

# BRICKYARD

G o l f C l u b

## January 2019 Newsletter



## Club Hours and Information

Clubhouse	7:30am-8pm, Tues-Sun
Food Services	11am-2pm, Tues-Thurs & 11am-3pm, Sun 11am-4pm, Fri & 7am-5pm, Sat
Range	7:30am-Dusk, Tues-Sat & 7:30am-6pm, Sun
Pro Shop	7:30am-6pm, Tues-Sun

*See you at the Club!*



Please note our policy while there is lightning nearby. For the safety of our members and their guests, when lightning is within a 5 mile radius, the siren will sound letting everyone on the premises know that the course will be closed at that time. Everyone must leave the course once the siren has been sounded. The clubhouse is your safe haven. Thank you for your cooperation.

Brickyard Management

### Dress Code for the Golf Course, Range & Club House

Collared shirts and golf shorts or pants are required.

**Jeans, cutoffs, gym shorts, and tee shirts are not allowed by anyone at the facility.**

Tennis shoes and golf shoes with soft spikes are appropriate.

A no cell phone policy is encouraged in the clubhouse. Cell phone use is

acceptable outside of the clubhouse and in the locker rooms.

Thanks for your adherence to the dress code & cell phone policy!

Ask us about the Unlimited Cart Plan! If you would like to sign up for this deal, please contact the Golf Shop for more information.



## Club News & Announcements



*Let the games begin...*



For members looking to join a group, Saturday Morning Dogfight will be coming to the Brickyard soon, more details to follow.

Zac Tilton

A Friendly Reminder to all Members:

When you check out a club cooler at the bar, please return it at the end of your round. If these are not turned in, there will be a \$20 charge placed on your account. Thank you for your cooperation.

Larry Simpson      Food & Beverage Manager

# 2018 Club Survey Results

Of 400 members receiving the survey, 179 responded or 45%. This is above average for survey responses, so thanks to all of you who took the time and effort to respond. The following is a summary of the results:

## **1. How long have you been a member?**

6 months to a year: 26%  
1-2 years: 19%  
2+ years: 53%

## **2. How often do you play golf?**

1-3 times per mo: 58%  
4-6 times per mo: 20%  
6-12 times per mo: 12%

## **3. How likely are you to recommend a membership to a friend or colleague?**

Very likely: 75%  
Somewhat likely: 16%

## **4. Overall, how satisfied are you with the Brickyard?**

Satisfied to very satisfied: 79%  
Did not answer: 12%

## **5. When you think of the Brickyard what comes to mind?**

Good Value: 69%  
Convenient: 51%  
High Quality: 47%

## **6. Overall, how would you rate the value of Brickyard membership & services?**

Excellent: 47%  
Good: 39%

## **7. Rate your level of agreement with the following:**

### **Staff are helpful & knowledgeable:**

Agree & Completely Agree: 94%

### **Brickyard values me as a member:**

Agree & Completely Agree: 87%

### **Brickyard Address your Concerns:**

Agree & Completely Agree: 80%

## **8. On a scale of 1 to 10, how likely are we to keep your business/ membership?**

10: 45%

9: 21%

8 : 18%

7: 7%

## 2018 Club Survey Results

There were 70 responses in the comments section of the survey. They were quite varied but some of the most mentioned were involving food, range, loudness in the grill, Saturday group play and fivesomes. I will address each item below:

**Food:** The comments were regarding food quality, more dining options and fulltime dining. In regard to food quality, we are reviewing our choices from our vendors and will strive to provide good quality food at reasonable prices. Our experience with offering more dining options has not been successful primarily due to lack of participation. Beginning January 6, 2019 we will be having a buffet lunch special on Sundays.

**Range:** Because our range is not easily enlarged, we have ordered 100 feet of continuous synthetic turf to be placed at the rear of the practice range. To help preserve the range for our members, we will require all participants in our Monday outings to use the mats. We will continue to explore ways to improve the range.

**Loudness in the Grill:** Plans have been made to enclose the pavilion. Meetings have been held with the contractors involved and a time frame for completion is set. If everything goes as planned, the pavilion will be completed by March 30. The pavilion will be used as a lounge thereby leaving the grill for those who desire a quieter atmosphere. No one under the age of 21 will be allowed in the pavilion.

