
Edelweiss Chalet

Chatter

MARCH 2008

NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!

With each passing day it is one step closer to digging divots out of the earth, fixing ball marks on the green, and the start to another golf season. No, really, it will happen eventually.

It has been a good winter for the most part. The snow has kept the frost out of the ground which should help us get a running start to the season. The unknown at this point is how the snow will melt. If it melts slowly, we will be fine. If it melts quickly, we could be in trouble but that is all up to Mother Nature.

There are quite a few dates that I want you to keep in mind for the upcoming season. Some dates I will go into detail about now but attached is a list of events for the year. Keep in mind this list is always changing. The most up to date list of events will be posted in the hallway and in the bar area.

Edelweiss will not be serving Easter Brunch this year as we have in the past. We will probably be serving Mother's Day brunch though so keep us in mind as you pick out places to take your mother.

Tiziani Golf Car Corp. has scheduled their golf car tune-up tour for March 25th and 26th. If you would like them to do a tune-up on your golf car please call them at 1-800-824-8961 to set up your appointment.

Member Clean-up Day will be April 5th starting at 10am. When we are done lunch will be served to all the volunteers. Last year we had 15 people come out and help. I would like to see at least 30 people this year. Please come and help us get the course ready to make a good impression to start the year.

May 4th will be our Member Spring Kick-off Party. We have attached a copy of the flyer you will see posted here at the clubhouse. If you are interested in signing up please stop by the pro shop or look for the sign-up on the pro shop door. As an addition, Matt will be on the range from 11:30 until 1 to help you shack off the winter rust and tune up for the upcoming season.

May 9th we have tentatively planned a bus trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers. They play the St. Louis Cardinals that night at 7:05. Plans are to leave Edelweiss parking lot at 2pm and arrive at the ball park for a tailgate/grill out. That should give us enough time to eat and consume some beverages before the game starts. Prices are not set yet and we will start to finalize these plans in the coming days so if you would like a spot please call the golf shop and sign up.

I would like to clean up a little confusion about something that I mentioned at the annual meeting regarding member carts. **WE WILL NOT BE CHARGING GUESTS FOR RIDING IN A MEMBER CART THIS YEAR.** We will be tracking guests that ride in member carts to get a better understanding of how often it happens. At the annual meeting in December these numbers will be discussed and all of the possible options will be considered. Your comments and/or questions are always welcome on this subject or any subject. Please contact me at your convenience.

Guest passes will be handled a little differently this year than in years past. We will still keep everyone's guest

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pass on file at the pro shop but in a different format. We will have a three ring binder with a form for everyone who has purchased a guest pass or has received the four free passes for paying their dues in full in January. We will ask that when you use a guest pass that you place your initials on this form. The biggest reason for doing this is to clear up any confusion about when guest passes were used and by whom. It might take an extra couple of seconds when you check in but in the long run it will be beneficial for everyone.

I am excited to say that Matt Kennedy will be back for another season. He is a great fit for Edelweiss and I hope we can keep him for many years. As he was last year, he is the person in charge when I am not here or unavailable. You should never hesitate to talk to him about any issues you have.

I am pleased that Pat Jeglum has returned for another season at Edelweiss. She did semi-retire to $\frac{3}{4}$ time so you will not see her behind the pro shop desk but I know she always enjoys seeing everyone, so make sure you poke your head into the office and say hi.

I am sad to say that Derek Bartle will not be back for this season. He has moved on to the related field for his college degree. I wish him nothing but the best. He will more than likely be a student member of Edelweiss, so make sure you wish him luck as you see him on the golf course this year.

It should be an enjoyable year and one I am looking forward to. If you have any questions or comments, please just give me a call anytime.

Sincerely,
Jeff Ellingson

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!)

November 12, 2007

Karen had some questions that were posed to her by a member about league play. The board agreed with the policy that guest cards cannot be used for league play. Jeff has issued rain checks for any outstanding payments made by league players who prepaid for the season.

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We are beginning to get ready for winter - the walk in coolers have been shut down, the irrigation lines will be blown out tomorrow, and the snow mold chemicals will be put down next week.

The budget was reviewed and passed by the board with some minor changes.

Stoughton Country Club has made a request to be one of our reciprocal courses next year.

November 27, 2007

Pat will prepare monthly budgets for the board so that income and expenses can be tracked on a more timely basis.

Jeff and Matt have finished the storage closet in the pro shop.

Preparations for the annual meeting to be held on December 8th were finalized.

December 8, 2007

The purpose of this meeting was to elect officers for the 2008 season. The following officers were elected:

President	Pete Eddington
Vice President	Anne Miller
Secretary	Dick Hartman
Treasurer	Richard Arn

January 8, 2008

Pete Eddington has made all of the committee assignments for 2008.

Jeff will be attending the Bridal Show in Madison on Saturday and Sunday, January 12 and 13, to promote Edelweiss as a facility for wedding receptions, as well as rehearsal dinners and other gatherings.

The Madison Golf Show will be on February 15-17.

Jeff has met with three catering companies. Queen Anne's of Madison seems to be the company who will give us the best deal. They would be willing to do a Friday night fish fry on a three month trial basis. Jeff will speak with them to iron out the details of a contract with them.

Jeff is proposing a special membership price to encourage new members. He is proposing a one time cost of under \$1,000 for golf and a cart for new (not returning) single members.

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Jim has purchased a demo greens roller for \$10,536.29. One of Jim's fertilizer suppliers will give us a fertilizer spreader free of charge for purchasing fertilizer from them. Jim will be looking into this further.

