

August 2023 Newsletter

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A Newsletter for the Broadmoor Community

Newsletter Highlights: Membership / Saying Good-Bye / Tournament Results / Social

From our General Manager:

Thank You For A Wonderful Summer and Best Wishes At School



It is August and in the midwestern golf business that means a couple of annual occurrences are about to happen. Many families will be negotiating the start of school and changing their weekly activity schedules. Running parallel to that occurrence, country club operations will also be adjusting to the same change in weekly activities along with the adjustments to staffing levels.

A very important component of club operations is the service provided by a quality staff. We have been fortunate to have a wonderful complement of seasonal staff again this season. In addition to our great core of full-time and year-round team members, each year we seek and benefit from staff members who join the team starting in May, then begin departing right about now. We will make our annual adjustments in the areas of their work which include (8) in Food & Beverage, (8) in Golf Course Maintenance, (9) in Pool Operations and (11) in Golf Operations.

I welcome you to review the roster you will see later in the newsletter of those staff members who have been here this summer and now heading back to school. You will also get to see their schools where they are students and teachers. We are thankful for all they have helped us accomplish this season and we wish them all the best for their upcoming school year.

Respectfully,

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Upcoming Events

August 5

Club Champion Qualifier
Concert at the Pool: Luau

August 7

Folds of Honor Golf Outing

August 11

One-day Member Guest
Open Tennis

August 18-20

Championship Weekend

August 29

Last Ladies' League

August 30

Last Men's League

August 30

Pool/Court Brainstorm
Meeting

September 4

Last Day of Pool;

Doggie Days

September 8-10

Mordoh Cup

Welcome to our Newest Members

Premier

Rick and Mary Pat Torbeck

Dining Room

Tuesday-Saturday
11:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday
11:00am – 4:00pm

Golf Shop

Tuesday-Sunday
Opens 7:00am

Golf Simulator

Tuesday-Friday
10:00am-6:00pm
Saturday-Sunday
10:00am – 4:00pm

August Pool Hours

8/1-13th

M/T closed
W-F 11am-7pm
Saturday
11am-7pm (except 8/5:
thru Luau Party)
Sunday
11am-6pm

8/14-9/3

M/T closed
W-F 3pm-7pm
Saturday
11am-7pm
Sunday
11am-7pm

9/4: Labor Day

11am-4pm
**Labor Day Doggie
Party**
4pm

Member Spotlight

You've seen his name on the transom to the bar. There are pictures in the restaurant that he donated. He tracked down the first minutes of the Club and paid for all the framing on the Centennial Wall in the restaurant. Broadmoor has benefited from his generosity for years. Who is this guy? **Meet David Lurvey.**

David's relationship with Broadmoor began 100 years ago, when his grandfather was on the first Board of Directors. His parents were also members and, as an avid golfer, David joined on his own at the age of 24.

Broadmoor Realty was the entity that bought the original property and when David was president of that company the land was deeded over to Broadmoor Country Club. In his years with the club he served three 3-year terms on the board and was on the social committee. He tells us that in the formative years of the club, of the 150 members at the time almost everyone was on a committee. That involvement decreased over time, except for the Golf Committee. He also worked with Sandy Levinson to re-write the clubhouse rules.

Broadmoor experienced financial difficulties for several years, and David's biggest fear was that the 3rd tee turn would end up as a gas station. He so valued the Jewish heritage of this club that he stepped in to help wherever he could. David donated \$50,000 to redo the bar/restaurant area, now known as the Lurvey Room (member Larry Dorfman did the construction work at cost). He also climbed on the roof and painted all the rust white!

Ever been to one of our Derby Parties? That theme was started by David and his long-time companion Shelley Bernstein Shane, who

was also a member (they met at Broadmoor). While not strictly a club event, many members were invited. David and Shelley held three Derby Parties, donated all the food and drink, and would have up to 200 people attend! When we began our Centennial celebration



plans, David very much wanted to be part of it, so he had the first minutes of the board and other pictures on the Centennial wall framed and mounted. He also arranged to have the pictures on the Board Presidents' walls re-framed and hung.

