

Newsletter February 2007

We now have a year under our belts of 7 day advance tee times. Overall it went surprisingly well. It was initially thought that some would book times and then forget that they had and not show up but that rarely happened. It sure slowed down the phone calls first thing in the morning. People came to realize that they could still get the time they wanted even if they called much later in the day. Once that happened the morning phone madness dropped off.

When we have club tournaments at Pine Crest we need you to sign up for them before the set closing day. Each and every person must sign up. We have been getting a lot of our entry envelopes with several names on them but some of the people listed have not put in an entry envelope for themselves. For example if Dave wants to play with John and Rick and all 3 names are listed on one envelope there also has to be 2 other envelopes with John and Ricks name on them as well as Daves envelope. Check with your playing partners to see if they want to play in said event. And please don't show up for a tournament that you have not entered. At this time we would like to mention that the people who run the club functions are Rick Giardino for the men, Julia Tanner for the ladies and Stephen Boyd for the Juniors.

In 2003 when we decided to eliminate the club executive positions we kept a Mens Captain,

a Ladies captain and a Junior captain. These 3 people work for Pine Crest and are doing so on a paid basis. Stephen is coming into his second year while Rick and Julia are going into #4. If anyone wants to help them please come and talk to us. Anyone who does want to help out could move into the position themselves down the road. It is becoming increasingly hard to find people who are willing to work at these things and that is why we opted to employ them rather than make it a volunteer job

We finally got the course rating in. The ratings did change significantly and this change has already been entered into the handicap computer. You will likely see your handicap change next summer. The white tees are sloped at 122 with a rating of 68.7. The blue tees are now sloped at 125 with a rating of 69.8 The yellow tees are now sloped at 125 with a rating of 72.5 For those ladies that like to play tees other than the yellow you can still enter your score but you will have to do it as an out of club score. Same as you would if you played another course. The GAO rates courses now on a non-gender specific basis and therefore there are several slopes and ratings for each tee but our computer system only allows the most popular ones. We will post the rest of the ratings by the computer so you can get the right numbers for whatever tees you play. The GAO also offers a TIME rating along with the course rating. Our course has been time rated with a playing time of exactly 4 hours. We have sheets listing how much time it should take you to play each hole. They are available in the Pro Shop for you to take with you.

Amazing how fast that new lake out on 12-14 filled up wasn't it. It sure dried up 14 but not so much for 12. Therefore the sand trap that is beside the pond will be incorporated into the pond this summer. Plus we will add more drainage on 12. The 15th tee is going to get a makeover too.....the tee will be extended back to be used as the blue tees as well as enlarging the 15th green. The 17th white tee will be made larger also.

Last fall we started offering gift cards. We will still have the paper gift certificates for complimentary things but the gift cards will be used for everything else. You can purchase them in the pro shop and can redeem them in the pro shop or the restaurant. They will have a declining balance on them.

For about the last 20 years or so we have had a league shut down during the last 2 weeks of July. Seems that a lot of people would be on holidays and skipped the league play for those 2 weeks. This was discouraging for the league as well as us so we implemented the shut down. But, times have changed and this shut down has been terminated. Therefore all leagues will play every week from the first of May until their stipulated schedules are complete. So, no more shut down for the last 2 weeks of July.

A couple of club tournaments have changed and we have added a few more. The Mens pot of gold on Mothers day last has been moved to the following week on May 20. The Ladies have added a Match Play tournament on Saturday, June 9. We have also added a Mixed Net Pot of Gold on Sunday, August 26. The PC Cup has changed too....It has moved from the Saturday of the long weekend to the Sunday, September 2 and we have decided

to return it to a Mens Only competition. We know that the sociability of the club is the reason we have been successful so adding these events should help compliment that.

Some other dates to note are:

Mens Opening Day, May 5
Ladies Opening Day, May 12
Dixon Tournament June 16 & 17
Mens Club Champ, June 23 & 24
July 21 & 22.
Ladies Club Champ, June 24 & July 22
Senior Club Champ, July 21 & 22
Two Ball, August 11
Senior Invitational, August 16
Ladies Closing, September 16
Mens Closing, September 29

You can get more information about these events as well as other functions in our Information Packet that you get when you come to pay your membership.

Payment date and times are:

Wednesday, March 28 1-6
Thursday, March 29 1-6
Friday, March 30 1-6
Saturday March 31 1-5
Sunday April 1 1-5

If anyone can't make these dates and time please call and we can arrange another time to suit you.

Our computer system has an email database in it and a lot of you have been getting our little blurbs for the last couple of years. For those who are not getting these please give us your email address and we will add you to the list. These are not very long and are only done once or twice a month so it is not something that will fill up your inbox.

In our efforts to help keep everyone informed of what is going on we have now been able to upload our "calendars of events" to our website. We hope to have

May and June up on the site as soon as the calendars have been completed, so watch for those. They are the same ones that we have available in the pro shop but if you lose yours now you can get it online. You can also print these out if you want.

For the last 15 years we have had a computer system and this system allows our members to have charge accounts. But, as times change so must our ways of doing business. If one wants to charge to their account they will now have to complete a Credit Card Billing Consent Form allowing Pine Crest to debit their credit cards on a stipulated date every month. Failing to do so will result in your account being closed. We still have some outstanding balances from last year and those people could lose their right to join this year unless these accounts get paid before memberships are due.

We are also in the process of changing and we hope improving the car package. All the details are not finalized as yet but we hope to have all the numbers crunched by the time we get open.

Note from Our Pro...

Hello to All,

I hope that this yearly newsletter finds all of you well. I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks for the continued support of our existing members and a hardy welcome to our new members.

The Golf Clinics have been very successful in the past years and I will continue to offer these as before. The clinics are for the first 12 people to sign up in the Pro Shop. Mondays at 5PM will be for the Business Girls. Monday and Thursday night will be for Men and

Women - they will start at 6PM. Cost \$15.00. Juniors are welcome to join me on Saturday morning at 9AM and their cost is only \$5.00. I will also continue the Saturday morning clinic for Members and Guests at 10:30. The cost for this again is only \$15.00 for one hour. All the clinics include Range balls. Private lessons are also available, so come and see me for those little tune ups.

We have expanded the Callaway line of clubs and bags for both of our men and ladies. All our golf products will be available at competitive pricing. Please check with me for the pricing and proper fit. There are also plenty of Demonstration clubs for you to come and try out as well.

I look forward to meeting all of you once again in the spring and wish all health and happiness until I see you again.....

John

See you all at the end of March.....

Bob and Jan