

# OAK LEAVES

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## **December Course & Grounds Report**

#### Winter conditions that affect spring green up.

Each season has certain environmental stressors that arise and make it difficult to maintain quality turfgrass. One stressor is fungi that are active throughout the year. Different types of fungi are active based on whether it is hot or cold outside. In the winter fungi are different than the ones causing turf damage in the summer and there are two types that are confusingly called "snow molds". Gray snow mold is one type of fungi that populates when there is snow cover and pink snow mold is the other fungi, which is more prevalent when there is no snow cover. In order to prevent these diseases, we apply a preventative fungicide control after the last mowing in November.

Drought conditions affecting grass are often thought about during the summer, but turf can also encounter a winter drought. This is called "winter desiccation" and occurs when there are dry windy conditions while the roots are frozen. Winds dry out the leaf blade and the roots cannot restore water to the plant because they are frozen. This can kill the grass plant and becomes noticeable in the spring when the grass begins to green up, except for the dead, brown, desiccated areas. To help prevent this we apply topdressing to the greens in early December which is like a blanket for the exposed grass leaves.

Root shearing is another type of damage that occurs on warm days when the upper leaf area is thawed, and the lower root area remains frozen. Force applied to the upper plant area by carts or foot traffic separates the roots from the leaf area of the plant and since roots supply life to the leaf it is very important that root shearing does not occur during this time of the year.

Crown hydration is another cause for winter turf loss and was experienced at many golf courses in this region during the spring of 2004. This usually takes place in early winter or late spring when the weather becomes warm and wet and then temperatures quickly shift to below freezing. This extreme variance in temperatures causes the recently hydrated crown of the plant to freeze in the very cold temperatures. The frozen water inside the crown then expands and ruptures the cell walls, which kills the plant. Raising the mowing height before winter has been the best preventative measure to combat this problem, in fact, in 2004 many greens in the region were damaged but very few collars were damaged, and this was attributed to the higher height of the plants.

Ice storms can also cause significant turf loss. This type of damage happens mostly in northern regions that have below freezing temperatures most of the winter. Damage is caused by the ice barrier not allowing any oxygen and gas exchange to the root system. However, some ice coverage can be beneficial for shorter periods of time because it protects the plant from desiccation.

Location of a particular golf course determines what type of winterkill is most likely to happen. In our region the biggest winter turfgrass killer is from crown hydration and snow mold.



# News from the Golf Shop

Even though we are looking super cold, we will still have the Golf Shop and golf course open the entire month of December. For the golf course, we will need a warm stretch of 40 degree weather for at least a few hours in order to open. The Driving Range will be completely closed until the Spring. The Golf Shop will be open Tuesday–Sunday this month from 10 AM  $-4\,\mathrm{PM}$ , with flexibility to open longer or shorter depending on the weather conditions.

Need some holiday shopping done? We have some great apparel and accessories for big gifts or stocking stuffers for all the golfers in your family. Remember, all golf members must spend their Golf Shop Credit by the end of this month or it is wiped down to \$0. We are currently running our Black Friday deals all the way until December 31st.

Thank you to all the golfers that came out and enjoyed the golf course this year. Thank you to all the members who played in Men's Golf Committee tournaments this year. Our participation was fan-

tastic and we look forward to getting bigger and better in the 2024 season. The Golf Shop will be back open the first week of March.

> Merry Christmas Everyone!





# Gently Used Books Available in the Ladies Locker Room

Ladies-There are some great books available for your reading pleasure inside the Ladies Locker Room!

Feel free to take a book or to leave a book for someone else to enjoy after you are done reading. Please, gently used books only!

Thanks and Happy Reading! Questions: Contact Ellen.



### SEVEN OAKS—OAK LEAVES



Dear Seven Oaks Members,

December has arrived and we are in the Holiday Spirit at the Club! The Club looks wonderful as always and that is a thank you to Ellen and her expertise in transforming the Club for each Holiday. Each year after Thanksgiving she coordinates with the staff and treats the Club like her own home! Thank you again Ellen for another amazing job!

The Grille Room is open Thursday through Sunday and we have always had big crowds in December. Be sure to make a reservation with Molly so we can properly accommodate you and your party. While most of our members have fulfilled their food minimum for the year, we still have some that need to. You still have plenty of time to do so between the Grille Room and the Sunday Brunches. The wine room is still available on certain dates, which is a great place to bring your family or work staff.

