

August President's Newsletter 2017

Well, we're about half way through the long hot summer. The weather? All I can say is weather like this can only be described as STUPID...just plain STUPID!

However, the conditions here seem to be agreeing with the golf course. Superintendent Kevin Templin has once again brought the greens back from what looked like the brink of disaster. They are leveling out and starting to roll very nicely. The only problem is the rough is enjoying all the water being poured onto the course. It is particularly tough for this time of year... it's no place for old men.

I hope you've had time to look over the Events Calendar for 2018. The Member Guest tournament has been moved to March 16th-17th to better accommodate those of you who start to think about leaving town in late March. Another change is the scheduling of more Monday games in the hot months from July through reseeding in which participants will play their own ball. Participation has been down during this period and many members suggested that games of this nature would draw more players to the events. By the way, next time you see Monday Play coordinator Steve Prosenjak, give him a thumbs up for all the work he put in on drafting this calendar. We would have no Monday play if it weren't for Pro.

And, we would have no Tournament play if it weren't for the expert and tireless work of Tournament Chair Ed Warman. Ed has our annual Dry Heat tournament ready to go on the 7th and 8th. Ed tells me we have 20 teams ready for the best ball and horse race competition.

I know you're not going to believe this; Tom Brown's Bistro/Grille project was not completed by July 31st. As usual there are plenty of rumors floating around in the ether as to why there's a delay, but what I can tell you there have been workers, that's plural, on the site every day this week. So unless the workers are actors, as suggested by one of our more vocal wags, I'm thinking you may be eating in the grille by the beginning of the season. No, I'm not taking any bets!

Most of you probably know that a Town Hall Meeting regarding the Perimeter Landscape Project was held by the HOA board on July 25th. Yul Roe, the landscape architect for the project, presented a power point overview of the work to be

done. I would suggest that you check out the presentation on the community website, www.mytlq.net, under the Perimeter Landscape tab. While there you will find FAQS by homeowners directed to Roe. Again this presentation was an overview of the work to be done however there are a few key photos that will give you an idea of the changes that could be made to the perimeter. Check out the following:

- The “existing” and “proposed” photos of hole #18 on pages 18 and 19.
- The “existing” and “proposed” photos of hole #16 on pages 20-23
- Photos of Toscana Country Club on pages 29-30.

The photos are great examples of the importance of the type of plants used and the spacing between the plants. These two concepts greatly affect the amount of ground cover needed on the course. This is very important given that Roe informed us that ground cover can be as much as 25% of the cost of a project. I also recommend viewing the website of Mr. Roe’s company, Project Links, at www.projectlinks.net. Roe has worked on many courses here in the valley and in my opinion appears to have the expertise to shepherd the project to completion.

At the Town Hall and at the HOA board meeting on July 27th we were given no concrete indication of the sequence in which the re-landscaping will unfold. We were informed that the HOA board is still in negotiations with Pro Turf regarding the contract for the implementation of the project. At the board meeting we were further informed that the work would be contracted in as many as three phases, i.e. there would be no master contract. While I appreciate the difficulty of the negotiation process and the desire to move the project forward I question the idea of multiple contracts. If you were building a 3 story house would you want a separate contract for each story? Where is your protection for cost overruns or a wandering contractor? This board is working hard towards their goal however in my view this could be a costly error. Of course this is a dynamic process and not yet completed. If you have any questions or comments you should contact an HOA board member.

Finally....regardless of whether it's hot or not or if you're here or not...get out there and play some golf.

Thanks,

Pat