

October 2014 Newsletter

Dear members:

We held our regular meeting and will share with you the items we discussed.

Course Update

- Fred said they were winding down for the year.
- We have old chemicals in the shed by the barn that need to be removed.
- Fred has obtained hazardous type suits to do this and will follow procedures to do this safely.
- They have sprayed for clover and he says that is working already.
- We approved next years purchase of chemicals for the whole course. This is about \$30,000 which is a lot but so necessary to keep the course in good shape.
- Also Fred reported a lot of trouble with the 1994 John Deere fairway mower stopping several times during use. We will look into upgrading this unit.
- With the outside help, we are going to do another trap soon.

General Manager

- Jeff reported income to be down this year due to weather and with 30 fewer members, it all adds up.
- We do thank everyone who participates in the events to keep capital flowing to get us through each month.
- He reported that the barn has been painted due to John Bush's contribution again. John has been an important contributor over the years and we are grateful.

Sand Traps Project

- Now for the good news.
- We have three sand traps done by Dennis Fitzwater and co. and everyone I have talked with like the results.
- The cost was \$22,000, not all of it from Dennis, and we have enough material to do one more trap. So for the cost of three we are getting four traps done.
- Dennis will lead us through the last trap building so we get it right.
- So you know, when you buy sand, you do it by the truck load and that is why we have sand left. Actually it works out for us as we get 4 for the price of 3. That leaves 9 more to do which leads me to another topic.

Fundraiser Ideas...

- We don't want to do another raffle as we don't like raffles.
- We are open to other ideas for raising the money so let us know.
- Also keep in mind that we have larger traps that will individually cost more than the ones we just did.

We have the annual meeting Sunday, November 16th. Hope good weather continues so we can golf a little longer. Where did the year go?

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