

We WELCOME the following new Golf members to Highland Country Club since the last newsletter:

Gary & Jan Moenster

Steve & Terry Aebischer

ATTENTION ALL HCC MEMBERS

Semi-Annual Spring Meeting

Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Topics of Discussion

- Approval of By-Laws change to the definition of an Honorary membership status.
• Approval of 2006-2007 budgets.
• Approval of Men's League overflow to remain on Monday nights or be moved back to Thursday nights.

Please make every effort to attend!! If it is impossible to attend please at least send your proxy with any comments.

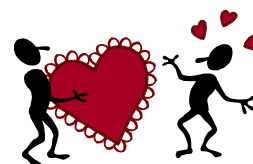
Please plan to attend.....

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 24 - Friday Dinner Special, Please make reservations
March 2 - MANDATORY Men's League Meeting 7 pm
March 10 - Friday Dinner Special, Please make reservations
March 15 - Board Meeting 7 pm
March 17 - Newsletter Deadline - email articles to hccnews@hometel.com
March 24 - Friday Dinner Special, Please make reservations
March 29 - HCC Ladies Crafting Night
April 1 - Summer Hours Begin
April 5 - General Membership Meeting
Entry Deadline for Men's League Registration
April 7 - Friday Dinner Special, Please make reservations

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CLUB DINING:

- Lunch Hours will be 11 am till 2 pm
• Dinner Hours 4:30-8 pm
• Frozen Pizza, hot dog, chips, popcorn, candy bar, etc. will be available anytime.
• No more TABS
• Watch for emails for upcoming specials



News From Jerry Miller, Board President



As we enter the final weeks of the 2005-06 membership year, there are four topics I would like to address:

1. The new management system at Highland Country Club;
2. Issues which will be coming up at the April 5th General Membership Meeting;
3. Hours of operation; and
4. Cart Shed slot waiting list.

You should each be aware that we released our Club House Manager last fall. We have decided to not hire a new manager. Rather, we will operate with three part-time managers. In fact, we have been doing so for a couple of months. The bar will be managed by Phyllis Sandlin. The Kitchen will be managed by Jan Steinbrugge. We will also move our assistant Green Superintendent, Scott , who holds a BA in Accounting, into the front office for up to 30 hours per week as our bookkeeper.

Our thoughts in this regard are -- each discipline gets a specialist; we add a more detailed accounting practice which will give us better data from which to make critical decisions; and the overall burden is not dependent

upon just one person. While Scott has not yet moved inside, Jan and Phyllis have been working in their new capacities for a while. The good news is that in December and January (both months when we tend to have clubhouse losses) we have made slight profits. Please take the time when you see Phyllis and Jan to thank them for their hard work.

At the Spring General Membership Meeting we will do several things as standard practice, most notably review the budget for next year. In addition, we will revisit two old issues. First, we will review the choice to move the Men's League overflow night to Mondays. We have tried it for a year and this vote will be a review on the matter. When Proxies get mailed out next month, please commit to attending the meeting or return you proxy. As this is not a By-Laws vote, a simple majority of those voting will determine the future action. One vote per membership is allowed. Where we get conflicting proxies or a proxy and a person wanting to vote differently at the meeting,

we will reject both votes.

A second issue is the By-Laws amendment from last Fall regarding the honorary memberships. While there were 110 votes to approve the change last fall and no votes against the change, the By-Laws require that changes be approved by one more than half of the memberships eligible to vote (about 120). We will represent the matter again for your consideration. Please take the time to vote your proxy or attend the meeting and vote. The changes will clarify two issues. First, the vote will clarify that the "15 consecutive years of membership" do or do not have to be the 15 years immediately in front of reaching the qualifying age of 70. In other words, someone who had been a member in good standing for 15 or more consecutive years and moved away from age 55 to age 70, could return at age 70 and join as an honorary member. Second, will address that once a membership becomes honorary, it will remain honorary. This clarifies that a membership that went honorary based upon the age of only one spouse reaching 70, would not revert to full status upon the death of that spouse with a surviving spouse being still under the age of 70.