Shelley passed in 1998 after a 20-year relationship, leaving a daughter David considers his own. Then in 2007 he bought a place in Costa Rica, planning on travelling back and forth frequently. A combination of the real estate crash, the pandemic, and a troubling surgery has limited his travel plans. But even though the surgery didn't go well and left him with mobility issues and a lot of pain, he still is happy that he "opens his eyes every day!"

But there's a happy side to this. Since the pandemic slowed his commute from Costa Rica, he was able to meet Flora, a sweet woman and mother to three daughters who he married at the club this past October! You will often see Flora and one of her daughters at Broadmoor for dinner and other events.

David's profession was, and still is, real estate investment. He continues to manage several of his properties and doesn't see retirement very soon. He really likes projects (but not so much the details).

When asked about his fondest memory of Broadmoor, he recounts a story told to him by a long-time employee, Walter Johnson. You may remember reading about Walter in one of our Centennial newsletters last year. "Many years ago, my grandfather wanted a steak and asked Walter to bring him one. Then he asked Walter to cut the steak in half and had him sit down. Walter said it was the first time a member had ever asked him to dine." Goosebumps.

As with many of our long-time members, David loves Broadmoor – it's in his DNA. When there is a need, he can always be counted on to help. Thanks, David, for all you have done for Broadmoor!

In Memoriam: Rich Potosnak

We are saddened in the unexpected death of Rich Potosnak, who was a member of our Board of Directors for the last several years. Rich served on the Facilities Committee and helped research information for some of our infrastructure issues. Rich played in our Wednesday night Men's League and could often be found at the pool on weekends. RIP, Rich.



Employee Spotlight: Meet Chris Groene

We think you will find Chris' journey to Broadmoor an interesting story! Chris is originally from East Moline, Illinois. His dad was a firefighter and passed when Chris was in the 5th grade from the toxic effects of fighting a hair salon fire. An only child raised by his mother, Chris has long known the value of hard work.

While still in high school in 2003, Chris worked as part of a seasonal grounds crew at the Tournament Players Club at Deere Run in Silvis, Illinois. A long-time golfer, he then went to Michigan State and graduated in April 2006 with a degree in Turf Grass Management and a specialty in golf. Interestingly, Chris originally wanted to be a Forensic Scientist as a crime scene investigator. However, after learning that it took about 10 years to become qualified for that position, after graduation Chris moved to Charlottesville, Virginia to grow-in Spring Creek Golf



Club, a new golf community similar to Holiday Farms. He helped start the course from scratch, which opened in September of 2006 and was named by Golf Digest as the top new golf course that year.

From 2007-2009 Chris was the Assistant Superintendent at Meridian Hills. Having previously met Chris Hague, the Broadmoor Superintendent, Chris Groene knew a retirement would soon be coming and joined BCC in 2010 as Assistant Superintendent. When Hague

retired in 2016, Chris went through the hiring process with Landscapes Management, our management company at the time, and was named course Superintendent. The rest, as we say, is history.

Chris has known his wife, Erin, since they were in grade school at St. Anne in Illinois. They also went to the same high school and were part of the same friends group. But it was not until Chris came back from his first year in college that they began a long-term relationship in 2004. Chris got an internship at Baltimore Country Club in the summer of 2005 and Erin went with him. They were married in 2011 and are now the proud parents of Evelyn, 4, and Colton, 1 ½. Chris' mom now lives 15 minutes from them, so it's great for the grandkids.

When asked about the most challenging part of his job . . . he had a hard time coming up with one thing! It's always a challenge trying to stay ahead of the weather while meeting member expectations. He usually gets here at 5:30am to start the day except on Tournament days, when he arrives at 4:30am. During the off season the crew works on projects, such as tree work, clearing leaves, and continuing to mow. Here's an interesting fact Chris shared. The green speeds at the British Open are 10'2"; standards are 10'5" minimum and our players like 11-12'. During the Epperson, the green speeds were 13'!

