



White Lake Golf Club

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Frank Wierengo-Director

Don Nellis-Director

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Greetings White Lake Golf Club Friends!

Research says that just thinking about your golf swing will improve your game! Well, its January, and I am thinking a lot about my swing and can't wait to get back to good ole White Lake Golf Club to watch spring unfold and renew cherished friendships.

Research also states that the game of golf offers the following benefits:

- Forced use of math...good for the brain!
- Quality time with significant others...stimulating social activity
- Becoming one with nature
- Fresh air exercise
- Weight loss
- Vision improvement
- Stress reduction
- Offers conversation with a higher being

And for some additional brain stimulation I am enclosing a WLGC Crossword Puzzle that holds the bulk of information that would otherwise be included in this letter!! The "Answer Key" is located on our website, www.whitelakegolfclub.com

Board of Directors

The WLGC Board would like to welcome two new Directors, Don Nellis and Frank Wierengo. Don Nellis has replaced the late and beloved, Rob Schwartz. Frank has replaced long time Director, Jim Schmidt, who retired from the Board in August.

Don Nellis has been a very active and competitive golfer who became involved with GAM as a rater of golf courses. In recent history he has rated Muskegon's Oak Ridge Golf Course and Blythefield Country Club in Grand Rapids.

Don attended Ferris State University and enjoyed a career with Industrial Automation specializing in design and sales related to the automotive and furniture industries. He and his wife, Mary, are life long residents of Muskegon County and live in Laketon Township. Don serves on the Grounds Committee.

Frank Wierengo grew up in Norton Shores and graduated from Mona Shores High School in 1980. He earned a degree in Engineering from Duke University and an MBA from Northwestern University. During his career in manufacturing Frank and his family moved around the eastern half of the country living in Flint, Evanston, Aiken, Danville, Peachtree City and Houston. Frank and his wife, Barbara, now live permanently on Scenic Drive just south of the golf course. Frank serves on the Finance Committee.

Retiring Director, Jim Schmidt, served on the Board for almost 40 years in the roles of Director, Treasurer, President and most recently as our Greens Chair.

"The Cincinnati Kid" is a third generation WLGC Member and was saluted by the Board for his invaluable service by making him an Honorary Member of our Club.

Replacing Jim Schmidt as Greens Chair is WLGC Director, Kim Staton. Kim earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University. He spent his career in the telecommunications industry as a project manager. Kim grew up in Montague and has been a WLGC Member since joining in 1979.

Other changes in Officers at WLGC include Ryan Briegel now serving as our Treasurer and Bill Davis serving as Secretary.

New Era

We are entering into a new era of Grounds Superintendency with the retirement of Dale Augustin and the hiring of Dylan Barry as our new Grounds Superintendent.

Dale, his father Donald, and grandfather Ernie, served as WLGC Grounds Superintendents since the founding year of our club in 1916! We, greatly, appreciate their contributions to the fine conditioning of our course over the span of three generations.

As this new chapter begins, your Board welcomes new Grounds Superintendent, Dylan Barry. Dylan is a graduate of Michigan State University and comes to us from Oakland Hills Country Club where he served as Assistant Grounds Superintendent. Prior to his time at Oakland Hills Dylan worked for Lost Dunes Golf Club and Cherry Hills Country Club in Colorado.

Dylan joined the staff in late summer and quickly acclimated to our course working with Greens Chair, Kim Staton, Dale Augustin and the Grounds Crew: Pat Temberg, Frank Jagneicki, Art Aguilera and Todd Bloomberg.

The 2020 Season

Your WLGC Board of Directors has been busy planning for the 2020 Season. At our fall meeting the Board approved a modest dues increase and initiated a campaign encouraging Associate Members to convert to Equity Membership.

A special incentive for “on time” dues payments or enrollment into “monthly bank draw payments” was also established. You will notice this incentive included in your invoice.

In addition, the Board approved the purchase of a second greens mower and a greens roller. These purchases will allow the Grounds Crew to increase the quality of our greens and reduce the time needed to prepare the course for play each morning. Over the past five years we have spent thousands of dollars keeping our equipment updated and in good repair. We continue to incur these expenses remaining debt free.

As we look forward to a new season at White Lake Golf Club we realize that our Club is much more than just our cherished game of golf. With the addition of the Evan McCombs Practice Facility and Pavilion, we continue to expand offerings to members. And, we greatly appreciate the new weatherproof curtains, donated by Rick McCombs and Katrina Veerhusen.

This past season featured the first annual Art Opening “Art on the Green.” Bill Borgman continued the Golf Academy and Demo Days along with the opportunity for custom fittings. Britni Gielow led us in weekly Cardio Golf sessions. We hosted several celebrations at the pavilion and are hosting at least one wedding this coming summer. Mahjong was enjoyed weekly on our clubhouse porch. We hosted community golf outings benefiting the Darin O’Connell Scholarship Fund, the Whitehall High School Football Team and the Whitehall High School Boys and Girls Golf Teams.

In 2019, the George Hartman Scholarship recipients this past year went to Leeanna Burns who is studying Physical Therapy at the University of Michigan, and, Liam Johnson who is studying Engineering at Michigan Technological University.

Membership

Our membership remains very stable at just over 300 members in all membership categories. HOWEVER, we would love to get back to our peak membership of 350

back in 2007. As you know, there are plenty of tee times available for additional play. Membership applications are easily acquired at WWW.whitelakegolfclub.com

As the winter progresses please engage your networking skills to recruit new members who would enjoy this wonderful venue famously known as “The Burial Place of Old Man Gloom!”

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support! White Lake Golf Club continues to thrive surrounded by such great people from the greater White Lake Community, The Michillinda Beach Association, The Sylvan Beach Association and the greater Muskegon Community!

Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 22, 2020, for our Spring Party at the Pavilion! Guests are welcome!

Best regards always,

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PS: Don't forget to complete the WLGC Crossword Puzzle. The answer key is at WWW.whitelakegolfclub.com