We will return to regular hours seven days a week not later than April 1. Between now and then,

All Newsletters will be emailed to all members. Please be sure that the Country Club has your email address. If you do not have email, there will be a few newsletters available at the Club house.

(Cont.) Board President News

we will maintain Wed. through Sunday hours. We may, however, if weather suggests we should open on other days if we can staff the club house on such short notice.

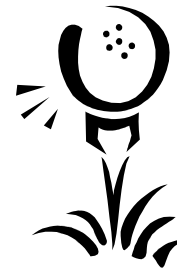
We also adopted a policy regarding closing times. From now on, with the exception of special events approved in advance, we will make last call not later than 12:30 AM and require that all patrons clear the building by 1:00 AM. We reserve the right to close earlier if business is slow.

Finally, let me address one last question issue, cart slots and the waiting list. It is NOT TRUE that if you buy the cart of a non-

renewing member; you get their cart spot. That spot will go to the next person on the wait list and you may own a cart for which you do not have a storage spot. If you want to be on the wait list, even if you think you already are on it, please write to me via email jerry_2@charter.net or to my home at 29 Willow Creek Drive, Highland, IL 62249. I will add you to the wait list in the order your request is received. If you are already on it, I will leave your name where it is. If you thought you were on, but are not, I will call you to discuss the basis for your belief and adjust the wait list if appropriate. This is impor-

tant to do as some of the slots come open each year.

Thank you for your patience and support during these times of change. Your Board is striving to deal with the budgetary issues and make the club stronger.



Reminders

- ◆ **Green Fees:** 9 holes \$12.00; 18 holes \$18.00 **Cart Fees:** 9 holes \$8.00; 18 holes \$15.00
- ◆ **All beverages consumed on the property are to be purchased in the Clubhouse (Counting toward you \$30 monthly minimum)**
- ◆ **There will be a \$2.00 service charge for cash advances on debit cards.**
- ◆ **Only groups of 4 or less** are allowed to play during the golf season from May 1 to September 30th. No 5's or 6's please.
- ◆ **Remember that \$30 monthly minimums are in effect.** All minimums must be made through general bar and food service. Greens fees and cart rentals DO NOT Apply.
- ◆ **Friday evening specials** will be available every other Friday starting with September 2nd. The Friday evening menu will be posted by Wednesday of each week.
- ◆ **Please remember that members are not allowed in the kitchen, behind the bar or in the office.** If you need something from these areas, please check with someone on duty at the club. Thanks
- ◆ **Golf Carts!!** Please keep golf carts out of the clubhouse doorways.
- ◆ **Also, remember that you must be 16 years of age with a Driver's license to drive a golf cart.**

HCC Social Committee



Attention Membership:

We are in the process of putting together a group of members who would like to brainstorm some ideas for family activities at the Country Club. If you are interested in attending a meeting to discuss any ideas you might have, please email Bobbi at etherton@hometel.com or Steve at slanxon@bulldogs.com. We will set the day and time we can get together. We want to put together both family and adult type activities for the 2006 season. It might be nice to start some new traditions.

Thanks,
Bobbi Etherton and Steve Lanxon



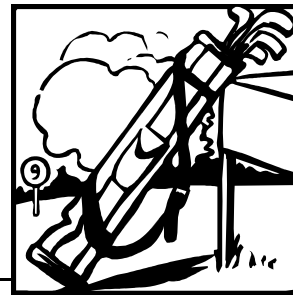
Junior Golf Program

"Thanks" to anyone that have dropped off cans from home. They are always welcome. On your way out to golf, just drop them by the can barrels and they'll be taken care of for you, and the proceeds go to a good cause. \$62 was turned over to the Jr. Golf Program the end of November and another \$85 was collected over the winter months.

Thanks to Dan Rozum for collecting the cans and taking them to recycling for the Jr. Golf Program.

The Junior Golf Program needs a new "CAN MAN/WOMAN" starting May 1st. If anyone would like to take over this very satisfying duty please contact Jerry Miller (651-9015) or Dan Rozum (654-5151).

Thanks from the HCC Jr. Golfers!!



Eleven Year Old Hits a Hole In One!

