

RHCC NEWSLETTER

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President's Report
February 24, 2014

Hello River Hills members,

When you receive this letter, several projects in the 19th hole should have been or are near completion. Some of these items are as follows: Painting the 19th hole and ballroom, granite countertops in bathrooms, and granite on bar and back bar. The latest to expect these projects to be completed is the first week in March. Several other projects are soon to get underway that will be completed in late April. A couple of these items are recessing the cooler into the wall behind the bar, adding a locker cabinet for liquor, and adding a glass washer behind the bar to allow for cocktails to be served in glasses and reduce the amount of styrofoam cups used. What a difference this is going to make for our club!

For those of you that are not aware, Rudy Dominguez recently suffered a severe stroke and will be in the hospital for several weeks. Rudy most likely will not be able to play golf for a year. Be sure and place Rudy and his family on your prayer list as they deal with these difficult times. If you intend to visit or send a card Rudy he is at Doctor's Regional Hospital Room 362.

Some of the biggest concerns that have been voiced regarding the course are tee boxes and sand traps. We are planning to generate funds to begin this long term goal in the Fall / Winter of 2014. The tournament committee, entertainment committee, and the RHCC board are at the infant stages of planning a benefit golf tournament and barbecue cook off to offset these expenses. Depending on the revenues generated will determine how many bunkers and tee boxes will be added / renovated.

Remember, March 26, 2014 at 6:00pm is the annual meeting. New board positions are open as well as two items being voted on for our club (*banning smoking in the 19th hole and eliminating the swimming pool*). I will update you as we make progress!

Regards,
Chris Wildman
RHCC President

Late Payments - Your Board of Directors has adopted a tougher policy regarding late payment of your membership account. Effective immediately the new policy is as follows: accounts must be paid in full as of 10th. Accounts are considered to be late on the 15th. Accounts not paid in full on the 15th will be charged a \$25 late fee. Those accounts will also be suspended and privileges will be suspended. If the account is not paid in full by the next billing cycle (26th) the membership will be terminated. Anyone wishing to rejoin subsequently will be subject to initiation and rejoining fees.

Welcome New Members
Resident – Mike & Veronica Brotherton – Paul Jason Alvarez - Gary Booker
Non Resident – Eddie & Mary Alice Valle - Brian & Joanne Geyer
Junior – John & Chelsea Mayo

General Manager/Golf Pro Corner

Howdy y'all!

Thank you to all board members who served over the past year! **Chris Wildman, Wayne Bone, Rudy Dominguez, Hunter Tegeler, Chris Duff, Doyle Hancock, Chris Schmill & Steve Willard. Thank you!** for your input, involvement and contributions to the club! The club and members appreciate the time that you gave over the course of the last year!

We are looking to continue the momentum and the good start that we have had to the year and we welcome the new candidates and new Board members that will assist in the management of the club operations.

Annual RHCC Members Meeting & Board Elections

The annual RHCC Members Meeting & Board Elections will be held in the River Hills CC ballroom on Wednesday March 26th at 6 pm. We will be conducting the annual meeting as well as electing a (3) new officers to serve on the board. We are looking for leaders that have energy, ideas and time to dedicate to making River Hills a success and a great club to belong. Please see us in the business office if you need any proxy or nominating forms. Hope everyone will make plans to attend. In accordance to the club bylaws, nomination forms for interested candidates need to be returned to the business office by Tuesday March 11th. Nomination forms are available in the 19th hole or business office. In addition to the election of board members the club members will be voting on smoking in the club house as well as keeping the pool in operation. There have been many complaints regarding smoking vs non smoking and the pool is in need of additional investments to keep it operational. The Board of Directors has decided to add this to the annual elections and to ask the membership to help make a decision about these two additional issues.

I wanted to shed some light on these issues for you to consider.

