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Happy New Year! Central Links Golf Wisdom from the Pros

Lakewood MARKET MINUTE

(JANUARY - DECEMBER 16, 2024)

HOMES SOLD

88

↓ 10%

AVG. SALE PRICE

\$504k

↑ 1%

AVG. LIST PRICE

\$508k

↑ 1%

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From the General Manager

MARK REID

As Club members wait for the wintry weather to give way, know that your staff have been hard at work behind the scenes preparing for the year ahead and knocking through some exciting projects. The Lakewood Oaks Clubhouse is undergoing a few renovations:

- An expansion to the Argyle's kitchen, approximately 175 square ft, will be added. In a smaller kitchen like the one we work with, this is a huge improvement. This will give us an additional two doors for entering and exiting the kitchen and food prep space.
- St Andrew's Pub will soon feature new chairs, newly reupholstered bar-height chairs, fresh paint, and additional upgrades. The Clubhouse Committee has spent months working together to pick furniture and finishes that will not only be comfortable for golfers and patrons, but appeal to and honor the Pub's vibe and usage.
- Approximately 12 new chairs have been brought into the Argyle...

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Golf Like a Pro

BRIAN BATEMAN
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Start the New Year off Right with this Wisdom from the Pros

1. Play without fear

Hitting a poor shot can be demoralizing, even sickening. What's harder to accept is striking the ball without conviction. Try this out in the New Year: play an entire round without once worrying about results. If you're a card-and-pencil, results-oriented type of player prone to frustration, here's a simple remedy: don't keep score.

2. Keep proper pace of play

Always keeping proper pace in your group or staying in position with the group in front of you makes for a more enjoyable round for you and your fellow members.

3. Custom-Fit Clubs

Getting properly fitted for golf clubs (including a putter) used to be reserved for Tour pros and elite players. Not anymore. Professional fitting studios are widely available. Done right, custom-fit clubs inspire confidence. They're your firmest guarantee of improvement—and your fastest route to a better game.

4. Course management

Watch the pros in action. They play smart and rarely make costly mistakes. Based on your ability level, be realistic about your strategic options during the round. Keep the ball in play off the tee. Aim for the middle of the green. Take speed and slope into account on the putting surfaces. TPC Danzante Bay

Golf Like a Pro, Cont.

rewards prudent play, not heroics. Savvy course management will help you save strokes and lower your scores.

5. Proper alignment

Invest in a pair of alignment sticks. Ensuring that your shoulders, hips and feet are parallel or square to the target line is imperative for good golf. There's a reason most Tour pros carry sticks in their bags for use on the practice range. Alignment sticks can also improve ball position and swing plane. An essential golf training aid.

6. Better balance

When it comes to the full swing, Tour pros emphasize tempo, balance and stability. They're three of the more underrated aspects of the golf swing. Rarely will you see a pro out of balance at the conclusion of his or her swing. Get grounded. Make a conscious effort in the New Year to improve your poise and steadiness. A balanced swing will lead to solid contact—and a more picturesque follow-through.

7. Develop a fitness routine

Want to boost swing speed and stamina while decreasing the chance of injury? Prioritize exercises that increase core strength and improve flexibility. Committing to a fitness regimen will pay handsome dividends as you get older, enabling you to play and enjoy golf into your later years.

8. Take better care of the course

Perhaps because rakes were removed from bunkers during the pandemic, many golfers no longer bother to rake the bunkers, even though the rakes have returned. Correct etiquette calls for players to smooth out footprints, shot marks or other disturbances in the sand. Be considerate. Depressions and ridges in the bunkers can create very difficult playing conditions for other golfers. Fix ball marks on the green by gently pushing the turf in toward the center of the mark using a pointed tool.



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Membership Corner

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Welcome New Golf Members, Cont.

Important documents can be found on the Members Only Section of our website under Member Central>Forms. We have Club Rules & Regulations, 2025 Rates, Membership Promotion information, ACH Form and Restaurant Menus.

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Take an opportunity to look over the local amateur qualifiers and competitions for 2025 courtesy of Central Links Golf ahead of the season to plan your play this year!*



**Sites are subject to change during the scheduling building process. Entries for all Central Links Golf competitions will open at 10:00 am on March 4, 2025.*

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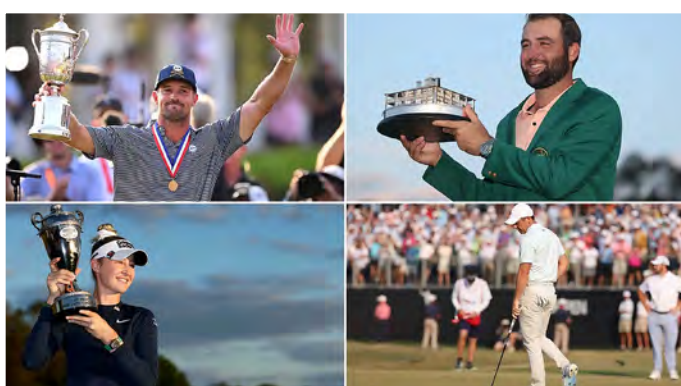
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