On September 2nd, 2005, eleven year old, Jack Martens, had a hole in one on our 9th hole. His mother Michelle and father Scott were there to witness this feat. He has been playing since he was 5 years old.

Congratulations Jack!!

Attention All Members that have had a Hole In One: If your name is not on the Hole in One Plaque at the Clubhouse, please submit your name, date and hole # of your Hole in One to the club by April 5th. Put this to the attention of the Board President.

HCC Ladies – Crafting Fun



Bring your scissors and join us for crafting fun.

When: Wednesday, March 29th

Where: Highland Country Club

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm



Our instructor will be Lisa Brinker of Highland. She will teach us a few easy card making skills. Everyone will make either 4 different cards and a scrapbook page or if you prefer 5 different cards and no scrapbook page. The cost for the supplies and the instructor is \$10.00.

Come early and have dinner with us. We will have a dinner special and a drink special for the evening.

Please call Janet Miller 654-4801 or Sandy Hundsdorfer 654-2417 to make your reservation before March 16th letting us know if you prefer to make 5 cards or 4 cards and 1 scrapbook page. This will help us order supplies for the evening. Also let us know if you will be coming for dinner.

See you on the 29th.

Next Board Meetings: Wednesday, March 15th, 2006.

Wednesday Morning Ladies League

Wednesday morning ladies league will begin on April 19th. Watch for additional information in the April newsletter.



Pavilion Use

The pavilion is available for all Country Club members to use.

Please sign up in the clubhouse for available dates.



Notice:

If you buy gift certificates you will not be able to use this toward your monthly minimums. **Minimums must be food and beverage purchases.**



Friday Night Buffet's

Please Call the Clubhouse for Reservations 654-GOLF

There will be a Buffet every other Friday night. Please call the clubhouse for details.

Here are the upcoming dates:

February 24th

March 10th

March 24th

April 7th



Private



The clubhouse is available for private parties and meetings of all kinds. **See a Clubhouse employee for details**

Remember that if you book a party at the club you need to remind your guests that there is **NO SMOKING** in the dining room.



You need to be 16 years old with a Driver's License to drive a golf cart on the Course. You need to be 18 to rent a cart from the Highland Country Club.

GOLF TIPS

End the top.

If you top your shots—hitting on top of the ball and producing ground balls—try quieting you hands. A common cause of the tops is having your wrists and hands become too active and then flipping through impact. You should feel as if your hands and wrists are one piece as they strike the ball.



Alternate practice around the green.

Practicing putting for a long period can strain you back and also lead to poor habits as you get bored. Break up your practice routine to fifteen minutes of putting, then fifteen minutes of chipping. This routing will give your back a break.

Wednesday Evening Ladies League

It's almost time for league to begin once again! For those not currently participating in the league, the league is more of a casual "for fun league", but does provide some competitive aspects for those that enjoy competition. Players consist of all ages and levels from beginners to avid golfers. It is a great social opportunity for women to play golf on a regular basis, and socialize afterwards. We would love for you to consider joining the HCC ladies Wednesday night league for a friendly nine holes of scramble play. Bring your own threesome or we will team you up with some others looking for a team. If you cannot commit to every evening, consider signing up as a sub. Subs in the past have had numerous opportunities to come out and enjoy the fun.



As voted on at the end of the year banquet, the fee for the year will be the same as last year, \$25.00 per person on the team, and \$10.00 to participate as a sub. The format of the league will remain the same as last year. Starting time is still 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

May 3rd will be a "practice" night and we will meet at the Club House between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on that night as well. The first night of league will be on May 10th. The last night of league will be Aug. 23rd, with our banquet on Aug. 30th. Mark your calendar!

To sign up, please send the enclosed Registration Form along with your entry fee to Barb Elms **by April 14th** (see entry form for mailing address). Make your check payable to Barb Elms. Feel free to call any of us if you have any questions.