When asked what he likes best about Broadmoor, Chris gets a lot of satisfaction when the team knocks it out and members appreciate it and give good feedback, with everyone doing their job. He loves the Donald Ross aspect and describes our course as a “growing, living thing,” which we may often forget.

Chris also gets a great deal of satisfaction from creating a good staff. During the season he usually has 18 on staff, 8 of whom are full-time employees, and as the high school and college kids go back to school staff goes down to around 10. He appreciates working with Keith to increase the budget to do the things he needs to do.

What would we be surprised to know? Chris is an avid coin collector! His grandfather got him interested when he passed down his collection to Chris at a very young age. He buys a variety of coins and often gets coins for his birthday. What started as a small collection of wheat pennies, mercury dimes, and Kennedy half dollars has now turned into over 1000 coins. His collection now includes many pre-1800 coins, a full collection of silver quarters, numerous silver dollars and various commemorative coin collections, including all The Masters tournament coins since 2008. He also inherited a one troy ounce gold American Eagle coin when he was very young from his Grandpa. When Chris got it no one knew how valuable it was, but it's always locked away in his safe!

We think you and your crew do an awesome job, and many golfers and their guests say the course has never looked better. Great job, Chris!

Employee Appreciation

For the last couple of years, we have held our Employee Appreciation Day at Broadmoor. This year, 50 or so of our employees joined together at Top Golf for golf, food, prizes, and fun!



The team enjoying the day!

Saying good-bye

We are sad to see Renee Adam, our Assistant Golf Professional, leave Broadmoor to pursue another career opportunity. Members thanked Renee at her “goodbye” reception on Tuesday, July 25 – her last Ladies’ League evening. Good luck, Renee!



Renee with her beloved juniors!

With summer coming to a close, we will also be saying good-bye to many of our golf shop staff as they return to school. Feedback has been great – the “bag boys” are always quick to welcome members, get their clubs from their cars or the bag room, and always greet us by name.



Bernie shows his stuff at Top Golf!



