

Men's Golf League News, December – 2022

The Summer season of 2022 has ended with a disastrous hurricane named Ian which has dominated our existence here at Lake Fairways for the past 2 months. Our houses as well as the course took a beating from the rain and the wind. Debris everywhere along with downed trees and branches littering the course. We were all without electricity, water and internet for about a week, some even longer.

The first priority was to get our houses livable and safe. Following the important stuff, a few thoughts started to drift towards the thing that holds us all together: Golf. So, a group of us took some time away from our home responsibilities and pitched in to start cleaning up the golf course. About a dozen guys showed up everyday for a week dedicated to cleaning up one hole at a time to make the job that much easier and faster for Davey Landscape. Being able to golf again would be a step back towards normalcy which we were all looking forward to.

Don Paolo Falcone was kind enough to lend some of his muscle to the effort, seen here on the 6th fairway cleaning up while the Lake Fairways Mafia presence sent a clear message to looters that this would not be a good place to stop.



The Winter season is here, and we welcome back all the snowbirds who missed the excitement of Hurricane Ian and to all of our Canadian friends who are assessing their own damage and tending to the recovery efforts.

The good news is that golf is back and both Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes courses are now open for play. The courses have a new look with all the missing trees and shrubs. Superintendent Scotty Helmig continues with his plans to improve the course conditions as he weaves the restoration effort in with his big plan to make this a more enjoyable place to play.

The Men's League is back on track with Thursday pairings starting at 8:30. The Monday Marauders, organized by Larry O'Brien, are out there on the tee at 8:00. Tuesday travel day provides an organized opportunity to explore other local courses at a discount. Green Saturdays, run under the stiff supervision of Fred Kline, continues with a weekly competition that provides enjoyment and an opportunity to contribute more scores towards the handicap system.

Watch this space for course updates courtesy of our new Pro, Dave Leonard and Course Superintendent, Scotty Helmig.

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