



Indian River Golf Club Newsletter

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From The President, Bob Foster

As June comes to an end, there is much good news! We are ahead of budget. We have two excellent new chefs, the course is in fine shape. The leagues are running well, and Doug's lessons are always great. Most importantly, we have great members who are always there to volunteer.

However, as you know, this year has not been without its disappointments. Our new computer system will be a big improvement by integrating all of the club's departments. However, the vendor's promised support has been lacking, resulting in delays both in the kitchen/dining area and in getting timely financial

reports. We are working with our CPA and hope to have these problems resolved in the next few days.

We are all aware that our dining experience has been unacceptably inconsistent. We now have two new chefs and are confident that our food is already very good and getting even better. We have an all-new wait staff that is currently undergoing professional training with the kind help of Tom and Mary O'Hare. Bud Garklick is heading up a kitchen/dining committee looking into all aspects of our dining experience. Pam is working incredibly long hours to rectify these

issues and both needs, and she deserves all of our support and patience.

Unfortunately, we have a few members who have been rude and disrespectful to both Pam and the wait staff. We even have had valued wait staff quit because of the way they were treated. We are a better club than that. If you see someone who is always complaining, please remind them we are still in transition, and that we still have a great club that is only going to get better! Thank you for your support!

Bob Foster
President

In Memoriam
Mr. Ronald Schult
Monday, June 11,
2012

The Golf Swing



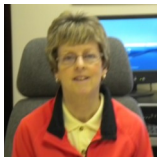
The ultimate judge of your swing is the flight of the ball. Ben Hogan

You must swing smoothly to play golf well. And you must be relaxed to swing smoothly. Bobby Jones

No good player ever swings as hard as he can. Power is a matter of timing, not overpowering the ball. Arnold Palmer

If there is a doubt in your mind over a golf shot, how can your muscles know what they are expected to do? Harvey Penick

From Our Manager, Pam Phipps



It has been hectic the last few months, and I have had many challenges to deal with. With the help of the board and the committees I believe we are making progress. First, with the hire of Chef John Giles, he is introducing new menus, and these menus can be found on the website. Second, he is bringing back some of the specials that many of you have asked for such as Friday night fried whitefish and Saturday night prime rib. Thursday night we are trying something new, a "Seafood Steam Pot". This "steam pot" will consist of shrimp, scallops, mussels, and clams served with red skin potato, vegetable and rolls.

The third challenge that I have been working on is training the wait staff. Tom O'Hare volunteered his time and knowledge and spent a few hours going over a training manual that Mary O'Hare and Carol Miller put together. The training was well received and everyone learned a lot. However, some of the problems with the wait staff can be blamed on the "new" computer system, which has come with a few glitches. The glitches are slowly getting worked out. PLEASE have some patience.

By now, many of you have received statements from the new computer system. These statements provide you with details of what you have spent and how much you have spent towards your minimums. We are also working on getting tee times and viewing your member account online.

Doug and Pat have also been busy. Pat has been busy getting holes 4 and 17 ready for play. He has also planted new trees donated by the Manhattan club. The course is in great shape. Doug has been busy teaching his clinics, golf schools and individuals lessons. Many of his students are lowering their handicaps considerably, so if you are tired of playing poorly, instead of complaining see Doug.

Finally, save the following dates: Mike Ridley Wednesday Night on the deck July 11th and 18th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Also, Wednesday, July 18 a Professional Golf Demonstration and Skills Competition from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The golf demonstration includes five time LPGA winner, including back to back Women's British Opens, Debbie Massey. Debbie is a past President of the LPGA and Vice Captain of the 2000 USA Solheim Cup Team. She will be joined by Doug Temple, and they will be sharing their favorite golf stories along with their "secrets to successful golf".

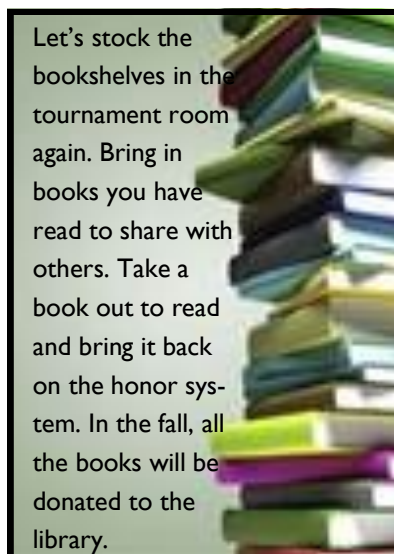
The skills competition includes events such as longest drive, closest to the line and closest to the pin. Men and ladies division and prizes will be awarded. Everyone is invited, and the event is "free".

