

JUNE 2008

President's Corner

It is official, summer is here!! The PCC has been busy with activity on the Golf Course, in the Club House, and at the Pool. I have enjoyed watching everyone catch up after a long winter. I want to announce that my family and the PCC have a new addition, **Lola Bates Hissong**. Lola was born on May 15th and is a beautiful little girl. Lola will be around the pool all summer so stop out and introduce yourself to her.

I am happy to announce that the Irrigation System should be completed within the next week or two. This has been a great project that will help our course survive the extreme heat of the summer. Also on the schedule in the next few weeks is some landscaping around the PCC property and the re-surfacing on the Tennis courts. The courts will be surfaced and made into one "Nice" Tennis Court, and one "Nice" Basketball court. This project should be completed by the end of June.

I would like to ask that everyone stop out and introduce yourselves to Robyn Keller, our new Office Manager and Jeff Honzik, our new General Manager. The Board hired each last month after the resignation of Sharon Pulliam our Past Club Manager. We have many golfing and social events on the calendar. Please plan on participating in these events. I look forward to seeing each of you at the PCC.

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Hissong, President

Ladies 9-Hole Golf League

If you are serious about golf.....this group is not for you! But, if you want to have fun, eat a great lunch with friends and play a low-key 9 holes, please join us.

Opening day is June 10th. Sign in by 8:45 a.m. at the Pro Shop. Lunch and fabulous prices will follow. The lunch special that day will be Sesame Chicken Pasta Salad. Babysitting will be available. Any questions, please call Shannon VanLandingham at 935-3805.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to our club:

Student Members: PJ Gretter ~ Daren Miller ~ Chase Neidig ~ Nicholas Lloyd

Full Members: Ronald & Pam Sower ~ Tim Sullivan

Social Member: Amy & Derrick Dodson

Pool & Tennis News

Pool Hours—The Pool is open for the season, weather permitting. Lifeguards will be on duty from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (weather permitting—at least 72 degrees) every day starting on Monday, June 2nd. Please feel free to continue to enjoy the use of the pool even when the lifeguards are not on duty. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult when lifeguards are not on duty. The pool gates will be locked at 9 pm.

H₂O Aerobics—Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. (min. 70°), starting Monday, June 2nd. Join instructor Caroline Suesse for this very popular class. Classes are \$2 each. Come and start your day with a refreshing and invigorating workout.

Swim and Tennis Lessons—Please call the club office at 936-4543 to schedule your children for swim or tennis lessons. Lindsey Renz will provide private and group tennis lessons after courts are repaired.

Lessons will be on Tuesdays;

5-8 years old - 9:15-10:00 am

9-17 years old - 11:00—11:45 am

Superintendent's Corner

Mother Nature has finally allowed for some great weather to enjoy our golf course. This has allowed us to get into our normal maintenance routine and to finish our irrigation upgrade without interruption. Don and his crew have just a few odds and ends to tie in and we will be operational. All of the piping and wires have been laid in the ground, and we are getting the electric service hooked up this week to the pump behind number 2 tee. Don has done a great job and I am very pleased with how the entire project has run.

I wanted to touch base with everyone on why we spiked the front 9 greens and number 17.

This spiking has been suggested by the USGA and my soil consultant as a very beneficial process to allow those greens to thrive better with the upcoming summer weather. The spikes allow better air flow to the roots, letting them grow deeper as the weather allows and keeping the turf healthier as the weather gets warmer. I apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused and I will look at the timing better in the future, but I know that this procedure will benefit the greens in the long run.

We will also be treating the ash trees with a chemical to combat the Emerald Ash Borer in the next week or so. The borer has started to plague trees in our surrounding counties, and this treatment will hopefully keep our beautiful ash trees healthy for years to come.

Finally, it's our lawn tip of the month. With the warmer temperatures arriving, I have seen a lot of people watering their lawns. This month's tip is on that very subject. Irrigating lawns is a great way to supplement what Mother Nature provides. I was always taught at Purdue to water deeply and infrequently, aiming to give your lawn an inch to 1.5 inches of water per week. This method promotes your grass to grow longer roots and better fight the stresses that summer usually brings. I usually water my lawn about twice a week unless we get a bunch of rain. The best time to water is between 4 and 8 a.m.

Thanks to everyone for the compliments and suggestions about the golf course. I always appreciate your feedback and hearing from you. See you all out there!

Ryan Cummings, Golf Course Superintendent (936-8269)

For the Card Players!

Winners from the May 22 card night were as follows; tied for 1st Place - Sandy & Ken Keil and Betty and Paul Keeter. 3rd place went to Bell Henry and Willie Restler.

There were 4 tables of Bridge being played and 6 playing \$1 poker.

We have a request; If you need to cancel on card night, please try and find a replacement.

Any ladies interested in playing Bridge on Mondays, please contact Joann Isban at 936-2934. We can get this organized, once she gets some calls! Give her a call and have some fun playing Bridge.

Card night will be June 26th.

8th Annual Ladies Big Red Open

The 8th Annual Ladies Big Red Open will be on July 31st. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. Brunch will be served from 10-11 am. The cost for this outing will be \$80 per person, which will include; Brunch, Golf and Hors'd'oeuvres.

Shotgun starts at 11:30 am. Call Belle at 936-4456.