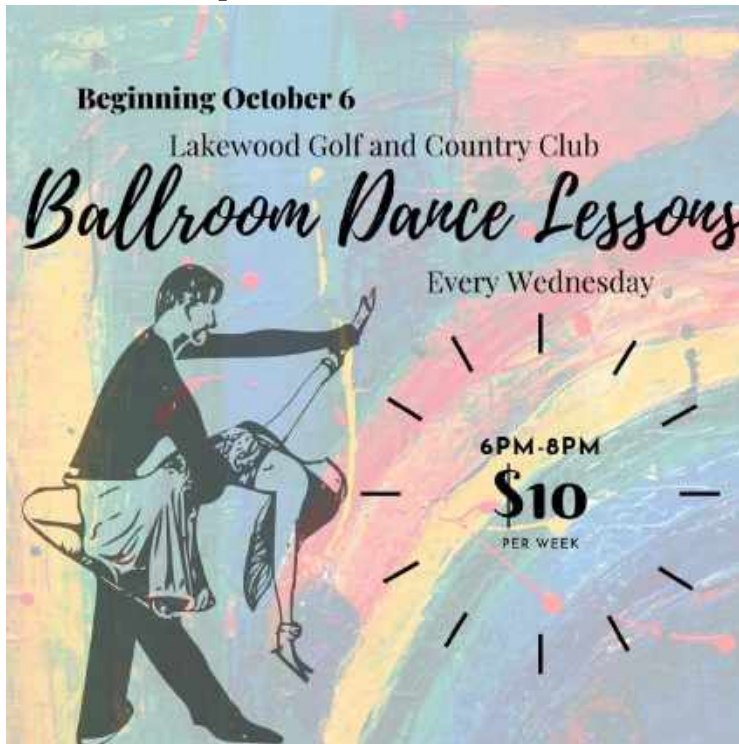
Greens & Grounds Committee - Dave Hamann/Clay Uselton

The cooler weather is finally arriving and will be a much needed help in restoring our greens. The greens have been aerified and top dressed, and will be healing much faster with the cooler temperatures. Fall is a great time to enjoy the golf course, so hopefully you'll have time in your busy schedule to play some this fall. Our goal is to get our greens healthy and the spots filled in and good root structure by next spring. We will be pre-emerging for poa, goose grass and weeds this fall and late winter. Once we get through our busy October schedule, we'll start back up with our volunteer programs, so be looking for those emails. See you on the course.

Social - Tommy Dennis

There are several new opportunities to enjoy the social activities Lakewood has to offer. New this year, we are offering Ballroom Dancing Lessons. We are also hosting our annual Halloween Costume Party and have put a spooky twist on Trivia this month! Come check it out. And don't forget, if you have any suggestions for future events, let me know!

We are so excited to announce that beginning October 6th we will be hosting ballroom dancing lessons! These will be every Wednesday's from 6-8pm! You will be learning 2 new dances every 4 weeks. It is \$10 a week per person. Partners are encouraged but not necessary to participate! These are open to everyone so come out and learn to dance! Reserve you and your partners spot in advance by calling Cindy at 931-4458770 ext 1 or in person at the 19th Green.



Do you have Ideas for social events ?
Please contact :
Tommy Dennis 931.408.8122

October 30

Spooky season is here! We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Halloween Costume Party on Oct 30! Food, drinks, games, and prizes! There will be a babysitter on site, \$20 per child for the night CASH ONLY at drop off.



SPOOKY TRIVIA-TUESDAY 10/26



Make plans for the whole family to come out for Trivia Night on October 26 We would love to see everyone and don't forget Tuesday nights kids eat free from 5-8pm! Dress up in your best Halloween costume and earn extra points.