Please invite your friends and others to Indian River Golf Club. Remember our theme "Share the friendship, share the fun"!

Pam Phipps

Upcoming Events

- **July 2 to July 6 No Leagues**
- **July 7 Junior Golf Camp 9AM to 1 PM**
- **July 8 Junior Golf Camp 9AAM to 1 PM**
- **July 13 Board Meeting 8 AM**
- **July 14 Golf School 9 AM to 3 PM**
- **July 15 Golf School 9 AM to 3 PM**
- **July 15 Grandview Beach Open 4 PM**
- **July 18 Ladies Invitational 9 AM Shotgun**
- **July 19 3rd Thursday Interclub Outing @ Gaylord 2 PM**
- **July 25 Member's Night 4:30 Shotgun with Hole-In-One Challenge Following Play**
- **July 28 Junior Golf Camp 9 AM to 1 PM**
- **July 29 Junior Golf Camp 9 AM to 1 PM**
- **August 4 Stag Day 8 AM Shotgun**
- **August 8 First Tee Scramble 5:30 PM**
- **August 10 Board Meeting 8:00 AM**





The Greenside Grille

House Committee

In addition to efforts to improve the restaurant that are detailed below, the house committee has been working on:

- Power washing the clubhouse
- Updating the website
- Providing additional storage in the clubhouse
- Re-staining the deck
- Re-staining and painting the exterior of the on-course restroom
- Deep cleaning the locker room restroom
- Adding umbrellas for the north deck (Funding provided by the Manhattan Club)

The Greenside Grille

As we all know we have struggled to get our restaurant operating on a level with which we are happy. As a result of all the disappointing experiences of our members and the general public a massive effort has been undertaken by our General Manager, Pam Phipps, the IRGC Board of Directors, the marketing committee, and the house committee along with its special restaurant subcommittee headed by Bud Garlick. The focus and results of that effort are as follows:

The hiring of Executive Chef John Giles and his Sous Chef, Michael Walters, has been well received by those who have enjoyed the restaurant since John came on board May 30th. They prepared an outstanding meal for 80 people at member's night.

For years we have had the problem expressed by many people saying, "I didn't know there was a restaurant at IRGC open to the public." We decided a name for our restaurant would attract attention in the

community, thus we have adopted the name "**The Greenside Grille**" at Indian River Golf Club. You will see this name in all advertising, new signs, and on the menus.

We have been honing new menus that combine old favorites with some of John's specialties. These are currently being printed and will be rolled out the week of June 24th.

We have a new group of servers in the restaurant who have undergone training provided by hospitality professionals, Tom and Mary O'Hare.

Tom and Mary are just two of the volunteers who have spent countless hours helping Pam strive to achieve the results that all of our members expect and deserve.

We now have to ask all the members to do their part to make **The Greenside Grille** into a restaurant that is loved by our members and our community.

Please support our restaurant and spread the word about your good experience. Word of mouth positive recommendations are the best form of advertising. Our members will enjoy our new restaurant, and we will benefit when it becomes a profit center in our club.

Treat the staff with respect and remember that they depend on your generosity in tips to earn a living. We have lost several good staff members throughout this year because some of our members not abiding by these principles.



Happy Hour!

Happy Hour in the bar Monday through Thursday
from 4 to 6 PM.

Half off house wines, house liquor and some draft beers.

Come join in the fun.

News From The Pro

Play with your Pro!

Indian River Golf Clubs PGA Professional Doug Temple is looking forward to playing with you! A great benefit of being a member at the golf club is getting out and playing some golf, getting some tips and learning how to maximize your potential from a PGA professional. Doug looks forward to offering his insight and knowledge on the game which will help you score lower. Stop by the golf shop and sign up your group for a 9 & Dine round before all the times fill up!

Golf Shop NEWS!

Keep your eyes open for an invitation coming in the mail. An invitation to what you ask? You will have to wait and see, but this could be the event of the

season. The invite mailing will be coming soon and as you will see the event is open to family, friends and guests. Mark your calendar AND plan to attend.

July Road Trip – Thursday July 19th!

Calling all Golfers! We are organizing a “Field Trip” to the Black Forest Course at Wilderness Valley in Gaylord on Thursday July 19th. Tee times start at 1 PM and the cost is just \$45 per player. This is a discounted rate and a great price for course formerly ranked #1 in the United States! Several of our vendors will be donating prizes for closest to the pin, long putt, etc. Call the golf shop or stop in and sign up

today. Ladies, men, individuals & couples are ALL WELCOME! Deadline for registration is July 15th.

