

Belle Fourche Country Club Newsletter

January 3, 2016

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Updates from Mulligans

- **Sundays:** Offering Sunday Brunch from 9 am to 1 pm. New Year brings new prices: \$9.99 for adult; \$6.99 for kids under 10.
- **Fridays:**
 - Happy Hour 4 pm to 8 pm
 - Friday Night Dinner will be held January 15th. Check out Facebook page for updated menus.
- Brian and Mar will have a booth at the Wellness Fair at the Belle Fourche rec center on Saturday, January 9th from 9 am to 2 pm. Stop by and say hello!

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Annual Meeting Update

- About 40 members attended the annual meeting.
- Damon Lange, Alan Olson and Rocky Ruzicka were re-elected to the board; four seats will be up for re-election in November.
- Updates from all committees were given.
- Discussion was held about hail damage (see Mike's Message for more detailed information).
- Congratulations to Sharri Wilson for winning the free membership for 2016!

Check out the new website www.bellefourchecountryclub.com
Like us on Facebook: Information updated regularly on Facebook
Name of Page: Belle Fourche Country Club



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Mike's Message

Greetings to all members:

I hope all is well and you had a joyous holiday season. I would like to try something that we have not done in the past, at least as far as I know. I will be writing a short message each month to be read in the monthly newsletter. I hope this will be valuable to all members. My intention is to inform members what is going on with our clubhouse and course, so if you would like to make comments or express your concerns, you have an avenue to do that. You may convey those concerns and comments by calling me at 641-3096 or by emailing me at mike@habecktrucking.com or by contacting any of the other board members. As a board, we will discuss these comments and concerns at the next monthly meeting and I will report our answers or comments in the next newsletter. All questions, comments, and concerns will remain confidential if you wish. I will write out the concern or question and then respond with an answer to the best of my ability. I encourage everyone to participate for the betterment of the BFCC. If we don't hear from you members, we don't know what's on your minds and it is difficult to address the issues.

Club activities are a bit slower this time of year, but Mar and Brian have been hosting some Christmas parties and are still serving Sunday Brunch. We at Habeck Trucking, Inc. had our party there this year, and I want to commend Mar and Brian for the great job they did. We had over 60 guests and the food and service were great. Thanks Mar and Brian and staff for your efforts; you made it a really good party.

Early in December, we had a water pipe break above the office. Luckily, Mar was there, called for help, and the water was shut off before any extensive damage occurred. We called a plumber and carpet cleaners and the mess was fixed quickly. There is some damage to the ceiling and the floors as well. We are working with the insurance company to get these issues resolved. That day we also realized the furnace on the east unit had failed. It has been replaced and hopefully we will not have any more frozen pipes.

I hope everyone finds this useful. I am always open for ideas, suggestions, and comments. Please take advantage of this and let us know. Until next month, take care and be safe.

Sincerely,



See page three for concerns, questions, and answers

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Concern: Green fees are too high. What are we doing to remedy this issue?

Answer: Board discussed lowering the green fees hoping to attract more golfers and ultimately get them interested in becoming members. We will make a decision at the January board meeting.

Question: How much money have we made off the Golf Now program?

Answer: Golf Now was not implemented to directly make more money. It was designed to make it easier for potential golfers to go online, check and make tee times, view green fee rates, etc. It also serves as a productive route to make and keep record of credit card transactions both in the club house and from the range ball dispenser.

Concern: The clubhouse is not open regularly and sometimes understaffed at the busiest times (example: Wednesday evening when the two men's leagues are together as afternoon league is finishing and night league is beginning).

Answer: We will be discussing this at the next meeting and I will do a follow-up.

Concern: There is a rumor that the social committee is building an outdoor addition on the south side of the building. Would rather allocate funds to fixing up the front of the building or buying a new mower.

Answer: So far no decisions have been reached regarding this issue. We are open to ideas and suggestions; please get them to us. (***Social Committee Statement:*** Please note that the social committee is separate from the BFCC board, and all monies raised through activities are donated to special projects).

Question: How is the money from the hail proceeds being spent?

Answer: So far, we know that the roof of the clubhouse will need to be re-shingled and the bathroom building by number four tee box needs to be repaired. We have no estimates on either job yet, so we don't know the actual costs. If anyone is interested in bidding for these projects, please let us know. Any funds remaining will be determined when this work is complete. And no, we are not using these monies to fund the operation of the clubhouse through the winter months.

Concern: Vandalism on the course. Suggest some sort of gate to close the course or security cameras.

Answer: Neither of these suggestions would be cost effective or efficient. The board feels the best approach is to encourage Wally and his staff, as well as any playing members, to report anyone seen vandalizing anything on the course immediately to the clubhouse or one of the board members. Try to get names or at least the time of day and how many are in the group.

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Change in Membership Dues

The board has voted for an increase in membership dues for the 2016 season. If membership is paid by November 21st (the close of the Annual Meeting), members will pay approximately a 3% increase; if paid after November 21st, members will pay approximately a 6% increase.

If paid by November 21st dues are as follows:

- Single Membership: \$595
- Family Membership: \$695
- Student Membership: \$195
- College Membership: \$295

If paid after November 21st, dues are as follows:

- Single Membership: \$615
- Family Membership: \$715
- Student Membership: \$215
- College Membership: \$315

If memberships are paid before the end of the Annual Meeting, your name will be entered into a drawing for a free single membership. All members paying for a 2016 membership will receive two free passes.

Special Announcement

If anyone is cross country skiing or sledding on the course, please make sure that you stay off the greens as damage is incurred by these activities.

No motorized vehicles are allowed on the course.

Note all Contractors

The board is taking bids on hail damage around the Club.

If you are interested in submitting a bid, please contact Mike Habeck at 641-3096.

BFCC Board Members

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