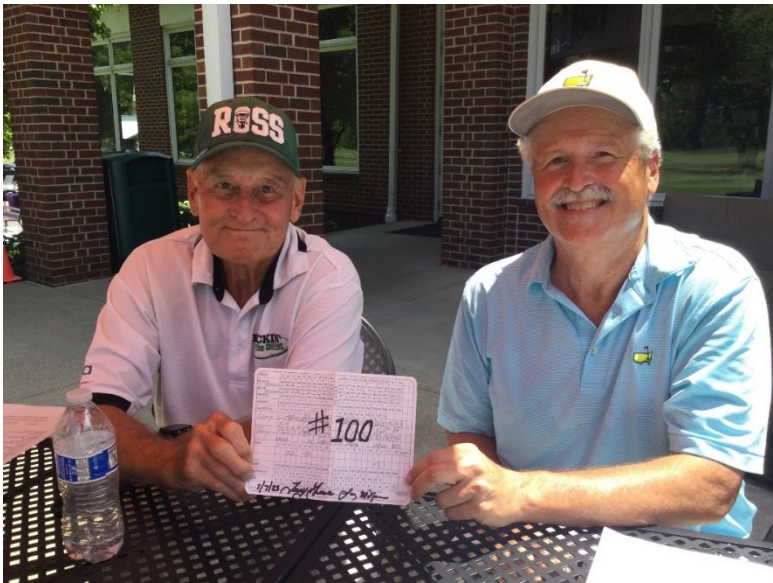
Staff Returning to School

First Name	Last Name	School	Department
Alexis	Bronstetter	IUPUI	Food & Beverage
Lilly	Bryant	Indiana University	Food & Beverage
Kevin	Bryant	Lutheran High School	Food & Beverage
Tristan	Budd	Purdue University	Food & Beverage
Megan	Chamberlain	Indiana University	Food & Beverage
Brynna	Hale	IUPUI	Food & Beverage
Avery	Harcourt	Indiana University	Food & Beverage
Hannah	Stewart	Purdue University	Food & Beverage
Sam	Boncosky	Culver Military Academy	Golf Course Maintenance
Zach	Martin	Indiana University	Golf Course Maintenance
Dylan	Poore	Indiana Tech	Golf Course Maintenance
Alex	Rodriguez-Vazquez	Marian University	Golf Course Maintenance
Bryan	Rodriguez-Vazquez	Bishop Chatard High School	Golf Course Maintenance
Cole	Treado	University Of Dayton	Golf Course Maintenance
Ben	Valle	Bellarmino University	Golf Course Maintenance
Graham	Wilhem	Indiana University	Golf Course Maintenance
Benjamin	Bultema	Butler University	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Fischer	Hammann	Indiana University	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Gabe	Hoffman	Teacher @ Nora Elementary	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Seth	Hoffman	Teacher @ Allisonville Elementary	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Ethan	Hurwitz	Carmel High School	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Tyler	Kelly	I.U. McKinney School of Law	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Will	Mason	University Of Cincinnati	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Austin	Mayo	Spring Arbor University	Golf Shop/Golf Operations

A.J.	Morrow	Purdue University	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Jackson	Shaw	Purdue University	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Evan	Terrell	IUPUI	Golf Shop/Golf Operations
Roman	Annan	Brebeuf High School	Pool
Greta	Armstrutz	Marquette University	Pool
Gabi	Arthur	Indiana University	Pool
Caroline	Burns	University Of Wisconsin	Pool
Camille	Hirschfeld	Indiana University	Pool
Courtney	Kelley	Miami Of Ohio University	Pool
Eleanor	Korty	Purdue University	Pool
Francesca	Pruitt	University Of Southern California	Pool
Gavin	Washam	Marquette University	Pool

GOOD LUCK AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Around the Club



Terry Greene and Larry Mitzman hit game #100 – 100 months of consecutive play!



Member Brandon Lewis and his guest Ben Heaver were the first to enjoy the new umbrellas on the patio!

Infrastructure Updates

Whether you subscribe to climate change, Mother Nature, or just bad juju, we certainly have been hit this summer with the hottest July in any of our memories along with storms that keep taking out our power (at many of our members' homes, as well). Unfortunately, it appears the AC condenser will not be shipped until sometime in September, and we want to thank our members and guests for their patience. Once that gets installed, our next purchase is a boiler (\$35,000) to ensure heat in the winter!



On top of that, we are in the process of replacing both the retention pond pumps so that we can irrigate and keep our course nourished. It's a never-ending work in progress!

Our members have asked for transparency and we think that applies to our infrastructure issues as well. As you saw in our digital Mid-Year report, there is a laundry list of challenges at the club that we will be addressing as we financially can. But rest assured the Facilities Committee and our General Manager keep a constant eye on the list and address what we can when we can.

Member Guide

The Member Guide we published last year has been updated and can be found on our website. Our goal is to update this yearly.



All Things Golf

Tournament, Tournaments, Tournaments!

July was a very busy month, indeed!