**Saturday Group Play:** Plans have already been made to set aside several tee times on Saturday for a "show up and play" routine. Check your email for notices.

**Fivesomes:** Fivesomes are allowed anytime and will continue to be. The rule is the same for a fivesome as with any other group, stay up with the group in front.

I am very pleased with the favorable results of the survey and do appreciate everyone as a member. Any time you have a suggestion, criticism or compliment, I am always ready to listen and respond.

Ed Hutcheson

President Brickyard Golf Club



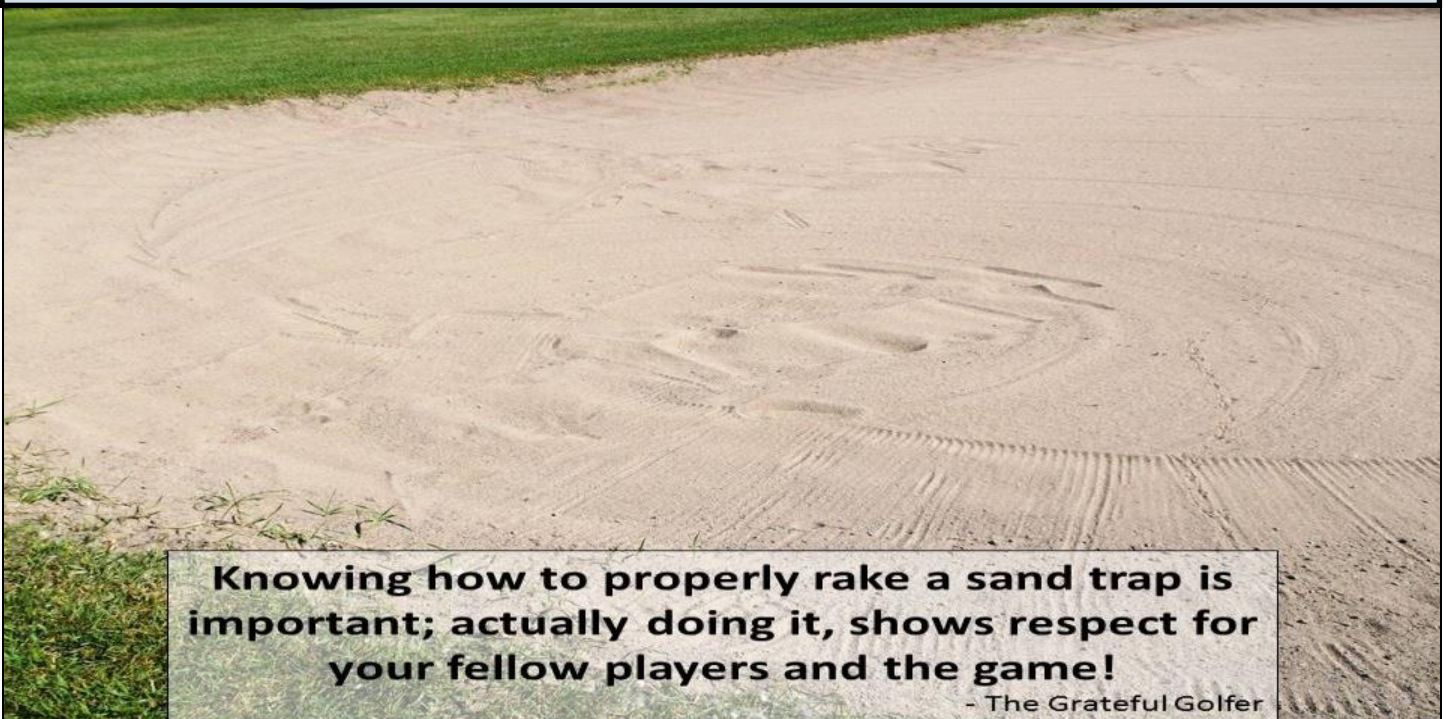
# Golf News



Everyone should be very mindful of taking care of our Golf Course by raking the traps, filling divots and repairing ball marks on the greens. It can be challenging when it is

“Cart Path Only”, so please remember to take the sand with you.

