

## May 2014 - Newsletter

Golfing friends,

The weather certainly has taken a toll on our golfing time. And, of course, this affects our income which is crucial for improvements and the general running of the club. We hope things turn around and all of you get to enjoy some good weather soon. We also had a problem with greens but they are coming on as well as nature will allow. Again let's hope for the best.

The Board met at the maintenance shop to get a visual of the equipment so we can better understand what piece we are talking about when needed. We also learned of routine repairs that obviously cost money that there is no getting around. We reviewed the list of our equipment with the year purchased. We range from very old ( 1953 Tractor ) to new rough mower (2010) . If you are interested in seeing the list, we have it in pro shop. The guys do a darn good job of keeping things running within the budget.

We discussed the shade project asked for by the lady golfers. We have an idea and want their input before moving forward. We are going to continue recycling cans and are getting a dumpster for that purpose which won't cost us anything. Everyone can help by putting cans only in designated containers as plastic cannot go into this dumpster and someone has to do a lot of sorting. Your help will go a long way in making this a benefit for the club.

We discussed at what age a young golfer should be allowed to drive a cart without adult supervision. It was agreed that the driver should have a driver's permit if they are under 18 years of age.

As you have probably seen, the block walls took a hit from the freezing temperatures. We have a plan to get them righted but again, the weather and person to do this will have to be on hand. Hopefully soon.

A suggestion was made to put small flags on the flagsticks so we can better determine where the hole is located. It will be done as soon as small flags are obtained.

Some members have suggested we quit cutting grass where no golfer hits a ball. Thinking about it, there are these areas. The question is do we want tall grass in these areas or mowed lawn. We will continue to review just how much area we are talking about, cost savings and then what the feelings are of the membership.

Finally, we think it only fair to have a way for the membership to give us suggestions on course improvements, clubhouse improvements, etc.. We would like to have a hole by hole plan on what members would *like* to see on each for improvement. There are other things that you may think of that would help us move ahead. So please use the new suggestion box you will see soon and give us your input. If we have the resources, some of these just might get done.

Hit them straight and enjoy.

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President

