

January 2014 RVCC Newsletter

Dear member:

It has been suggested that we have a newsletter to keep everyone informed of what is happening. We will try to do this monthly...depending on how well the fish are biting! Anyway some background info to try to have everyone at the same level of understanding.

Revenue

- Our club functions on a limited number of members, a relatively set dues structure, and therefore a ceiling of income.
- Really, the only way to have a big increase in profit for a year would be to raise the dues to get this done.
- We had a profit, after a very good year, of just a little over \$11K. Sounds like a lot but compare it to a fairway mower at \$60K and you see it takes 5 years or so to buy one.
- Last year we made just a little over \$1,000. The weather didn't co-operate as well and we lost about 4 weeks of income. Remember, the fixed expenses go on regardless of the income.

Expenses

- We owe \$36K on the bridges from years gone by.
- We had a sewer problem at the end of the year.
- Salaries, insurances, chemicals to have nice greens, carts, and much more are a daily drain on the money.
- Finally, we hope to have enough money for course improvement projects.

Projects Underway

- Leveling Tee Boxes (we are working on #2 and #7 already)
- Trees to be planted (donated)

Future Projects

- Clubhouse repairs
- Sand Traps (see below for details)
- Greens (maintain consistent speed. We started using Stimpmeter last year)
- Many other suggestions that stretch the imagination. Of course, keep in mind, every time we want to do something, a happening occurs. This year we had a sewer problem.

Sand Traps Project

- The Board listened to many members on what to do with the sand traps from going to grass traps to redoing what we have.
- The Board decided it would be a step backward to not maintain what we have.
- We have to think of the future as well as the present and want people to have a pretty good experience at RV.
- Improvements we have done so far have been received well by both members and greens fee golfers. Lots of compliments. So, how do we get the traps done without raising the dues?

Fundraiser

- We decided to try a raffle, away from the super bowl.
- One probably this September, by having each member receive 3 tickets and pay for them up front (in addition to their dues).
- You can sell all 3 tickets and keep the money since you already paid the club or keep the tickets as you see fit, turn the stubs in to the club when directed.
- We will explain all of this in detail later in the Spring. So if you sell all of your tickets, your dues are the same as last year.
- We are putting the money into a separate account just for the traps. One raffle will probably do only one trap. We are working on this. We will have a better idea as we have one proposal at this time and will look for others.
- We didn't feel we could wait for summer to make a decision or we would be another year with these traps.
- We are looking for an early fix to number 9 traps. Will keep you posted.

Enough for now. We ask all members to stay positive as that is one of our great attributes at RV. The people! We would like your comments and suggestions but please keep in mind the restraints we live under. Now, if anyone hits the lottery, we will certainly entertain your suggestions! Smile!!!

Regards,

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