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

President's Corner (Bob Henning):

We are well on our way into the new year 2007. We have 186 members as of our March meeting and still growing. The Tournament Schedule has been finalized with the addition of the Member/Guest date of Saturday, August 11, 2007. You will receive the full tournament schedule as a separate email item very soon, if not already.

We received a very good response to our member survey and our plans will be guided accordingly. Elsewhere, in this Nugget, Dave Gigliotti has a more detailed summary of the survey results.

The drop box for score cards for all rounds played (other than Men's Club sponsored events) is located near the posting computer. Whenever you play a round, please drop your score card in the box. On the score cards, please identify all players clearly, show date, tees played and scores achieved. Score postings are being checked by John Renati and his handicap committee. He has found some errors which are being corrected and members informed and hopefully educated for the future.

A revised welcome procedure is being developed for new members. We are including a package of information which contains the weekend Tournament Schedule, the upcoming Wednesday play day formats, the club's By-laws, our hole-in-one insurance policy information, an application form, and other appropriate information. Sounds like something all existing members could use.

Our NCGA 12 man team competition is being captained this year by Harry Phillips and Jim Pisula. Sign ups are being taken now for a two day qualifying round on April 28 & 29, if needed, to trim the team to 24 players. Thanks to Harry and Jim for stepping forward to provide leadership and coordinate the competition.

Thanks to Sherry Smith, we are displaying all our perpetual trophy plaques in the Library Room. Sherry has granted whatever space we need on the book shelves and cabinets. These plaques tell the history of our club. Your Board will soon be considering if additional perpetual

trophies covering NCGA qualifiers are desirable. Ray Walker, our member at large has been maintaining these trophies. Drop in and take a look sometime. Congratulations to all those who have had a hole-in-one already this year. Thanks to Ray, your name is displayed on our Hole-in-One plaque.

See you on the tee. Thought for the day: Man blames fate for all other accidents, but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole-in-one. =

Vice-President (Dave Gigliotti):

I would like to thank those members who returned responses on the 2007 Men's Club Survey.

The results of your responses were presented and discussed at the March 14th men's club board meeting. It was decided at that time, that rather than publish the entire survey results to every member, I would create a brief summary of the responses and publish them in this month's Nugget. If, however you wish to have a copy of the survey results, contact me at 736-9315, and I will be happy to forward one to you.

The following is a brief summary of the survey:

- 102 members responded to all or some of the survey questions.
- In regards to questions concerning Wednesday play were-
focus on team concept formats
4-man, 2man, individual formats in that order, are preferred.
a variety of formats are also preferred.

Tee preference were Blue tees 2-1 over White tees, however, many of the responses indicated that there should more blue tee/white tee options. Many responses indicated that some sort of flighting would increase participation. We should also consider a nine hole flight on Wednesday. Pace of play is an issue--we should try to keep our 18 hole rounds under 4 1/2 hours. There were some great responses regarding our new Members/Guest tournament. As a result, some changes will be implemented for our August 11th, 2007 tournament. Hope you all will be able to participate. Responses to the Monthly tournaments in general:

Flighting our tournaments as much as possible was a favorable response.

We need to continue to implement a variety of formats. NCGA qualifying tournaments are popular, but remember if you choose not to participate in the qualifying, you can still play in a non-qualifier flight. Trophies: most felt that individual for event winners was not necessary, but that perpetual trophies would be a good idea. There was an overwhelming response to provide some type of charitable event- tournament. We will look into providing such an event in our tournament schedule in the future. Most felt that the communication provided by the men's club board was good. However, we are always trying to improve communication. There were some good suggestions that we will try to implement. In general--the board felt that the survey was a worthwhile informational tool. There were many constructive-positive responses from our

members. Again we thank you for your participation and we will continue to request your input. A special thanks to members Bruce Chappell and Tom DeGregori for their computer assistance.

Handicap and Rules Chairman (John Renati):
Golf etiquette, Sportsmanship, and the Spirit of the game.

Unlike many sports golf is played without a referee or umpire. The game relies on the individual players to show consideration for other players and to play by the rules of golf. All players in a golf competition are responsible to know the rules of golf. There is no penalty for asking a fellow competitor for information about a rule. In turn there is no penalty for a fellow competitor to let his opponent know that he is about to commit an infraction that would result in a penalty to his opponent. In fact, letting an opponent know that he is about to commit an infraction is good golf etiquette and sportsmanship.

Some examples are:

Letting your opponent know that he has teed his ball up in front of the teeing area and that if he hit the ball he would incur a two stroke penalty.

Letting your opponent know that he cannot ground his club in a hazard.

Letting your opponent know that he is taking an incorrect drop.

