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A Limuru Country Club Newsletter

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DR. C N WANGARI

FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to our second edition of the LCC Newsletter– Country Vibes. The purpose of the Newsletter is to keep members updated on all current matters LCC.

New General Manager

I would like to start by welcoming our new General Manager Mr. Thomas Ruto who joined us on 1 March 2020. Mr. Ruto is the holder of a Bachelor of Science (Hotel & Restaurant Management) degree from Moi University. He is the immediate past General Manager of Heritage Hotels, Nkubu, Meru, and prior to that, the General Manager of Imperial Botanical Beach Resort, in Entebbe, Uganda.

We look forward to working with him and getting the full benefit of his experience in the hospitality industry as he takes over the management of our club.

Single Lady Membership offer

As part of our membership growth and satisfaction strategy, we instituted the “Single Lady” membership offer. This special offer is targeted at:

- Young, ambitious single ladies between the age of 26 and 35.
- Ladies in corporate organisations or business ladies seeking to rub shoulders with Corporate and businesspersons and decision makers in an informal setting.
- Ladies, needing to get away from the daily grind but do not want to frequent ordinary recreational centers.
- Ladies seeking some degree of social validation, desiring to belong to a group of ‘successful peers.’

We urge our members to spread the word, reach out and invite ladies that meet the criteria to take up the special offer.

Irrigation Project

We are making steady progress on the irrigation project, we have completed 98% of the Main lines, 98% of the arteries, 40% Automation cabling and work

has begun on the lines to the greens with green no. 3 complete. We have also conducted some preliminary tests of the system with satisfactory results, adjustments are being made as necessary to ensure the final project at handover will have met all our objectives. As far as the financials go, please see the breakdown below.

IRRIGATION PROJECT ANALYSIS AS AT 6TH MARCH 2020

Billing to members (July 2019 -January 2020)	18,762,000.00
Special Offer 2019 Collection	4,000,000.00
Amount collected	12,022,780.00
Payments to Irrico International Limited	15,200,000.00
Balance on collections	822,780.00



FROM THE CHAIR

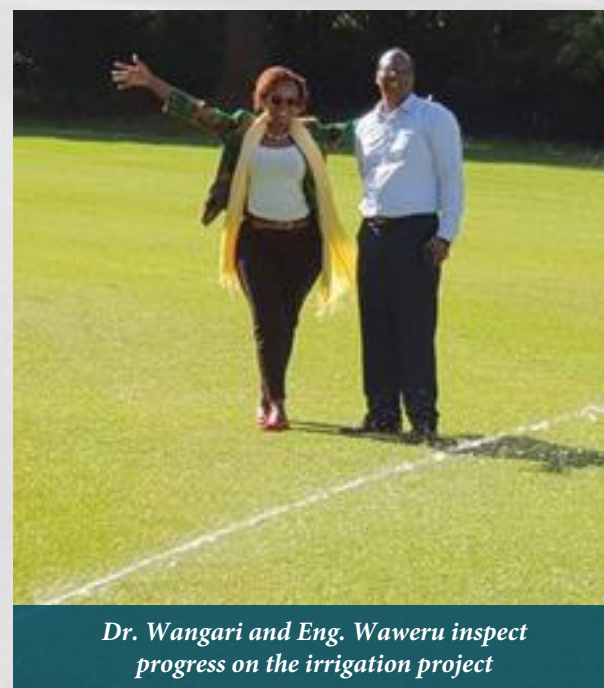
Budgeted Project Cost	Kshs	Kshs
Irrigation network Installation	24,278,392.70	
Water Pumps	5,218,392.70	
Equipment*	7,000,000.00	
	36,496,785.40	

Additional Costs	Kshs	Kshs
Pump storage container	217,200.00	
Container base	48,190.00	
KPLC Power Upgrade	1,697,909.04	Under negotiation
Incomer & Distribution Switch Board	1,425,000.00	Under negotiation
Masonry chambers	346,840.00	3,735,139.04
Total Estimated Cost to Completion	40,231,924.44	

Tree harvesting and re-afforestation project

We are continuing with the tree harvesting and re-afforestation project. For members that have been on the golf course in the last couple of weeks, you will have noticed that we have cleared a number of trees to the right of hole 12 and 13 and in the next few days to the right of hole 3. We did experience some delays in the project as a result of the previous heavy rains coupled with the challenges of the steepness of the terrain. We are making steady progress. On the financials please see the details below

Tree Project	Units	Sales
Phase 1		
Transmission poles	473	1,489,950.00
Phase 2		
Transmission poles	1,213	3,335,750.00
Round Poles	1,109	942,650.00
Fencing Poles	1,035	258,750.00
Total Sales		6,027,100.00



The re-afforestation program will be undertaken with the guidance of a registered Agronomist and takes place once harvesting is complete and clearing has been done.

