

Belle Fourche Country Club Newsletter

April/May, 2016

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Chamber Mixer May 13th

Please join us in celebrating the kick-off the 2016 golf season. The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce will host a Chamber Mixer at The Club on May 13th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Both members and community members are invited.

Free Golf Weekend May 14th and 15th

To attract new membership, the Board will be hosting a free weekend of golf on Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th. If you have friends and family who might be interested in joining, or want to just enjoy a fun weekend of golf, have them make a tee time. During that weekend, anyone who has not been a member in the past three years can join at a reduced fee. If interested, stop in and see Brian and Mar. The social committee will also be hosting some fun things on the course—stop out and see them.

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Early Bird Tournament Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to the Tournament Committee, volunteers, and Brian and Mar's team for making the Early Bird Tournament a success; there were a total of 111 golfers who played over the weekend. Thank you to all of the sponsors of the tournament—we couldn't do these without you.

Mike's Message

Greetings:

I hope this finds you all well. The board met for the monthly meeting on 4/12/16. The meeting was very productive. Just a reminder that all members are welcome to attend the board meetings to express your concerns and ideas; the next meeting is scheduled for 5/10/16. Following is a summary of what was discussed, decided on, and what is coming up.

The new/used rough mower has arrived and is in use. Everyone is pleased with the condition and operation of the mower. The hood was cracked upon arrival, so we are waiting for Turfworks to send a new one; we will not be paying them until we receive the new hood. The cost was \$37,500 plus tax. It has 1,300 hours and should last for several years. The old mower will go to the auction at the Belle Fourche Livestock coming up this month so if anyone is interested in bidding on it, you can attend that auction.

We have worked with the city on the drainage ditch on the south side of the cart sheds. We will provide the culvert and they have agreed to do the install. The culvert will cost approximately \$1,500. The city went right to work on this and the job is mostly complete; we are waiting for the last 60 feet of pipe from Wells Plumbing and once that arrives, the city will finish the project. In addition, the city blew out the pipes and drainage on the north side, next to Highway 34. We hope to see a great improvement on the water problems around the cart sheds.

Wally had to replace a bearing in one of the pumps at a cost of around \$1,000. We need to do some repairs on the doors of sheds 1 & 3; we will try to get that done soon.

There was some discussion about increasing the green fee rates on the weekend, but we decided to leave them for now in hopes that we will attract more golfers and potential new members.

Coyle Construction was awarded the bid to reroof the clubhouse and the bathroom on hole # 4 and will start sometime in late May, depending on the weather. We will be replacing the signage and the lighting on the front of the club house and adding some new plants and shrubs on both the north and south sides. We are also getting prices for new trees, shrubs and plants in different places around the course. If anyone has any ideas or changes they would like to see concerning this, please come to the next meeting or get a hold of one of the board members. Wally found seven pine trees that were infected with pine beetles. He cut down four of them and the power company had to do the rest as they were right next to the power lines.

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We are working on redesigning and updating the score cards. This will create an opportunity for anyone interested in advertising. We are also working on some easy to follow instruction cards that will make it easy to use the Golf Now internet program. Stay tuned for more information.

Please check out the new tee markers on hole # 1; we plan to have enough made to cover all nine holes. The board also decided to purchase and start using the sand, grass, and fertilizer mixture for repairing divots. The bottles will be installed on the rental carts and refills will be provided at convenient locations around the course. The bottles will be for sale at a reasonable price for all members who own their carts.

We plan to get some ideas and prices for new flooring in the club house before the next meeting.

The social committee will begin construction on the new patio cover sometime this month.

Liz Day will be instructing junior golf this year again, so please watch for dates and times and sign-up schedules.

The Early Bird Tournament was a great success this year. I would like to thank all the folks on the tournament committee and the other volunteers as well as Mar and Brian who all made this a successful and fun tournament. You all did an awesome job!!! I would also like to thank all the members who came out and participated in this event. It was really nice to see so many members supporting the club. Thank you everyone!!!

Until next time, hit them often, hit them long, and hit them straight.



Upcoming Events

- Men's Afternoon League sign-up
Wednesday, April 27
- Men's Night League sign-up ,
May 4
- Social Committee Meeting,
May 5, 6:00 p.m. (Club)
- Board Meeting, May 10th, 6:00
p.m. (Club)
- Chamber Mixer, May 13, 3:00
p.m.
- Free golf weekend, May 14-15
- Couple's League Sign-up TBD
- Ladies Open, June 4 (2-person
scramble)
- Grid-Iron Tournament, June 18
(4-person scramble)
- Geis Tournament, July 2
(4-person scramble)
- Men's Invite-a-guest, July 15-17
(2 person team)
- Night Golf, July 23
- Luau and Club Championship,
August 20-21
- Night Golf, September 17

Email Damon Lange with any
additions to the calendar
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Updates from Mulligans

Sundays:

- Offering Sunday Brunch from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. New prices: \$9.99 for adult; \$6.99 for kids under 10.

Fridays:

- Happy Hour 4 pm to 8 pm

Miscellaneous:

- May hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.
- The Webpage and Facebook are kept up-to-date with hours and current happenings.
- Guest passes and cart stickers are now available at the clubhouse for pick up.

BFCC Board Members

- *Mike Habeck, President*
- *Damon Lange, Vice President*
- *Rocky Ruzicka, Secretary*
- *Alan Olson*
- *Adam Courtney*
- *Scott Geis*
- *Clay Birkeland*

Volunteers Needed ...

The Board and the Social Committee will be tackling several projects over the next five weeks and really need some help. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Club with a full listing of dates and projects. Any help, large or small, will be very appreciated.

Projects include:

- Helping during the free weekend of golf—Hole 5 chances, running the beer shed, etc.
- Over the next several weekends, board members will be working on different landscaping projects (front of club, tee box #1, big flower bed at #3 bathrooms, planting of trees around course).
- In early June a crew will be starting construction on the new patio cover.
- Various improvements around the course—suggestions would be appreciated.

Check out the new website www.bellefourchecountryclub.com
Like us on Facebook: Information updated regularly on Facebook
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