Dear Members:

Welcome back to the Indian River Golf Course. I would like to thank Bud Garlick, Jim Bebee, John Gibson and Bob Foster as they leave the IRGC Board of Directors. I would also like to thank the members who volunteered for the committees and special activities. Without the members' volunteer efforts, the IRGC would be just another place to play golf. The volunteers make our golf course special.

I am pleased to report that even with a water leak in the kitchen this winter and a very slow April, we are still on budget. The key to maintaining our cost/member low is to add more members. We are up slightly this year, but we need to continue to stress increasing our membership. We need every member's effort to continue to recruit new members. There are some significant jobs being added to the Tissue Plant in Cheboygan and a new Assisted Living Facility. If you have new people moving into your neighborhood, ask them to join you at the Indian River Golf Club for Happy Hour and encourage them to become members. An increased membership would significantly improve our financial situation.

As I stated before, the priorities for 2014 are: maintain and grow our membership, provide a high quality golf course, deliver a quality dining experience and continuously communicate to the membership. If we accomplish these four priorities, the financial results will follow. We will rely on Pam Phipps and Pat Whitman to keep a watchful eye on expenses.

I have gotten feedback from many of you, both positive and negative. I encourage dialogue and ask you to continue to suggest ways to improve and things we need to watch closer. We need to make this club as good as it can be.

My personal goal for 2014 is to make membership at Indian River Golf Course FUN!!

Your President,
Craig Druskins
From Our Manager, Pam Phipps

There is no better place to live from Memorial Day to Labor Day than Northern Michigan, and there is no better club to belong to than Indian River Golf Club. Life is good!

Indian River Golf Club has a great professional staff; beginning with Pat Whitman who has the course in excellent shape after the long hard winter. Not all golf courses in Michigan can say that. Many of you may not realize that Pat also maintains the equipment. His equipment costs are well below the industry standards, and the equipment lasts far longer than its expected life.

PGA Professional John Paul Westbrook has been here for only a short time, but his impact has been great. He has been busy working with the leagues and implementing the new league software. He has also been busy training an entirely new staff. Starters are now on the tee box to greet and welcome you. The bag staff has been trained to assist you with your golf bag, to put grips on your clubs and to offer you a clean cart.

The Greenside Grille is led by the team of Chef John Giles and Front of House Coordinator Tonya Rominak. Both are working hard to improve your dining experience. John has changed some menu items and has added cod and perch to the Friday Fish Fry. Tonya has started happy hour Tuesday-Saturday from 4-6PM. Mike Ridley is scheduled to entertain at the club on June 12, July 10 and August 14. I believe that The Greenside Grille has the best happy hour, the best lunch and the best dinners in the area. Bring your friends and give us a try!

Friendship and memories are what Indian River Golf Club is all about. Having a course in nice shape, having good food to eat, and having the best amenities mean nothing without our friends and family to share the experience. IRGC is looking for a few new members. Do you know of anyone who would like to share the friendship share the fun? Membership packages are available in the administrative office. Remember if you bring in a new certificate member, you get a credit on your account.

Finally, thank you to all the members who have volunteered in one way or another. You have made the club a special place. Also, thanks to the Shooters Club for financing the new rock wall on hole number nine. It really adds to the beauty of tee box.

Upcoming Events

- June 18th Taylor Made Demo Day 4:00—7:00 PM
- June 22nd ILEF Scramble 1:00 Shotgun
- June 25th Member’s Night Scramble 3:30 PM Shotgun
- June 27th ladies Interclub @ Boyne
- June 30th No Leagues all week for 4th of July
- July 11th Board Meeting 8 AM
- July 13th Couples/Mixed Championship
- July 23rd Ladies’ Invitational 9 AM Shotgun
- July 30th Members’ Night Scramble 3:30 Shotgun

In Memoriam:

Terry Carolin (October 2013)
John Olszewski (October 2013)
John Hawthorne (November 2013)
Noel Melvin (March 2014)
Art Sullivan (May 2014)
Ed Moore (June 2014)

Back For The Summer?

