

November 2008

Captain's Message-Tom Knoflick

We are beginning to plan for the 2009 season, and our Golf Club will be voting for a new Board of Directors at our Christmas breakfast meeting. If any one is interested in serving on the Board, please respond to Ray Gutendorf (Chairman of the Nominating Committee) or me. Our Board consists of Captain, Co-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Handicap Chairman, Tournament Chairman, Publicity Chairman, and Golf Committee Representative. We are also looking for volunteers for Nominating Committee Chairman, Picnic Committee, and Breakfast Fee Collectors. I will announce the existing candidates at this month's breakfast meeting.

Please remember to call the Pro Shop to check for Frost Delays

Upcoming Events

November 18: Breakfast Meeting @ 9:30 followed by the Turkey Shoot Tournament.

November 27: Thanksgiving

December 9: Board Meeting @ 9:30 Make Tee Times because there is no Shotgun

December 16: FREE Christmas Breakfast in the Cedar Room @ 9:00, with a special menu. John Short will make a special computer presentation, followed by voting for the 2009 Board of Directors. You must sign up for the breakfast. Tee Times Required.

December 25: Christmas Day – Happy Holidays

January 1: New Year's Day

Membership now stands at 88



Captain's Trophy Winners

First: Dennis Cole
Second: Gary Dunbar
Third: George Chisholm

November Low Net Tournament

Flight A: 1. Gary Maedo 37.2
2. Charlie Bertness 37.8
3. Dick Greene 39.0
Tom Naylor 39.0

Flight B: 1. Bob Gallo 35.5
2. Bob Smilo 35.7
3. Jack Leavy 36.4
4. Jerry Scott 36.8

Golf Committee News

Bob Martin

Please be kind to the course! The shoulders around the new cart paths have been filled and seeded. Plywood ramps have been installed at various places to provide access to the course without treading on the shoulders. Unfortunately a lot of people either don't pay any attention or are just too damned lazy and go tromping through the fresh dirt. Just because there is a permanent pullout doesn't mean that people cannot temporarily walk a little bit out of their way. If you see someone doing that, call them on it. **Also**, if you see people with carts on the course when and/or where they should not be, call them on it. **Be kind to your course.**

The Watch Tower on #18 is suffering from some dry rot and has become a safety concern. **Ken Wolford** will be ordering materials for a rebuild/repair. **Ed Lauchner**, the leader of the **Divot Stompers**, will be managing the actual project and may call on the 9ers for some volunteer labor.

The circular yardage markers in the middle of the fairways have recently been mostly replaced with new by the **Divot Stompers** and have been raised to increase visibility.

Golf Course Revenue was reported by **Chuck Murphey** to be down by about \$47,000. **Golf Course Maintenance Expenses** were down by about \$43,000.

The third new forward tee on #8 will hopefully get under construction in the next couple of weeks; at least that is **Ken Wolford's** goal.

Playing from the forward (black) tees is fun. In the last couple of months I have had occasion to play from the black tees, with my wife, with **Duane Mayfield** and others and discovered that it is fun. I am pretty much going to change to that full time and I highly recommend it. My realistic target (dream) score from the white tees has been single-bogey (45) for a long time. I figured that it really didn't matter whether I aimed for 45 from the whites or 36 from the blacks. **But**, I recently figured out that it does matter. It is said that the important part of your game is your short game. Well, if I spend/waste extra fairway strokes getting to my short game distance I'm already behind the eight ball; every 3-wood shot I make is just another chance to screw up. I have found that from the black tees I have a reasonable chance of "getting on in regulation". **And that**, I have found, **is fun!**