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# Edelweiss Chalet Chatter

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## **NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!**

The McGladrey Cup Tournament was a success on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We had 11 – 3 person teams compete and winners were Craig Hodgson, Keith Topp, and Pat Lutz. The 3 of them plus me will compete in the sectional event on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Bristlecone Pines in Milwaukee. I will let you know how we did.

The Member – Guest Tournament was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. We had 148 players come and enjoy a day of golf and food, even if it did rain the entire time we were out there golfing. The winning team was Michael Durst and Brent Clever who shot a one under par 71. Thanks to all the players who competed and brought out their guest to help us showcase our facility. Hopefully this event will help generate some new memberships for this fall or next year.

Craig Hodgson was the winner of the 2007 Match Play Event. Congratulations, Craig!

The next member's event we have on the calendar is the Club Championship. It will be a two day event August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Tee times will start at 7am on Saturday and Sunday and tee times will be made according to flights. There will be a Men's and a Women's division with different flights based on handicap. A WSGA handicap will be required. If you do not have a WSGA handicap, you can play in the Championship flight. Sign-ups will be available in the golf shop.

We are the hosts this year for the New Glarus/Evansville Couple event. August 25<sup>th</sup> will be the date for golf starting at 12pm with dinner to follow. If you would like to sign up for this fun event, please stop by the golf shop and pick up an entry. No handicap or skill level required, just bring yourselves and have fun.

Member's Day will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. We have not decided on a format yet but we will have something posted in the next few weeks.

There are only a few days in August that events will interfere with standing tee times. Those dates are Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> (limited tee times available), Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> (No tee times available), Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> (No tee times available), Saturday and Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> (No tee times available). Thank you for your understanding with these dates.

We have had a good year so far and I hope it continues through the end of the summer and into the fall. Thank you for helping me through to this point of the year. As always, if you have any questions, comments, and concerns, please don't be afraid to bring them to me.

Jeff Ellingson

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### BAR & RESTAURANT NEWS

Hello everyone, First I'd like to say that I appreciate the opportunity that has been given me here at Edelweiss Chalet Country Club. I've enjoyed meeting some of you, & look forward to meeting those members that I haven't encountered yet.

I have a lot of plans in the works for the kitchen, restaurant, banquet department, & bar. I've ordered half a cow from Margo's daughter, who raises cattle here in Green County. Margo is one of our servers who has worked here for about two years. I'm having it all ground, and we will be serving hand-pattied steak burgers as soon as it is processed in Black Earth. I have some other great menu ideas that will be implemented ASAP. If any of you have ideas, or have favorite recipes, I'd love to hear from you.

In the up coming months, I'm planning a wine & cheese tasting for our members, and would like to have a burger night where the members could pick and vote for their favorite hamburger to be named the Edelweiss burger.

I am also creating a new Banquet menu that will offer a better selection, be cost effective, and competitive to other facilities that offer similar services. Overall, I'm diligently working to increase our banquet sales for the upcoming months and next wedding season.

In closing, it's been a great season so far. And once again, I look forward to meeting all of you.

Gerry

### HAPPENINGS FROM THE BOARD

*(This is a short synopsis of the minutes of the board meeting. A complete listing of the board minutes is posted on the bulletin board in the bar entryway. Please take the time to read them. It's your club!)*

July 19, 2007

Pete Eddington told the board that we will need to get bookings for events this winter in order to make it profitable to stay open this winter. Pete would also like to see the board begin a multi-year plan for golf course and clubhouse improvements.

Department heads need to begin working on their budgets for next season.

Jeff will approach the Belleville school system about starting a golf program with Edelweiss as their home course. The Verona girls will begin practicing here in late August.

Winners of the McGladrey Tournament were Craig Hodgson, Keith Topp, and Pat Lutz. Jeff will play with them when they go to the next level at Bristlecone.

Jeff has purchased a computer tower to replace the one in the pro shop. We have been having problems with that computer shutting itself off. Jeff suggested that Pat's computer be replaced before we begin having problems with that one, since there is so much information stored on her computer.

Jim will be digging the rocks that were put down along the cart paths into the ground so that carts are not damaged by going over these rocks.

Gerry, the new bar and restaurant manager, has several ideas for new business promotions. We have had complaints about the bartenders and Gerry will be working with the girls to train them more thoroughly.

Rick suggested that we have a staff appreciation day. August 19 was selected as a date for this outing. The staff will begin golfing at 1:30 and a lunch will be served from 3 to 5:30. The board will be on hand to handle some of the staff duties that day so that as many of the staff as possible will be able to participate.

The next board meeting will be on August 19 at 6 P.M.

**FROM THE OFFICE**

What a great day the Member/Guest Day was - other than the rain that started in earnest before some of us were finished golfing! Gerry and his staff prepared an excellent meal for everyone to enjoy after the golfing. For those of you who did not sign up to play in the outing, you missed out on a good time.

It doesn't seem possible but in a few weeks we will start to lose our college staff members who will be returning to school. The summer sure has gone by fast. As I have said before, the older I get the faster time goes by!!!

The Edelweiss/Evansville Couples Tournament is coming up the end of this month. This is a really fun event! The Edelweiss couples won last year so, if we want to retain the trophy for Edelweiss, we need people to sign up for the event.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay cool and dry!!!

Pat

**COURSE & GROUNDS**

With the end of July we have seen the much needed rain, but now, if someone has a direct line to the weather fairy, you can call and tell him or her that we can't take all this rain. 9" in two and a half days has done wonders for our turf, but now we really don't need any more.

For the next couple of days, and possibly for the next week, if you could please heed all cart signage, and any rope barriers that may be in place, it will lessen the impact of carts on our saturated turf.

We will also begin the process of aerifying fairways, tees, and greens in the upcoming weeks and, while this process isn't fun for anyone, it is one of the necessary evils of turf management.

The end is near, but so is some of the best golfing weather and conditions of the year. I hope that all of you take full advantage of the course in the limited time that is remaining.

Respectfully, Jim Scott  
Superintendent

## 2007 EVENTS

### August 4 Member/Guest Day

August 10 WAHSA  
 August 11 Madison Golf Tour  
 August 16 Certco  
 August 17 United Way  
 August 18 & 19 Swiss Cup  
 August 25 New Glarus/Evansville Couples

### August 25 & 26

#### Club Championship

September 6 Norandex  
 September 8 Matt Grossen Memorial

### September 9 Members Day

September 19 Hagen Invitational

## ELOGG REPORT

The 8<sup>th</sup> Ladies Only Golf Gala was held on July 11, 2007. 89 golfers participated in the 9 hole shotgun start event that was followed by dinner and announcement of flag winners and raffle prizes. This year we were able to raise \$836, which includes an \$11 contribution from the pro shop proceeds for the day. This amount will be sent to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. Last year's event raised \$675. We want to thank every one for their support and participation.

Edelweiss Ladies Auxiliary Committee