Remember to update your phone numbers, email and addresses with the office, if there are any changes, or go on the member only page on the IRGC web site and update your info on the member profile page.

New E-Mail Addresses for IRGC!

indianrivergolfclub@outlook.com
office@indianrivergolfclub.com
As spring finally arrives, the Indian River Golf Club is in full swing. The Men’s and Ladies’ leagues have begun play after a slow start and some inclement weather. The pro shop is taking signups for the Wednesday Men’s Stableford League starting on June 11. This is a league with results paid out weekly. It’s perfect for the golfer who can’t participate every week due to a busy schedule. Remember to call the pro shop by 3pm on Tuesday prior.

The Golf Academy is open and hosting many clinics for all levels of players. In May, a Short Game clinic was held for both men and women, which was a big hit! Pam and I are putting together dates for another set of Short Game clinics for the summer months. The professional staff just completed our Distance Clinic as well. This clinic focused on hitting the driver and hitting the ball farther. On June 11 and 12, the golf academy has a Consistency Clinic for those that are lacking in this department. Check with the pro shop on availability and to sign up. The Learn to Play Golf for Women clinics are currently taking place. The second session starting on July 2 is a great way to improve your game in mid-season for just $99. This clinic is for five weeks on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm.

The PGA of America has set up an initiative called “Get Golf Ready” for new and lapsed golfers. The second session starts on Saturday, June 7 at 6pm and has spots available. Session three starts in July on Saturdays at 6pm and has availability too.

The 2014 Ron Schult Memorial Cheboygan County Junior Golf Program kicks off on Wednesday, June 18 at 10am for ages 8 – 11 and 11am for ages 12 – 17. This program is for junior golfers who reside in and attend school in Cheboygan County. This junior program is FREE to the participants. Graduates earn FREE golf for the summer as well.

Our professional staff is finally all accounted for and working in the shop. Many of you have met Roger Trombley, a local resident, who used to work at Indianwood Golf and CC in Lake Orion. Dan Wilson is our Ferris State intern from the PGM program. Dan is from Lakeville just south of Big Rapids, MI. To round out the staff, we are blessed to have Kelly McElreath on our team. Kelly is from Oakland Twp. and attends Mt. Holyoke College and plays on their golf team. We are all very happy to be here and hope you are patient with us while learning the trends and preferences of the IRGC membership.

Some new procedures that you might or might not be aware of are:

- All members must check in at the golf shop before playing the course.
- It is recommended that on busy days, players pair up to create foursomes to insure a proper pace of play which adds to enjoyment.
- Only allow 5 minutes at the turn to stop for food or restrooms.
- Call ahead to make tee times to help the staff prepare for your arrival especially on weekends in the summer.
- All play starts on the designated starting hole. All exceptions MUST be okayed by the professional staff.

Thanks for all your support. We look forward to serving you while you are here at your fine club!

John Paul Westbrook, PGA Head Golf Professional

**Quotable Quotes**

“Don’t analyze your own swing. The chance are you can’t do it properly. Have a pro do the job.”  Sam Snead

“Working on swing fundamentals is the surest way to improve your game.”  Nick Price

“The chip is the greatest economist in golf.”  Bobby Jones

“A sure way to break a bad putting spell is to get on the practice green and return to the fundamentals.”  Bob Rosburg
Tournament and Golf

Mark your Calendars for these popular events:

**President’s Cup Tournament:** The first matches are underway. Watch the posters in grille area for player advances! Participants in President’s Cup should review their entrance forms for rules and schedule matches with the Pro Shop. Plan to watch the final matches as a gallery on August 8th (August 9th for rainout).

**Ladies Invitational:** “Northern Exposure” is being held on July 23rd with sign up beginning June 2nd and continues until July 9th. Ladies, get your teams registered for a fun day of golf and games!