Thank You from the Golf Course Superintendent.



**Knowing how to properly rake a sand trap is important; actually doing it, shows respect for your fellow players and the game!**

- The Grateful Golfer

# 2019 Rules of Golf

The USGA and The R&A have unveiled the new Rules of Golf, to be implemented January 1, 2019. The process to modernize the Rules began in 2012 and was initiated to ensure that the Rules are easier to understand and apply for all golfers and to make the game more attractive and accessible for newcomers.

**Dropping procedure:** When taking relief (from an abnormal course condition or penalty area, for example), golfers will now drop from knee height. This will ensure consistency and simplicity in the dropping process while also preserving the randomness of the drop.

**Measuring in taking relief:** The golfer's relief area will be measured by using the longest club in his/her bag (other than a putter) to measure one club-length or two club-lengths, depending on the situation, providing a consistent process for golfers to establish his/her relief area.

**Removing the penalty for a double hit:** The penalty stroke for accidentally striking the ball more than once in the course of a stroke has been removed. Golfers will simply count the one stroke they made to strike the ball.

**Balls Lost or Out of Bounds:** Alternative to Stroke and Distance: A new **Local Rule** will now be available in January 2019, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. The Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite level competitions.

**Elimination or reduction of "ball moved" penalties:** There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player will not be responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is "virtually certain" that he or she did so.

**Relaxed putting green rules:** There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.

**Relaxed rules for "penalty areas" (currently called "water hazards"):** Red- and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.

**Relaxed bunker rules:** There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.

**Pace-of-play support:** Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of "ready golf" in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.



# Brickyard Ladies Book Club

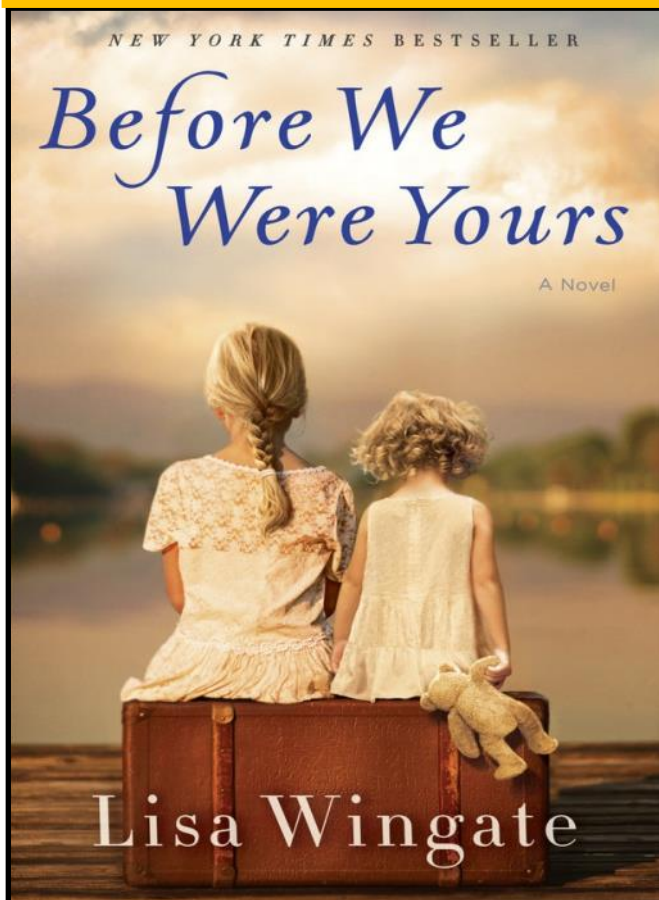
## Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

A “thought-provoking and complex tale about two families, two generations apart . . . based on a notorious true-life scandal.”

Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family’s Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children’s Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility’s cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family’s long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.

Based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate’s riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.



Abby Grace Hutcheson

## Ladies' Book Club

Join us for our Ladies' Book Club!  
The club will be meeting Tuesday,  
January 22nd at 4:30pm. “Before We  
Were Yours” will be discussed. This  
social is open to all Brickyard mem-  
bers. Join us for Fun & Fellowship.





