
Edelweiss Chalet

Chatter

NOVEMBER 2007

NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!

Some great news from my personal life to start this month's newsletter: My wife, Leigh, and I were blessed with our second child, Jackson Phillip Ellingson. He was born on Halloween weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. His older brother, Quintin (2), thinks it is cool being an older brother and gives him his pacifier whenever he cries and calls him baby Jack. Leigh and Jackson are both home doing fine and now the real fun starts.

We are now into November and that means an end to another golf season. We will be closed for the season starting November 16th. We will be putting our carts into the member cart shed the week after Thanksgiving, so please have your cart winterized or have it taken out of the shed by then.

I have had many members ask me why we close starting November 16th. There are a few reasons but the biggest two are because of the gun deer season that starts on the 17th. I think it is too dangerous to allow people to play with the amount of hunting that goes on around Edelweiss. The second reason is the chemicals that must be put down to help keep the golf course free of mold, fungus, and disease over the winter time. These chemicals must be applied before we get a permanent snow cover and, in Wisconsin, who knows when that will be. It is best to leave these chemicals undisturbed through the winter time.

Member's Day was October 6th and I was a little disappointed in the turn-out. We had a total of 80

members play that day. It is somewhat understandable since we had to move it from August to October but hopefully the 2008 Member's Day has much more participation.

Congratulations to Pete Eddington because he was the winner of the flat screen TV we gave away on Member's Day.

The Packer's game on Thursday, November 29th, versus the Dallas Cowboys is only on the NFL network and Edelweiss has the NFL network. Come and watch the game here. We will have munchies all during the game along with \$1.50 beer specials and \$2.00 mixers, good for any liquor.

The annual meeting has been planned for December 8th at 11am. Please plan on attending because it is your best opportunity to have us address any questions or concerns you have from the previous year or the upcoming year.

Following the annual meeting please join us for chili with all the fixins', along with drink specials and a meat raffle for the remaining frozen meat we have in the freezer.

Warmly,
Jeff

ANNUAL MEETING DATE SET

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER
8TH, AT 11 A.M.**

**The accountant will be attending
to give you a financial overview of
the past year.**

**We will be electing three new
board members! Steve Sailing,
Karen Anderson, and Rick Meier
are the three board members
whose terms expire. Steve is the
only one who has indicated a
desire to serve again.**

**Chili will be served following the
business meeting. We will also
have drink specials and a meat
raffle.**

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!)

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Jeff gave board members a preliminary budget to review before the next meeting. The budget does not include expenses for the restaurant being open next year.

Jim has seeded areas of the course where the grass was under water during the August rains and the grass is growing well.

The roller for the greens is no longer functional and will need to be replaced before next season. The reels on the reel mower also need to be replaced at a cost of \$800.

The date for the annual meeting has been set for the second Saturday in December. Karen Anderson, Rick Meier, and Steve Sailing are the board members whose terms expire this year.

Jeff has put together a list of capital improvements that need to be done around the clubhouse. 2007 was the last year for the irrigation assessment but the assessment will remain on the member's invoices to create a fund for these improvements.

October 14, 2007

Jeff reported that we have not heard anything from the Green Country Sheriff's Department about the vandalism that occurred in the cart sheds or the burglary that took place two weeks ago.

We are running the clubhouse with Jeff, Matt, Pat, and Katie as the only employees, which is normal for this time of year. The closing date for the golf course will depend on the weather. We hope to be able to stay open until deer hunting starts.

We have had 23,363 rounds of golf played at Edelweiss so far this year.

Jim and his crew are working at thinning the trees near the #9 green.

Jim presented the board with a plan to put in a pond on #8 fairway and lay drain tiles in the fairway to drain into the pond.

Rick Hagen attended the meeting to explain our new insurance policy for the 2008 season. Our deductible was raised to \$1000, resulting in a considerable savings in premium.

The budget was reviewed and will be revised before the next meeting.

The loss of cart rental by the club will be tracked next year. There are many instances that members allow

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nonmembers to use their cart or to ride with them in order to save cart rental costs. If the loss is significant, new policies will be put in place to prevent the loss of revenue.

FROM THE OFFICE

It looks like the end of the golf season is upon us. We have had fairly decent weather for this time of the year and have had golfers out here nearly every day.

Our annual meeting is right around the corner. I have been busy preparing all of the paperwork that you members receive at the meeting. Hopefully, many of you are planning to attend. There are three board members whose terms expire this year. Karen Anderson and Rick Meier have decided not to seek reelection. Steve Sailing is willing to serve another term if he is reelected. We have not heard anything from anyone else indicating that they are interested in a board position. It is an opportunity for you to make a difference at Edelweiss so I hope that some of you are thinking about serving on the board.

I am working on invoices for next year and will have them out to you in the next week. There is no dues increase for the 2008 season, which will make many of you happy. I am sending out invoices based upon your membership last year. If you want any changes, we can certainly make those changes when you pay your dues.

I have just returned from three weeks in China and my brain is still not functioning properly. I am sure that there were many other things that I was supposed to tell you about or explain in this newsletter, but I can't remember what they were. As soon as the newsletter is mailed, I will think of everything that should have gone in it!!!!

Have a very blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. I am going to Arizona to spend the holiday with my parents again this year.

Pat

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COURSE & GROUNDS

Another season in the books!!!! We had some issues this year but for the most part I have come away from 2007 feeling great about what my staff was able to accomplish. August would have tested many crews ability to keep a positive mental attitude and my guys passed with flying colors. I hope you were as pleased with their performance this year as I was.

With the annual meeting coming up in a couple of weeks, if there are any suggestions for the upcoming year, please feel free to voice these to me either before or after the meeting and we will work hard to address them in the next golf season.

I wish you all a great Thanksgiving. For those who won't be able to attend the annual meeting, it sincerely was fun being able to serve you again this year and I look forward to being able to serve you again next year.

Respectfully,

Jim Scott, Superintendent

PACKER PARTY

**JOIN US AT EDELWEISS ON
NOVEMBER 29TH WHEN THE
PACKERS PLAY THE DALLAS
COWBOYS!!!**

**WE WILL HAVE MUNCHIES
DURING THE GAME ALONG
WITH \$1.50 BEER SPECIALS
AND \$2.00 MIXED DRINK
SPECIALS!**

**THE BAR WILL OPEN AT 5
P.M. KICKOFF IS AT 7:15!**