**Member Couples Tournament:** July 13th. This tournament is a mixed golf format of Best Ball, Alternate Shot and Scramble. There were rave reviews for this fun tournament last year. Watch for sign up at the end of June!

**Club Championship:** August 23-24. The reigning champions are Ginny Braidwood and Steve Reh. New contenders are welcome! Watch for sign-up and details the beginning of August.

As always, effort is made to tweak things to make it easier for member. Accordingly, you’ll see posters and flyers in the locker room and halls, but **ALL SIGN-UPS are being done at the PRO Shop desk!!!**

**Note from the Handicap Committee:**

Please post your scores when playing in non-league games. There is great new software this year that automatically posts our league scores to GAM, but casual play must be entered downstairs or from home within 48 hours of playing. Everyone pays for the privilege of computed handicaps, and the Handicap Committee is required to review for appropriate postings. Please try to post in a timely fashion. If you are having trouble doing so, please see the ProShop for assistance.

Thank You!

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**EXHIBITORS WANTED!**

Artists: painters, sculptors, wood carvers, stained glass artists, photographers, quilters, writers, jewelry makers, etc. for an art show at the Indian River Golf Club Art and Wine Festival on September 18, 2014. The club will be hosting a wine party and would love to showcase the many and varied creative talents of our members during this event. Please contact Pam Kroeger at 941-400-6404, if you are interested in displaying your art. Help us make this a success!

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**Welcome Back Party**

Thank you to the staff of IRGC for providing such an wonderful Welcome Back Party. The food was tasty and well presented, and the wait staff was as efficient as usual. There was the largest turnout for this event in recent years. The club provided the food and one free drink. Many of the members forgot to tip their waitstaff! Not receiving a bill, many simply forgot. This is easily remedied by giving a generous tip the next time you dine at IRGC!
The course is in excellent condition despite the loooong, cold, and snowy winter that we had. Speaking of the winter, I would like to thank the two men who groomed the golf course for cross country skiing during those difficult conditions. They are Pat Whitman, our superintendent, and Bob Schultz, my husband. It was a very rough job, but we ended up with some beautifully groomed trails.

You will soon notice work being done on the first fairway. The original plan for that hole was to guard the green with trees and the bunkers. The trees have grown up to where all three bunkers are no longer necessary. Since the first one, the lowest one, keeps washing out and caving in when we have a hard rain, we have decided to eliminate it and just have fairway rough in its place.

The work on the forward tees is still going to happen. Due to our late spring, nothing was done as discussed last year. The current plan is to place an additional forward tee on most of the holes as soon as possible. This year they will be cut into the current grass. We will be able to evaluate their placements this year and make any necessary changes before anything permanent is done. The course will need to be evaluated by GAM for a new course rating. This is being done to make our course more “user friendly”. Currently the PGA and LPGA are pushing the initiative to “play it forward”. They have found that this allows both younger and older golfers to continue to enjoy the game of golf longer.

The club has purchased some tape to use on our flag poles that should allow the laser distance finders to work better. It was relatively inexpensive and will serve as a way to upgrade our course. We will reevaluate them later in the year.

Go out and have fun!

Sue Schultz

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Mike Ridley on the Deck
6:00 to 8:00 PM
June 12th
July 10th
August 14th
Call for reservations!

Steve Reh
Hole # 13
May 30th
Congratulations!
The Membership/Marketing Committee has been busy throughout the winter months.

Because of MDOT delays, we will have to wait until September to see our Indian River Golf Club and The Greenside Grille logo signs posted at the 310 mile marker. These are the signs travelers see along exit ramps directing them to local attractions and eateries.

On May 31st, Bill Hobson, of Michigan Golf Live, hosted his radio program from Indian River Golf Club. The weekly radio program is a 2 hour broadcast, heard throughout Michigan and surrounding areas. A condensed podcast is available on his web site, and soon be available on the IRGC web page and the IRGC Facebook page. Pam and JP are naturals for promoting IRGC.