## Golf & Club News



### From The Pro

December has come and gone, the holidays are officially over with and 2019 is here!

A couple of things to discuss in this article. First being pace of play, with all the rain we have had to enforce Cart Path Only quite a bit and this affects how fast you can play with all the extra walking. Our normal pace of play is 4 hours Tuesday-Friday, Saturday and Sunday is 4 hours and 20 minutes. Cart Path Only adds approximately 20 minutes to each round so pace on Tuesday-Friday with Cart Path Only would be 4 hours and 20 minutes and Saturday-Sunday 4 hours and 40 minutes. This is also based on a group of 4 players; while we do allow five-somes they are expected to follow the pace of play established for a foursome.

Second topic is the Handicap Committee and posting of scores. The Handicap Committee reviews select days each month, cross referencing the tee sheet versus scores posted to the handicap system. So when posting your score (whether in the locker room, online or thru the app) make sure you choose the correct date so that when the Committee checks you will not receive a possible letter and or reduction of handicap in future tournaments.

If you have any questions please feel free to come ask me directly.

Zac Tilton



Join us on Sunday  
**January 6th & 20th**  
**Buffet Lunch**  
11am-1:30pm  
Adults-\$10 Kids-\$6

# Golf & Club Announcements

## 2019 Brick Cup

The Brick Cup is a yearlong accrual of points based on tournament participation. Members accrue points based on the number of tournaments entered and how they place in those tournaments. At the end of the tournament season, points are added up and the top 5 players receive awards:

- 1st Place-\$550 pro shop credit
- 2nd Place- 2 months of free membership dues
- 3rd Place-\$200 Pro Shop credit
- 4th Place-\$100 Pro Shop credit
- 5th Place-\$50 Pro Shop credit

The top 32 point members are eligible to participate in a season ending team event for bragging rights. The 2019 Brick Cup points are as follows:

- 10 Points will be given to participants in the Member-Member, the Club Championship & the Member Guest.
- 5 Points will be given to participants in the Par 3 Tournament & the Toughman Tournament.
- If you place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in your flight of each event, extra points are awarded. 1st place-5 points, 2nd place- 3 points, and 3rd place-1 point.
- 2 points for each entry into the Hutch Cup. The final 8 participants will get 3 extra points, the final 4 will get 5 extra points, the runner-up will get 7 extra points, and the champion will get 10 extra points. The points do not accrue from the final 8 to the Championship.

## Dues Payment Policy

**Payments on membership accounts are due by the 10th of each month.**

**Any unpaid account at the end of each month will incur a finance charge of 1.5% of the total balance due and a \$25.00 late fee will be billed to your account.**

**If accounts are 60 days past due, the club shall suspend the members charging privileges.**

**If accounts are 90 days past due, the club has the right to terminate the membership.**

There will not be a Friday Happy Hour on January 4th & 11th. Food Service will not be available from January 8th-13th. Please pardon our progress while the Clubhouse and Kitchen are being cleaned and painted.

Please  
pardon our  
progress!

## Club Events & Announcements

*It's*  
**HAPPY  
HOUR**

COME & JOIN US

### *Happy Hour* *Fridays!*

Join us on Friday night January 18th & 25th for Happy Hour! From 6:00pm-8:30pm, there will be a themed buffet along with half priced drinks! The buffet is only \$8 for adults & \$4 for children up to the age of 10. There are 2 drawings, a \$100 credit and a free bar tab!



WELCOME

### **New Members!!**

- ♦ Carly & Lance Klinger
- ♦ Wendy & Tom Duggan
- ♦ Laura & Jeffery Paschke



# Golf News & Holiday Memories



## reminder

Just a friendly reminder members, please do not use the two practice putting surfaces for chipping. Use the practice chipping area near the sand bunker behind #9 green.

Holes #7, #8 & #18 are cart path only this winter.

Thanks for your cooperation.



## Super Bowl Par 3 Tournament

All Players will play the same tees, all holes will be less than 175 yards

Saturday February 2nd

11am Shotgun

\$60 (includes cart fee)

18 Hole Stroke Play

Flighted by Handicap Index

2 Gross & 1 Net per Flight

Last Flight all Net



Ethan & Joseph Blankenship



## Briane Faletto Class A Golf Course Superintendent

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a Happy New Year in 2019. We are very excited about the upcoming year and we can't wait to provide you with the best playing conditions around.

