

April 09 – Director Update

“Spring is sprung, the birds are singing and love is in the air”. The love I talk about is that for the game of golf and how sweet it is to be playing golf in April again. We opened on the 17th of April in great early season condition and the game has been going strong since. I wanted to take this opportunity to bring everyone up to speed on what has been happening at the club the past few months in regards to the new clubhouse, the course itself and our Spring AGM.

Spring AGM highlights

- 2010 rates approved with a 5% increase scheduled.
- Future increases to Initiation fees have now been directly linked to membership rates increases (same percentage)
- An elimination of private carts resolution was passed. Effective July 1/09 we will no longer allow private carts at HGC. The existing cart owners will need to register their present carts and ownership and will be grandfathered in until such time they are no longer a member at the club or the cart is sold or no longer functioning.
- New Food & Beverage Manager (Jeff Lidgley) was introduced and Sarah Davison was thanked for her 3 seasons of tireless work and contribution to our club. Be sure to introduce to yourself Jeff and make him feel welcome as well as thanking Sarah when you get the chance.
- Ken Busch has joined the Board of Directors and is a welcome addition.

Clubhouse Project update

- Detailed drawings have been awarded and are in the works and an all engineers meeting is scheduled for April 30th.
- Kitchen design is near completion and has been incorporated into the design.
- We have posted for a Construction Manager position. This will be the person who will oversee the daily operations and intricacies of the project from groundbreaking to move in day.
- We are targeting late June / early July as ground breaking but detailed drawings and tendering process will need to be complete before concrete date can be set.

General Course Notes

- Course has wintered very well and crew is working hard during their on-going ramp up period.
- We have planned, and budgeted, for some bunker renovations this season. Cost dictates that this will be a 2-3 year project and 09 will see us overhaul at least 5-6 of the high priority bunkers when time and man power allows.
- Our POA 08 document was a success in helping us prioritize last season and we have carried some things forward and made additions to POA 09.
- The new greens complex on #14 (old #18) will still need the better part of the season to grow-in and our spare hole is in play until it is ready to play.
- The new range is opened (mats only) and will also be another season growing in.

Overall opening weekend has seen a great deal of positive feedback on the new holes, range and the course in general. The staff at HGC has been very excited about this season and the progress it brings. We are trying to learn from our mistakes, raise the bar, try new things and listen to our membership. We appreciate your feedback and thoughts and hope everyone enjoys what is shaping up to be a great season.

Director of Operations
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