
Edelweiss Chalet Chatter

NOVEMBER 2008

NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!

As is the case every year at this time, we have a tough decision as to when to close the golf course. We don't want to close too early so all the members can get in as much golf as you can. I think this year is a little easier, though, because the long range forecast looks cold and wet. We think our last day of operation for the year will be November 9th. We will probably be putting away all our carts into the member cart shed on the 14th so make sure you have everything you need out of the members cart shed before the 14th.

Top dressing and chemicals are probably going to be applied on the 10th to protect the golf course against molds and funguses during the winter. It is important that these materials are not disturbed by play. Thank you in advance for respecting our decision to close for the season.

In the next week or so every member will be receiving a ballot in the mail. On this ballot you will be able to vote on the bar remodel and whether or not to make the entire clubhouse non-smoking. There will be a cover page explaining my reasoning behind the bar remodel and why I think it is important to do it. If you have any questions, you can call me or stop by anytime. You can turn in your vote at the Annual Meeting. If you can not attend the Annual Meeting, then you can drop it off at the pro shop or mail it to us. If you mail it to us, it must be post marked no later than December 10th. All the votes will be counted at the Annual Meeting. Regardless of the decision that is made, I want to assure you that I will continue to work my hardest to make Edelweiss as successful as it can be.

All members will be receiving their dues statements in the mail in the next few weeks. The rain we have had over the last 2 years has not been good for us financially and the cost of business operations keeps going up. I am sorry to say that there will be a dues increase of approximately 5% for the 2009 season.

The winter time is always the hardest part of the year to get through financially. There is little to no income and we still have quite a bit of expense. We will need some financial help to get through the winter so we will be offering a pre-pay discount for paying before December 15th. Details of the discount will be mailed with the invoices.

The annual meeting will be December 13th at 11am; a luncheon will follow. 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.** If you are not there to vote, then you have no reason to complain about what is decided.

As I have stated in many news articles this season; this is your golf course and I am in charge of managing it. I try to make decisions that are in the best interest of the facility as a whole and not individual people.

There are two seats open for the Board of Directors this year. Since no one has volunteered to run, we will take nominations from the floor at the Annual 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)

September 9, 2008

Jim told the board that the aerifying is almost completed. He showed the board a cross section of one of the pine trees that has been removed from the course. He pointed out what happens to pine trees when they sit in water for several weeks at a time; the trees are drowning. After the grass quits growing the grounds crew will grind the stumps from the trees that have been removed from the course.

The annual meeting is scheduled for December 13. Pat will contact Don Benning to make sure that he is available on that date.

The remodeling of the bar area will be one of the issues voted upon at the annual meeting.

The company that was going to install gaming machines in the bar area will not install only three machines so Jeff will be looking for another company that is interested in supplying us with machines.

Richard Arn commented on the membership drive that Monroe Country Club is conducting.

LADIES

AS USUAL, WE ARE REQUESTING YOUR HELP -

PLEASE BRING BARS & COOKIES FOR THE LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 13TH!

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FROM THE OFFICE

The season is definitely winding down. We have certainly had a beautiful fall! Many of you are still enjoying the relatively nice weather and coming out to golf. Hopefully that will continue until we close.

I have been busy getting the dues invoices ready to mail out to you. (It doesn't seem possible that it is that time again, does it?) You should be receiving them around the 15th of this month.

In the near future you will also be getting the absentee ballot for the vote on the bar remodeling plans. As Jeff said, it is important that all members' voices be heard on this issue. If you are not going to be attending the Annual Meeting, please send in your ballot beforehand so that it can be counted on December 13.

For the first time since I started working here, I will not be at the Annual Meeting. I have a granddaughter graduating from college on that date and will be in Oshkosh for the graduation ceremony. I will definitely miss attending since that is the only time I see some of you members who only golf on weekends.

I hope that everyone has a good winter and I look forward to seeing you in the spring!

Pat

COURSE & GROUNDS

The irrigation system is empty, the accessories are being put away, and all that is left to do is to spray and top dress. It must mean that another season has come to an end.

There isn't a whole lot to say other than thank you for allowing me to serve you all once again, and I look forward to seeing you in 2009.

Respectfully,
Jim Scott

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**ANNUAL MEETING
SET FOR SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 13 AT 11
A.M.**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW &
PLAN TO ATTEND
THIS IMPORTANT
MEETING**

**TWO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
POSITIONS WILL BE VOTED
UPON AND THE BAR
REMODEL PROJECT WILL
ALSO BE EXPLAINED AND
DECIDED ON**

