

## **"On the Greens"**

Lincoln Valley Golf Course

Submitted by Jeff Barry

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### **News at the Course:**

January 27, 2008, may go down in history as the day the Lincoln Valley Golf Course was saved! The "doom and gloom" letter had been sent out to the 2007 members, the meeting was set, and the doors were open. Those of us on the board knew it was time to let the facts speak for themselves and put our faith in our members. If a mere thirty to forty members showed up on that Sunday afternoon, we knew the golf course's fate would be sealed, but if many more came out, there might be hope. Well, hope came in droves! Nearly 200 faithful members, and people who cared, came and filled every banquet hall chair available. People listened, and people asked questions, and people said they would do all they could to make sure the course would not close.

Now, as we all know, talk is cheap. We need donations, and we need them soon. As of this writing, we only have one-fourth pledged of the \$100,000 needed. We must have the rest by March 15, or the course will close, and your checks will be sent back to you. This week 290 mailings were sent to current and former members. The board hopes to send out another mass mailing next week to community members, businesses, vendors, and just plain people who care. If you care and want to help now, please contact Nancy Figgins, our fund raising treasurer, at 483-4127 to inquire about a pledge sheet. Thank you for your concern, and thank you for your monetary assistance.

### **Upcoming Dates and Events:**

February 16: White Tails Banquet

February 22: Soup Supper Sponsored by the Men's Association - 5:30

March 2: Members Meeting and Update at 1:30 in the Banquet Hall

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### **"Fifty Dollars Is Fifty Dollars"**

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance." To this, Esther replied, "Morris, that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you a cent! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed, and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!" Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

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