Woman’s Day in Golf July 11th

Woman Only! This fun ½ day event for ladies only starts with a clinic from 4-5 PM and a 9 hole scramble followed up by appetizers and drinks with a special guest speaker. Door prizes for everyone and prizes for the games on the course. Guests are welcome. Sign up is in the golf shop. Call for details!

Junior Golf Camp Dates – July 7-8 or July 28-29. Members kids or grandkids just \$75. Session is on Saturday and Sunday from 9 AM – 1 PM.

Doug Temple

PRETTY IN PINK

WOMENS INVITATIONAL

Don't forget to decorate your cart for the upcoming Ladies' Invitational on July 18th!! The theme this year is "Pretty In Pink". Carts will need to be completely decorated by 8:30 A.M. on that day so our judges have ample time to assess them based on theme and creativity. Have some fun and make them pretty (in pink, that is)!!!!



Tournament and Golf

The new Stableford format league started on Wednesday, June 6th with eleven tee times for forty two participants. This was a tremendous improvement over last year's Wednesday mixed format.

The Spring Member/Staff Scramble on May 23rd was cancelled because of lack of participation. The fall Member/Staff Scramble is still a go on September 26th. The handicaps have been adjusted in the

Men's Monday Day League when two players are competing from different tees. If a player is playing from the white tees and is competing with a player from the gold tees, the player from the white tees will get an additional three strokes on their handicap. This adjustment was made the first week of June, but was not retroactive (see GAM website for complete explanation).

Check the calendar for July for a number of great outings coming up. The last day

for sign up for The Lady's Invitational will have passed by the time this newsletter goes out. The President Cup is in the second round and on time. Once again, don't forget to check out the rest of the 2012 Calendar and get signed up early for the events in which you want to participate. It is important to sign up as early as possible.

Craig Druskins

The course is in great shape. Enjoy golf at IRGC!



Yoga
Mondays
9:30 AM

Notes From the Treasurer

There are many misconceptions about the profitability of the restaurant at IRGC. Our restaurant has shown a net profit in recent years -- \$21,100 in 2011 and \$20,200 in 2010. As our CPA mentioned at last year's annual meeting, IRGC is doing well compared to other clubs. However, we have looked at other restaurants and see opportunities to improve through smarter purchasing, inventory control and reduction in food costs. Our membership and income from outside play have dropped in recent years so we have to maximize income in any way we can to keep dues at a reasonable level.

Some members have complained about the restaurant this year. Our new manager, Pam Phipps, is focused on improving the quality and delivery

of our dining room and we see continuing improvement. Pam has hired two new chefs who are working out well and provided training for our wait staff. She is doing an excellent job of carefully pricing menu items so that they are based on current food costs. As we all know from our own grocery shopping, food prices are higher. The club has a tough choice when food prices rise -- raise prices or increase dues.

Also keep in mind that we as members receive a 10% discount from menu prices. This is one benefit to membership that is often overlooked.

Our restaurant is a valuable benefit to members. In addition to adding profitability to the club, the restaurant offers

camaraderie before and after league play, bridge, euchre, and mah jongg. Having a good restaurant also adds considerably to the enjoyment of parties and outings such as our Welcome Back and Last Hurrah parties and events like Member's Nights. Use of our restaurant by the public for dining and special events adds to the club's bottom line.

IRGC Management and the Board are trying hard to meet members' needs. This is an ongoing learning process and mistakes will be made. Please bear with us during this process.

Suzanna Stump,
Treasurer

Welcome New Members

Please help us welcome the new members below to our club. Take a look at the New Member Bulletin Board just as you enter the dining room in the club house for a new member profile and photograph. Please introduce yourself to them and include them into your activities where appropriate. Remember IRGC is "The Friendliest Club In The North."

Debbie Fergus and Ed Ries are on Giauque Beach on Mullett Lake along the shore where Deb's great grandparents built generations ago. Many of her family members have cottages there. Debbie recently retired as a pastor, a profession she entered after her career as a teacher. Ed is a retired executive in the health care field. They winter in Naples, FL but are looking forward to their spending the summer months here. She is the golfer in the family and has jumped right in to play in the leagues. They are pleased to join IRGC as Trial Members after Debbie came to take lesson from Doug Temple.



Dan and Mary Pat Arimstead have had their summer home on Pickerel Lake for over 40 years. They lived and raised their five children in Hartland Michigan. Dan has been involved in the property development and management businesses. The Arimsteads have a winter home in Minturn, Colorado where four of their five kids and ten of their eleven grandchildren live. Ask Mary Pat how they got eleven grandchildren which is an interesting story. Dan and Mary Pat both play golf and bridge. They are looking forward to making new friends at IRGC, and they are sponsored by Carol and Jim Beebe.

Generosity at IRGC

Thanks!

