

# Rolling Hills Country Club

*November 2021 Newsletter*

## **Upcoming Events at Rolling Hills:**

November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> – Club Closed for Thanksgiving

December 12<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Open House (noon to 3:00)

A Note from Steve:

It has been an amazing year and season.

Our club is strong and our membership has held steady, even gained a few. But, the amount of play and participation has been amazing. A year ago, we created an aggressive budget for income. We believed with the increased number of golfers during the pandemic and our affiliation with GolfNow that we would have a good year. We have exceeded that budget on cart and greens fee revenue in nearly every month. We have exceeded budget on Food and Beverage income from a gross and net perspective. In general, we have a great deal to be thankful for as we wrap up 2021. Of course, everything is not rainbows, unicorns and sunshine. There are many challenges. We have seen a huge impact from inflation. We will end up spending nearly twice as much on fuel for equipment and carts as last year. Inflation is bad enough but, some items are not available. We had an order for 500 dozen range balls that never came. We ordered cart covers for customers and they projected 29 to 32 weeks for delivery. In looking at next year, our chemical company is projecting a 22% increase in prices, reflecting about a 25% increase in our chemical expense for next season. Chemicals are not something we can choose to not use; they are what keep our greens green and the weeds and diseases away. So, we need to stay on course and make sure we meet the challenges that come our way.

Most of our members received their annual invoices last week. While we have fears of inflation, the Board and I are fully aware that we can not burden most members with a large dues increase to offset inflation. We know that all of you are also feeling its effects. Our Annual Pass program increased to \$299 for the year 2022. This was in accordance with long range plan from several years ago. Our Platinum Memberships went up \$2 per month, \$1 for dues and \$1 for the other items included in the platinum package. Our only other increase was our bank fee for ACH went from \$1 per month to \$2 per month. We started the ACH withdrawal program about 15 years ago and this is the first price increase since its inception.

We do not intend to have any increases in cart fees, range fees, or food and beverage at this time.

Thank you for your support,

Steve

## **Fall / Winter Proshop Hours**

9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
(weather permitting)

## FROST

If there is frost on the course, the course is closed. Under no circumstances is anyone allowed to play, practice or be on the course while frost is present. Stay off all grass!!!

## Golf Cart Storage Renovation

After several board meetings and special membership meetings the club agreed to sell the storage complex. The funds from the sale are being used to renovate our cart storage facilities to accommodate all of our members. In addition, we have the goal to make these renovations in a manner that will allow us to properly maintain the facilities in the years to come. We have completed a large percentage of the work that we hoped to complete. We had a metal roof put on our building to be renovated, we re-worked and improved our electrical service and lighting in both the renovated building and metal building. We installed new walls to divide and create generous storage spaces for individual carts in the Metal Building. We moved the location of our dumpster and propane tank to improve drainage from our parking areas. We added parking for our renovated cart storage and graded and re-shaped the parking and road to all of our cart storage buildings. We are still waiting for new garage doors and additional security measures to be installed, that should be completed soon. In addition, we will be finishing the individual spaces in the renovated building in the next few weeks. This project has been very interesting in so many ways. The project has allowed us to improve our facilities, it allowed the buyers to make amazing improvements to our old facilities, it will cut several thousand dollars per year from our budget with taxes, insurance, and utilities. We hope that as you visit the club you will notice and be pleased by the changes.

## Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Noon – 3:00 pm

There is no cost for this event – Food Provided – Cash Bar

Every person gets a Special Gift

Proshop Specials – Contests and Raffles

***We will soon begin work on the 2022 Calendar; we hand them out in March.***

If you have a new address or phone number – let us know!

If you host an event and would like it in the calendar – let us know!

If you host an event and would like to include an entry form – let us know!

If you have a business and would like to have an Ad in the calendar – let us know!

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**Great things happen to those who don't stop believing, trying, learning and being grateful.**