CAPTAIN FRED IKANA

Club Captain 2020

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Three months into my role as your captain, I am glad to report that we are on course to a good year. The weather has been very favourable, this time last year was very dry, the rains have helped keep the course green and the rough, well ... rough. We are doing our best with the available equipment to manage the rough and I believe they are way better than in January and February. I am happy to report that we received good sponsorship for our golf events which is not very common at the beginning of the year. We continue to engage with potential sponsors and look forward to good events ahead.

Course Management

We continue to look at equipment options brought to our attention and will, at the right time and with available resources make the right purchase decision. In the meantime, we are keeping our existing machines in serviceable condition. On the leaning pins, we are working on a plan to replace the cups so that the pins always remain upright.

On the league front, we continue to build momentum; the Warriors are giving their best as we strive to make sure we win all our home matches and give our opponents a run for their money on their home turfs. We are preparing for Tannahill, the team have been practicing regularly and look we look forward to a position among the top 3 clubs. I am grateful to Standard Group for coming through as sponsors of our Tannahill team.

strategies and programs to ensure it is addressed once we are done with the irrigation project. A big thank you to our green keeper and course superintendent who always aim to giving us the best course possible with the resources we have.

Competition Events

Below are some of the events that have taken place since the beginning of the year as well as upcoming events in the month of March.



LIMURU COUNTRY CLUB

2020

UPCOMING FIXTURES

JANUARY

Saturday 11th January, 2020
Directors' Year Opener

Tuesday 14th January, 2020
Seniors Golf Day

Friday 17th January, 2020
Ladies Invitational Tournament

Saturday 18th January, 2020
Good Hope / Qatar Airways Golf Tournament

Sunday 19th January, 2020
KGS vs LCC Match Play

Parte after Parte after Parte



LIMURU COUNTRY CLUB

2020

UPCOMING FIXTURES

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1st February, 2020 January Babies Golf Day	Sunday 16th February, 2020 Royal vs Warriors (@ Royal)
Sunday 2nd February, 2020 LCC Ladies vs RNGC (Francombe)	Friday 21st February, 2020 Rhino Charge Golf Day
Friday 14th February, 2020 Valentines Golf Day (Mixed Foursomes)	Saturday 22nd February, 2020 IMG Golf Day
Saturday 15th February, 2020 Johnnie Walker Golf Day	Sunday 23rd February, 2020 Ismaili Golf Day

Friday 28th February, 2020
Grand Casino
(Sponsored by Embu County Golfers)

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LIMURU COUNTRY CLUB

2020

UPCOMING FIXTURES

MARCH

Sunday 8th March, 2020 Francombe & RNGC Ladies vs Karen	Saturday 21st March, 2020 Sanlam Investments East Africa Golf Day
Wednesday 11th March, 2020 Club Night (By Aga Khan University Hospital)	Sunday 22nd March, 2020 Sikh Golfing Society tournament
Wednesday 18th March, 2020 Club Night (By Alex Karanja & Ladies Medal)	Wednesday 25th March, 2020 Club Night by March Babies & Monthly Mug
Friday 27th March, 2020 James Kamau Tournament & Grand Casino	Saturday 28th March, 2020 Mining Golf Day (By Askomint Ltd.)

Marching On To The Course

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, all events are postponed until further notice

Monthly grand casinos/mini-master party

We have recently launched sponsored grand casino tournaments and an after party every last Friday of the month.

In February we held a successful grand casino party sponsored by Embu County golfers and this month's tournament will be sponsored by one of our member James Kamau and friends. We are seeking more partnerships and sponsorships for these events.

Junior golf

This year we shall invest a lot more in nurturing golf talent of our juniors. We are in the process of developing elaborate junior clinics (training programs) and well-organized junior competitions. This year we shall be taking our handicapped junior team to participate in the Tannahill Easter tournament junior category at Royal Nairobi golf club.

