

Today, as the calendar turned to June, it hit me that a newsletter article was again due. Given my procrastination this month, I initially thought maybe I could get away with a rerun. Then it hit me, I'd written a newsletter for April 1st, but then after reading a book about the history of the Masters, decided to run with the book report versus what I'd originally written. So I'm off the hook. With a quick cut and paste, and without further ado, here is the April newsletter in June...

April 2010 Pardon the President

As President, I always think it is good for the membership to know what is happening at Beaver Hills and more importantly, the future thoughts and dreams of the Board. So here is a short list of actions we hope to invoke now that the clubhouse project is closing in on being behind us:

1. Return to a monthly food minimum. Any amount from \$50 to \$60 ought to be fair.
2. Finally set in place a rule regarding attire. More specifically, eliminate denim between Memorial Day and Labor Day, if not all the time.
3. Kick men off the course on Wednesdays. Make it truly a Ladies Day since the same seems to be true on Thursdays.
4. Keep kids under 14 off the course on weekends before noon. Most of them play like a couple of my friends...too slow.

5. Eliminate inactive status.
6. Once the golfing membership hits 300...cap it and consider a dues increase that falls in line with pure economic rules of supply and demand.

So how do you like this list of a half-dozen? Heart beating fast? Good...April Fools! Hey, I told you it was a quick cut and paste in order to get this homework off my "to do" list. In addition, and from my humble angle, some of you deserve being messed with in an effort to not take yourselves so darn seriously. Then again, most club experts (Chad along with some former Presidents) believe only 20% of the membership ever read this document. Because my bride claims only one in four people remotely understand my sense of humor, this leaves a mere 5% that potentially will buy me a beer because of my monthly article. That gives me about the same odds of a free beer as the Cubs have for winning a pennant...not good.

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Now on to some real club updates you can believe, Scouts Honor:

1. The 19th Hole will be opening the weekend of June 12th. It will have a fresh look with some noticeable differences. Before you complain about the lost window on the south wall, do realize such was necessary for installation of the deck stairs. If you feel it makes the room closed in, wait a month and climb those same stairs.

2. The final completion date for the entire project is on schedule for July 23rd. Realizing most of you have not had access to the upstairs, the same limestone theme carries through to the fireplace and interior columns.

3. Our initial contract with Peters Construction was \$1,312,000. We have weathered some surprises and a couple of Board initiated changes (upgraded bar counter a new downstairs conference room and a new family restroom), but I can report that at closing we expect the final building tally to be \$1,337,000, or just 1.9% over the initial amount.

4. The decorating and furnishing orders have all been placed. Please show some gratitude to Nancy Meinders as she swung the club some sweetheart deals via her very own Home Interiors. The House Committee, despite their very refined tastes, kept the task under budget. The number of planning hours they have given the club has been immense!

5. We have a couple of other donations to the club in the past few months that deserve recognition (to the 20% subscribers):

a. Tracy Rokes recently donated a dump truck load of river rock for landscaping purposes. Tracy also gave the club a “rock bot tom” deal on the trailer rental.

b. Mr. Hole-In-One, Steve Pleis, donated a bunch of sod to the club from his deck/patio project.

c. The biggest donation that has gone under the radar is the tens of thousands of dollars Mike Poe donated when he did a pro bono removal of the asbestos during the demolition. Mike also donates his many leadership skills as a member of the Board and will continue to do so next year as President.

6. There remains a laundry list of items on our wish list. Everyone knows the Pro Shop needs some love such as matching siding and a new roof. And the entrance road...well you can stop emailing me. I don't live at Beaver so I too drive over the off-road experience. We have asked five different contractors to bid the road. At this writing (June 1st not April 1st), only one \$100,000 bid has hit our mailbox. We are also investigating what may be a blocked drainage tile which may have led to the quick demise of the lower road. In the interim, we will attempt to keep the gravel in decent accord.

rs that would love to put you in a new quarter or half-ton pickup.

7. Bill Nauroth of Golf Maintenance Solutions was at the club for a comprehensive evaluation and analysis for the Golf and Greens Committee. Their input and advice is proving very valuable as Josh and his staff continue to improve and upgrade the course via new technologies. Speaking of new technology, the drainage project in front of #17 green appears to be working as expected.

8. Finally, we will be announcing a date for a membership meeting in the coming weeks. The date will likely fall in August. The April Fools list had six items and the real updates had eight, so I consider this month's homework a wrap. School's out for some and soon to be for others meaning it is high season for golf. With a June filled with Father's Day, the excitement of the U.S. Open and summer vacations, hopefully Beaver Hills CC will stay top of mind. By the way, please consider the Beaver Hills Pro Shop when shopping for dad. Brad has a variety of specials and he can place a special order if given enough lead time.

In closing, being the mediocre if not pathetic player that I am, follow my advice and stay back, stay slow, don't lunge, keep your head down, keep your head up, tuck your elbow, don't come over the top, follow through to the target and above all...enjoy your time without taking it for granted.

Matt Bigler



Summer is Here! Two years after the scariest Memorial Day weekend on record, we had one of the most successful at Beaver Hills Country Club. The pool was packed and rounds on the course were up! My staff and I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support during the "trailer days" at Beaver Hills. We will start moving in to the lower level of the building this weekend and hope to be up and running by Thursday Morning - June 10th. Although the trailer has worked wonders, and the grease fires on my grill have been exciting - it will be good to have a home again. I think everyone can agree that the view from the trailer is pretty good, but the view from the building will be amazing!

Some of you have met our new Chef - Kevin Kline. He graduated from Orlando's Culinary Academy - Le Cordon Bleu Program with Summa cum Laude honors. He is from Waterloo and was looking to get back after being away since 2004. He has worked at various restaurants in New Orleans, Florida, and Houston. Please make him feel welcome if you happen to see him - he will be wearing chef's coat:) He is currently working on getting our menu ready for the 19th hole, and will be trying some new dishes and sandwiches that will include some healthier and lighter choices.

Recently, I hired Chuck Christensen as our Pool Manager. He is also a coach for the Black Hawk Area Swim Team. He was a stand-out swimmer at Waterloo West and University of Iowa. If you would like swim lessons - please contact Chuck or myself and we can find an instructor for you. Lesson prices, payments, and times are between the member and the instructor. I would prefer lessons to take place before 11:00am.

I hope the weather continues to cooperate, and let's all make 2010 a year to remember at Beaver Hills Country Club!

I WILL BE OFFERING FREE KEG BEER FROM THURSDAY, JUNE 10th thru SATURDAY, JUNE 12th! some restrictions apply.....

Thanks for your support,

Chad Hoffman



June 2010

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