

# Rolling Hills Country Club

*March 22, 2022 Newsletter*

A Note from Steve:

It is spring in the Ozarks, buds on the trees, greening of the grass, stuffed sinuses and watery eyes. Life is a dream. It has been a productive winter and we are really looking forward to the golf season. The Board and our Volunteer Chair Steve Yoder have organized a pair of volunteer days for March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Anybody who would like to help is welcome to come, you can stay 10 minutes or 10 hours, anything is appreciated. Winter and spring leave us 1000's of stick and twigs and it is great to get them cleaned up.

You will also notice that we are moving a bit of dirt on the course. There are a couple of bunkers that we are going to eliminate and there are a couple others from long ago that were never filled in. They were just areas that collected water. We are going to try and improve those areas. In addition, we will be adding sand to most or all of the remaining bunkers. We hope everyone likes the improvements. As usual this is a process, we are doing ourselves and with volunteers, so please be patient.

In current events, inflation has been a huge topic. We all know it has been drastic and it is affecting everyone. This was discussed quite a bit in our last newsletter, so I will not rehash all of that news. We understand that our members and customers are greatly affected by gas prices. We also know most can not and will not be able to pay more to play golf. We will continue to hold our prices the same. But we will ask that our players understand a few things. We will be sticklers on carts our rental carts. One or two players get one cart. Three or four players get two carts. If you bring a rider and require an extra cart, we will need to charge for the cart. This is what is done in the real world, this is nothing unusual. In regards to our members that lease a cart. We ask that you share your cart with others that may be in the same group. We all understand that it is great to have your own cart, but we only have 28 carts and we need to avoid wasting money when possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We have finally received some of our new range balls. We have been using them about a week and it is such an improvement. We have eliminated the long grass between hole 18 and the driving range. We hope we will lose fewer range balls and we hope this change will not be an issue on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Please remember that range balls are expensive, they belong to the club and they should not be played on the course. If you happen to find one that has escaped the confines of the range, we greatly appreciate you bringing it back to its home.

We are looking forward to a wonderful season. It is exciting to have it just around the corner and everyone is ready for the cold, snow and dreary days to be in the past. Have a great day and we will see you on the golf course.

Best Wishes,

Steve Nolawski

## **Events and Happenings**

### **Aerification and Top Dressing of Greens – March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Hopefully this will be a one-day process and we will be back to normal on the 30<sup>th</sup>. We will allow play that day but we will not be taking tee times. We will allow our normal groups to play, but ask that they go around or stay out of the way of the work being done. This is an important day for our course and we want it to go smoothly. Hopefully mother nature cooperates.

### **Men's League Opening Day – Monday – April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Our Men's Leagues will begin on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a 9:00 am Shotgun for the 18-hole league and we will allow any teams to tee off between noon and close for the 9-hole league. Both leagues are 2-man scramble teams and you pick your own partner. You are allowed to have different partners through the year and you may play in both leagues. The cost is \$5 for registration the 1<sup>st</sup> week you play and \$10 per week after that. So, your first week is \$15 (per league).

### **Ladies League Opening Day – Tuesday – April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our ladies will have their first day April 12<sup>th</sup>. They will play, weather permitting at 9:30 am shotgun start. The first week is a scramble format. There will be a lunch and league meeting following golf. If the weather does not allow play, the ladies will still play cards in the morning.

### **Versailles Tiger Invitational – Wednesday – April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Our Versailles Tiger Golf Team will play host to about 80 high school golfers in their annual home tournament. They will have a 9:00 shotgun that will close the course until about 1:00 in the afternoon. Good Luck TIGERS!

### **Wednesday Night Dinner – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

We will post menu and cost on our Facebook Page in the next few days. In addition, we may have a fun little cornhole tournament Wednesday Afternoon before dinner, for those interested. Details will be posted on Facebook and on the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse a couple weeks prior.

### **Stover Bulldog Invitational – Friday – April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We will be hosting the Stover High School Tournament on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a 9:00 shotgun and will close the course until about noon. Good Luck Bulldogs.

## **News and Information at Rolling Hills**

### **Trees – Removal and Trimming**

Thank you to Todd Wegener for his time in effort in bringing down quite a few of our dead trees or dead portions of trees. It makes the course safer for everyone. Todd gets done as much as he can each winter, but for each tree he brings down we need to clean up and address the remains. It takes a lot of hard work by Dustin and Val just to get the big stuff gone. We even asked Steve Yoder to use his equipment to

remove some of the bigger stuff that we could not remove with our tractor. But we did accomplish a lot and hopefully after the volunteer days those dead trees will be forgotten.

## **Irrigation System**

Our Irrigation contractor will be out in the next week to make the final spring repairs and to fire up the system. Once the system is running, we will need to run some tests on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> hole to make sure the repairs made last fall are complete. If they are, we will smooth the area to the left of number three green and plant seed in the bare areas. We appreciate your patience with this process.

## **Lines, lines everywhere lines**

As a club we are relaxed. Relaxed pace, relaxed events, and relaxed rules. I believe it is why some folks like being here. Our main goal is for people to have fun and enjoy the great game of golf. We believe this relaxed atmosphere promotes that enjoyment. However, we need to have some rules. We like tee times, when possible. We like carts on the paths, when necessary. And, our course would look better, if we had more control of our cart traffic. In the past we have tried rope, signs, arrows, even a ranger on a couple of occasions. With few exceptions none of these has worked well. Ropes are the best, but our grounds staff must move them and replace them every time they mow. It makes a huge difference in getting the course mowed in a timely manner. So, we are going to try white lines. We will have a line in front of some greens asking carts to return to path. Or we may write in white cart path only this hole. We will still need rope around newly seeded areas or dangerous areas. But we hope the lines will offer an affordable and effective option. We will also use the white paint to bring attention to holes or irrigation that may be tripping or falling hazards. I ask our members please follow the rules and lines. We can not ask our guests to follow the rules if they see our members driving everywhere and ignoring the rules. The example I was faced with this past week. We had a cart get stuck in the rough near the 18<sup>th</sup> green. It created some ugly tracks in that area. But the rest of the course was actually pretty firm and everyone promised to be careful. Yet, by the end of the day there were many sets of tracks around and near those of where the cart got stuck. Those tracks were virtually a big sign saying do not enter. Yet, many did. Now that area will look bad for weeks. Please take care of your golf course. If you don't, others will not either.