

March Newsletter



Carroll Country Club

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Message From the Board President:

Dear Members and Staff,

It is hard to believe 3 years has passed since I walked into the Board Meeting and told them I wanted to be nominated to be on the Board. I thought Loren Boyce was going to fall out of his chair. You see, we don't get many to volunteer to be on the board, we usually have to recruit them. When I saw my first financial statement, I said what have I got myself into. The Board has worked hard these last 3 years and I think we have been successful in getting things on the right track. It has taken a lot of hard work from the staff, managers, and the grounds crew. I want to thank all of them for everything they have done during my time on the board. We are very fortunate to have them.

It has been an honor being on the Board and serving as the President of the Carroll Country Club. Thank you for supporting me.

I want you to know we are financially on solid ground. My first year we carried over more than \$50,000 in bills paid in 2008. In 2009 we carried over more than \$25,000 and this year all of our bills are paid in full. Over the last 2 years we have profited about \$50,000.

Last year we purchased a used tractor, a stump grinder, a new TV, oven, and fryer. We made outside repairs on the Clubhouse, repainted most of the Clubhouse, rebuilt the snack shack, replaced carpeting on the deck, installed a new sign, and built new cart paths. It has been a busy year.

The cart paths were funded by a new Club Improvement Fund which the Board initiated. This money will be kept separate from the general fund and will help to keep improving our club.

Mike Mosher and Eric Neu are also finishing their term and they have done a great job. Your new President will be Todd Kanne and I have complete confidence he and the new Board will continue with the same success we have had.

Special Thanks to Jim Von Ahn, Nick Schon, Brenda Stickrod, Jason Scranton, Ray Wampler and Ruth Nellesen.

For the last time,
Your Board President
Randy Hockom

Club Updates:

Dear Members:

Are we ever going to break out of this cold snap? I certainly hope so! The good news is that the first day of Spring is Saturday, March 20th!

On March 17th we will be hosting our St. Patrick's Day feast. Please call the Club to make reservations for this event. We will be serving pork with sauerkraut and mashed potatoes, as well as Rubeen sandwiches. We will feature Irish car bombs and black and tans for those of you wishing to stop by the bar.

I would like to thank all of the Members who have generously contributed to our tree clean-up fund. We have taken in over \$4500 so far which will greatly assist our efforts. We (the Board of Directors, Superintendent Jim VonAhn, and myself) believe we are taking every step necessary to provide you with a playable golf course as soon as possible.

Next time you see our Golf Course Superintendent Jim VonAhn, please give him a big THANK YOU! Jim has shouldered much of the burden of coordinating and orchestrating the clean up of the debris from January's ice storm.

Speaking of thank you's, I would like to thank our exiting Board Members, especially Board President Randy Hockom. Randy was as dedicated as any Board Member I have had the privilege to work with in my professional career. Thank You Randy!

Here's to playing golf in the very near future!

Nick Schon
General Manager and Head Golf Professional

Course Updates:

Normally by this time of year the snow is melting and members start to get excited about the golf course opening but not this year. The snow/ice that we have had all winter long is still here and shows no signs of leaving any time soon. Any prediction that I might make on when the golf course will open this year would be pure speculation. Every year we hope to be open by April 1 so I guess I will stick with that for now.

Speaking of sticks, the golf course is covered with them. Most of the branches have been or will be moved to areas of the golf course where we can dispose of them but the areas under our trees will need to be raked and cleaned up. A Member Clean-up Day will most certainly be scheduled once we are sure that we will be able to get around the course without leaving tracks and doing damage to the turf. I can't think of a better way to get back into playing condition than to chase a leaf rake around 75 acres of turf. After all, the blisters and sore muscles will only last a week or so then you will be ready for the golf season!

Hope to see you on the course soon,

Jim VonAhn, CGCS



March Calendar

- **March 9th-Annual Meeting**
- **March 17th-St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Reservations Recommended**
- **March 31st-Family Night-Easter Egg Hunt, Dying Easter Eggs, and Crafts**

March Madness



Mark your calendars to come out to the Carroll Country Club on March 16th to kick-off the madness with the NCAA Championship Play-In Game!

We will also be open on March 18th, 19th, and 20th during the