The golf committee appointed Mr George Mbogo Karuri and Gitobu Mbui as our junior golf convenors, they will be spear heading all the junior golf programs. Mr Paul Muchangi will remain our junior golf coach/trainer. To help get the junior golf section fully on its feet, we need plenty of support. This may be in form of sponsoring or co- sponsoring junior tournaments, donating junior golf kits/golf balls or cash to the junior golf kitty.

Golf Driving Range

LCC has one of the best golf ranges in the country, with well calibrated distance markers and great scenic views of both the course and the clubhouse. I would like to encourage members to use the range often. The driving range was designed to improve your game.

We are in the process of giving our range an enhanced aesthetic look and acquiring newer range balls. If you have used golf balls that you no longer use on the course that can be used as range balls, please donate them to our range. There's no better place than the driving range to let the balls live through their last days.

Lady CAPTAIN'S CORNER



LADY CAPTAIN WAIRIMU THANDE

Lady Captain 2020

I would like to start by expressing my gratitude to all the members of the club for the privilege of being the lady captain. The year has started well so far, and I am looking forward to a very successful year. We have a very vibrant and active golfing and non-golfing Ladies Section. The section has several events lined up for year 2020.

Our first event of the year was on 17 January 2020, which was the Ladies Invitation. Every member invites two Lady Golfers from other golf clubs. We had a good crowd of about 110 Lady Golfers. The men also play as subsidiary after the Ladies. After presentation we have entertainment and plenty to eat.

Every month, on the second Wednesday, we hold a Ladies Medal which we always look forward to.

Our next major event is the Ladies Open Invitation scheduled for 16 May 2020 where all Ladies in the Republic are welcome to play.

Non-golfing Ladies are also welcomed to join the entertainment which follows the tournament. Our men golfers are always accommodated during these events as subsidiary competitors.



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STAFF

RETIREMENT



We would like say goodbye to Patrick Muchai (left) and James Karanja Njoroge (right) who both retired this year. Patrick was employed at LCC on 1 September 1982 as the swimming pool attendant. He has served us for 38 years. James was employed on 1 January 1989 as a Barman, he worked for 31 years. We wish them well in their retirement. Thank you for your service.

STAFF MEETING



Staff members take a photo at the Bowling Green after a staff meeting with the Club Chairman

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LCC Golf Starters and Caddy Master



LCC Security personnel



LCC Stewards



Good Hope / Qatar Airways golf event

Golf Events



Johnnie Walker Golf event





*Rules
with
David*

QUESTION

Ben plays his shot off the tee on hole 17 and the ball lands somewhere along the irrigation trench on the right side of the fairway. With the assistance of the other players in his four-ball, Ben and his caddy search for his ball in the area they saw it come down believing that it is in the trench or possibly in the long grass along the trench that is within the marked area. After 3 minutes, Ben's golf ball has not been found. He then drops another ball near the area where they were searching and plays his next shot to the green. He proceeds to play two putts to hole out. What is Ben's score on that hole?

- a) 6
- b) 5
- c) 4
- d) He is Disqualified

Please send your answer A ,B, C or D titled "Answer to Q002" to feedback@limurucountryclub.co.ke

The winner of Q001 is Ben Boxer,

The correct answer to question Q001 was B) Double Bogey (Rule 9.3)

TANNAHILL 2020

by Harris Kariuki



*Photos from prior year Tannahill Tournaments
line the LCC Corridor*

To have an opportunity to detail the Tannahill event in this issue is indeed an honour. One only needs to walk the corridor past the golf office at Limuru Country Club to appreciate the history behind this prestigious tournament.

The Tannahill Shield is Kenya's premier amateur team golf championship that has been played over Easter at the Royal Nairobi Golf Club since 1924. The 2020 event will be the 96th edition. The invite only event comprises of 12 teams with 10 players each, playing in a round robin format over Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Sunday.

This event is unique as players take great pride in not only performance but appearance with great attention given to team colours. Players sport matching shirts and trousers for each game. On Sunday, the players don suits as part of the closing festivities steeped in tradition and honour. The Tannahill shield upholds the game of golf and status as a gentleman's game.

