
Edelweiss Chalet Chatter

NOVEMBER 2011

NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!

The season has almost come to a close which means cold weather is here again. Aside from a colder than normal spring, the weather had been good for the golf season of 2011. Hopefully you were able to take advantage.

The Annual Meeting will take place on December 10th at 11am. This is a great time to learn of the state of Edelweiss and what the future holds. We will also go over any questions you may have. Last year we barely had a quorum of members so please stop by for the meeting on December 10th. We also supply a free lunch for all the members who attend. If you would like to bring a dessert to pass you can but it is optional.

We do have 2 board members whose term expires this year, Eric Miller and Richard Arn. They have expressed interest in running again but will need to get voted in at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in running for the board, please let me know and I will add your name to the list of potential board members.

I have good news to report and that is your dues will not be increased for next year. Pat is getting all the invoices ready as I type. Keep in mind that if you pay any time before January 15th, 2012, you will receive 4 free guest passes for 9 holes of golf. This is an \$84.40 value so please take advantage. Membership dues money helps us pay our bills throughout the winter when we are not generating money in other ways. It is important to our financial wellbeing and we appreciate every effort that is made to pay your dues early.

I hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting on December 10th,
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.)

August 23, 2011

Pete told the board that we are having an exceptionally good year. Our cash flow is up considerably over last year. Our cart revenue for August is up about 17% this year and greens fees are up about 23%.

Jeff will be running a dues special for new members – pay your dues for next year now and golf the rest of this year for free.

The team from Edelweiss Chalet Country Club won the Swiss Cup last weekend!

Jeff had a couple of policy questions for the board. The first was in regard to cart rental for the rest of the season. Jeff was told to use his own discretion since this was a question that has never come up before. The other question had to do with underage drinking at Edelweiss. The board told Jeff to follow whatever guidelines state law requires regarding minors drinking with a parent present.

Dennis Thoman asked why rain water is not draining between #5 green and #6 tee box. (The water runs into

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the stream and if the stream is high the water has no where to go.)

The tee boxes on the back 9 were aerated yesterday. The fairways will be done next week and the greens will be done on September 19.

Jeff will be cutting back the menu in the bar after the college kids go back to school and we are short of help.

September 20, 2011

Jeff gave the board members a preliminary budget for the coming season. He explained the increases over the past year's budget.

The ground repair work on hole #3 and hole #8 will begin next week.

The old signs on the outside of the building have not been put up after the painting of the exterior of the building. Jeff will be ordering new signs since the old ones are very worn.

The following have joined Edelweiss this fall to take advantage of the special that Jeff has been running, allowing new members to golf for free this fall if they pay next year's dues now: Jim Zander & Kathy Arneson, Jason Perkins, Alan Rufer, the Gary Beutler family, Daren Duffey, and Douglas Thiessen.

Tim Abraham explained some of his ideas for advertising the membership special rates.

Having a ranger for some of the larger outings was discussed.

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ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY,

DECEMBER 10, 2011

11 A.M.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
NOW AND PLAN TO
ATTEND**

**LUNCH FOLLOWING THE
BUSINESS MEETING!**

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FROM THE OFFICE

The season is winding down but we have had a few diehard golfers. It's good to see people out here enjoying the course because it is still in excellent condition.

The date for the annual meeting has been set – December 10. I hope that you all mark your calendars and plan to attend. Last year we almost didn't have enough for a quorum so hopefully that will not be the case this year. If you attend the annual meeting, you will receive a financial report for the past season as well as a budget for the coming season. Remember that you are all owners of Edelweiss and should be interested in the finances of your club. We also serve free lunch after the business meeting!

The past season has been one of the best in terms of finances since I started here 16 years ago. Jeff is doing an excellent job as your General Manager and I would hope that you all thank him for the work that he puts in to keep Edelweiss running smoothly.

I will be getting the dues invoices out next week. Remember - if you pay before the 15th of January you will get 4 free guest passes. This is a great deal for you and it helps the club to have money to operate with in the winter time – we still have bills even if we are not open for business!

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!!!

Pat

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