We have a lot of fun and hope that you will join us. Please don't hesitate to call any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kathy Harris (488-7102), Bobbi Etherton (654-9350) & Barb Elms (654-1760)



A Word of Thanks

To all of the members who have acknowledged the young men and women day after day, working on their game. These "kids" are members who are chasing a dream to compete in the sport of golf. Many times you have seen them carrying a bag, walking their round. Those of you who have let them play through, I thank you. Those of you, who won't, try to understand that these "kids" are athletes, training to compete and work constantly on their game. Most of these athletes respect the game, course, and their fellow players.

I hope that next season when you come across these "kids", take the time to ask them about their game. Ask them about the tournaments they are playing throughout the summer. Encourage them to do their best, and make our club proud. We are watching our future members play and chase a dream many of us only dream about. But keep an eye on them, as they will be the next ones to adorn the plaques in the clubhouse. Soon, very soon.



Men's League

Yep it is still cold outside but we need to start to think about this year's golfing season. Do you know what that means? Yes, Men's Scramble League is on the agenda again. First, I want to point out some of the accomplishments of last year's league to all of the participants and all of the other club members. The 2005 Men's League concluded their season with 41 teams and over 30 substitutes, which means we had over 170 members participating in the league. This is down a little from 2004 but I believe the numbers will be back this year. Additionally we cleared over \$2,000 to be used for improvements to our Country Club as the league sees fit.



The league fee will be \$144 per team. This fee must be paid in full before you tee up the first ball. Yes, we are bringing the upfront payment plan back with overwhelming support. We will have a MANDATORY league meeting on March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Please send at least one member from your team. Additionally, all subs must be present at this meeting. At this meeting we will go over league rules and other changes. The League will be on Tuesday nights with the overflow on Monday or Thursday (depending on the outcome of the April General Membership Meeting).

Entry deadline is April 5th at 5:00 pm—NO EXCEPTIONS!! Please return all forms to the clubhouse. Forms must be received by the 5th so be careful if you mail them. Please include your team's payment with the entry form. League will start on Monday, April 24th.

This year ALL subs must be on the sub list in order to play. If you have a sub that is not on the list playing on your team during a match, that match will be forfeited.

Extra Registration forms will be available in the clubhouse.

Note: Included in this newsletter is a registration Form for the 2006 Men's Scramble League.

If you arrive at the course with just a few minutes to warm up before a round, use that time to hit chip shots. The chip shot, being a short version of the full swing, tells your muscles and your golfing brain to get ready to play.
—Harvey Penick

On the first tee, a golfer must expect only two things of himself: to have fun, and to focus his mind properly on every shot.
- Bob Rotella

When I hit a shot into trouble, I expect the worst.... When I get there and find that I can actually hit the ball — which you usually can — it changes my mood for the better right away.
- Corey Pavin

When the average golfer goes into rough, too often he gets up to his ball and the first question he asks himself is, "What club do I need to reach the green?" That is putting the cart before the horse, in my book. Sure the distance is one factor, but the first thing to look at is your lie. It's no good fingering a wood when you have a sand wedge lie on your hands. The lie you have in most instances dictates the type of shot you have to hit.
- Johnny Miller



2006 Men's Scramble League Registration Form

League Format: Three Man Scramble

Team Members **Phone #** **Handicap**

Additional Members: These individuals will only be allowed to sub on your team

Team Name: _____

Payment: _____ \$144 included with this application

For Sub-List Only: **Name** _____

Phone # _____ **Handicap** _____

Notes:

1. Only (1) member of the team needs to submit the above form.
2. If you wish to be a substitute only, please complete the "Sub-List Only" line and turn in.
3. Any member or new member who doesn't have an established handicap can play league.
Those members should write in the handicap spot the score they usually shoot for nine holes.
4. Deadline for Registration will be April 5th.
5. League starts on Monday, April 24th.
6. If you have any questions about the league, contact Mike Riffel at 654-4687 (home) or 654-6555 (work).

