
Edelweiss Chalet Chatter

NOVEMBER 2010

NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!

Do you want a free \$100 in Edelcash? It is simple and easy for every member to do. For every new member that you refer who joins the club (A new member can not have been a member since 2006.) and says they were referred by you, we will give you \$100 in Edelcash. And it should be easier then ever to recruit new members since we will be extending our Introductory Membership price of \$995 including Golf, Cart, and all taxes and fees. **There is no better way to show pride in your club then to refer your friends to join Edelweiss.** Let's see if we can gain 30 new members for the 2011 season.

The Annual Meeting of the Membership will be on December 11th at 11am. This is a great opportunity for you to come and hear about the state of Edelweiss and ask any questions you might have of the Board of Directors. There are 3 positions that are up for election on the Board so if you are interested in running please let me know. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

This year the Board has approved a 3% increase in dues to help meet the ever increasing costs associated with operating Edelweiss. Just so you know, a 3% increase on a single membership is an increase of \$21.10 which is the cost of 9 holes on the weekend. They also approved a 5.5% increase in the cost of golf for public fee players. We did not raise any costs last year and with a minimal increase this year I hope you will all understand it is something we have to do as a business. Raising fees for the members and the public fee players was important to stick with our Mission Statement.

These increases should help us move even closer to a balanced budget.

Speaking of dues, Pat is getting ready to send out everyone's invoices soon. If you would like to get 4 free guest passes, please pay your entire dues by January 15th. If you can not pay your entire dues, we do need at least \$200 from you by January 15th. We ask that you pay before January 15th because we use some of this money for operating capital to get us through the winter months when we have no income from other sources. We do have Direct Deposit options available if you are interested. Please give me or Pat a call and we can go over the details.

Edelweiss will be having a Holiday Sale starting November 27th and it will run every Saturday until December 18th. We will be open from 10am until 4pm. I have attached a flyer to this newsletter.

On a sad note I am sorry to tell you that Matt will not be back to Edelweiss for next season. Matt gave 4 good years to Edelweiss and I am sure he will be missed. I wish him well on his next venture. I do not know who his replacement will be yet but we will have someone before the start of next season.

If your company is looking to have a holiday party over the winter, please don't forget to tell them that we have a great facility for hosting parties and that we can seat up to 300 people. If there is someone I can contact, please let me know. We currently have a lot of open dates to fill.

It is 32 degrees as I write this newsletter with a wind chill of 22 degrees. We will close the golf course on

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Friday, November 19th for the season. I ask that you please respect that we are closed and please do not go out and play golf. There are plenty of other golf courses that do stay open. We will open again in the spring as soon as we can.

Jeff

HAPPENINGS FROM THE BOARD

(This is a short synopsis of the minutes of the board meetings. A complete listing of the board minutes is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the restrooms.)

September 28, 2010

We have one year left on our cart lease agreement and Jeff is looking at our options. There are no provisions in the agreement for a buyout at the end of the lease so it would cost us \$1200 per cart to buy them.

Pete has spoken to Craig Galhouse about our property assessment. Craig will look over the appraisal that was done last winter for the bank. He will meet with Pete about lowering our assessment.

Jeff reported that we have eight large events scheduled before the end of the calendar year. This includes 3 weddings, a Christmas party, and Members Day.

The annual meeting date was set for Saturday, December 11 at 11 A.M. The terms of Karen Anderson, Steve Sailing, and Dennis Thoman are expiring this year. If they decide not to run for reelection, we need to start encouraging other members to seek a position on the board.

Jeff asked the board for permission to shut the clubhouse down to outside customers and members while certain larger outings are taking place. A motion was made to allow Jeff to do this with the stipulation that the members be given some advanced notice so that they can make alternate plans for those two days.

Copies of next year's proposed budget were given to all board members. Board members will review the budget at the next meeting after they have had time to look over Jeff's proposed budget.

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October 19, 2010

The budget for the 2011 season was approved.

Pete told the board that our cash flow is above expectations for the year. If projections hold true, we will be about \$20,000 above last year at the end of the fiscal year.

The New Glarus EMS is getting a permit from the state to host bingo and has asked if Edelweiss would let them use our facilities. Jeff has told them they could use our facility without room fees as long as we would get some revenue from the bar and restaurant. If it does not generate any revenue for us, we would have to charge a room fee to cover expenses. The board was in agreement with this proposal.

Jeff asked for clarification on the member's purchase of additional edelcash. In order to get the extra 5% of edelcash with a purchase, the purchase must be a cash or check only transaction. If a credit card is used, the member would not get the additional 5% in edelcash.

Steve Sailing reported that the Bruce Company will do the following work on the course at no cost to us: put in an extra 6 to 10 drain openings in the drain tiles on #15, build up the front of the right side of the sand trap on #18 so that the sand won't run out of the trap, and extend the cart path on #15 to the forward tee box. Adding more drain tiles to #15 is in the planning stages and will be reported on at a later meeting.

Steve Sailing, Karen Anderson and Dennis Thoman are the three board members whose terms are expiring this year.

FROM THE OFFICE

The season is definitely winding down! As I get this newsletter ready to mail out, Brian and his crew are finishing the last maintenance jobs around the clubhouse. We have still seen a few die-hard golfers out here but with the weather predictions for the coming days, I think even they will be nestled in where it's warm.

I am getting the invoices ready for the 2011 golf season ready to mail and they should go out in the next few days. There is a minimal increase this year. I certainly hope that that does not discourage anyone from rejoining next year. With the cost of inflation, I think that the board has done an excellent job of holding the line on increases in costs to the members.

The annual meeting is coming up on December 11. I hope that all of you are planning to attend. It's always nice to know that members are interested in everything that goes on here at Edelweiss and the annual meeting is a good opportunity for you to ask any questions you have of the staff and board.

We also have three members whose terms are up this year. Dennis Thoman is definitely interested in serving again but, as of now, Steve and Karen are still undecided. If you have any interest in serving on the board, please let Jeff know.

Jeff will be making lunch following the annual meeting but, as usual, we are asking the ladies to please bring baked goodies for dessert.

One thing that I forgot to add about the invoices (maybe it was intentional, since I don't want to see any members drop out this year!), if you are not rejoining Edelweiss next year, I need something in writing from you so that you can be reimbursed for your certificate fee.

Have a great Thanksgiving and I'll see you at the annual meeting.

Pat

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**ANNUAL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2010**

**BUSINESS MEETING
AT 11 A.M.
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED
TO ATTEND!**



Edelweiss Holiday Sale

The golf shop will be open every Saturday starting November 27th until December 18th from 10am until 4pm.

3 different clothing racks priced at \$15, \$20, or \$25.

Edelweiss Sweatshirts and Polar Fleece for \$25.



All other clothing is 30% off.



Select Callaway golf balls
2 for the price of 1

Adams and Callaway Drivers \$150

All golf bags 20% off

Gift Cards available in any amount.

Lesson Certificates also Available

