

June 2009

Captain's Message-Tom Knoflick

June has been a very busy month for golfers. We started out the month with a Par 3 Tournament on June 2. Jim Knight and Ken Wolford changed the course layout so that every hole was a par 3. That same evening, we held our annual Men Niner's picnic at Commodore Park. Thanks to our picnic committee, Vic Ferro and Dan Sweeney, and to the many volunteers, over 100 members and guests enjoyed an excellent dinner of tri-tips and chicken, salads, beans, and dessert.

June 11-13 was the Men's Invitational Golf Tournament. Three days of golf with different formats. Day 1 was a practice round with a "Modified Stableford" format, where each team received points for par, birdie, eagle, and double eagle. Day 2 was Partners Best Ball. Day 3 was the "Pinehurst Stroke Play" format, a combination of a scramble and alternate shots, including hitting your partner's ball.

A special thank you to all Niner's who volunteered to help with the tournament.

This Tuesday we will all enjoy the Bingo, Bango, Bongo golf tournament
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Upcoming Events

June 16: Breakfast meeting @ 9:30, followed by the Bingo, Bango, Bongo Tournament.

June 21: Father's Day & First Day of Summer

July 4: Independence Day

July 14: Men Niner's Board Meeting @ 9:30

July 21: Breakfast meeting @ 9:30 followed by the Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament

Welcome New Members:
 Fred Andersen, Smokey Stover, Jim Mix, and Clyde Fosgett New total: 95



Two Man Best Ball Golf Tournament Winners

- 1) Larry Danilson and John Short
- 2) Bob Gallo and Jerry Scott
- 3) Bob Martin and Jim Griffin
- 4) Bill Thomas and Dan Sweeney
- 5) Dennis Cole and Gary Dunbar

Par 3 Tournament Winners

- 1) Charlie Bertness - 5 greens
- 2) Chet Platt - 4 greens
- 3) Bill Thomas, Doug Figeira, George Chisholm, Jerry Berger - 3 greens

Golf Committee News

Dave Kedic

Golf Course Superintendent- **Ken Welford**

Ken would like to see the Ladies 18 Hole Invitational to be a week after Memorial Day next year to alleviate overtime over a holiday weekend for his full crew. This would save money. He would also like to have two full weeks between the Ladies and Men's Invitationals to allow the time needed to prepare the Course.

Del Price brought up a concern about the bridges being wet and slippery in the morning. Several possible solutions were discussed such as textured roll on paint or a walk strip with a rough texture.

Fees forecast for 2009 were 704 members as of today 703 have paid for golf memberships. We are over the predicted unlimited, 127 short on the 75 round package, 23 over on the 25 round 9 hole package, and 16 short on the 25 round 18 hole package. At this point we are \$67,000 off the budgeted forecast for revenue, but it is projected that daily fees will cover this shortfall. There was a discussion about the drop in golfers. There has been a 50-member drop each year over the past several years. Last year there were about 750 memberships. Bob Murray (Planning Liaison) stated there has been a 3-7% drop regionally. Our course has not been that much. USGA says nation wide it is down by 17%. But this is a cyclical event.

Special Projects: - Gary Turzak

PAD Tee and Steps for Hole #9. Before the vote, members of the Committee requested hand rails be added and corrections to the drawings to show location of the steps on the drawing for the tee and to show correction of the height of the first step from 9 inches to 6 inches. Gary Turzak stated that Dan Prey will do the concrete finishing work. The tree on the right side will be trimmed if needed. Vote to present PAD to BOD passed.

PAD for wall on hole #12- Cost of dredging the pond with out concurrence with the lake is being explored. May have to postpone this PAD until another date if cost is too prohibitive. If so, the Committee would like to explore the idea of using the monies for this PAD to cover building the rest of the forward tees.

See the complete minutes on the Golf Committee web site at *Golf Central*.