

# Front Nine News

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## September Golf, Dinner & Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Lawrence Park Golf Club

3700 East Lake Road

Erie, PA 16511

Hosts - Nick Kunik & George  
Sperry, III

### Meeting Agenda:

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Tee Times

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Social Hour

5:00 pm Dinner

Annual Meeting following dinner

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Carts: \$18/per person  
(payable in Pro Shop)

Meeting Fee: \$35  
(payable to NWPGCSA)  
Cash, checks or credit cards  
accepted



## NWPGCSA, Inc. 2018 Meeting Schedule

Sunday, January 28th  
Ladies Day Party  
Venango Valley Inn & GC  
Venango, PA  
Host: Durbin Loreno

Thursday, April 26th  
Golf, Dinner,  
& Business Meeting  
Stoughton Acres Golf Course  
Butler, PA  
Host: Van Smith

Thursday, June 14th  
Golf & Dinner Meeting  
Lake View Country Club  
North East, PA  
Host: Gordon Seliga

Thursday, August 16th  
A Night At The Races  
Presque Isle Downs  
Erie, PA

Wednesday, September 19th  
Golf, Dinner, & Annual Mtg.  
Lawrence Park Golf Club  
Harbor Creek, PA  
Hosts: Nick Kunik & George  
Sperry, III

## September Golf, Dinner & Annual Meeting At Lawrence Park Golf Club Wednesday, September 19, 2018 (Cover photo is #11 in the foreground with #1 in the back- ground next to Lake Erie)

### ABOUT THE HOST SUPERINTENDENT:

Nick Kunik began working at Lawrence Park Golf Club in 1997. He attended Penn State University from 2004-2006 and graduated with a 2-year Turfgrass degree. He became the assistant superintendent at Lawrence Park Golf Club in 2006 and then took over as superintendent in January of 2016 when Jerry Rice retired. He became a NWPGCSA member in 2013 and is currently serving a 2-year term on the NWPGCSA Board of Directors. Nick and his wife, Laura, have a 5-yr old son named Henry and a 2-yr old daughter named Lilah. Nick's hobbies include motorcycles, hunting, and fishing, although he couldn't remember the last time he went fishing. He's also quite a history buff. What you may not know about Nick is that he's been playing the piano since he was 7-years old!

### ABOUT THE COURSE:

Lawrence Park Golf Club was built in 1921 by G.E. for their employees and was designed by Alfred H. Tull. They brought a 2 sq. ft. piece of bentgrass sod over from Europe, stolonized it into several rows, harvested the stolons, and planted 9 greens with them. Two of the original greens are still used today. The other 9 holes were built in 1941 and designed by Club Pro, Carl Wendell. The members bought the course in 1966, and it's been a private club ever since. There have only been 4 superintendents since 1921, and one of them was only employed for two years. A major renovation was done in 1999-2000 by Ault/Clark, Jim Cervone, Architect. The total yardage is 6,631 with a par of 72.

### DIRECTIONS:

**From I-79:** Take I-79 North to Bayfront Parkway. Continue on Bayfront Parkway to Wayne Street. Turn right at light. Turn left onto East 6th St. Continue east 3-4 miles (East 6th St. becomes East Lake Rd.) Pass the GE plant on the right and come to a stoplight. Go straight thru the stoplight and then make an immediate left at the Lighthouse Restaurant & Inn. Go 1/4 mile and turn left across the first bridge to the parking lot.

**From I-90:** Take Exit 32 (PA 430) towards Wesleyville. Turn North onto Station Road and go 3.2 miles. Turn right (East) onto US-20 (Buffalo Road) and go 0.2 miles. Turn left (North) onto Water St. and go 1 mile (passing the GE plant). Turn right (East) onto East Lake Rd (PA-5), and then make a quick left at the Lighthouse Restaurant & Inn. Go 1/4 mile and turn left across the first bridge to the parking lot.

**RESERVATIONS** are needed by Monday, September 17th. Please call Julie Powell at (724) 421-7588 to make your reservation and arrange a tee time. Guests are welcome.