

Monthly News Letter ~ March 2016 ~

Renovated Golf Shop is Open ~ We are back in the golf shop with a few more changes to be made and items to be completed. We hope you have a chance to come by and check out the new diggs.





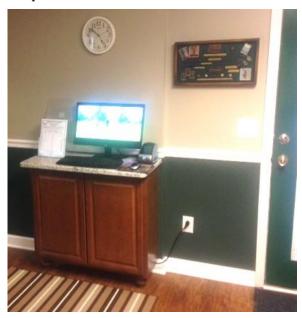
GHIN is back for 2016 ~ The GHIN Handicap service is back in a new location in the golf shop. Any member wanting to participate in handicapped events run by the club this season will need to maintain a current handicap. Events such as the Club Championships will have flights and anyone not maintaining a current handicap will be able to compete in the scratch Championship Flight.

Accurate handicap maintenance is essential to creating a fair and even playing field for all

tournament participants, ensuring an enjoyable event for everyone.

The cost from the Tennessee Golf Association went up \$2 this year but we are not raising our cost. It remains \$25 per person 18 years and older and \$10 for anyone 17 and under. Any member who is active in the system at this time will see this charge on the March 1st statement.

The system is available to post local scores year round. Every 9 or 18 hole score should be posted in order to establish a current handicap index. If you have any questions please contact the golf shop.



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Day Light Savings Time ~	March 13
Nashville Duffers Outing (8:30 Shotg	gun) April 2
Friday Night Couples Start ~	April 8
Masters Tournament (12:30 Shotgui	n) April 9
Spring Aerification ~ V	Veek of April 11

Note from the Board of Directors \sim The Board of Directors is happy to announce the 2016-2017 slate of officers. First we want to thank departing members Bill Vernich - past president and numerous years on the board and Don Fielder

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also with many years of service. We also want to welcome our newest members Diana Grubb (Membership and Marketing), Glenn Hinton (Grounds Committee), Steve Brown (Grounds /Equipment Committee) and Steve Moore (Clubhouse Committee). We look forward to their fresh insights and ideas for the club's future. Here are the board members for 2016-2017.



Also note that monthly board meetings will now be held on the second Tuesday of the month starting on April 12th at 6pm.

Note from the General Manager ~ First, I want to thank all the members and guests that have responded favorably to the new golf shop lay out. This was a labor of love on my part during January and February.

I also want to introduce a few new staff members. **Sam Rhoten** is moving into the position as Assistant Golf Professional and taking over the lead on the golf shop and tournament operations. He will lead our junior program that we are attempting again this year. He will start with getting the PGA Junior League, ages 7-13, up and running. Sam wants all of the member's children and grandchildren to participate in this 12-player team. Sam will also be going to the local schools to recruit players. There will be more information coming out in the next few weeks.

Bobby Ingle has come on board as our Assistant Superintendant working with Eric to continue to move our golf course to take it to new heights. He comes to us most recently from Twelve Stones and Hermitage but has 24 plus

years of grounds experience from the Knoxville area.

Additionally, we have **Ron Birdwell** on board as part-time help for maintenance, mowing and cart path construction work.

So in addition to Eric and Alfonso we have a great team on board. We will still need volunteer help once the grass starts growing again. Bobby will be taking the lead on volunteer coordination so if you are interested in helping with work on the golf course please let Eric or Bobby know.

Our focus this spring is to get the golf course to continue to show improvement a little bit at a time. We plan to open the new greens in early April if the weather cooperates.

Additionally, I held a golf shop staff meeting with board member support to help get all the staff to be more responsive to the needs of our members and guests.

Please help your staff! As we continue to improve our facilities we are getting an increase to our outside play. This is a great thing for our golf course and it means that we have more people at the course than just our members. So please be patient and respectful when guests are checking in to the golf shop - even when you are in a hurry and want to buy a drink or a candy bar. Let the staff check in the guest before throwing your money on the counter and heading out the door. Make our guests feel that we value their visit.

Additionally, we need your help when you are going out to play a second round, especially on the weekend. Please check in with the golf shop to make sure there is no tee time conflict from outside play getting ready to start. Also we need to know how many are going back out so that we can capture that information on the computer.

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