With the year winding down, we are still taking memberships. As new members have paid an initiation fee in 2023 and this amount is going to increase for 2024. If you have any friends or family members interested in joining this is the best month to do so as they will lock in the 2023 initiation fee and dues. We had a great year with membership and was truly a year to remember with the new pool and tennis facility. We look forward to having a full season in 2024! As we have done in the past we will be closing in January and plan to open the Grille back up on weekends in February. We will keep everyone posted on when that will be.

On behalf of myself and the rest of the staff, I want to wish everyone and their family a Merry Christmas and we look forward to serving you in 2024!

## Flavors of Tuscany with Ellen Policastro

Taste the rustic flavors of central Italy
October 12 through 24, 2024 - 13 days with Rome extension

Tucked-away towns make up the core of Tuscany and Umbria, while the cultural capital of Florence offers urban elegance and historic remnants from the Renaissance.

Scan the QR code for more information or email Ellen at

epolicastro@sevenoakscc.com.

Only 2 spots left!





As we approach the end of the year, I would like to thank all of the employees that work behind the scenes which most members never see when they are at the Club and a big thank you to YOU for being a member. I look forward to seeing you in 2024. Happy Holidays!



It's the most wonderful time of the year... that time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is such a busy time, but it's that time when we are thinking of family and friends. The Club will be all decorated for the holiday season and our annual events are scheduled for our members. There are two Sunday brunches- what a great way to spend some time with your family or friends with some amazing food! Don't forget to make a reservation for the Family Christmas Brunch with Santa on December 16. There will be music, Santa and each child will receive a gift.

As we end 2023, I would like to take a moment to thank all our members who have been such a pleasure to work with this year! I look forward to helping plan some new and special events for you in 2024.

Thank you all!

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year!



Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas! I would like to thank all our members for their continued support of the Club and for another fantastic season!

Christmas time is one of my favorite times here at the Club! Every year it looks so magical and festive. I would like to give a shoutout and thank you to Ellen for all her hard work and the time that she puts into decorating the Club! She turns the Club into a Christmas wonderland. It looks amazing every year!

I would like to remind all members to make reservations for the Grille Room. It has continued to be very busy down there! Please call or email me to make any reservations. We have Sunday Brunches scheduled for every Sunday leading up to Christmas from 11 AM -2 PM. Reservations are required.

It has been a great year for membership! We have over 100 new members. I want to thank all our members for their referrals. It is greatly appreciated! If you know anyone who may be interested in joining, please have them contact me. I look forward to what 2024 brings for Seven Oaks and our members. Happy New Year!

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to Seven Oaks:

Geoffrey Baker John Booher Leann Bednar



Stay Connected! If you're not receiving weekly e-blasts from us and would like to be included, please send your email address to Molly at mkullen@sevenoakscc.com or call 724.495.3300.

# Our December 2023 Culinary Features in the Grille Room

#### **THURSDAY**

#### \$14.25—Non-Classic Reuben

Roasted turkey breast on rye bread with melted Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and thousand island dressing, served with coleslaw and house chips

#### \$18.50—Truckers Meatloaf Sandwich

House meatloaf sandwiched between twin slices of bread, served with French fries, smothered in gravy, served with a side of coleslaw

> **Thursday Happy Hour Special from 5-7 PM** \$5.75 Stateside Christmas Mule

#### **FRIDAY**

\$Market Value—Chef's Creative Specials

#### \$13.50—Twin Chilled Tuna Tacos

Ahi tuna topped with cabbage, pineapple, sweet chili yogurt sauce, and avocado

#### \$28.50—Sauteed Veal

Prepared different weekly – served with Chef's accompaniments and your choice of soup or house salad

December 8-Tambellini Style
Breaded sauteed in olive oil, sauced with roasted red peppers,
and sweet butter

#### December 15-Veal Pizzaiola

Floured and sauteed with house sauce and white wine, topped with melted mozzarella cheese

#### December 22-Veal Marsala

Sauteed with peppers, onions, and mushrooms, flashed with a marsala wine with a hint of demi-glace

Friday Happy Hour Special from 5-7 PM \$5.75 Holiday Mai Tai



Strange to see how a good dinner and feasting reconciles everybody.

