

Lake Ripley Country Club



Dinner Menu

The Friday Night Par

All entrees served with your choice of two of the following sides to complement your meal, house-made coleslaw, house-made baked beans, baked potato, German potato salad, french fries or ask your server about the chef's side of the week and tonight's featured vegetable.

Filet Mignon

Superbly broiled 6 oz. cut of tenderloin served with bacon **19.95**

Pork Ribeye

This delicious 8 oz. cut is tender, tasty and broiled to perfection. **17.50**

Add on items to any steak Two shrimp 8.95 Two scallops 10.95 Sauteed Mushrooms 2.95 Bleu Cheese 2.95

Pork Snitzel

Seasoned pork loin, breaded and pan-fried, topped with sweet sauteed apples. Two slices **16.95** One slice **14.95**

Jumbo Shrimp

Fresh shrimp fried in our own beer batter or broiled to perfection. Five shrimp **22.95** Three shrimp **18.95**

Sea Scallops

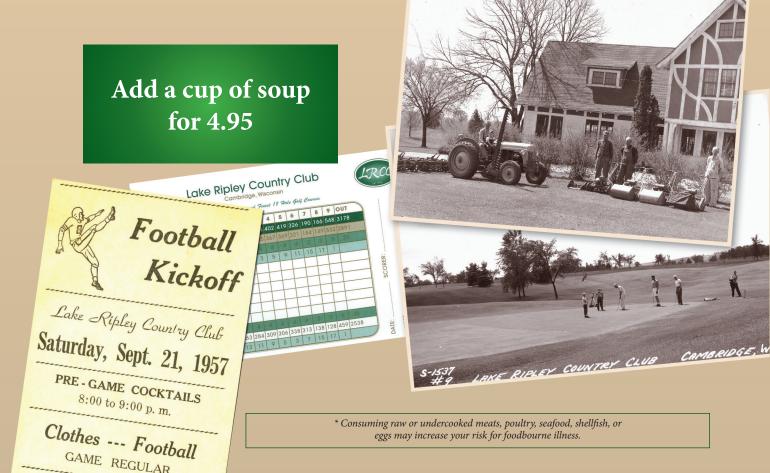
The light, sweet taste of fresh scallops fried in our own beer batter or sauteed. **25.95**

Seafood Platter

A fantastic assortment of shrimp, scallops, baked cod, and fried cod or fried perch. **32.95**

For a delicious change of pace, try our shrimp or scallops blackened

Add the soup and salad bar for only 7.50



Tell Your Friends...

We have nightly featured appetizers to start your dining experience with.



Ask your server for details.

The Fish Fry Approach

Ask About this Week's Specials

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Add the soup and salad bar for only 7.50 Add a cup of soup for 4.95

Ask About this Week's Specials

Beer Battered Cod

Tempting and fried to perfection in our own beer batter. Regular **15.95** Large **18.50**

Beer Battered Ocean Perch

Delicious ocean perch fried in our own beer batter. Regular **15.95** Large **18.50**

Baked Cod

Mild white fish, lightly buttered and seasoned to perfection. Regular **15.95** Large **18.50**

Fried Chicken

Golden and delicious. Our chicken is a tasty temptation. Two Piece **12.95** Four Piece **14.95**

Baked Chicken

Tender and juicy chicken marinated with our chef's own blend of fresh herbs and spices. Quarter Chicken **12.95** Half Chicken **14.95**

Fried Chicken and Cod

Two pieces of golden fried chicken and two pieces of beer battered cod. 19.50

Baked Chicken and Baked Cod

Tender quarter chicken and two pieces of tasty cod. 19.50



Soup and Salad Bar 14.95

Add Shrimp Cocktail to the Soup and Salad Bar only 8.95

> * Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk for foodbourne illness.

LRCC Children's Menu

Served with choice of fries or macaroni and cheese.

Par Burger* 11.95 Mini Corn Dogs 8.95

Par Cheeseburger* 12.50 Chicken Strips

10.50

Grilled Cheese 9.95

Mini Tacos 8.95

Beverages

Coffee 3.00 Hot Tea 3.00 Iced Tea 2.75 Soda 2.75 Milk Small 1.75 Large 2.75

Juice Small 1.75 Bottle 2.75 Large 2.50

Early History of the Country Club

The Lake Ripley golf course was one of the first small town golf courses in the state. At the time of inception, only Maple Bluff was representing golf's progress in Madison.

According to the official records, 15 businessmen put in \$200 each and five men took over the leadership and leased the first land from John Porter.

It is hard for modern folks to realize how golf and the duffers who played were regarded in those early days. Any man carrying a golf club on Main Street was a gent to make wisecracks about and to kid plenty. Snickers came easy and it took a brave man to admit he was a golfer.

The original course was five holes. There was no landscaping and it is said that it was hard to tell the fairways from the pasture land and there was no certainty that the little ball would wind up in the gopher hole. At first there were cows keeping the grass at proper length, but some of the golfers found it more fun to get a cow-in-one instead of a hole-in-one. To save the cows, they were finally removed and the rent of the pasture land was increased.

A couple of years after the first game was played and the little holes had been dug on what was called greens, a big sign was put up on hole one, "this is a golf course," to answer the question of the many people who stopped to see what was going on. It is claimed by these old timers that to many people stopped and walked out on the course that it interfered with play.

The big five who did most of the playing and planning were Core Wilber, the congenial ice cream parlor tycoon; Dr. F.B. Henning, the village doctor; A.R. Amundson, a young banker; and Colsie Cowles; the owner and operator of Cedar Lodge. In those early days it was customary to wear regular clothes - and when Colsie Cowles appeared in a pair of white duck pants the natives almost died laughing. It is rumored that the pants were worn but a single time. He even got his name and a description of the white pants in the News. Few people can appreciate the ribbing these pioneer golfers took. Natives - and it was a difficult thing to get new members to join these nuts. One local jokester is said to have insisted that they weren't quite nuts enough to deserve a cell but plenty close to it. During these early days, a local citizen, Max Rumpf, was one of the folk who constantly ridiculed the game. One of the members, finally, in disgust, invited Max to try the game and find out that it wasn't as simple as they imagined it was. On a Saturday morning, he went to the links. A crowd of local fans went along to kid him and show him how difficult the game was.

As he approached the mound known as the tee, the crowd snickered and was sure he would drive the ball into a big clover field adjoining the course. Max is said to have closed both eyes and let go. Dr. Bilstad had loaded him the ball and it was a lop-sided practice ball guaranteed not to fly far or true. The hole was 115 yards away. The ball went straight up in the air, went on to fly for 100 yards, landed on the green and trickled in the cup.

It is said that Max did not act surprised but the fans who came to poke fun were too amazed to comment. Through the years many people have presumed this was a rumor or a made up story - but it is true.

It was sent to Robert Ripley, properly attested, and appeared in the national newspaper. Max topped the tremendous exhibition with the statement. "I have played my last game of golf and will never take a golf club in my hand again. It is just too simple a game." And believe it or not, Max has lived up to his statement.

But the little game of chasing a white ball through a cow pasture caught on. The players got the swing of the game and some of the scoffers bought clubs and became members. It was not a rapid growth the club made - but after the regular players had mastered the bumps and holes and knew the five holes like a book, the officers met and decided the time had come to expand and two more holes were added.

Then came the clubhouse - and the nine and then the 18 and when the club was 15 years old, it had accumulated 125 members and it was considered good business to belong and play the game. Also, it was a tremendous attraction for summer guests, and merchants and townsfolk recognized its value as an attraction at Lake Ripley.

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