



LORA BAY LOOP


In The Loop
July 2025

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Golf Course Update

Course Conditions

We are currently maintaining a consistent weekly topdressing program on our greens, paired with alternating Verti cutting and mini-tining practices. These cultural practices help smooth the surface, promote firmer conditions, and support long-term turf health. We've expanded this same approach to our tees as time allows, helping them recover from spring wear and improve consistency.

In addition to greens and tees, we've started topdressing our approaches and key fairway landing areas. This not only improves surface firmness and ball roll but also enhances overall playability. Regular topdressing dilutes thatch, promotes healthy rooting, and helps create drier, more consistent turf conditions.

Members will also notice that we are in the process of mowing down new fairway and approach lines throughout the course. This is a gradual process, followed by repeated topdressing to establish these areas properly. The end result will be more defined playing corridors and improved shot values.

Our bunkers have also been receiving focused attention. The team has been out cutting out exposed bunker liners, weeding, and adding sand where necessary to restore consistent playability. We appreciate your patience as we continue this essential maintenance.

Lastly, we're currently in the process of mowing down the fescue areas. This is typically done two to three times per season, followed by a targeted herbicide application to control weeds and keep the fescue lush and visually appealing throughout the summer.

Ongoing Projects

We have several projects currently in progress that aim to elevate your overall experience at Lora Bay:

- **New Tee Decks on #1 and #10:** These new decks are being shaped and top-dressed by hand. We're slowly lowering the height of cut to match our standard tee height of 0.325", ensuring consistency across the course. The same process is being applied to the right-side fall-off on Hole #15, as well as our new short game area, all of which are progressing nicely.
- **Driving Range Enhancements:** Our driving range is undergoing a transformation. We're adding a fairway cut-out to better simulate the feel of being on the course, along with two mock bunkers to provide visual targets and improved practice feedback. These upgrades will greatly enhance both the look and function of the range and short game area.
- **Tree Management:** Our team is continuing tree removal work with a focus on safety first addressing any trees that pose immediate or future risks. From there, we are working to open up key sight lines and improve sunlight and airflow in heavily shaded areas, which will support turf health and improve overall playability.



We thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as we move through the season. The team remains dedicated to providing the best possible playing conditions and making Lora Bay the top golf experience for all who visit.



Michael Richardson
Golf Course Superintendent



Lora Bay Day

SOLD OUT



LORA BAY AMBASSADOR

BRIGITTE THIBAUT



Brigitte Thibault, a Rosemère, Québec native started to compete in golf at the age of 16. After two years of competitive golf, she was the only amateur player to Monday qualify for her first LPGA CPKC Canadian Women's open in 2016 at the age of 18 years old. This event led her to wanting to pursue professional golf alongside the top players in the world.

She represented her country on the international stage at the inaugural and second edition of the Augusta National Women's Championship; being the first ever Canadian women to compete on the grounds of Augusta. In 2020, Brigitte helped picked up the first ever bronze medal in golf for team Canada at the Pan American games in Peru.

National pro squad member of Team Canada and part of the team now for the 6th consecutive year, Brigitte was the #1 ranked amateur in Canada during 33 consecutive months (Dec 2018-Sept 2021).

The California Fresno state graduate and Texas Longhorn post graduate has been name 3 times All-American scholar with a cumulative GPA of over 3.7. As an amateur, Brigitte finished Top 10 in 50 tournaments of 124 events played with 6 wins under her belt. Her biggest win was the Women's western Amateur.

Turned pro 3 years ago at the CPKC Canadian Open in August 2022. Brigitte gained her tour card through finishing in the Top 5 "race for the card" on the Annika Women's all pro tour. As a Professional, Brigitte had her first professional win in 2023 at the Kathy Whitworth's Championship in Texas. She is playing full time on the Epson tour now for a 2nd consecutive year in hopes of claiming her LPGA card at the end of this year.

UPCOMING JULY TOURNAMENTS

Hartford HealthCare Women's Championship

 July 10-13, 2025

 Great River Golf Club

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Casella Golf Championship

 July 18 - 20, 2025

 Pinehaven Country Club

[LEADERBOARD](#)

Greater Toledo Classic hosted by Stacy Lewis

 July 25 - 27, 2025

 Highland Meadows Golf Club

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Dining Room Update

Join us for great deals and good times all week long!