Event	Date	Winners
Firecracker Tournament	July 4th	1 st place: Alex Drake, Ray Coyne, Larry Siegler, Brian Deckard
Senior Championships and Stroke Play	July 8-9	<p><u>Senior Club Champion</u> Gross: Bear Hammann (73); Net: Brad Cohen (67)</p> <p><u>Men's 60-69 Division</u> Gross: Brian Deckard (77), Net: Larry Mitzman (69)</p> <p><u>Men's 70-79 Division</u> Gross: Dave Jongleux (77), Net: Bill Cohen and Terry Greene (70)</p> <p><u>Women's Club Champion</u> Gross: Martha Baker (92), Net: Tina Cohen (72)</p> <p><u>Stroke Play Champion</u> Kevin Dore (72)</p>
Junior Club Championships	July 20th	10+ Lauren Rosa, Dylan Terry; 9 under: Tyler Schneider, Andrew Bolton, Evan Scott
Horse Race	July 22nd	Colin Terry
Parent/Child Tournament	July 23rd	Team Nottingham, Team Schneider



Jr. Club Championships: 10+ division: Lauren Rosa, Dylan Terry, Jack Roach. 9 and under division: Tyler Schneider, Andrew Bolton, and Evan Scott.



Parent/Child Tournament: Team Nottingham Team Schneider

Ladies Golf



It's been quite the month for our women golfers! Congratulations to Broadmoor Members **LuAnn Humphrey** (pictured left) and **Tina Cohen** (below right) for their success in the **Women's Golf Association of Midwest Indiana** (WGAMI) Championship held earlier this month. As many of you may remember, we hosted this event last year at Broadmoor during our Centennial Year. LuAnn

took Senior Medalist Honors then finished Runner Up in the Championship. Tina was the Flight Champion.

Julia Potter-Bobb and Sara Dusman competed in the State Am at Otter Creek on July 19th, and both represented Broadmoor well. Julia came in second!



Unfortunately, due to the extreme weather and Clubhouse conditions, our June Herman Invitation had to be rescheduled to September, and the notice of that date will be coming soon. But we had 10 of our lady golfers come out anyway Saturday morning!

Grounds Report by Chris Groene

July is typically one of the most challenging months to maintain turfgrass in the Midwest and 2023 was no exception.

The month started on the drier side, even approaching stage 2 drought conditions. Temperatures were slightly above average in the mid to upper 80s for most of the month with a few days reaching over 90°. The first significant storm hit Broadmoor on July 7th and 8th causing significant tree debris all over the course and 1.5" of rain, which unfortunately resulted in the cancellation of Round 1 of the Stroke Play Championship.



Just as we were getting the course back into shape, another storm hit July 17th, again leading to a large amount of storm debris and 1" of rain. Most recently, we were impacted by two storms, one on the morning of July 28th followed by another storm overnight heading into the morning of July 29th. These storms again caused significant storm debris and 1.3" of rain between the two events, which resulted in standing water in many fairways.

A large amount of ground crew labor had to be dedicated to storm cleanups this month, which resulted in other maintenance tasks not being completed as often. Our goal is to recover as quickly as possible from any storm to make the course at least playable to walkers. Then we focus our attention on debris cleanup and try to get back on track with our typical maintenance practices as soon as possible. Overall, green speeds were slightly slower this month, especially when compared to June, but still averaged 10.5 – 11.5 feet when measured with a Stimpmeter. This is primarily due to labor being shifted into storm cleanup, rain events slowing greens down, heat and humidity causing bentgrass growth to surge and a "stickier" putting surface, as well as a conscious effort not to "push" green speeds too hard during the stressful times which will result in turf loss on our putting surfaces.

With all that said, Broadmoor greens were typically as fast or faster on a daily basis than what professional golfers played during The Open Championship, with a green speed posting of 10'2" and even slower after the rains they received. Please continue to do your part in helping to maintain our Donald Ross gem by properly repairing all ballmarks and replacing your divots. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed this year, please keep up the good work!

(Chris forgot to mention that one of the storms resulted in water pouring into the maintenance barn and his office, causing electrical problems. The result? The roof was repaired!).

Racquet Sports

Our **junior tennis program** ended July 27 and we hope to see more Broadmoor kids next year. The **Thursday morning Ladies' Tennis Clinic**, 10-11:30, will continue through the fall as long as weather permits. The Broadmoor **Adult Pickleball League** runs through September 7.



Broadmoor camp kids at the courts!