#### **SATURDAY**

# \$28—Seven Oaks Prime Rib You requested it for the holidays!

Uniquely seasoned, roasted, hand-carved, served with horseradish sauce, au jus, a baked potato, a house salad and garlicy green beans

Saturday Happy Hour Special from 5-7 PM \$4.00 Great Lakes Christmas Draft

#### **SUNDAY**

#### \$20-Chicken Parmesan

Sauteed and served with cheese ravioli, covered with melted cheese and house red sauce, served with a house salad

#### Sunday Happy Hour Special from 12 NOON-2 PM \$5.00 Cranberry Mimosa

Menu & prices are subject to change due to market conditions.

Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.

# Reservations strongly suggested 724-495-3300 Menu is subject to change

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 12 NOON-8:30 PM Friday & Saturday - 12 NOON-9 PM Sunday - 12 NOON-7 PM

See Calendar for Grille Room Holiday Hours

Hours are subject to change



## SEVEN OAKS—OAK LEAVES

# Mark Your Calendars

#### **December Events**

Sunday, December 10 —Holiday Brunch 11 AM - 2 PM
Thursday, December 14—Vintner Club Tasting 6:30 PM
Saturday, December 16—Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 17—Holiday Brunch 11 AM - 2 PM
Sunday, December 31—New Year's Eve Celebration



# Reservations and Cancellation Policies

**Grille Room Dining**. No member or committee shall plan or set dates for dining room activities without prior approval of Seven Oaks Country Club. Dining reservations are highly recommended. Members are asked to assist in maintaining required service levels by making reservations for dining prior to 3 PM on the day involved. A 24 hour notice is requested for parties of more than six (6) persons. We request that members who have special dietary needs notify the Club ahead of time. Reservations for dining will be held for only fifteen (15) minutes after the reserved time.

Club Special Events. Reservations are required for activities of the Club and shall be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis by preregistering with the Club office. For all functions of the Club held in the dining rooms of the Club, tables will be assigned on a first-call, first-choice basis. Reservations for special tables will

on a first-call, first-choice basis. Reservations for special tables will not be accepted. We cannot guarantee that groups larger than ten will be seated at the same table. Cancellation of a reservation must occur 48 hours prior to the social function. Pool events do not require a reservation. The courtesy of providing notice of reservation changes is requested 24 hours before the event is scheduled.

**Banquets**. Reservations for banquets should be made at least two (2) weeks in advance. Notification of cancellations for a banquet event must be made four weeks before the event is scheduled.

The final guest count is required one week before the function.

After the final count is given the guest count may not be lowered, however additions may be made up to 3% of the total count. A fee of 10% of the total food cost will be charged for any guest count being added above 3% after the final guest count has been determined. A non-refundable deposit is required for banquet reservations. Failure to cancel dining and special event reservations will result in a charge to the member's club account. The dining, special event and banquet policies shall be determined by Seven Oaks Country Club.



Sunday, December 31, 2023

Dinner Reservations from 5-9 PM in the Ballroom

Rumors Band performing from 6-10 PM

Photo Booth

Complimentary Champagne Toast

A La Carte Dinner Menu

All entrees include appetizer bar and soup and salad bar

Kids Menu

Full Menu and Pricing Coming Soon!

Call for Reservations at 724-495-3300



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# SIEVEN OAKS BIEVERAGE AREAS

For your enjoyment Seven Oaks has many beverage areas for you to choose from:





#### SYCAMORE BAR AND PATIO

A great view of the course as you overlook the putting green and watch as everyone goes off #1 tee and as they come up #18. Weather permitting.





#### **GRILLE ROOM PATIO**

What a great place to enjoy the outdoors while dining at your favorite country club. Entertainment every Friday from May through September. Weather permitting.



#### GRILLE ROOM BAR

A full service bar encompassed by our Grille Room. There is a full selection of Bourbon, Scotch and other delights. Open during regular Grille Room hours and while golfers are still on the golf course.







THE WINE ROOM

#### THE CHAMPIONS LOUNGE

Our Cigar Bar where you can enjoy the game, a good cigar, and great food along with a game of pool or darts. Those ages 19 & 20 are permitted in the room and those 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent.