**A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO LAKEWOOD LADIES
GOLF ASSOCIATION FOR HELPING KEEP OUR
RESTAURANT UP AND RUNNING. WE
COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU.**

**ALSO, THANK YOU TO LADS AND LASSIES FOR
THEIR DONATION TO THE RESTAURANT.**

**THIS IS WHAT LAKEWOOD IS ALL ABOUT!
WE APPRECIATE IT!**

*Do you need event space for a special
occasion, reunion, birthday party,
wedding?*

Think Lakewood!

Contact Cynthia Ramsey

931-455-8770 X1



Lakewood Ladies Golf Association - Martha Merz

Our playdays are Tuesday and Friday mornings. Be in the Ladies Locker room no later than 8:15 and start no later than 8:30. We had our LLGA Championship on September 28. A HUGE shoutout to Cindy Ramsey and staff for a wonderful lunch and beautiful setting and to Kenny Saunders for running our tournament. We had 14 ladies participate and results and photos are below:

Red Tee Gross

Champion - Michele Shaver -
Runner-Up - Betty Hand -

Red Tee Net

Champion - Alice Risner - 78
Runner-Up - Brandie Hicks - 81

Silver Tee Gross

Champion - Jamie McNabb - 80
Runner-Up - Vanessa Jackson -

Silver Tee Net

Champion - Kathy Bierl -
Runner-Up - Kathy Tierney -

Closest To The Pin #3 - Betty Hand Closest To the Pin #18 - Michele Shaver Longest Drive Red Tee #6 - Betty Hand
Longest Drive Silver Tee #12 Judy Farler Least Putts - Vanessa Jackson (28)
Closest to the Squiggly Line #10 Carol Medley (Kenny had way too much fun making loops for our squiggly line!)



*Thanks to Cindy and Savannah and
the entire Lakewood kitchen staff for
a beautifully decorated table and
scrumptious lunch!*

**Red Tee Gross Champion
Michele Shaver**



**Silver Tee Gross Champion
Jamie McNabb**



Silver Tee Gross Winners

Jamie McNabb, Vanessa Jackson,
Betty Hand & Michele Shaver



Red Tee Net Winners

Alice Risner, Brandie Hicks,
Kathy Bierl & Kathy Tierney



Least Putts Playoff

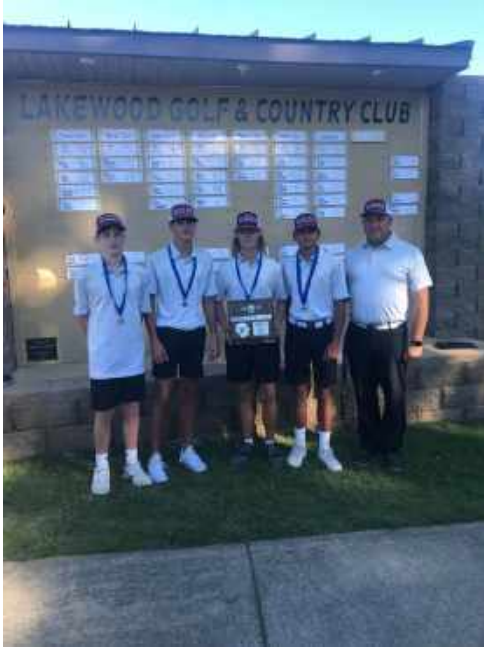
Jamie & Vanessa had a putt-off with a
football shaped golf ball!

Tullahoma High School Golf NEWS

Fortunately for our teams, both District and Region were basically home matches. Kudos to Lakewood for hosting both tournaments. The course was in great shape for highly contested matches. Both THS teams were Champions in the District, giving them an automatic bid for Region. Region proved a little more difficult for the boys, but the girls pulled out a first place finish to compete as a team at the State Tournament to be held at Sevierville Country Club October 4-5. Congrats and Good Luck!

