

## NBGA March 2024 Newsletter

Spring begins on March 19 this year. Usually, it's March 20 or 21, but because it's a leap year and February gets an extra day, Spring moved up a little on the calendar. Either way, it's a little over a week after daylight savings time began. Quite frankly, everything about this winter feels a little goofy. We are pretty confident that we've had golfers out every month since the golf course shut down at the end of October 2023.

No matter what the calendar says, temperatures are unusually warm, and we've opened our still very brown golf course up to play - no tee markers, no flags, no rakes, no jimmy johnny's and the clubhouse remains closed. Walking only. Non-Members play for \$10 deposited in the mail slot on the south clubhouse door. Members play for free. You can contact Dianne or Barb to pay Membership fees. Stay tuned to membership emails and FaceBook for updates to the golf course official opening. Our golf season started on April 18 in 2023.

Thank you for your attendance at our March 6 NBGA Annual Meeting at the Chisago County Senior Center. Besides a business update, we were able to discuss and make some By-Laws changes that we believe make good business sense. One of our business challenges is beer sales. Yes, we know it is 3.2% and that Minnesota is the last state where 3.2% beer is even sold. We ask that if you drink beer on the golf course, it has been purchased at the Clubhouse.

The Board is pleased to start 2024 off with Clubhouse Co-Managers Dianne Klund and Barbara Hensch. We know this is a win-win for our us and our golfing customers. Please note that Barb and Dianne are looking for a college student to work 20 hours a week at the clubhouse.

The clubhouse will be going through some inside and outside freshening this spring - look for paint, carpet, window replacement and more. Dianne and Barb are excited about offering more goods for sale in the pro-shop area, too.

We are still working on filling the Golf Course Superintendent roles. Greg Leland is working his way through the chemical applicators books. Terry Dehn has agreed to lend his mechanical skills on the grounds crew equipment. We've seen what the knowledge and work ethic of Greg Leland, Jim Klund, Joe Holtz (and their help) can do in making our golf course more enjoyable. And because Jake Warneke has taken a different shift at his priority job, we may see him some, too. Our fleet of golf cars are currently being gone through and should be ready for the season.

Monday Night League team numbers have dwindled to the point where it makes no sense to have four man teams, so those who choose can move to two person teams. Wednesday Men's League remains strong with twelve four person teams. Thursday Senior League and Ladies League will stay the same as previous years. If you have your league team names and contact numbers gathered, please send them to the email below.

We thank Greg Leland for serving a three year Board term - he brought a significant amount of golf course and clubhouse insights to us. We have a Board vacancy at his time, and if you are ready to help, we'd be happy to put you to work! We meet the third Tuesday of every month.

Our goal is always aimed at making the golf experience at North Branch Golf Course the best it can be. We hope all members and guests help us in achieving that goal.

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

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