NEW
UPDATE



MONDAY --

GOLF MEMBER & RESIDENT
DISCOUNT NIGHT

- \$25 Corkage Fee OR ½ Price Bottles of Wine *
- After 4:00 PM



WEDNESDAY --

PINT & A POUND

- 1 Pint & 1 Pound of Wings
- Only \$25



THURSDAY --

HAPPY HOUR

- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Cocktail Specials



FRIDAY --

FISH & CHIPS

- \$22 Fish & Chips
- After 4:00 PM

NEW



SUNDAY --

BBQ SPECIAL

- \$27 BBQ Dinner
- View the weekly BBQ menu on Member Central

*Select bottles of wine



STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

**4:00PM GOLF
6:30PM BBQ**



**2 CLUB
MEMBERS**

**2 STAFF
MEMBERS**



\$25 PER MEMBER

LIMITED SPACE - [SIGN UP HERE](#)

LORA BAY

Men's Invitational

Weds, July 30 & Thurs, July 31

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- 2:30pm Registration Opens
- 4:00pm Shotgun (Match 1)
- Post-Round Cocktail Party
- Pari-Mutuel Betting
- 8:30am
- Continental Breakfast
- 10:00am Shotgun (Match 2)
- 12:15pm Boxed Lunch
- 12:30pm Shotgun (Match 3)
- On Course Contests Flight
- Winner Shootout 5:00pm
- Dinner & Awards



Team Eligibility Categories

Team Entry Fee

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| • Member / Guest | \$700++ / Team |
| • Member / Member | \$625++ / Team |
| • Guest / Guest | \$775++ / Team |

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Volunteers Needed

Live Scoring - Standard Bearing - Pace of Play - Forecaddies - Registration - Player Services



90th Ontario Men's Senior
Amateur Championship
July 21-24, 2025

For more information please contact
Head Professional - Brad Brown

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Member Central Calendar

We're now using the online Member Central Calendar to keep you informed about everything happening at Lora Bay. You'll find updates on weekly dining room specials, live music, new events and much more. Be sure to log into Member Central and check the event calendar regularly to stay up to date on all Lora Bay Events!



Private Event Bookings

We welcome private event booking, including birthdays, celebrations of life, BBQs, and more. Our team is here to help make your event seamless and memorable. For more information and booking details, please contact Amber.



Amber Pachla

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May Employees of the Month



Justin Acres - Golf Operations

Justin has been a key part of our team for years, and this month he truly went above and beyond. In June, Justin stepped up in a number of ways—taking initiative during busy periods, showing leadership with newer staff, and ensuring that operations ran smoothly no matter the challenge. His commitment to the success of the team, the satisfaction of our members and guests does not go unnoticed.



Ben Zimmerman- Turf Maintenance

We're excited to celebrate Ben, our Golf Course Mechanic, in his first season at Lora Bay! Ben keeps all the quipment running smoothly, ensuring the course stays in great shape, and he always brings a postive, upbeat energy to the turf team! Fun fact: Ben's dog Raven (pictured here), shares a name wiht the Club's former brand - quite the conincidence! If you see Ben and Raven crusing around the coruse, be sure to give them a wave!



Maggie Harvey - Front of House

We're thrilled to recognize Maggie as this month's Employee of the Month! While this is her first season with our Food & Beverage team, Maggie actually started at Lora Bay a few years ago in the Backshop before returning to the front of house team. Maggie is a true beam of light greeting guests with a smile and her bubbly, positive energy. She consistently goes above and beyond, always ready to lend a hand wherever it's needed. We're so grateful to have Maggie on our team!



Bernie Wolski - Back of House

Bernie is an incredible asset to our kitchen team. His strong work ethic, dedication, and great attitude shine through every shift. He consistently brings positive energy to the back of house, helping to keep thing runnings smoothly, even during the busiest times. Thank you Bernie!

If you would like to recognize exemplary service from one of our team members please reach out to their department manager by email.



To improve and enhance your online experience we have created a mobile app via Clubhouse Online where you will have a more streamlined experience for viewing newsletters, making dining reservations and seeing your club statements.

This app is free to download and it uses the same credentials you already have for logging in to the members section of the website.



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