Limuru has had a representative team for a long time and were the winners in 1954. In recent years, Limuru has improved their performance greatly with a third-place finish in 2012 losing by only 2 points to winners Muthaiga. In 2016, Limuru again came agonizingly close with a second-place finish.

TANNAHILL 2020

by Harris Kariuki

The sponsor of Limuru's team this year is the Standard Group. This is good motivation for the team to shine at Royal. This year sees several changes in the format of play with Royal expected to include 2 or more teams. This is perhaps the opportunity Limuru needs to lift the cup.

Despite many amateur tournaments in the KGU calendar, there are several things that make the Tannahill unique.

Firstly, the tournament is played in an off scratch, 3 way, match play, foursome format. Simply put, a player tees off on the first hole and his partner hits the next shot. This continues until the ball is holed out. The sequence is then repeated with each player teeing off on alternate holes. Of course, this explanation does not capture the tension among the players as there is constant pressure to hit a perfect shot for your partner. The adrenaline causes all sorts of miscues like 1-foot missed putts, duffs, shanks, blocked drives, ditches and bunkers etc. At the end of the day good chemistry between the playing partners is critical.

Secondly, the tournament is beautifully structured. There are 4 rounds, one on Friday afternoon, two on Saturday and a final round on Sunday morning. During each round, 3 club teams face off which means by Sunday, all clubs will have played each other (Round Robin). It starts to get a bit complicated with how the rounds are laid out. For each round, each club presents 8 players and 2 substitutes. These players are formed into 4 teams per club. The 4 teams in each club are then seeded 1,2,3 and 4. The entire round then consists of four flights for each seeding trio. i.e. All the seed 1's play against each other.

The same happens to seeds 2, 3 and 4. ,Being a 3 way match play, each pairing thus plays 2 matches but at the same time.....to illustrate, if club A, club B and club C are drawn together, then the first seeded team of club A will meet the first seeded team of club B and the first seeded team of club C. If on the first hole team A makes a birdie, team B makes a par and team C makes a bogey then the result becomes Team A is 1 up on both teams, team B is 1 down to team A but 1 up on team C and team C is 1 down to both teams. Should the next hole score be bogey by team A, birdie by team B and bogey

by team C then the score changes to team A being all square with team B but still remains 1 up on team C. Team B gets one back and is now all square with team A but 2 up on team C. Team C is 1 down to team A and 2 down to team B. In this format, things can get very hairy very fast. Should team A eventually beat B and C they would earn 4 points. Should team B beat C they would end up with 2 points. Team C having lost to both would have no points. Remember, there are 4 pairings thus the above scenario would be replicated in the following 3 flights. Ideally, a pairing that would beat the other two teams would end up with 4 points. If all 4 pairings from a club (Seed 1,2, 3 and 4) win all their matches they get a maximum 16 points.

Thirdly, the element of pairing and seeding has a great effect on the outcome. This in fact transforms the team managers into chess players of sorts. As the tournament is played off scratch, handicaps play no role. The managers get to decide who is paired with who and which team pairing plays in which seeding. The effects can often be victory or disaster. For example, a manager may decide to pair 2 scratch golfers and send them off in seed 4 expecting the other teams to send their weaker seeded players in the same seeding. By doing so, the manager has exposed his higher handicap pairings to better seed brackets.

It takes a thorough knowledge of the other teams to be able to predict what the other two team managers will do. As managers can modify the pairings and or seedings for each round, it gets very interesting with some victories coming as a result of strategic pairings and seeding other than actual play on the field. The possible combinations become higher given that there are 12 pairings meeting at any one time.

One only has to be there to understand the ramifications of risky moves and chance pairings. All this adds to the excitement of the game not unlike the decisions by formula one team to start off with this fuel, or those tires or a certain engine type. Additionally, the teams also have to keep in mind the substitutes who also would like a chance at some action and oft wait for a pairing to falter.

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Gymkhana



Festivities

By Kimungu Mbugua

Annual Children's Christmas Party:

The party was held on Sunday 15th December 2019, hosted by the Gymkhana team. This was a fun filled event for all the club member's as well as staff kids.

The kids were treated to numerous activities at the swimming pool and bowling area for most of the morning as they awaited the opportunity to meet with Santa Claus (Father Christmas). Entertainers, clowns and face painters kept the kids entertained and occupied.

