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President's Corner (Rick Parker): I hope everyone has been able to play a few rounds on the "giant green sponge" during the last few months. I know I am ready for some nice dry fairways with plenty of roll and extra distance. I have witnessed some water dog golfers out on the course in stormy conditions and as they walk across the fairway some residents yell at them from their dry porches, "you guys are nuts". Hopefully the weather will clear up soon and we can play without Gore-Tex clothing.

Our Men's Club Board has continued to meet every second Wednesday of the month to discuss issues and make informed decisions. We continue to work with Greenhorn Creek management and the other committees to address issues that affect the playability of the course and our playing schedules. As president of the Men's Club I represent our club on the Advisory Committee and as Vice President of the Men's Club, Bob Henning represents our club on the Greens Committee. With your input we are able to address most issues with our own board or these other committees.

Some items our board has addressed during the past few months included a Local Rule for our club concerning Winter Rules/Preferred Lies. This Local Rule is recommended by the USGA and NCGA. You will probably see the rule sheet at the front counter of the pro shop. Become familiar with them because they will certainly be part of the playing conditions for our NCGA Qualifier Tournaments and other "Major" tournaments our club sponsors. That is, if winter wet conditions continue. We also have a very good tournament schedule for this year which is located on the Greenhorn Creek web site under the Men's Club. I encourage all of you to sign up for the tournaments, which for the most part are played of the weekends.

Again, the Men's Club Board's first priority is looking out for our club member's interest. If you any issues, ideas, or concerns please contact me or any board member. I am looking forward to seeing you on Wednesdays and at our tournaments.

Vice-President (Bob Henning): As Vice President of the Men's Club, it is my privilege to represent the Men's Club on the Greens Committee. The mission of the Greens Committee is to function in an advisory capacity to management and be a sounding board for management. The committee does not defend or represent management to the general membership of the club.

Our course is something to be very proud of. We have 10 full time staff members working on

the course and staffing peaks to 16 during the high season needs. Our greens have a reputation for being some of the best and fastest in the area. The bunkers have not been one of our best features, but, they have all been worked on in the past year to provide improved drainage. Standing water in the bunkers should be a thing of the past.

The committee continues to work with management to:

1. Recommend areas of rough where mowing should be done first.
2. Recommend areas that need drainage improvements.
3. Recommend locations for additional trees.
4. Recommend elimination of some bunkers that are least effective for general play.
5. Recommend locations for a new bench program to benefit the walking golfers.

I will continue to keep you advised on the progress of major items. Feel free to offer suggestions or comments to me on any issues concerning our course.

Tournament Director (Dave Gigliotti): Rain-Rain- go away!

I guess we are all saying the same thing about our March weather. As you might know we were “Snowed-out” of our March 11th tournament. I’m not sure, but that might be a first for the Greenhorn Creek Men’s Club. Yes, we have re-scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd.@ 7:30 am. Those of you that have signed up, please be sure to mark your calendars with the new date and time. If for some reason you have a conflict, please let me or Coach know as soon as possible. Our regular April tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th.@ 7:30 am. Both of these tournaments are NCGA qualifiers, so if you plan to play, sign up in the pro shop ASAP. Our May tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th. We encourage you all to participate in as many of these tournaments as possible.

We are in the planning stages of our newest tournament addition for this year-the Members/Guest tournament on Saturday August 19th. We welcome any suggestions and help in planning this new tournament. Please contact me if you can help or have any suggestions. Of course we encourage you to participate.

We pray for sunshine in April. Hit um Straight and often!

Dave Gigliotti
Tournament Director

Secretary's Notes (Ron Rivera): A special note from a “Left Handed” golfer. I would like to request that all you right handed golfers, the vast majority, please take note that there are only 3 mats set up on the driving range for left handed golfers. We “lefties” would appreciate that whenever possible the right handed golfers use the mats that don’t have a left handed tee. This of course is not always possible but the lefties would really appreciate any help you can give on this special issue.

Now to the important news. As I did in the previous Nugget I have included a list of the motions that have been passed by the Men’s Club Board.

Board meeting Feb. 8, 2006

Motion to accept new hole-in-one policy developed by Bob Henning: A motion was made and seconded to accept the hole in one insurance policy Bob had put together and the motion passed unanimously. (The details of the policy were in the January Nugget which can be viewed on the GHC website.)

Board meeting Feb. 8, 2006

Motion to designate whether meals are for players only when they are associated with a Men's Club Tournament: When distributing the flyers and information about Men's Club tournaments that involve meals it will state in the information whether the meal is for all Men's Club members or only for those participating in the tournament.

The **MOTION** passed by a vote of 4 to 2.

Board meeting Mar. 8, 2006

Motion to accept a new set of Winter Rules/Preferred Lies to handle adverse conditions on the course: The details of this motion are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. These rules will be in effect for all Wednesdays and all Tournaments. The **MOTION** passed by a vote of 4 to 1.