Giving your opponent information on the rules of golf is the right thing to do. Knowingly letting your opponent commit an infraction and then calling him on it and penalizing him for doing it is not in the Spirit of the Game. These are examples of infractions that have happened in some of our tournaments. Let's make it a point to warn your opponents if you see him about to make an error that will cause him to incur a penalty. You will not be penalized for being a good Sportsman.

Member at Large (Ray Walker):

Harvey Penick's "**Little Red Book**" has some valuable lessons for **all** golfers - from the beginner to the expert. Simplicity in his teachings is a common thread throughout the book, and its origin is his note taking of 50 years of golf instruction. Here are a few of the salient points that I derived from his book. Practicing - Spend 80 -90% of your time on the **short game** - your wedge and putter (most strokes occur from 60 yards in). Taking the Shot - **Take Dead Aim** at your target. Have **Positive Thoughts** on each shot (nothing negative) and at the time of the shot it must be the most important thing in your life at that very moment. The three **most important clubs** in your bag in order of importance -the **Putter**, the **Driver** & the **Wedge**. Other areas he addresses is **The Grip** - hold the club like your holding a bird - light enough so it can't fly away, **The Swing**, **Your Tempo**, and **Shot Selection**.

Tournament Director (Tom DeGregori):

We are off to a great start and we hope we can continue for the balance of the year. Below are just some of the highlights for past and future events:

2007 Men's Club Tournament Remaining Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
Apr 14	Sat	7:30 AM	NCGA Qualifier, 2man 1 best ball net
May 12	Sat	7:00 AM	NCGA Amateur Qualifier, Indy Medal Play low net
Jun 9	Sat	6:30 AM	NCGA Sr. 4ball Qualifier, 2man 1 best ball net
Aug 11	Sat	9:00 AM	Members/Guest Tourney, incl BBQ
Sep 8/9	Sat Sun	7:00 AM	Men's Club Tourney, Medal Play Championship
Oct 12	Fri	7:30 AM	Men's Club Tourney, Senior Championship
Nov 3	Sat	10:00 AM	Men's Club Appreciation Tourney, dinner/awards
Dec 8	Sat	10:00 AM	Men's Club Tourney

Congratulations to Steve Chaviel, Bob Heise, Rick Parker and Tom Walker for winning the NCGA 4 man, 2 best ball event held on March 10, 2007. They will represent our club in the tournament starting with the regional zone championships on June 25th and 26th at Poppy Hills GC and Spyglass Hills GC. Good luck!!!!

Thanks to Harry Phillips and Jim Pisula for organizing the GHC Men's Club NCGA 12 man team event. A notification was sent out to all GHC Men's Club members on March 22, 2007 for this event. If you are interested, then please sign up at the Pro Shop.

The Wednesday play times and formats have been finalized. The formats were changed based upon the responses to our questionnaire. You can find the schedule posted on our bulletin board in the clubhouse.

We look forward for continuing support in our tournament and Wednesday play.

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

Secretary's Notes (Ron Rivera):

I would like to thank all the Men's Club members who have kept me up to date on address changes and e-mail address changes. Since e-mail is the main form of

communication for information from the Men's Club Board we want to keep our records up to date. Please send any changes to me: Ron Rivera, e-mail: ronaldwr8@aol.com

Greenhorn Creek Course Maintenance

I see a lot of divots when I walk the course and try to fix as many as I can without slowing down play. Many of you have probably seen me pushing my cart loaded with sand bottles to make sure I fix not only my own divots but those of others. If each of us would take the time to make sure we fill in any divots we make plus maybe one more we can help to keep Greenhorn Creek in great shape. This is especially important now that we have our new tee boxes.

As you have all seen the new tee boxes are a real addition to the quality of the Greenhorn Creek golfing experience. It is important that each of us make sure we pick up any loose tees and fix all divots on not only the new tee boxes but all the tee boxes. It only takes a few seconds to repair a divot and that small amount of time will help to maintain our course. I look forward to the day that I go on the course with my bottles of sand and wind up fixing only the divots that I have made. Let's all remember to fix all ball marks on the greens when we find them. I challenge all of my fellow Men's Club members to take up the torch of course maintenance.

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

Board meeting December 13, 2006

A motion was made that the Men's Club should not pay for an individual's hole in one trophy. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor of the motion. The men's club will not buy these trophies.

Board meeting January 10, 2007

A motion was made that the blind draw partners used for tournaments or on Wednesday Men's club will no longer get money for helping another team. The money won from a blind draw will go into a separate account (4045-Men's Club Bb Sweeps) to accumulate earnings over the year. The Blind draw will be kept anonymous to all participants. This money now can be used at the end of the year to benefit all players. For example: Men's Club Appreciation raffle prizes, etc. A motion was made to accept this proposal. The motion was seconded and approved by the board.