

January TLQMC President's Newsletter

Our Welcome Back/Wright Memorial Tournament was closely followed by another good tournament and spectacular evening of eating, dancing and the distribution of lots of prizes. Thank you to Tournament Chairman Steve Prosenjak and Past President Paul McChesney for coordinating such a successful event. Congratulations to the team of Duane Barringer, Bill Brown, Jerry Paciolla and Frank Thomas on winning the 2013 Holiday Tournament. It was a hotly contested tournament with a single stroke separating each of the first four places. Also, congratulations to Dick Anderson for winning the inaugural Most Improved Player trophy. This was the first year of the competition and is determined by the member who posted the most improved handicap from January 1 until the November 15, as determined by a specified number of rounds played and a specified number of those rounds played at our course.

Speaking of our course; the course operator continues to make improvements to the overall operation of the course, and playing. The changes range from subtle (new tee time software and an improved phone system that will ease making tee times and checking-in in the future) to the obvious (the colorful landscaping added to the front of the pro shop and at several of the tee boxes). What a refreshing change from the past several years.

Continuing with the course conditions, I want to thank everyone who is actively participating in the divot repair and ball mark repair during the course of play. It is early in the season and the enthusiasm is high and people seem to be doing a pretty good job of filling divots. It will be important to maintain that level of dedication as the season wears on. To that end, Vice President Duane Barringer (board appointed but self-proclaimed Divot Patrol Coordinator) received an enthusiastic response for volunteers for the Divot Patrol. Fifty of you have volunteered to participate. The delay in getting this officially kicked-off is because we are waiting for a special divot mix that the course would like us to use for Divot Patrol. As soon as the secret sauce arrives Duane will contact all of the volunteers.

Following on the e-mail I sent out a couple of days ago, please plan to attend the first ever Gruel and Rule luncheon following play on January 13. Our Rules Committee; Alan Barroll, Neil Cortesi and Roland Dell will be explaining the proper application of rules as they apply to specific challenges at our course. If you sign up to play that day, the Men's Club will be paying for your lunch. It is important that you plan to remain for the lunch as the cost of the luncheon will be determined by the number of players. This is an opportunity to get to know a particular rule and to enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members.

Finally, in the same e-mail as above, I had explained the green fee structure that was to have gone into effect January 1, 2014. ***Forgettabout it.*** For the reasons explained in the e-mail I sent immediately prior to this newsletter, TLQMC members, during Monday Play and events, will continue to enjoy green fees of \$63, including lunch for the rest of the season.

Things continue to be pretty dynamic around here.

See you on the course.

Gary