- 1) **Smoking in club house** – There have been a growing number of complaints regarding this issue. I have been here three years and have heard from numerous members regarding them not coming into the club or leaving the club because of smoking. The vast majority of members do not smoke however our official policy is to allow smoking in the 19th hole and card rooms. The ballroom is non smoking. As you are aware almost all restaurants and country clubs are non smoking. Some have designated rooms where people can smoke. Unfortunately this is a small club so if the club ended up non smoking we would have to set up an area outside to accommodate those that do smoke.
- 2) **Swimming Pool** – The club has spent over \$100,000 in the last 6 years in an effort to repair the pool. (This price does not include staffing or chemicals) We are currently spending approximately \$22,000 per year for life guards, chemicals and repairs to maintain the pool. The pool is once again in need of repairs. Additional intakes and returns need to be installed to promote better water filtration. We are continuously fighting water discoloration as well as algae because of this. The plaster decking is cracking. Two new pump motors need to be purchased. Pool furniture needs to be purchased. All these items add up to a significant investment. With the vast majority of club usage being the golf course and with the golf course also in need of repairs and improvements, is this the best option to spend your club money?

The course is in need of purchasing controllers for the irrigation system as parts are no longer available. Bunker renovations and tee leveling / drainage have been a topic since my arrival. The maintenance equipment should be stored in a covered and secured area. We need a tractor to repair irrigation leaks, perform bunker renovations, level tees, etc. The course and club are in need of security cameras to combat theft. These are but a few of the needs and concerns at the club currently.

Please show up or send in your proxy. Your vote on March 26th @ 6 PM is very important.

We will be electing new board members to help run your club. We will also be voting on two very important issues!

Please feel free to contact any Board member or myself with any other questions or concerns that you may have.

Your opinion and contributions are needed and welcomed!

Chris Wildman – RHCC President of the Board’s term is expiring and we would like to thank him for his contributions and his wisdom as he has helped guide our club over the past few years! Thank you Chris! Also a big thank you goes out to Wayne Bone and Rudy Dominguez for all of their contributions as they leave the board.

Thursday 5 PM Golf Clinics are back! – Any junior between the ages of 5-17 years old is welcome. Bring your children, your children’s friends for weekly golf instruction. Clinics last 1 hour and the cost is only \$10 per junior! Please call / see golf shop staff to sign up!

Golf Pro

Rules Question - In stroke play, prior to taking his stance, a player removes a stake defining out of bounds that interferes with his line of play. What is the ruling?

- a) There is no penalty
- b) There is a one stroke penalty
- c) There is a two stroke penalty

Answer c) There is a two stroke penalty. Decision 13-2/17

Golf Quote - Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

February - March Delinquent accounts - Please see member information boards located outside golf shop and in club house. These former members have been suspended and are not permitted to use the club in any fashion until their accounts have been settled. Please advise management should you see these people on property or if you know anything about them.

Mark your Calendars

March 8th & 9th – Member – Member

April 11th – 13st River Hills Spring 2 Man

See you on the Links!

Mark Côté

PGA General Manager / Director of Golf

River Hills CC

Pro Shop News

1/31/14 CONGRATULATIONS MIKE DEVINE!!!!

Mike shot 78 his personal best.....not his age! He made a 34 on the back 9 and 4 Birdies!!!

1st Gross

Lason Martin

Scott Bibeau 58

Larry Martin

Tom Bickham

1st Net

Greg Larsen

Ed Persall 52.4

David Evans

Michelle Lewis

2nd Gross

John Price

Mark Berger 59

Bob Forrest

George Rueff

Chipoff

Greg Larsen, Ed Persall, David Evans, Michelle Lewis

CTP 4 – Wade Thomas

CTP 14 – Larry Martin



Valentines Day Rod Gonzalez he made a hole in one on #8

SADIE HAWKINS

February 16, 2014

1st Flight 1st Gross 57 June Kaup, Skip Kaup, Jacob Kaup David Schwartz

1st Net 52 RaeAnn Regmund, Ronny Regmund, Mike Dennis, Butch Harris

2nd Gross 59 Carey Hopkins, Harold Hopkins, Jimmy Elzner, Derrick Chant

2nd Flight 1st Gross 59 Kris Scott, Robert Scott, Robert Guerrero, Mike Gonzalez

1st Net 54.6 Trish Ward, Randy Ward, John Price, Victor Trevino

2nd Gross 62 Janet Coburn, Chad Coburn, Mike Devine, Jimmy Hunt

CPT 4 Joe Goode CPT 6 Greg Larsen CPT 8 Dave Petros CPT 14 Jim Martini CPT 16 John Price

