



# November Newsletter

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## Course Updates:

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fall Clean-up Day! Everything went so smooth it was unbelievable. I never imagined that all of the trees that I had hoped to remove would have been downed and cleaned up by 3 PM. With such great response it would have been possible to continue to remove a few more trees that are destined for eventual removal but I would prefer to remove trees slowly so it does not impact the golf course too much at one time, as that can be viewed negatively by some. A great big THANK YOU to those who helped, in no particular order: Norm Schulz, Larry Schenkelberg, Stoney Neumayer, Jim Kanne, Leon Muhlbauer, Ron Riesberg, Larry Clark, Don Hannasch, Johnny Beiter, Bill Hess, Mike Mosher, Gary Stark, Nick Schon, and Baron Brinkman. My apologies if I missed anyone amidst all the commotion. Also, I know there were members who had planned on helping later in the day and evening. Thanks for keeping us in your plans and trust me, we will be calling for your help in the future. This is what makes this Club a great place to be!

It appears that in my last newsletter, I 'misspoke'. I wrote: Fall is a great time of year!, when I should have written: Fall is NORMALLY a great time of year! That was my error. The month of October did not deliver very good golf weather. Let's hope for a warm November to extend the golf season.

Thanks again,

JimVonAhn, CGCS

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## Club Updates

Greetings:

My apologies for what Mother Nature gave us in October! Let's hope November treats us a little better in the weeks ahead. Even though most days weren't very suitable for golf, we were able to complete our Men's Fall League as flurries fell during the last few holes....sorry guys.

There were a few positives that came out of the month however. With the generous volunteer work of several members, we were able to remove most of the diseased pines throughout the golf course including the trees surrounding #7 green and #8 tee box. A big THANK YOU to those of you who came out to participate in the clean-up day.

Looking at the November calendar we will once again feature several activities here at the club. Ladies Night on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> will include a Cooking Class presented by Chef Raymond Wampler. On Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> we will host a Martini Steakhouse Night with specials on signature steaks and martinis in the clubhouse all night long. Family Night on November 18<sup>th</sup> will be Carnival Night at the Club with games, corndogs, popcorn, and funnel cakes for the kids to enjoy. To wrap up the month we will host our Sunday Brunch from 10AM to 1PM on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our condolences go out to the family of our Board President Randy Hockom. Randy's mother passed away recently after a long battle with cancer.

Come out and enjoy the great activities we have planned for November. Hope to see you all very soon.

Nick Schon

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## Upcoming Events:

November 4th-Ladies Night

November 12th-Steak/Martini Night

November 18th-Family Night

November 26th-Clubhouse/Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 29th-Sunday Brunch

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**During the Fall/Winter the dining room fills up fast! We encourage you to make reservations so we are better prepared to serve you!**

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**Have you booked your office or family holiday party yet? Contact Brenda at the Carroll Country Club to reserve your date today!**



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### **Active, But Inactive- An Interesting tidbit on how your USGA Handicap “hibernates”**

A mid November round may be an ideal way to cap the playing season, but finding out the handicap system is dormant can be confusing. If the weather had been good enough to play, why can't scores be posted? During winter months in some states like ours, scores are not accepted and handicap indexes are not revised. This is referred to as the inactive season.

Course and slope rating represent the difficulty of a course played under normal or mid-season playing conditions. The unpredictability of off-season conditions - a lack of foliage, lessened green speeds, reduced bounce and roll - can greatly affect a course's difficulty. The course conditions during winter months are inconsistent with the way the course was rated; posting these scores could affect a player's index.

A handicap index is defined as "potential scoring ability on a course of standard playing difficulty." Consider playing on a course that, during the winter, was extraordinarily easy because the tees were moved up and there was no rough. Such a course would no longer reflect conditions under which it was rated, so accepting even a few scores could change a player's index. The converse holds true for those facing quite difficult conditions, such as wet fairways or strong winter winds.

That's why many clubs in areas where winter can be harsh set an inactive season, which often lasts from November to the middle of March.

Late-season play can be one of the unexpected joys of the game. Sometimes these rounds can be used to help determine a handicap index. But often, they're nothing more than a pleasant way to spend an afternoon.