
Edelweiss Chalet Charter

OCTOBER 2009

NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!

As you have probably noticed, there was no September newsletter. I do not have a good excuse for not getting one out to you so I will not even try to make one up. I am sorry for not writing a September newsletter. Here is the October version.

As I near the end of my 3rd season (wow, where did the time go) I am already thinking about the next few years. We are going to have to do something to replace the 30 to 40 trees we will be cutting down this fall. The quicker we can get some trees planted the better. If you have not seen the area between 5 and 6 in the last 2 weeks, you will be shocked at how different it looks with just 5 trees being cut down. Donated trees are great but we still have to spend between \$100 and \$300 to get them transplanted. If anyone is interested in donating money to help us with our tree issue, please contact me at your earliest convenience. If you want to donate trees, please contact me as well.

The Swiss Cup took place on August 22nd and 23rd. This is an annual event taking place between Monroe Country Club and Edelweiss. I am happy to say that our team of Jay Martinson, Craig Hodgson, Keith Topp, Rick Hagen, Ken Zimmerman, Robby Reuter, Tom Kuhne, Michael Durst, D.J. Schuett, Chuck Chandler, Troy Ruegsegger, Jason Anderson, Ben O'Brien, and Chuck Ryman beat the Monroe CC team 43 ½ to 28 ½. It was, by far, the most lop-sided win for Edelweiss in the history of the Swiss Cup. The next time you see any of these players make sure you congratulate them on a nice win.

The Club Championship was held on August 29th and 30th. Your winners were the following people:
Championship Division – Men - Jay Martinson,
Championship Division – Women – Brenda Miller,
Net Division – Women – Mary Austin,
1st Flight – Men – Mark Richards,
2nd flight – Men – Bernie Ellefson,

3rd Flight – Men – Randy Olivares,
4th Flight – Men – Gordie Grossen.
Congratulate them on a job well done.

Since the last newsletter, I think we have had only one hole-in-one by a member and that was Sharon Fisher on hole #7. Nice work Sharon, you now have one more Ace than I do (I have 0) ☺.

The restaurant survey results are available to anyone who wants to see them. They will be behind the bar. Please look these over when you come to play.

We will be running an event on Saturday, October 10th that is open to anyone. We will set up the golf course "Cross-Country" style. (ie. Tee box on #1 to the green for #2.) It will be a 2 person scramble with tee times starting at approximately 2pm. We will hope to finish the golf at about 5pm and will have dinner following. Cost will be \$20 per person for members and \$40 per person for non-members. Times may change based on the kick-off time of the Badger game that day.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 2009. It will start at 10am and will end before 2pm because we have a company holiday party in the dining room that night. At this year's annual meeting we will vote for the bar remodel again. It will be the best time for you to ask questions about the project and how we are proposing to pay for it. As always, we will have free lunch following the meeting.

If you would like to run for the Board of Directors please submit your name to me before October 31st so I can get your name in the next newsletter. We have two seats that are up for re-election; Richard Hartman and Pete Eddington, who are both going to run again for another 3 year term.

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.)

July 21, 2009

Pete informed the board that we have made approximately \$1300 profit on the gaming machines this year. A few members have complained about the machines but the board will continue to monitor the machines to insure that we are making a profit on them.

Jeff will begin work on the 2010 budget so that a preliminary budget will be available by the next meeting.

Between 60 and 70 people have signed up for Member Guest Day. A representative from Calloway will be here that day and each participant will receive a \$30 gift certificate from Calloway that must be spent that day.

The board felt that the bar remodel project should be voted on again this year at the annual meeting. This year a funding option could be added to make members aware of how the project will be paid for.

The McGladrey Cup winners were Michael Oellerich, Rhett Reuter, and Robby Reuter. They have asked Matt to play with them at Janesville. Jeff will be playing with the second place winners: Ken Zimmerman, Tom Kuhne, and Chuck Ryman.

Our pro shop inventory is up slightly over last year's inventory at the end of June.

Our contract with the Bruce Company states that they will make \$10,000 in improvements to the course this year. A motion was made to accept their bids for the following improvements: install drainage on hole #3, add a six foot wide gravel cart path to #12 green and #13 tee, add a six foot wide gravel cart path on hole #14 green, and add a six foot wide gravel cart path to hole #15. The additional money needed to complete these projects will be taken from the capital improvement fund.

Sand has been added to the bunkers on hole #13, hole#15, and hole #17. The first bunkers on #2 and #6 will be taken out in the fall. The Course & Grounds Committee will also look into the cost of turning the lower bunker on #18 into a grass bunker.

August 18, 2009

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Pete informed the board that for the second month in a row we have come very close to our budgeted income. Our cash balance was budgeted at \$1,025 at the end of July and we had an actual cash balance of \$5,935.

The Capital Improvement Fund collected from the members has a remaining balance. This money will be maintained in an isolated account for further improvements.

Aerification of the fairways and tees on the back nine will be done the week of September 1. The greens will be aerated the week of September 8.

Members Day is scheduled for September 26.

The annual meeting date is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, at 10 A.M.

Member Guest Day was a success. Scott Johnson was the winner of the raffle for the free membership for next year.

The Sheriff's Department has gotten confessions from 3 individuals involved in the vandalism a few weeks ago. Estimates for damages will be submitted to the Sheriff's Department so that these individuals can begin making restitution.

Jeff has compiled the results from the member survey about the operation of the restaurant. The Bar & Restaurant Committee will review these surveys and make some recommendations to the board.

Most of the cart paths that were approved as part of the Bruce Company improvement plan are in. The cart path by the 14th hole tee box was not part of the improvements but needs some attention. Jeff will discuss this with Brian and some work will be done in this area.

Pat will decrease her hours to part time beginning November 1.

After the latest vandalism to member's carts, the security of the cart barns was discussed. The Pro Shop Committee will meet and make some recommendations to the board regarding suggestions to make the barns more secure.

FROM THE OFFICE

It doesn't seem possible that we are talking about the end of the season already! Where has the summer gone?

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We have had a very good summer, both weather wise and financially. From comments that I have heard, the Bruce Company is doing an excellent job of maintaining the course and that has drawn greens fee players this year. We hope to have a long and beautiful fall!

As you may have noticed in the minutes of the meeting on August 18th, I will be going to part time beginning on November 1. I have applied for Social Security (Am I really that old??!!!). I will still be doing all of the office work but I am looking forward to spending more time with my grandchildren and great grandchildren. I will also have more time for traveling – I will be going to Egypt in November and have several other trips in the works! I don't ever want to fully retire so I will still be around as long as the board will have me.

I hope that you all have your calendars marked for Saturday, December 5, to attend the annual meeting. Once again members will be asked to vote on the bar remodel project. There are also two board members whose terms expire. (They are both seeking reelection.) Our accountant will be here to give a synopsis of our financial condition.

Congratulations to the club champions! It seems that there was more participation this year than there has been in previous years, which is a good thing!

I hope to see many of you out golfing in the coming weeks. I know that many of you put your clubs away after Labor Day and there are even a few of our members who have left for the South already, but our course is in such great shape that it is a shame not to make use of it!

Pat

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