# SPECIAL EVENTS INFORMATION

#### **DECEMBER HAPPY HOUR AT SEVEN OAKS**

Come and enjoy happy hour specials in the Grille Room. Thursdays from 5-7 PM—\$5.75 Stateside Christmas Mule; Fridays from 5-7 PM—\$5.75 Holiday Mai Tai; Saturdays from 5-7 PM-\$4 Grest Lakes Christmas Draft and Sundays from 12 NOON-2 PM—\$5 Cranberry Mimosa.

#### **CATERING AND EVENTS**

Let us come to you! Not only does Seven Oaks Country Club do great functions in house, we are also available to cater an event at your home or business. Please call our Banquet Manager Ellen Policastro for more information and she will provide you with the information you may need. A friendly reminder to mention to your friends-you do not have to be a member to have an event at Seven Oaks Country Club.

#### BEREAVEMENT MEALS

Seven Oaks understands your needs in time of sorrow and we are available to relieve some of the burden by providing a variety of choices to accommodate you on a timely basis. We are able to provide you with a private room and you may choose from a selected menu or we may customize a menu for you.

#### **MEALS TO GO**

Call and ask for the Grille Room and place your order for your lunch or dinner to be picked up at your convenience.

#### **CIGARS**

For on the course, to take home or for that special gift - we have a delicious assortment of quality name brands available in the Golf Shop.

#### **Accessories Available:**

Logo Ashtray Guillotines **Duel Torch Lighters** Seven Oaks Labeled Lighters Cigar Clips and Putter Holders



#### SEVEN OAKS DRESS CODE

Business casual attire is mandatory for all events. Jackets are appreciated. No denim, leggings, ball caps, tennis shoes or flip flops are permitted to any formal/upper floor events. Men must wear collared shirts. Men please remove hats when dining. Dress denim is appropriate for the Grille Room.

# "Clubs Within the Club"

## Become a Barley & Hops Member

It is hard to believe that it has already been ten years since our Barley & Hops Club first took stage. We started with 20 members in our first year to now over 60! We have witnessed many transformations not only here at the Club but also in the world of beer in general.

Let me ask you this! If I asked you 10 years ago what your favorite Hazy was, you would look at me and ask what I was talking about? You would also think I was crazy if I told you seltzers were going to try and take over the world! This Club keeps the Hops alive and we have tasted many outstanding beers from a variety of breweries from across the globe. We have also had many great eats and made many new friends along the way.

The annual membership fee is only \$75 which gives you priority for all reservations to the monthly events including the annual Beer Belly Open which had another sell out year in 2022. Membership includes discounted pricing to all events as well as a coupon booklet worth over \$100. Along with your annual gift (one per membership) you will also receive a personalized mug that is 4 more ounces than our regular drafts.

This year all B&H Club members will receive a Seven Oaks Stein which will come in handy during Oktoberfest! Please contact Molly Kullen at 724-495-3300 or mkullen@sevenoakscc.com and she will get you added to the roster! CHEERS!

# Vintner Club Membership for Only \$75

What makes someone a connoisseur? A connoisseur is an expert in one concept, especially one who understands the details of this area, technique in creating it, or understands the principles of an art and is competent to act as a critical judge to make it better. Sounds fancy, eh?

This is our definition of a wine connoisseur for our Vintner Club Members and in our 10<sup>th</sup> year at Seven Oaks we now have over 65 members who have explored wines from across the states and globe, including New Zealand, Chile, Spain, France, and of course Italy!

Chef Art and his culinary team have worked with a variety of wine reps in pairing the perfect cuisine with each wine. We look forward to meeting some new reps this year as well as welcoming back some familiar faces in continuing this tradition of our exploration in wine!

Not a Connoisseur? Not a problem. We will either make you one or you will just simply have fun. Become a Vintner Club member for only \$75 a year and enjoy a variety of gifts and perks including a Seven Oaks Charcuterie Board (One per membership), a Savings Book worth over \$100 (One per membership), special pricing for Vintner Club events, and bottle of wine. Vintner Club events have consistently sold out and being a member will give you priority in making reservations. However, we recommend you make them quick.

Contact Molly Kullen at 724.495.3300 or email her at mkullen@ sevenoakscc.com and she will give you a crash course on what you need to do to be a part of this fabulous club!