THS Boys - District Champions

Trevor Cole, Keegan Taylor, Isaac Lynch,
Chase Wiley, Coach Barry Bishop



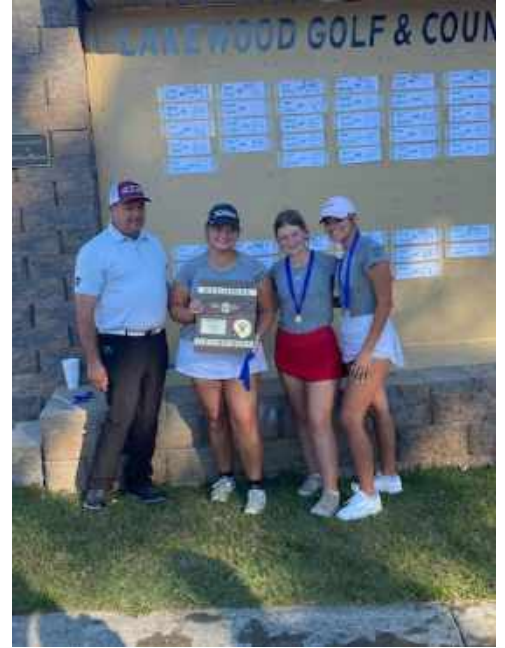
THS Girls - District Champions

Myla Dennis, Sarah Wallace Whitt, Grae
Hicks, Mallory TeVrucht,
Coach Barry Bishop



THS Girls - Region Champions

Coach Barry Bishop, Grae Hicks, Sarah
Wallace Whitt, Mallory TeVrucht



If you would like to follow Live results for the State Tournament,
follow this link: <https://tssaasports.com/golf/>



Your Lakewood Family is so proud of all of you.

Congrats to all and good luck at State!



**Get your tickets
NOW!!**

ALL IN FOR THE CLUB
Texas hold em poker tournament

A circular logo featuring various playing card symbols (hearts, diamonds, clubs, spades) and the word "POKER" in large, bold, white letters. Below "POKER" are the words "TOURNAMENT" and "FUNDRAISER" in yellow and white respectively. The logo is surrounded by a decorative border of card symbols.

**POKER
TOURNAMENT
FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday November 6th
6 PM TICKETS \$40.00**

**HOR-D'OEUVRES, SILENT AUCTION, 12 POKER TABLES
LAKEWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
CONTACT CYNTHIA RAMSEY 931-455-8770 EXT-1
FOR YOUR TICKETS**

October 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Burger Night 6-8 Ballroom Dancing | 2 | 1 7:00 Big Bucks | 2 .25¢ Drafts with purchase of Pizza |
| 3 | 4 Club Closed | 5 | 6 Burger Night 6-8 Ballroom Dancing | 7 | 8 7:00 Big Bucks | 9 .25¢ Drafts with purchase of Pizza Fall Ramble 10am |
| 10 Fall Ramble Noon | 11 Club Closed | 12 5:00 Kids eat free 7:00 Big Bucks | 13 Burger Night 6-8 Ballroom Dancing | 14 | 15 7:00 Big Bucks | 16 .25¢ Drafts with purchase of Pizza |
| 17 | 18 Club Closed t | 19 8:30 LLGA Fall Fling (shotgun) 5:00 Kids eat free 6:00 Board Meeting 7:00 Big Bucks | 20 Burger Night 6-8 Ballroom Dancing | 21 | 22 7:00 Big Bucks Baits Cup | 23 .25¢ Drafts with purchase of Pizza Baits Cup |
| 24 Baits Cup | 25 Club Closed | 26 5:00 Kids eat free 7:00 Big Bucks & Spooky Trivia Night | 27 Burger Night 6-8 Ballroom Dancing | 28 | 29 7:00 Big Bucks | 30 Halloween Costume Party (babysitter available \$20 per child) |

Grab & Go Breakfast Daily 8am-11am (Please don't forget to sign a ticket with what you Grab and Go - it's not Dine & Dash!)

Lions Club - meets Wednesday at 11:30

Kiwanis Club - meets Thursday at 11:30

DAR - meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:00 (currently on hold)

Red Hat Society - meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:30

Rotary - meets Friday at 12:00



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