At about 1:30pm, the kids gathered at the driving range to welcome Santa who had been spotted somewhere near Ndederu. The excitement was palpable as a light chuff was heard from a distance. The crowd of eager children looked up into the sky to see if they could catch a glimpse of Santa. Indeed, there was a red suited Santa in the front seat of a slick looking helicopter. It conducted two fly pasts, generating even more excitement from the kids as well as the adults in the clubhouse and veranda.

The helicopter landed on the luscious green grass of the cricket pitch. As soon as the rotors stopped, Santa opened the passenger side door and was met by screams and squeals of pleasure from the over 150 children. He suavely swung his bag of gifts on his back and made his way to his waiting "reindeer." Of course, Santa's "reindeer" was a beautiful Limuru donkey that carried him and a few lucky children to the pool side. It was here that Santa spent a few minutes with each child and presented every one of them with a present.

A huge thank you goes out to Director Eliud Wakae and the Gymkhana Committee, and especially to Beth Kariuki, for the organisation and execution of this function. Additionally, our sincere gratitude goes to our Santa for the day, James Muigai, who not only volunteered his services for the day but also arranged for the helicopter ride.



Festivities

By Kimungu Mbugua

New Year's Eve Dinner:

Limuru Country Club has a rich culture cultivated over 70+ years. This culture has been celebrated through events such as the Annual Christmas Lunch, the Annual Equestrian Meet - held on Boxing Day, and the Annual New Year's Eve Dinner. Some of these traditions have in the intervening years taken a back seat for various reasons including shifting priorities. In 2019, the new Board agreed to relaunch some of these events including the Annual New Year's Eve Dinner.



The New Year's Eve Dinner was an opportunity for club members and their families, as well as those from around the neighbourhood, to come together to celebrate the end of one year and the dawning of another. In the past, this evening was filled with tons of merry making, a fine meal, the traditional countdown to the New Year and a lot of dancing. It enabled those who attended to form new friendships while fostering the old ones and that saw the club form a deeper sense of family. It was also designed to bring back the nostalgia and memories that many of our senior members had over the years.

The evening began at 7pm, with guests walking through a lit archway on a red carpet, to a welcome drink. They then walked into the main bar where they enjoyed soft welcoming music by DJ Richie. Here, they enjoyed an assortment of canapes as they waited the arrival of other guests.

The four-course meal was quite something to behold, not to mention the bottle of champagne on each table. Whereas some tables popped theirs and drank immediately, others chose to wait for the midnight hour. Dinner was followed by a raffle where prizes kindly donated by generous partners were won.

Ten minutes before midnight, guests gathered at the terrace for photographs and bonding, and then ten seconds before midnight they begun the countdown to the New Year. At the stroke of midnight, the first full display of fireworks at Limuru Country Club began that lasted all of 4 minutes. The last time there were

fireworks at LCC, was in 1992. After the fireworks, music from the disco ushered all into 2020. It was a truly remarkable evening enjoyed by all in attendance.

Special thanks to all the staff who worked extremely hard to ensure that the evening was a success – the kitchen staff, the waiters, the various vendors and all the members and their guests who attended. Our gratitude to our partners, Serena Hotels – Daniel Kangu and to Bobby Pall Photography for the raffle prizes donated for the evening. Thank you to all other corporate and private donations that were received and that went a long way towards making the New Year's Eve Dinner 2019 a great success.



Festivities

By Kimumgu Mbugua

Valentines Day Golf and Dinner

This year we celebrated Valentines Day on Friday 14th February with a great game of mixed Foursomes during the day and capped it with a nice cosy and easy dinner in the evening. Plenty of fun was had by all.



SINGLE LADY

Membership Drive

By Robert Onyango

The reality is that there is a gender imbalance in club membership, this is something that needs to be addressed. Our recently introduced Single Lady club membership category is aimed at bridging the gap and building on our diversity. As a club we want to share the amazing benefits that we offer young, ambitious ladies who want to get away from the daily grind but do not want to frequent just any ordinary recreational centre.



Benefits

- 1) Access to Tennis, Squash, Jogging, Swimming and bowling.
- 2) Play Golf to help maintain a healthy lifestyle, fitness and lots of relaxation.
- 3) Spend time outdoors with friends, colleagues, clients and/or family informally.
- 4) Become one with nature, surrounded by beautiful green grass, trees, open spaces, water features, and fresh air.





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