Pam represented the club at Spring Golf Shows in Novi and Grand Rapids. Attendance at these shows provides IRGC great exposure and credibility to golfers who travel to the northern Michigan area, but are unaware or unsure of the quality of IRGC. The number of emails we gain at these shows are a valuable tool for economical IRGC marketing.

Letters of introduction of IRGC to new property owners in the area are being sent out monthly. We want to demonstrate that we are the “Friendliest Club in the North”, and suggest that a membership at IRGC, is a great way to meet new friends and helps develop a sense of belonging to the community.

Special family pricing has now been extended to parents and parents-in-law of our members to better make a family day of golf at IRGC more affordable. We have also changed that children 18 and under will not have to pay dues; therefore, they can walk for no charge. Children ages 19 to 23 still have the option to pay the unlimited green fees for $175/child or pay $15 for 9 holes walking/riding or $25 for 18 holes walking/riding.

In an effort to help make The Greenside Grille a destination restaur-

Treasurer’s Notes
Sukey Stump
Remember The Staff

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Chairperson: Candee Tucker

Gratuity, tips, how much should we give is a common question and concern for both the members and the staff. An article in a recent GAM publication noted that as a "general rule of thumb a $2 to $5 per bag" per round is appropriate. The locker room staff at our club divides the tips received throughout the day per person based on the number of hours worked.

The same question can be applied to our restaurant staff. Suggested gratuities range from 18% to 20% for the total bill. When you are attending a special event the tip may be included in the food price, but not the amount you spend on alcohol. Please remember to tip your servers for both the food and drinks that you have enjoyed.

These practices support our efforts to hold on to a well trained staff year after year. Enjoy your club and make sure you remember to tip accordingly.
Website and Other IT Stuff (Worth Repeating)

My sense is that more of our members are getting into the electronic age with high speed internet access and email. For those who use our website this article can be a refresher. For those who don’t, I hope that this information will get to you one way or another and will encourage you to pursue electronic access.

IRGC currently uses several different electronic interactions with our members, principally

- Statements are sent out via email each month by Amanda to those who have addresses on file. This method is used to save postage and each member is responsible for remitting their payment by whatever method they choose. Obviously it is beneficial to the club to save this money. In the future, it may be possible to submit electronic payments, but this is not currently possible.
- E-blasts are newsletters sent out to keep members informed of current and future news and events happening at the club.
- Our website, www.indianrivergolfclub.com, contains a wealth of information about our club and, hopefully, is used often to keep members informed.
- On the website can be found sections that are available to the general public and are intended to attract them to play golf and dine at the club.
- Another area entitled “Members Only” houses various information that is available exclusively to our members. Submenus are shown below:

  - **Member Portal** - Tee Times
    - *(Username is your e-mail and password is your member number)*
  - **Monthly Newsletters**
  - **League Information**
  - **Calendar of Events**
  - **Member Events Information**
  - **Member Directory**
  - **Update Directory Profile**
  - **Officers and Directors**
  - **Committees**
  - **By-laws**
  - **BOD Minutes and Financial Statements**

- **BOD Minutes and Financial Statements** were added this year to better communicate between the BOD and the members. It will take you to monthly BOD Minutes and Financial Statements.
- **Officers and Directors; Committees; and By-laws** are sections from the “Green Book” that are kept current and avoid the cost of reprinting this information.
- The Member Directory is an online version of the directory that has been printed in the “Green Book”. Most of the information in this directory can and should be kept up to date by each member by using the submenu item entitled **Update Directory Profile**.
- **Calendar of Events and Member Events Information** should be reviewed regularly for happenings.
- **League Information** links to the schedules for each league. Last year, league results were posted, but this proved too time consuming for the little amount of use. Next year I would like to add sub information if this can be corralled.
- **Monthly Newsletters** has a link to each of this year’s newsletters.
- **Member Portal** will take you to information that is currently in the Crescent System that we use as our administrative software collecting info from the restaurant and pro shop.

**Record Your Handicap:** On the front page of Indian River Golf Club is a link to GAM or you can go to gam.org. Log in and user name are required. Please see Pam Amanda or John Paul for the information.