This month we will be working on cleaning the last remnants of leaves up. Once we have that completed, we will continue working on some winter projects. We are in the process of doing an irrigation audit and are repairing the sprinkler heads that are not working. We will also be raising some of the heads up around the greens to ensure proper watering is taking place. We have already started taking some trees down and cleaned them up. Once we remove all the dead or diseased trees, we will get a stump grinder in to finish them up. We have removed sod on the back of the driving range tee. This was done to prepare for a concrete slab to be poured so we can install some permanent mats. This will help alleviate some of the wear and tear on the tee. We have also started some bunker maintenance by checking to make sure the proper amount of sand is in place on the slopes and that it is compacted. We have completed hole #15 and the green side bunker on #8. This will continue throughout the winter.

The course is VERY wet with all the rain we have had. Please remember to follow all cart path rules. When we are Cart Path Only, please keep all 4 tires on the paths. Some times the edges of the paths are the most wet and therefore are easily tracked up. We have made holes #7, 8, and 18 cart path only for the remainder of the winter.

Hope to see you on the course!



# Holiday Memories 2018



Valencia, Yatavia, Larry, Alisha & Dortanya would like to thank the members for their generosity and support of the Food & Beverage Service during the Holiday Season.

Thank You!



Children Arts & Crafts



Reid, Meeks & Allen



Derrick, Christy, Calen & Christian Knight



Kara  
Alvarez



# Holiday Memories 2018



Santa Storytelling



Amy, Brad, Jay & Carla Michael



Elle, Emma & Evie Schetzner



Tee Spinks, Don McDaniel & Sharon Vaughn



Kristen & Tommy Molony



Harper Renfro



# Holiday Memories 2018



Hal & Carol Clarke, Debbie & Ken Clarke



Holt McElheney & Anil Parish



Cayden & Asher Yaughn and Hadden & Mary-Stuart Park



# Holiday Memories 2018



Amerson & Coleman Thigpen



Jimmy Allen, Everett Dover, Mike & Bonnie Johnson



Warren Sarah & Abigail Easom and Riley Ethridge



Carleigh Kate & Ashlynn Hilliard



Kathy & Tommy Gilbert and Brandi & Scott Mitchell



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## January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Clubhouse, Driving Range, Course Open	2	3	4	5 Breakfast 7:30am— 9:30am
6 Sunday Lunch Buffet 11am-1:30pm	7 Clubhouse, Driving Range, Course Closed	8 No Food Service January 8th through 13th	9 No Food Service January 8th through 13th	10 No Food Service January 8th through 13th	11 No Food Service January 8th through 13th	12 No Food Service January 8th through 13th
13 No Food Service January 8th through 13th	14 Clubhouse, Driving Range, Course Closed	15	16	17	18 Happy Hour 6pm—8:30pm	19 Breakfast 7:30am— 9:30am Brick Cup 10am
20 Sunday Lunch Buffet 11am-1:30pm	21 Clubhouse, Driving Range, Course Closed	22 Book Club 4:30pm	23	24	25 Happy Hour 6pm—8:30pm	26 Breakfast 7:30am— 9:30am
27	28 Clubhouse, Driving Range, Course Closed	29	30	31		

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# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy Hour 6pm—8:30pm	2 Breakfast 7:30am— 9:30am Super Bowl Par 3 @ 11am
3	4 Clubhouse, Driving Range, Course Closed	5	6	7	8 Happy Hour 6pm—8:30pm	9 Breakfast 7:30am— 9:30am
10	11 Clubhouse, Driving Range, Course Closed	12	13	14	15 Happy Hour 6pm—8:30pm	16 Breakfast 7:30am— 9:30am
17	18 Clubhouse, Driving Range, Course Closed	19	20	21	22 Happy Hour 6pm—8:30pm	23 Breakfast 7:30am— 9:30am
24	25 Clubhouse, Driving Range, Course Closed	26	27	28		

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