Return Registration to: THE CLUBHOUSE

2006 WEDNESDAY EVENING LADIES LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM

LEAGUE FORMAT: 3 LADY SCRAMBLE

TEAM NAME: _____

<u>TEAM MEMBERS</u>	<u>PHONE #</u>	<u>WORK PHONE</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SUB LIST ONLY: _____

PHONE # _____ WORK PHONE _____

I WANT TO BE ON A TEAM: _____

PHONE # _____ WORK PHONE _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NOTES:

- 1) Only 1 member of the team needs to submit the form with check for team. \$25.00 per person.
- 2) If you want to be a sub only, please complete "sub list only" line. (\$10.00 fee)
- 3) If you want to be on a team, but don't have one, complete that line and send \$25.00 fee.
- 4) Return registration form & entry fee by April 14th.
- 5) Practice night is May 3rd, 5-5:30 p.m.
- 6) League starts on May 10th, 5-5:30 p.m.
- 7) Last night of league play is Aug. 23 & banquet is on Aug. 30.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM & ENTRY FEE (payable to Barb Elms) BY APRIL 14TH, TO:
BARB ELMS
502 E. DOLPHIN DRIVE
HIGHLAND, IL 62249

CALL US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...

KATHY HARRIS - 488-7102
BOBBI ETHERTON - 654-9350
BARB ELMS - 654-1760



March 2006

Golf Quotes

- What you always have to remember is that golf is a game that you can play almost forever. In other sports, a 40-year-old athlete is an old man.
—Curtis Strange
- You're never too old to play golf. If you can walk, you can play. —Louise Suggs
- If there's one thing golf demands above all else, it's honesty. - Jack Nicklaus
- Watch your opponent's (or partner's) ball and mark the spot carefully if it should land in trouble.... It is a great comfort to know that those with you will extend the same courtesy to you. —Peter Dobreiner
- This is my attitude toward my favorite game. I have its honor to support. So has each one who enters its fold. An error in count, an error that moves the ball, an error that in any way makes you take improper advantage over your opponent, seen or unseen, is the worst error in the whole game. We begin with the question, who has the honor? -Glenna Collett Vare
- Nonchalant putts count the same as chalan putts. —Henry Beard
- You can't possibly be a good golfer if you don't think that you are a good golfer. The best that you can perform is to the level of your own expectations, but no better. - Francisco Lopez
- Let your attitude determine your golf game. Don't let your golf game determine your attitude.—Davis Love, Jr.
- There is not such thing as a golfer playing over his head. A hot streak is simply a glimpse of a golfer's true potential.— Bob Rotella

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fri. Feb 24 Friday Evening Dinner Specials			1	2 MANDATORY Men's League Mtg 7 pm	3	4
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12	13	14	15 Board Mtg 7 pm	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Friday Evening Dinner Specials	25
26	27	28	29 HCC Ladies Crafting Night	30	31	April 1st Summer Hours Begin



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Board of Directors

ONE YEAR TERM

Brad Frank	Treasurer, Budget, & Audit Committee	654-3151
Rodney Miller	Golf Course & Budget	654-4801
Dena Henricks	Newsletter Editor & Pool	654-7489
Ken Tebbe	Cart Shed	654-3525
Matt Loyet	Vice President, Golf Course, Jr. Golf & All Structures	654-3614

TWO YEAR TERM

Jerry Miller	President of Board	651-9015
Ryan Korte	Technology, Tournaments & Golf Functions	654-8123
Kevin Hemann	Secretary & Membership	654-5671
Bobbi Etherton	Clubhouse, Social & Budget	654-9350
Steve Lanxon	Clubhouse, Social & Budget	654-2530

Next Board Meetings: 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 15,
2006

All Newsletter will be emailed to everyone who has supplied us your email address. We will have a few printed copies in the Clubhouse for those that do not have email. This will save about \$1,200.00 in postage costs. **Please send your email address to hccnews@hometel.com**



Golf Course News.....

The #8 fairway/green is coming up well. They plan to move tees back to PAR 4 from tee box to old green in April.

The new green will be open by the Memorial Day Tournament.



They plan to remove the tree behind hole #1.

Next Newsletter Deadline
Friday, March 17, 2006

Wanted:

Email Addresses

If you want to be included in email updates of Club activities and specials, please give your email address to clubhouse to be added to our email lists. Or you can email hccgolf@hometel.com and request to be added to the list. This is a great way to get last minute specials and reminders of upcoming events.