FROM THE OFFICE

What a long, long winter this is!!!!!! I think everyone is going to appreciate spring coming this year. We got a call a few days ago from Don Rupnow who made a tee time for March 30th. Last year we were open on March 26th so he is getting his reservation in early. I don't think that we are going to be ready for him on the 30th this year!

It seems like a long time ago, but we had a good turnout for the annual meeting in December. Karen Anderson and Steve Sailing were reelected to the board and Jim Kalscheur is serving his first term on the board. Members heard reports from our accountant and from Jeff telling them that the course is headed in the right direction. All in all, it was a very positive meeting and we all look forward to a great summer in 2008.

We have lost a few members this year and have gained two new members, with many more new members to come - we hope. The following have given up their membership at Edelweiss: Thomas Stohr, William Peters, Glen Watrud, Harland Watrud, Lucille Elmer, Jack Roberts, Dick & Phyllis Meier, Dennis & Cathy Johnson, Carl Chandler, and Harold Johnson. Frances Johnson of Madison is a new member who won a 2008 membership at the 2007 Member/Guest Day raffle. Gary & Sue Steiner and family have also joined the Edelweiss family this year.

As Jeff told you in his article, I have gone to $\frac{3}{4}$ time this year. I will miss working in the pro shop, but age is creeping up on me and I find that it takes me longer to do things than it used to. Working $\frac{3}{4}$ time will allow me to get my office work done and still have extra time to spend with my grandchildren and great grandchildren.

I look forward to seeing you all out here golfing soon. Daylight savings time starts this weekend so can spring be far behind?

Pat

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COURSE & GROUNDS

I would like to thank all of you for your warm wishes and best regards following my wife's illness. I am glad to report that she is doing better, and she wanted me to tell all of you that she really appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

We have been busy plowing snow, trimming trees, and laying gravel for the construction projects that have begun this winter, and in the spring you will notice a much improved course, especially on #8 where the pond is coming along nicely. We had to change the layout slightly because of some DNR restrictions but it will still function like we designed it to. Already the amount of water that this is moving is truly amazing. I hope that you are as happy with it as I am.

The pond on #14 has had some work done as well. We placed rip rap (large stone) around the banks of the pond to help enhance the look of it when the water level is low. I think you will like it a lot.

Member Clean-up Day is April 5th and if you can come and help us for a couple of hours it would be appreciated. Last year we were able to get done in a few hours what would have taken us a few weeks because of the limited crew we have so early in the year.

See you opening day!

Respectfully,
Jim Scott, Superintendent

ADVERTISEMENTS

GOLF CART FOR SALE

1999 Yamaha with windshield and golf hub caps. If interested, call 424-3239

LEAGUE PLAY

Anyone interested in playing in the Monday night ladies league, please contact Ronda at 241-5585 or Jeff at 527-2315

GOLF LESSONS

Early season golf lesson - member discounts

Lessons with either Matt or Jeff

3 - 40 MINUTE GOLF LESSONS FOR \$100

Normally \$40 per lesson

Call 527-2315 to set up your lesson

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April 5	Member Clean Up Day 10 A.M. with lunch to follow
May 4	Member's Spring Kick Off Party 1 P.M. with dinner & card party to follow
May 17	Green County Open
May 18	Green County Open
May 19	Match Play Begins
May 23	9 hole Calcutta #1 5:30 P.M. Followed by fish & chicken dinner
May 26	Start of Standing Tee Times
June 8	Calcutta #2 1 P.M.
June 29	Calcutta #3 2 P.M.
July 6	40 th Anniversary of Edelweiss 1 P.M. Dinner at 6 P.M. with entertainment to follow
July 9	NLOG 5 P.M.
July 12	McGladrey Cup Regional Golf Event 9A.M.
July 25	9 hole Calcutta #4 5:30 P.M. Followed by fish & chicken dinner
August 2	Member Guest Tournament
August 10	Calcutta #5
August 16	Club Championship
August 17	Club Championship
August 23	Swiss Cup
August 24	Swiss Cup
September 1	End of Standing Tee Times
September 13	Member's Day



Edelweiss Member's Spring Kick-off Party

Date: May 4th, 2008

Time: 1pm Shotgun Start

Event: 4 Person "Modified"
Scramble

Everyone tees off in your group. Your group chooses the best tee shot and all 4 players' then play from that spot. Your group chooses the best 2nd shot and all 4 players' then play from that spot. This process is continued until the ball is holed out.

"Modified"

Each person in the group will be given a handicap. The handicap of the four players in the group will be added together to give them their group handicap. The group handicap will determine the amount of string they will be given before play. The string can be used once per hole. It can be used to get the group back into the fairway, out of the sand, closer to the hole putting, etc. Any movement of the golf ball with the string does not count as a shot.

Matt on the Range:

Matt will be on the driving range from 11:30 until 1 offering free advice to help shake off the winter rust and get you tuned up for the season.

Cost:

Cost will be \$20 per player, plus cart if applicable. The breakdown is \$10 for the food/beverages and \$10

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for the prize fund. 100% of the prize fund will be paid back in Edelcash.

Para Mutual Betting:

All the teams will be listed on the board and you will be allowed to bet on any team you choose. 100% of the Para mutual betting will be paid in Edelcash.

Ties:

All ties will be broken by a sudden death playoff on Hole #1

**Appetizers will be served
in the bar following the
round of golf**