

Rock Creek Country Club Newsletter

October 2011

SEK Senior's Tournament

Thank you to all that helped with the SEK Tournament on the 5th of October. As usual, the course was in great shape and the meal served was delicious. We are fortunate to have Tom and his crew and Stephanie and her staff a part of our club. Everyone always looks forward to coming to Burlington because of the dedication of those people. Thanks also go out to all the golfers, those who allowed use of their carts, and the ladies manning the registration table.

This was SEK's second tournament of the year at Rock Creek. All 68 players complimented us on another successful event.

Results are as follows:

A Flight

Stan Garrett – Medalist, David Willman – 1st, Dennis Goodman – 2nd, Steve Berry – 3rd, Chris Chaney – 4th

B Flight

Lee Goodman – 1st, Larry Williams – 2nd, Butch Ludolph – 3rd, Bill Scott – 4th

C Flight

James Higgins – 1st, Robert Hyde – 2nd, Larry Garrett – 3rd, Steve Harding – 4th

D Flight

Don Hill – 1st, Ken Hollon – 2nd, Ron Stoops – 3rd, Dan Gates – 4th

E Flight

Kelly Lyon – 1st, Don Bolt – 2nd, Bob Trendel – 3rd, Kent Smith – 4th

Plaque Updates

Work is still continuing on updating the plaques in the small dining room. Please contact Sharen (364-2939) or Jerilyn (364-2705) if you can help them. Needed is the 2008 men's club champion, the men's senior division club champions from 2008 to present, and the name of any individuals achieving a hole in one after 2008. Please let either one of those ladies know if you can help them get the information needed to get the update completed.

Another Donation

Next time you are at the club take a minute to admire the golf picture on the east wall of the small dining room. Our thanks go out to Lyle Clark for thinking of the club with his donation of this appropriate picture. Thank you so much for this gift, Lyle.

Silent Auction

During the month of November there will be a silent auction taking place at the club. Get an early start on your Christmas shopping and place your bids whenever you are at the club. We thank all the individuals who donated items for this event. Proceeds will go toward Rock Creek operations, where needed. The course and clubhouse can always use updates so our members can continue to be proud of what is happening at Rock Creek. It is through the support of each member that these improvements can be made.

Texas Hold 'Em

The Rotary is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on November 5th. Registration begins at 12 noon with play starting at 1:00 pm. Proceeds will go toward the Rotary scholarship fund.

Dining Out

The club continues to be open with weekly specials on Tuesday and Friday evenings, along with Friday lunch and Sundays from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

There will be two special events for your dining pleasure in the month of November. On November 11th all veterans and service men and women will receive their Friday meal at half price. On Saturday, November 19th Stephanie and her staff will once again be serving a pre-Thanksgiving meal. Last year's meal was a great success, as I am sure this one will be. Registrations are suggested but not required. If you know you will be attending please sign up in the bar area. It helps Stephanie have somewhat of an idea of how many might be attending.

Winter Hours

It's that time again for winter hours to go into affect at Rock Creek. The following hours will be observed from November until the end of February 2012: Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tuesday 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Friday 11:00 am – Close

Annual Meeting

Soon the annual meeting will be upon us. This is usually held on the 3rd Monday evening in January. That is the tentative date for the 2012 annual meeting. Three members will be up for election. Those who have served a 3-year term are Chris Bahr, Dave Freeman and James Higgins. James has agreed to run for another term. Thank you, James. The by-laws read "Three directors shall be elected annually for a term of three years; a director shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms." We need **at least** two other individuals to come forward and agree to serve as your directors. If you would be interested on serving on the nominating committee contact Gene. If we have no volunteers by November 10, 2011, chairman will appoint the committee.

Murder Mystery

On Friday evening, October 28th approximately 44 people turned out to experience the murder mystery depicted by Jim Stukey and seven of his acting friends. Many of those in attendance guessed correctly that the murderer of Judge Waylon Payne was none other than Elvira-Lynn Fekshin, the proud madam of the Pigeon Ranch. Thank you to all the actors that donated their time for this crime adventure and to all of you that came out to enjoy the evening.

We are always looking for new and different things to do at the club. If you have any ideas about something you would like to see us try please feel free to contact any of the members of the entertainment committee. Those members are Angela Brown-Trimble, Sharen Caldwell, Jerilyn Curtiss and James Higgins.

Four New Tables

Through generous donations we have been able to purchase four new tables for the large dining room. We have purchased

two long rectangular and two large round tables. The new tables will come in handy when we host receptions and also for use in the winter months for the pitch tournament. Thank you to each and every one of you that donated for these purchases.

Holiday Celebrations

We have some Christmas parties already on the calendar for December. If you are planning on hosting a Christmas event at the club please get with Stephanie as soon as possible so it can be scheduled.

The Ladies Day Christmas party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th. Check your calendars early and circle that date to come out and enjoy a luncheon and hopefully be able to stay and play bridge or pitch. If you are unable to stay for the card games in the afternoon hopefully you will be able to attend the luncheon. More information on this will be sent out in the future.

Tom's Tidbits

First of all thanks go out to Mike Griffith, Gene Merry and Stephen Freeman for their time and tree trimming skills. Stephen not only donated his time but also supplied the equipment for the project. Fourteen grain truck loads were hauled to the dump area.

Tom and Sharen Caldwell started planting trees between one and nine fairway. Four of the six trees have been plated by Tom and Melvin Thomas. Melvin and Ann donated a Red Maple in remembrance of Ann's brother. Tom will plant the last two trees when they arrive. Thanks to Tom, Sharen, Melvin and Ann for their donation and commitment to improving the course.

Andy applied the final fungicide treatment to the greens along with their last application of fertilizer. With the final treatments, the greens and season ending temperatures, it should be time for the greens to go to bed for the winter. Everything would be going as scheduled except like a child that doesn't want to go to sleep; they keep wanting another drink of water.

Water for irrigation is still a problem as we are not gaining like we should be on filling the pond. Recovery rate on the well is dropping off and limits the amount of water we are able to pump. Until the aquifer is recharged from John Redmond and rain, we will continue to lose gallons pumped per day. Several projects are being slowed down or halted due to the lack of water.

A dog ran across the course the other day and it is so dry the trees stated chasing him!

Keep the green side up,

Tom