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# Edelweiss Chalet Chatter

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OCTOBER 2008

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## NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!

As we get close to the end of another golf season, I hope you can all reflect back on a great golf season. I know I can. While we had quite a bit of rain in May and June this year, we had great course conditions throughout the year. Each time I played golf, which wasn't as often as I would have liked, I really enjoyed playing our golf course. We also had better attendance this year than last year for our events. That tells me everyone is having fun which makes me happy. I personally can not wait until next year which will be even better.

Members Day was Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We had flags events for members to win along with free food from 10am until 3pm. I think everyone enjoyed seeing me on the beverage cart as well. Everyone asked where my skirt was so I think next year I will wear one ☺

As we are now past Labor Day, the golf shop hours have changed. We will now open at 8 am Monday thru Friday and at 7am on Saturday and Sunday. If you come and play before we are open, please be conscious of frost. If you are not sure if we have frost, please do not play. It is better to be safe than sorry. You may ask why it is so important to stay off the grass when we have frost. Frost occurs when the water in the blades of grass freezes. If the grass is walked on the blade of grass will break causing it to die. When the grass dies it takes weeks to re-grow. In the mean time you can see footprints where someone has walked, as well as cart tracks where someone has driven a cart. Please do not let this happen to our beautiful golf course.

I would like to say thank you to Michael Durst. He generously donated enough money to fix most of the electrical problems we have been having in the clubhouse area, repair the parking lot lights, and add a few more electrical stalls in the member cart shed. Thank you, Michael!

If you have a project that you would like to see get done and would like to make a donation to Edelweiss, please contact me anytime to discuss the options.

As I have stated in many news articles this season; this is your golf course and my role is to manage it. You, the member, are ultimately responsible for the success or failure of Edelweiss. Without every member's support Edelweiss will struggle to survive. I try to make decisions that are in the best interest of the club and not necessarily individual members. I want to lead Edelweiss to become a thriving club again, which sometimes means making tough choices between member benefits and the monetary stability of the club. These are not easy decisions that are being made. I hope you understand I try to take both sides into consideration before making my recommendation.

The annual meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am with a luncheon to follow. There are two seats open for the Board of Directors this year. If you would like to run for the Board, please submit a short essay stating who you are and why you would like to be a Board member to me before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Many items will be discussed, including the proposed remodeling project of the bar and private cart usage by other members and non-members. **IF YOU WANT YOUR OPINION HEARD PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

You might ask yourself how I can talk about some potential struggles financially in one paragraph and spending money to remodel the bar area in the next. Remodeling the bar now will save us labor expenses for years to come, along with giving us the ability to serve a

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lunch menu again which will, in turn, help our monetary situation. Remodeling now will pay for itself within 5 years, in my estimation, making it well worth the investment.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please call me anytime to set up a meeting.

Jeff

## 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)*

August 12, 2008

The McGladrey Cup team from Edelweiss, Ken Zimmerman, Chuck Ryman, Tom Kuhne, and Jeff Ellingson, place 14<sup>th</sup> out of 33 teams at Brown Deer Country Club

The Member/Guest Day was well attended with 140 people participating.

The Heights Catering Service will be ending the Friday night fish fry at Edelweiss for the season on August 22.

The Personnel Committee will be planning a holiday party for employees on December 27.

Jim and his crew will be taking down about 40 dead trees on the course after Labor Day. Jim would like to replace some of these trees with clumps of river birch. The price for the trees would be about \$180 per clump and Jim would need 20 clumps.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow Jim to purchase an additional \$1,000 worth of drain tile for work on #14 and #15. This motion was needed because this purchase will put Jim over his approved budget.

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### FROM THE OFFICE

I have to begin my article by telling everyone that I have a new granddaughter, Emma Nicole. Several of you are already aware of this because the morning that she was born I was scheduled to open the pro shop. I arrived late and with Emma's big brother Jacob, who is 2 years old. (He was in awe of all the things there were to get into at Edelweiss!!!!) Those of you who were waiting to check in were very patient and I appreciate that!

The season is almost at an end - and it seems like just a short time ago that we were beginning the season!!!! Hopefully we will have several more weeks of golfing weather, but you never know. We do live in Wisconsin, after all!

As Jeff told you in his article, the annual meeting date has been set for December 13. There are some important decisions to be made so please mark your calendars now and try to attend. Many of you have looked at the layout for the new bar area and have expressed approval of the plans. The initial cost will be considerable but the savings in the long run will also be considerable. Come out and express your opinion!

We also have two board members whose terms end this year. They are Richard Arn, who was appointed to fill two years of the term of Tom Kuhne, and John Freitag, who was appointed to fill the last year of the term of Anne Miller. Serving on the board is a good way to learn about the workings of Edelweiss and to express your opinions about the direction that you want Edelweiss to go. If you are interested, get your resume to Jeff.

I look forward to seeing you all out here golfing at least a few more times before our long winter sets in!

Pat

## COURSE & GROUNDS

This is a great time of year to be outside playing golf! But we all know very well what lies around the corner. This time of year reminds me of working in San Diego - crisp mornings followed by absolutely beautiful afternoons. I hope you all get a chance to enjoy the golf course a couple of more times before the weather changes.

On to this month's information. On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> we will be planting trees on the golf course that were donated by Duane and Judy Shortreed. This will make an excellent addition and I, as a superintendent, couldn't have been more pleased with the donation because this saved us a considerable amount of time and money trying to figure out where we could get a discounted rate for the large amount of trees that we are planting. Along with the Shortreeds, we need to thank the Martinson's for their donation of money to replace some of the trees that met their demise along #6. We are going to plant something there that will be of a fast growing nature so the green will once more be protected. It's just a matter of doing some more research and finding the right specimen for our needs. This is very important considering the place where these trees are going. Joan Pedracine has also donated money to be used to purchase trees as needed for the course.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, we will be blowing out the irrigation system. This entails running all of our heads, making sure all the water is purged so it doesn't freeze and crack heads and pipes over the winter. Once we start we can't stop, so please be mindful of where your balls are on this day. We will not be able to shut down individual heads and clearing these could take upwards of 10 to 15 minutes per head (there are 500) so please understand we aren't being rude, time is of the essence.

I'm looking forward to a terrific fall and hope to see you all at least one more time.

Respectfully,  
Jim Scott

**ANNUAL MEETING  
SET FOR SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 13 AT 11  
A.M.  
MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS NOW &  
PLAN TO ATTEND  
THIS IMPORTANT  
MEETING**