Pam Lesperance, being the former educator and good hearted person that she is, took it upon herself to organize a food drive for the children of the area who are on summer vacation and don't have enough to eat. This backpack food drive allows students to take home food for the weekend during the school year, but with summer vacation, many of them do not have this opportunity to get food. With that in mind, Pam announced her food drive plan to the members. The two items that are in short supply are cereal and peanut butter; two items which children can use to feed themselves. Generous IRGC members contributed those items which Bob McFadden delivered to Pastor Bob Moudy's Helping Hands Ministry at Joy Fellowship Church. Thanks to all who helped this cause.



"The easiest way to hook a ball is to try to slice it!"

Greens and Grounds Committee

Members present: John Gibson Chairman, John DeMond, Steve Cheli, Mike Reardon, Cliff Stanton, Pam Phipps, Doug Temple and Pat Whitman Members absent: Patti Brown and George Miller

A few minor issues discussed. Pat Whitman reported the grubs and beetles are under control. The cart path needs repair as you turn left heading for the practice range. Pat Whitman suggested and agreed to repair.

Pat Whitman reported that #4 fairway and #17 green continue to developed on schedule., and are expected to open in early July (#4) and mid-July (#17). The Manhattan Club will be planting five trees: one near and north east of the #17 tee in memorial to Peggy Tollefson and four trees east of the #17 green. Pat Whitman has placed U.S. flags indicating where the trees are to be placed. Thanks very much to the Manhattan Club for this wonderful improvement to our golf course.

Pat Whitman and Doug Temple report that holes # 4, 8, 7, 9, 15 and 16 are running between 9 and 10 on the stimp meter Which is in line with the committee's policy. They will continue to read different green speeds and report to the committee next month.

Mike Reardon may have a way to borrow a bucket truck to help with trimming trees which will be quite useful. Thank you Mike.

John Gibson

Did You Know?



The Indian River Golf Club and the Inland Lakes Educational Foundation have worked together for years to benefit the community. The ILEF awards a Primary Scholarship each year in the name of the Indian River Golf Club. This scholarship is awarded to a qualified IRGC employee or member of the Inland Lakes High School golf team in the year they graduate. The recipient is then given Continuing Scholarships for their remaining undergraduate studies. Selection of scholarship recipients is made by a faculty committee at the Inland Lakes schools. This year the IRGC scholarship was awarded to **Troy Vizina**. Troy will be attending Michigan Tech in Houghton, Michigan.

The ILEF is organized to provide a source of funding for educational programs; a scholarship program has been the major focus of the foundation to date. Scholarships for both vocational and academic studies are awarded to graduates of Inland Lakes Schools. This year \$71,150 in scholarships was awarded to Inland Lakes graduates, including 8 Primary Scholarships of \$4,000 each and 29 Continuing Scholarships of \$1,350 each.

The IRGC is proud to have pursued a relationship with the ILEF to further academics in our community and to have a scholarship given in the club's name.

In an effort to keep our golf course in top condition we are instituting an new idea for all members in which to participate. We are assigning each hole an alphabetical designation from the membership roster. The concept is that everyone picks up broken tees, and debris on their designated hole tee and also repairs ball marks on the green when playing the hole. It won't be much effort from anyone. It gives everyone something to do while waiting their turn. Mostly we will improve our golf course. Please give it a try! The following is a list as a guide.

Please feel free to start today!

Hole # 1 - B thru Bray
#2 Brown to end of B's
#3 - C
#4 - D
#5 - E & F
#6 - G
#7 - H & I
#8 - J&K
#9 - L
#10 - M
#11 - N & O
#12 - P
#13 - R
#14 - S
#15 - T
#16 - V
#17 - W
#18 - A & Z

Heard at the clubhouse:
I want to help, but which hole was my assignment?



Thank you.

Indian River Golf Club

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2011 Officers:

- **President: Bob Foster**
- **Vice-President: John Gibson**
- **Secretary: Gary Freismuth**
- **Treasurer: Suzanna Stump**

WE ARE ON THE WEB!

WWW.INDIANRIVERGOLFCLUB.COM

Tee Times 238-7011

Restaurant 238-8515



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. There is an on-going beginner table.

Duplicate Bridge (Sanctioned) Tuesday night at 6:00 PM. Dinner is at 5:00PM.

Party bridge is Thursdays from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Lunch is at 11:30 AM, and bridge starts at 12:30PM.

Euchre is Wednesday at 7 PM. Call Kevin Clarke at 248-915-5789 to sign-up.



Remember to update your phone numbers, email and addresses with the office, if there are any changes.

Thank you Golf Course Gardeners for such a beautiful entrance to the club!

