

President's February Newsletter

In last month's newsletter I used dated information regarding the statistics of our club. With more current and updated membership information, the following figures more accurately reflect our club's handicaps and tee choices. As of this writing, our membership is 167 players. Our average index is 16.8. The Gold tee player's average handicap is 22 and the Blue tee player's average handicap is 12. We have 103 players, or 62% who have selected Gold tees and 64 players, or 38% who have selected Blue tees.

Also in last month's letter the plethora of upcoming tournaments was reviewed. As will occur over the next couple of months, congratulations are in order for the winners of the most recent tournament. The *2015 President Cup* winners are: A-flight, Duane Barringer, B-flight, Pat Martin, and C-flight, Pete Whalen. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated. During February we will have two tournaments, the Couple's Championship Tournament, February 1, and the Men's Club Championship, beginning February 16. By the time you read this, the Couple's Champions will have been determined, but it is not too late to sign up for the Club Championship.

Also, it is not too early to think who you are going to invite to the Member/Guest Tournament, Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11. This will be the "end of the season" tournament when it will be the last opportunity to enjoy the company of the entire membership, before the Snowbirds head for home. For our new members, this is one of our two large events, when spouses (and the spouse of your guest) are included in an enjoyable dinner the second evening of the event. It is a lot of fun and a nice way to end the golf season.

Speaking of signing up, I want to encourage everyone to clear your respective calendars for March 30, and be sure to sign up for Monday play that day. Besides being the same day as a General Membership meeting, which I'm sure no one wants to miss, that is the day our Men's Club is going to meet the challenge issued by the course operator. Tom Brown has said if we get 100 players to sign up for Men's Club play that day, he will close the course – that day. He also committed to providing some additional incentive for us to reach that number. The incentive has yet to be determined but we will be working on that soon. Yes, it will mean a little longer day on the course, but if it is closed, we will not be under any time constraints. It sounds like a real challenge, but it would be a lot of fun to meet the challenge and be part of a level of participation that has never happened before at our golf course.

In closing, don't forget to "smell the roses". I recently enjoyed golfing in Hawaii. Actually, I'm not sure I enjoyed golfing, but I certainly enjoyed Hawaii. However, as beautiful as Hawaii is, I honestly asked myself what I was doing in Hawaii this time of year. The playing conditions are about the same (green and breezy), the temperatures are about the same (during the day) and the skies are just as clear and blue. However, I wasn't playing with a great bunch of people, and enjoying the post-round camaraderie that comes with playing in our events. So, while the weather is great, and a significant number of our members are here; sign up for Monday play, give it your best shot on the course, and retire to Bistro 60 after the round to fantasize about how you played.

See you on the course.

Gary