

NBGA January 2024 Newsletter

Yes, Christmas has passed and it's a New Year. Even though this is Minnesota, and golf comes and goes with the weather, our final players were seen golfing on December 29, 2023. Our "on your honor" dropbox took in over \$1,000.

December financials are still being finalized, but we can say it was a very good year. Green fees and cart rentals were at record levels and memberships and other income was steady. Expenses were in line with what was budgeted. Although we often think conservatively, the Board authorized the purchase of five used Club Cars and the installation of a new fence north and south of hole one tee. I hope you stop by and take a look at the fence - we think it looks really good! Thank you!

It's an understatement to say that the Board has struggled with attracting and selecting a Clubhouse Manager. It's a very important role, and we think we have a good plan utilizing Dianne Klund and Barb Hensch as Co-Managers. They brought this idea to us, and after much discussion, the Board has agreed in principle to move forward with some additional budget projections and review.

And just when we think we have a full crew, our Superintendent / Consultant Jake Warneke has told us that his real job at UPS just doesn't leave him enough free time to do the things he wants to do and needs to vacate his current role. Jake has been a very valuable asset, and many would credit him for the much improved condition of the golf course. (The knowledge and work ethic of Greg Leland, Jim Klund, and Joe Holtz are the other reasons) Besides the knowledge of what and when to treat the grass, Jake was an excellent mechanic, and it is likely that role is the one we will need immediately filled. Any ideas?

It's never too early to start solidifying your league team and members for next year. Wednesday Men's League is full, but the Monday Men's League needs additional teams to stay alive. We don't think it makes sense to have just three or four teams, and it certainly doesn't make sense to shut down the golf course.

Look for a notification for the Annual Meeting next March or early April, which will include the Membership discussing and voting on at least two By-Laws changes. One will increase the Board's expenditure limit and one will deal with the NBGA Certificates. We need your help in bringing the By-Laws up to date.

Our goal is always aimed at making the golf experience at North Branch the best it can be. Let us know what we can do to make it better for you and your guests.

North Branch Golf Association Board: Dan Fairbanks - President, Dennis Hensch - Vice President, Tony Watters - Treasurer, Mike Nelson - Secretary, Greg Leland, Eddie Meier and Tony Beaver

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