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Purple Hawk News

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PURPLE HAWK
COUNTRY CLUB

2020 Board Members: President, Mark Leaf; Vice President, Vern Johnson; Treasurer, Chuck Osterud; Secretary, Jackie Osterud; Dean Grell, Rick Selz, Diane Anlauf, Gordy Cell and Bev Paron.

WELCOME BACK!

Hello to our returning members and a big WELCOME to our new members!

We are welcoming **40 new memberships** this year – wonderful news! There are 32 new single memberships, 4 new couple memberships and 4 new family memberships. Be on the lookout for our new members, get to know each other – do they know about our leagues and Saturday member tournaments? Let's get them involved by providing a great Purple Hawk welcome!

We appreciate all of you and look forward to the days when we can all socialize together – closer than 6 feet! A few things to touch on for this COVID time period:

Will there be league play when the course is open?

Absolutely! If you have not already signed up, please do so as soon as possible. **Most leagues will begin next Tuesday, May 12th with Couples League beginning on Friday, May 29th.** Please watch for emails from Matt@PurpleHawk.com for updates and information you will need prior to your first day of league. If you have NOT received an email from Matt, please contact the Pro Shop as soon as possible to get your name added to the mailing list or to have your email updated.

Are we still having the Annual Meeting?

The Annual Meeting is required each year to be held in April, but this year, due to COVID rules, we will be delaying the meeting until there is some freedom with social distancing. New Board Members are needed, but thanks to Rick Selz and current President, Mark Leaf, for volunteering to stay on the board until we have our meeting. That date is TBD. Please let Matt or a Board Member know if you are interested in serving as a volunteer on the Board. YOU are needed!

Is the Hawks Nest open?

Absolutely! We have different rules to be open, but yes, we are open! At this time, we can sell beverages in a sealed container (water, pop, beer, shots, wine) but you ARE required (for now) to order food if you are looking for an ADULT beverage. Food can be a candy bar, chips, burger, etc. *Bring your own cooler* – we have plastic bags we put beverages in, with ice. We are unsure how long that will stay in place. *Please be aware of the social distancing rules.* Hours for the Hawks Nest are day by day for now.

Are we allowed to bring our own beverages if the Hawks Nest is not open?

We do not allow your own beverages on the course at ANY time, so no, during this COVID time period, you are still not allowed to bring your own beverages to the course.

Is the annual "Flock to the Hawk" going to be cancelled?

This great fundraiser has been postponed for now. We would like to hold it in August, but we are still in a holding pattern, waiting for the social distancing to allow large groups again. We know we need a new tractor for Jake . . . just need to be able to hold a fundraiser again!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Purple Hawk seems to be weathering the financial stress caused by the Corona Virus.

The Golf Course was able to get a PPP loan from the federal government that helps cover the revenue shortfall caused by the operational restrictions imposed by Governor Walz. Current regulations require us to spread out tee times, restrict ridership on carts to one per cart and prevents sales of merchandise in the Pro Shop. While complying with these regulations are having a negative effect on revenue, the weather has been good since we were allowed to open and public play has been strong. Repeat memberships are lagging behind last year's numbers, but our new membership promotion has been very successful with over 40 new memberships having been sold.

The Hawks Nest has applied for a PPP loan as well and hopefully we will receive that from the second round of federal funding. The Hawks Nest has opened and the beverage cart will be out this weekend. While complying with current regulations and the need for social distancing is preventing us from operating at 100%, sales have been good, especially on the weekends.

STATUS OF THE GOLF COURSE

If you haven't been out to play yet, **get out there!** The course is in beautiful condition again this year! Many thanks to Jake and his crew with the many hours they spend getting things up and running to be ready for us all.

PRO SHOP STATUS

The Pro Shop received a fresh coat of paint this year by many volunteers – thank you all! Matt also has some merchandise in the shop, covered with plastic so it isn't touched by anyone. There will be more merchandise later. We are asking only two customers at a time in the Pro Shop (it's a very small area) and requesting only one person from a group come inside to pay for the group.

Tee Times are required – call the Pro Shop or schedule your tee-time online.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE. . . MEMBERS WHO CARE

Did you notice the new flag sticks? How about the new garbage cans? A huge **thank you to Steve and Janet Buchholz** who donated money for these needed and MISSING items! It was a fun surprise for Jake when they designated the money to help, and a beautiful surprise for the golfers and course!

Course Clean Up Day

This was an excellent plan, people ready to help, and THEN THINGS CHANGED! Matt received word that the courses could open on the same day we scheduled the course cleanup day! Thank you to all of you who picked up sticks, drove carts to the Pro Shop, trimmed trees, all before the first tee-times hit the back nine!

What Can I Do To Help?

We need the tee boxes raked and the plants taken care of at the beginning of each year. If you signed up in the past for a hole with your sign on it, please be sure the tee-box is cleaned up for the 2020 season. If you know of a hole that the "owners" of the flowers/plants is unable to get to the course, please take a look and see if you can help clean up that area.

Reminders

Park 6 feet apart.

Leave flag sticks IN THE HOLE – don't touch!

Share a cart with family, someone close, only.

Pro Shop bathrooms are ONE person at a time – you have to wait!

Outside bathrooms – sanitized daily . . . keeping the dirt out is another trick!

Bring sanitizer/wipes if you want to clean an area off. We may have some small packets for you.

Watch for new members – say hello and introduce yourself!

Check out our website – the newsletters will be uploaded each time to the website where you can also BOOK A TEE TIME, find information regarding our LEAGUES, TOURNAMENTS, upcoming EVENTS – check it out!

It's YOU

Without all of you, our course would be "just a course", pay, play, leave. **Because of you**, we have a beautiful, inviting golf course for all to enjoy for many years to come! Our events on the weekends are great for socializing with "old" friends and a perfect way for our NEW MEMBERS to get to know the "old" ones! We are all ready for some fun and what's better than enjoying the day with friends at the Purple Hawk – *just stay 6 feet apart! For now!*

YOUR PARKING SPOT FOR 2020 IS WAITING!