In the meantime, we held our first **Open Tennis night** Friday, July 28th, and everyone had a great time! We hope to have more of these – a way to have fun and meet new members! Guests are also welcome! Next **Open Tennis night: August 11th!**



Members Amy and Todd Sermersheim, Sara O'Keefe, Danielle Mancewicz, Kevin Dore, Jan Frazier and pro Corey for our first tennis night!

Our **Breakfast at Wimbledon** got rained out but is rescheduled for Saturday, September 2: **Breakfast at the US Open!** We would love to see a good number of our members come out to the courts – and guests are welcome. Again, this is for both tennis and pickleball.

Ladies Tennis
Thurs, 10-11:30
Ongoing

Adult Pickleball
Thurs, 6-8
Through 9/7

Open Tennis
Fri 8/11
6-8

Breakfast at the US Open
Sat, 9/2
10-12

Pool Update



Our lifeguards are soon going back to school – and we so appreciate them, especially the ones who come back year after year! Since we are losing our lifeguards to school, during August we are limiting our pool hours as noted on page 2 of this newsletter.

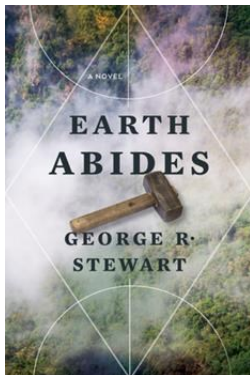
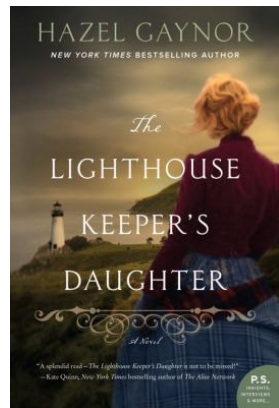
The pool remains open through Labor Day Weekend, and our final day is always **"Bring your Dog"** to the pool day. More as we get closer!

While the golf course is our most valuable asset, the pool is important for us to be able to continue to bring on new members who are looking for the full club experience. But just like our AC, the pool is dated and needs critical upgrades – especially the scary pool house that no one sees but Rob! We are having a brainstorming group to re-imagine the entire pool/court complex on **August 30th**. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Terry Greene (tgreenepe@gmail.com), who is our Facilities Chair.

The Social Scene

Book Club Updates

Book club continues to provide our members with thought-provoking stories followed by interesting discussions. Our next book is the Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter by Hazel Gaynor, scheduled for Wednesday, **August 16th at 6:30**.



The September book will be Earth Abides by George Stewart and we will be meeting **September 13th at 6:30**.

Don't forget half-price entrees for Book Club attendees!

Luau Concert At The Pool

Mark your calendars now for **Friday, August 5th**, for our next musical experience down by the pool. The Porchmen will be returning, covering familiar tunes from the 80's, 90's, and beyond – always a fun time!

Mid-Year Report and Board Elections

We hope you found our digital mid-year report informative, and we would like to hear feedback about this method. Our next all-member meeting will be held in early October, and at this time we believe the Club will be cooler and more amenable to an in-person meeting. It is at our fall meeting that we have board elections. Following general board elections, officers will be elected by the board members.

For your information, we are including excerpts from our By-Laws governing the board and elections:

Section 3.3 Requirements for Nominees for Election. Nominees presented by the Board of Directors and/or other members of the Corporation shall have demonstrated their ability to fulfill the duties of a director through a) previous participation on a Board committee and being nominated by the committee chair; b) recommendation by a director or member to fulfill a professional need of the Board; and/or c) demonstrated commitment to the long-term success and vision of the club by participation in Club events, volunteering to assist the board or management when needed, and being in good financial standing with the Club.

The official **Notice of Elections** will be coming out in mid-September.

Do you have a story or interesting fact to include in our next edition? Please email Jan Frazier, jfrazier@planningplusllc.com