Tasting-Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 PM



# Long Ash Club Membership 2023

How about we go to the Champs Lounge and lite up a couple cigars? Sure, why not? This has been a phrase commonly said amongst the members of the Long Ash Club and is a phrase that will continue into 2023. Over the past 8 years this club has grown into a tight knit family. What else do you do on the first Thursday of the month? How about a cigar accompanied by some great food and 2 martinis? Sounds good to me! Every first Thursday at 6:30 PM this family gets together and has a great time. The group usually meets in the Champs Lounge but have also been outside on the patio! Each event includes 2 drinks, a cigar and an outstanding meal prepared by Executive Chef, Art Mangie!

Join this family for \$75 a year and receive discount pricing to all LAC events, a discount booklet worth over \$100, and an awesome gift. This year we are giving out beautiful flasks with our label on them!





Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 PM

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Veal Tambellini Style / Non-Classic Reuben \*Sunday Brunch in the Ballroom Truckers Meatloaf Sandwich in the Grille Room 11 AM -2 PM \*Seven Oaks Prime Rib Grille Room Closed in the Grille Room **CLUB CLOSED** Grille Room Closed in the Grille Room Private Events in the Chicken Parmesan Private Events in the Women's Golf & Tennis Hickory Suite, in the Grille Room Private Events in the Ballroom & Oak Room Christmas Party 6 pm Sycamore Lounge, Hickory Suite, Oak Room Private Events in the Long Ash Club 6:30 PM Oak Room & & Champs Lounge Hickory Suite & Ballroom in the Champs Lounge Champs Lounge 12 13 T() 'Annual Breakfast  $IO\cdot_{\mathsf{Sunday}\,\mathsf{Brunch}}$ III4 · Non-Classic Reuben 15 Chef's Creative Specials Twin Chilled Tuna Tacos with Santa in the Ballroom Truckers Meatloaf Sandwich Veal Pizzaiola in the Ballroom 11 AM -2 PM in the Grille Room Grille Room Closed Grille Room Closed in the Grille Room 10 AM -1 PM **CLUB CLOSED** \*Chicken Parmesan Private Events in the Private Events Private Event Private Events in the Seven Oaks Prime Rib in the Grille Room Oak Room & in the Hickory Suite in the Hickory Suite Hickory Suite, Oak Room in the Grille Room Champs Lounge & Ballroom & Champs Lounge Private Event in the Private Event in the Ballroom Vintner Club Tasting 6:30 PM Champs Lounge GCU Christmas Party т8 IO 20 21 22 23 I'/ Sunday Brunch in the Ballroom \*Chef's Creative Specials \*Non-Classic Reuben 11 AM -2 PM Twin Chilled Tuna Tacos \*Seven Oaks Prime Rib **CLUB CLOSED** Grille Room Closed Grille Room Closed Truckers Meatloaf Sandwich Veal Marsala Style \*Chicken Parmesan in the Grille Room in the Grille Room in the Grille Room in the Grille Room Private Event in the Private Event Private Event Oak Room in the Champs Lounge in the Hickory Suite  $28_{\text{ Grille Room}}$ Grille Room 26 27 20 **30** Grille Room 24 CLUB CLOSED 12 NOON-9 PM 12 NOON-9 PM CLUB CLOSED 12 NOON-8:30 PM \*Chef's Creative Specials Christmas Eve Seven Oaks Prime Rib \*Twin Chilled Tuna Tacos \*Non-Classic Reuben **CLUB CLOSED** Grille Room Closed in the Grille Room Truckers Meatloaf Sandwich in the Grille Room 3I Grille Room 12 NOON-4 PM in the Grille Room Private Events in the Private Event in the Private Event in the Champs Lounge & Champs Lounge New Years Eve Party Sycamore Lounge Champs Lounge Grille Room (Casual) **Fitness Center** Golf Shop Hours-724-495-2770 Hours of Operation Monday-Wednesday......CLOSED Monday-Wednesday......7 AM-4 PM Monday ......CLOSED Thursday-Saturday......7 AM-9 PM Club Closed Monday-Wednesday Thursday......12 NOON-8:30 PM Tuesday-Sunday...... 10 AM-5 PM Friday & Saturday ......12 NOON-9 PM Sunday...... 7 AM-7 PM Office Open Mon.-Fri. 8 AM-4 PM Golf Shop open 30 min. before course. Sunday......12 NOON-7 PM Closed December 24 through 27. Tee Times Online—www.sevenoakscc.com Club House-724-495-3300 Locker Room-724-495-0124