Reel News from River Hills

February 20, 2014

Last month I wrote about the bitter cold weather we saw in January. True to form, this month the "weather roller coaster" has given us an all time record high for the month of February. On the morning of the 13th we started the day off at 30° with frost on the course then on Valentine's Day we topped out at a record high 91°. Since then the temperatures have trended above normal. Let's hope that trend continues. Unfortunately, this change cannot be applied to the rain totals as there has been no additional precipitation which put us in a deficit of over 2" for the year. As you play, you may have noticed some darker green patches on some of the greens. This is Bermuda grass left over from the turf conversion to Paspalum. Its presence is not new but only more pronounced this winter because of the colder than normal temperatures we have seen this winter. Paspalum is more tropical in nature and is more susceptible to cold weather than Bermuda grass. So while the cold temperatures have sent the Paspalum into dormancy the Bermuda has not been as affected. The converse is also true that Bermuda grass breaks dormancy at a lower temperature than Paspalum allowing it to green-up earlier. Once consistently warmer weather returns, the aggressive growth nature of Paspalum will put the Bermuda in the back seat where it will be less noticeable on the greens. We have started applying herbicide to the course to help control the winter weeds. As these weeds die you should notice some yellowing on the course. We have also started scalping the rough as we prepare for spring. Even though we are lowering the heights of cut on the rough to prepare for spring we will maintain the higher heights at which we are mowing the greens well into March.

Mark Hutton CGCS

Greens Committee Meeting

2/13/14

Members present: Bruce Henderson, Mark Hutton, Wayne Bone, Mark Cote, Mark Sannes, and Bob Tumlinson

Members absent: Everyone else

- Reviewed minutes from the previous meeting and Mark Hutton's report.
- Soil Samples to be taken in the next 3 weeks, and fertilizer will be applied
- The club now has the potential to contract for a year's worth of fertilizer which will cover the needs season-long after the initial spring application. This could very well result in more fertilizer applied at a lower cost.
- Shell problem in the system has lessened, but not much
- Contract for fertilizer
- New sprinkler controllers are being looked at which will allow greater efficiency in the system on a head by head basis, as well as allow Mark the ability to monitor and control the system remotely.

Agronomic Note to members: Be patient with the greens and fairways. The unusually cold winter has really set the grass back and cooled the soil. This, combined with continued dry weather, will result in a very slow green-up this year as compared to past years. For this reason, take care with your driving habits in order to not make "trails", and also remember to repair divots.

With no further business, the group adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this day, Wednesday February 19, 2014,

Bruce "Scrappy" Henderson

Greens Committee Kind and Benevolent Dictator for Life

Tony Weatherly Memorial (Former River Hills CC Golf Professional)

Member/Member Tournament

March 8th & 9th, 2014

- Entry Fee \$30 per player plus applicable cart fee. Men's, Women's or Mixed teams welcome.
- Format: Sat: 2 person Net Shamble 80% handicap - 9 AM Shotgun Start
Sun: 1 low net 90% handicap - 1 PM Shotgun Start
- Payout will be determined by the number of entries. Will pay out to 1/3 of field in pro shop credit
- Day Money **optional**- \$20 / team / day , cash pay out within each flight
- Teams will be flighted by using team tournament handicap.
- Deadline to enter is Friday, March 7th @ 3 pm.
- All members must have valid handicaps. Maximum handicap of 36.
- Men will play from the white tees. Men 65+ and 10.0 index or greater have the option of playing from gold tees. Handicaps will be adjusted to reflect a competition using multiple sets of tees.
- Women will play from the red tees.
- Lunch will be served after play Sunday.