
Edelweiss Chalet Charter

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NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!

For those of you who were not at the annual meeting (was it only two months ago?), we are moving ahead with the bar remodeling project. The membership vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the project. The final vote was 81 in favor and 14 opposed. Immediately after the meeting Jeff began the process of getting bids. The project was bid in two parts. The first part was the moving of the bar from the outside wall to the inside wall and making it a horseshoe shape rather than one long bar. The second part of the bid was to move the cooler from the room by the old bar to the area where Jeff's office currently was located. Jeff and Pat would share an office and Jeff's old office would also contain the grill and fryers. The wall between the current dining room and the bar would be removed and the dining room expanded to seat approximately 300 people. Four bids were received and based on the cost it was decided to do both projects at the same time.

If any of you have been checking our website lately you'll be able to see pictures from the bar remodel. There are some before and during pictures. Dennis Thoman and his crew, who had the lowest bid for the project, have been here for 1 ½ weeks now and are making considerable progress on the remodeling. Remember, it has to get worse before it can get better. If any of you are interested in seeing the remodeling in progress, feel free to stop out to see any time Monday through Friday.

As any of you who have done any remodeling are aware, dust and dirt are a normal part of the procedure. Since the projected finish date is between March 15 and April 1, we are asking if the members would please help us out by coming out to the clubhouse on Saturday, March 13, at 9 A.M. to clean. There will be lots of dusting and organizing to do by that time.

Members will also be able to help out on Saturday, March 27, when we have our member clean up day.

Respectfully,
Jeff

HAPPENINGS FROM THE BOARD

(This is a short synopsis of the minutes of the board meetings. A complete listing of the board minutes is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the restrooms.)

October 20, 2009

Revenue projections for the month of September were near the actual amount received. This is the fourth month in a row that we have been close to projected revenues.

Hans Lenzlinger has been approached by Jeff about doing our catering for next year. Hans and Mike Nevil will discuss it and get back to the board by the end of the month.

Board members reviewed the letter that will go out to the membership regarding the bar remodeling project. A copy of the November newsletter will be mailed to all members and will include a copy of the ballot for the remodeling project.

The last newsletter requested donations from members to replace the trees that have been lost on the course. Several members have sent a contribution.

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Edelweiss has been chosen to host a WSGA net partner tournament at our course next year. This will result in statewide exposure for our course.

The staff has been getting complaints about the edelcash not carrying over to next year. This was a decision made at the last annual meeting and members were made aware of it through the newsletter. If the edelcash is not used by the end of the fiscal year (October 31), it will be lost. The board also decided not to award edelcash to members for paying their dues early as they did last year.

Jeff explained to the board how reciprocals are chosen. There will be no changes in reciprocals for the coming year.

The cart sheds can now be locked and the procedure will be explained to members at the annual meeting. Beginning next season the sheds will be locked every night to prevent vandalism.

November 17, 2009

The juveniles who vandalized the property at Edelweiss several months ago were in court yesterday. Jeff has not heard from Green County as to the outcome of the court proceedings.

The dead trees have all been cut down on the course leaving only the stumps remaining. According to the arborist, this will take care of the pine bore that had infested the trees.

The New Glarus School District has approached us about hosting the 2010 cross country regional or sectional meet. It would be held on a Saturday in October. Jeff will meet with representatives from the school on Friday and a decision will be made after his questions are answered.

Jeff and Pete met with the Bank of new Glarus regarding the loan for the bar remodel. The bank is willing to loan us the money and add it to our mortgage, however, they would require us to do a commercial appraisal since one has not been done in several years. Since the majority of the absentee ballots for the bar remodel are coming in in favor of the remodel Jeff will begin getting bids so we have some firm numbers for the annual meeting.

Rounds of golf played at Edelweiss increased about 10% over last year. 28% of the rounds were played by members with the remaining rounds played by greens fee players and outings.

A year in review meeting of the Course & Grounds Committee was held recently. Overall the committee felt that the Bruce Company did a good job this year. Next year Jeff will have more input into how the pins and cups will be placed.

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Jeff and Jim Prehn met with Hans Lenzlinger and he is very interested in handling our catering needs. He is between \$4 and \$8 per meal cheaper than The Heights. Hans does not want to do a Friday night fish fry.

December 30, 2009

The purpose of this special board meeting was to discuss bids for the bar remodel project and decide on a contractor. Dennis Thoman was absent from the meeting since his company submitted a bid for the project.

The board reviewed four bids for the project. The bids were divided into two projects: one for the bar remodel and two for moving the cooler into the new bar area from the room off the existing bar. The bid from Kavanaugh was for the equipment, the installation of the equipment, new tables and new bar stools.

A motion was made to do the two projects at the same time. This motion carried. Jeff will also check into the cost of venting the attic since the compressors will be placed in the attic. He will also look into getting a washer and dryer installed and compare the cost of changing the bar surface to a laminated wood finish.

A motion was made to accept the bid for the project from TC Construction. This motion carried. Construction will begin about February 1 and should be completed by April 1.

FROM THE OFFICE

Wow – what a mess we are in! Jeff has been taking pictures of the construction work in progress and it will be interesting to review these pictures after the remodeling is completed. Dennis and his crew continue to make progress every day! We have also had volunteers here nearly every day helping with a lot of the dismantling of the old bar.

Dues have been coming in and so far it doesn't look like we will be losing a lot of members. Three people have dropped their memberships and we have one new member.

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