**League Information:** To find league information such as schedules, standings, points, etc. on the front page of the Indian River Golf Club website, and on the home page at the bottom is a link titled league information. Just login with user name and password.

**Monthly Statements:** IRGC goes green with e-statements! In an effort to save paper and funds, IRGC defaults to e-statements for your monthly account statement. In the first week of each month you should see your statement in your inbox. Be sure to add the email address, indianrivergolfclub@outlook.com, to your list of safe senders to prevent the statements from getting kicked to your spam folder. If you miss a statement, you can always access them on the member portal of the web page. If you prefer to receive paper statement, just let the office know, and they can mail your statement.
Social Committee

The first Member Scramble was held on May 21st. The event was well attended, the weather was fine and the food was excellent. However, the best part was the fashion show hosted by Pam Phipps. Pam has added new clothing lines in the Pro Shop which were modeled by a number of members. Thanks to Chris and Dave Southwell, Paulette Paschen, Jerry Lesperance and Dan and Kelly from the Pro Shop for modeling the golf apparel.

June 1st was the best attended Welcome Back Party that anyone can remember. Craig Druskin and Pam Phipps welcomed everyone, especially our new members who were introduced to the membership. Jan and Bruce Hunting were the lucky winners of “Guess who’s having dinner for 8”, and Chef John will prepare a gourmet meal for Jan and Bruce and their guests. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

Mark your calendars for the next Member Scramble which will be on Wednesday, June 25th. Entertainment will be provided by the Cheboygan Brewery Band. Please sign-up in the Pro Shop.

Fashions From the Pro Shop

For more information about the Brewhouse Band, log on to http://brewhouseband.com/. Listed are their scheduled events including IRGC.
NORTHERN EXPOSURE
Indian River Golf Club
2014 Ladies Invitational
July 23, 2014

18 hole 4-Person Scramble
8:00 AM Check in, 9:00 AM Shotgun Start
$60 members, $70 non-members
Lunch & Prizes
The price includes mulligans
Deadline for Registration July 9th

Phone the golf club at 231-238-7011 with Names, Emails and Handicaps for your team.

Member’s Registration: June 1st through June 14th
Non-Member’s Registration: June 15th through July 9th
Indian River Golf Club
P.O. Box 428
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-7011

2013 Officers:
- President: Craig Druskins
- Vice-President: Bruce Hunting
- Secretary: Bill Bray
- Treasurer: Suzanna Stump

We are on the web!
WWW.INDIANRIVERGOLFCLUB.COM

Tee Times 238-7011
Restaurant 238-8515

Welcome to all IRGC members who enjoy a game of bridge. You are invited to play Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday at 6:00 pm (5 pm for dinner, if you can join the dinner crowd) and/or Party Bridge on Thursday. Come at noon for lunch and 1:00 for Bridge.

Please call Margie Rei (238-2220) to sign up for Duplicate Bridge and Pat Stanton (238-8927) to sign up for Party Bridge. Sign up for one week or multiples. We always need and love new players.

Non-members can also sign up for a minimal fee. The cost is $99 for the quarter (3 month bridge membership) or $5.00 guest fee per day. Call with questions.

Mah Jongg play is Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Beginners are welcome. To inquire about learning the game, contact Jessie McFadden at 238-7369. Beginners are welcome!

Euchre Every Thursday
Join players for dinner from 5 to 6: PM
Card play is from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Please call or email
Sue or Bob Schultz
by noon on Wednesdays
SCHBOBIR@HOTMAIL.COM
231-238-4281

We need to know numbers to set up for dining, staff, tables, tallies, etc. If you would like to learn to play euchre, please contact Sue to make arrangements.

Books Wanted
Every year members share their books that they have read by bringing them to the club. The book shelves in the tournament room have a few books brought in by members, but there is room on the shelves for many more. At the end of the season the books are given to a charity. Check your shelves at home for books to bring and share. Thank you from all readers!