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The quarterly newsletter of the Greenhorn Creek Men's Golf Club

President's Corner (Bob Henning):

Thank you for reelecting me to be the President of our Men's Club. I am preceded by many dedicated members who have given of their time and talent. I will endeavor to maintain their legacy of caring performance with the help of the new Board.

The new Board consists of the following:

- Dave Gigliotti returning as your Vice President
- Ron Rivera returning as your Secretary
- Noel Schween as your new Treasurer (although he served 6 months in 2007 by appointment)
- Steve Armknecht as your new Handicap and Rules Chairman
- Ray Walker returning as your Member at Large
- Tom DeGregori returning as your Tournament Director
- and myself returning as your President

With all this experience we should do a good job. However, I encourage your feedback on our efforts and welcome you to attend our Board meetings. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, normally following Men's Club golf. However, during December through February we will be meeting before golf at 8 AM.

I want to thank both Don Chaisson and John Renati, our outgoing Board members, for their service to the Men's Club. Don served as Treasurer. John served as Handicap & Rules Chair."

Our major goals this year include:

1. making changes to our Wednesday play day format and method of communication to encourage participation by more members.
2. Offering golf rules information to all members to improve their understanding and provide fair play in competition.
3. Encourage improvements in speed of play by providing methods we should all use to keep up with the group in front of us.
4. Explore the possibility of resurrecting the Match Play Championship Tournament under conditions and timing acceptable to both the Men's Club and GHC management.
5. Evaluate the need for an additional Board member to assist with the many functions required in maintaining our various programs.
6. Maintain a program that will offer fun and competition for all our members.

I also want to let you know, if you missed our Appreciation Dinner, that Bert Sobon was presented the Bob Heise Award. This award goes to the member that, in the Board's opinion, has made the most consistent effort to maintain the golf course. Bert served as the Chair of the Green's Committee for several years, in addition to filling divots and repairing ball marks consistently during play. Bert's name will be engraved on the trophy, the trophy will have an honored spot in our trophy cabinet, and, next year it will be awarded to someone else equally caring of the golf course in the Bob Heise tradition. It could even be you.

On a sad note, we regret the passing of Jim Salisbury, a long time member of the Men's Club.

Finally, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and fun with golfing in 2008.

See you on the tee. Thought for the day: "Golf is like marriage. If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and, both are expensive.

Vice-President (Dave Gigliotti):

I'm looking forward to serving a second term as Vice-President of the Men's Club Board. I will do my best to address the issues that were brought to light from our member's survey in 2007. Some of those issues we will address will be: Increase participation on Wednesday Men's Club Day, flighting of some of our tournaments, improve our communication to membership, re-instating the Match play tournament. Of course it is your Men's club, so we need your help and PARTICIPATION!

I believe we have a strong Board-so don't hesitate to come to us with your ideas and concerns. Looking forward to a great 2008.

Tournament Director (Tom DeGregori):

This is my second year as Tournament Director and the following are the major goals we wish to accomplish:

- Provide a new Match Play Championship Tournament.
- Provide guidelines to speed up pace of play.
- Change the format for Wednesday play to increase participation.

Below is the 2008 tournament schedule which was just agreed to by GHC Management:

2008 Men's Club Tournament Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
Jan 5	Sat	10:00 AM	Men's Club Tourney
Feb 3	Sun	10:00 AM	Super Bowl Tourney incl breakfast
Mar 8	Sat	8:00 AM	NCGA Zone Qualifier, 4-man 2 bestballs net
Apr 12	Sat	7:30 AM	NCGA Qualifier, 2man 1 bestball net
May 10	Sat	7:00 AM	NCGA Amateur Qualifier, Ind Medal Play low net
Jun 14	Sat	6:30 AM	NCGA Sr. 4ball Qualifier, 2-man 1 bestball net
TBD	Sat	TBD	Men's Club Tourney, Match Play Championship
Aug 9	Sat	8:30 AM	Members/Guest Tourney, incl lunch
Sep 6	Sat	7:00 AM	Men's Club Tourney, Medal Play Championship
Oct 10	Fri	7:30 AM	Men's Club Tourney, Senior Championship
Nov 1	Sat	10:00 AM	Men's Club Appreciation Tourney, dinner/awards
Dec 7	Sat	10:00 AM	Men's Club Tourney, Joker's Wild

The Match Play Tournament date will be set once the Tournament Committee has met and determined the format for the event. It will be in the month of July and you will be notified when the date has been finalized. We encourage an increase in participation this year in the events and encourage feedback either before or after each event.

We wish to thank Harry Phillips and Jim Pisula for once again captaining the 12-man team. They did a great job last year. You will be hearing more from them on the format and future play.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Handicap and Rules Chairman (By Bob Henning for Steve Armknecht):

Steve is off in the Scandinavian countries for Christmas and will be back early next year. He has already jumped in with both feet and I will write a brief report for him.

1. He is planning an on course rules seminar, for both men and women, to be put on sometime next spring. We have an outstanding group of members, both men and women, knowledgeable on rules. Steve has recruited most of them to assist him with this seminar. You will be hearing more details, including the specific date, directly from him early next year.

2. Steve has been reviewing the score cards in the drop box. He feels we are doing a good job of posting. You should continue to drop all cards in the box and post all scores.

3. One problem Steve has noted is the lack of understanding of Equitable Stroke Control. One part of ESC deals with the maximum number of strokes you can post for a given hole. The following table shows this:

Handicap	Maximum Posting
9 or less	double bogey
10 - 19	7
20 - 29	8
30 - 39	9
40 or more	10

Therefore, if your handicap is 22 and you shot a 96, but took a 9 on hole 14 as part of that score, you should post a 95, since the maximum you can take on a given hole is an 8.

Thought for the day: Know the rules of golf, they can help you.

Secretary's Notes (Ron Rivera):

As you are all aware by now we sent out the renewal notices to all members who have given me their current e-mail address. Several members don't have e-mails so their renewal notice was sent by mail. During the renewal process I spent a lot of time sending notes to those who hadn't paid by mid-November. Those of you who were late know who you are. We use e-mail to reduce expenses. If we had to send out the ballots and renewal notices to all 190 members it would cost the club about \$130. The Nugget is another document that we e-mail so mailing the Nugget to all members 4 times a year would also run up our costs.

Next year we are going to use the same process so I want all of you members to remember to notify me if any of your information changes, especially your e-mail. Another thing I want you to check to make sure is that my e-mails are not blocked by your e-mail provider. Send your changes to my e-mail address: ronaldwr8@aol.com. We do have a few members who don't have e-mail so their Nugget, ballot, and renewal forms are always mailed.

Here are the motions that the Board members have approved since the last Nugget was published.

Board meeting September 5, 2007

A motion was made to increase the dues for 2008 to \$90. The motion passed with a vote of 3 board members for the increase and 2 board members against.