



White Lake Golf Club

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Dear White Lake Golf Club Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, let me begin this annual winter letter by sending best wishes for a very healthy and happy new year! At White Lake Golf Club we have all the ingredients for a very exciting new season of playing golf and enjoying friendships, new and old, that make our private golf club so unique and special. There is so much to look forward to in 2021! Please read on...

New Golf Carts

After a thorough cost-benefit analysis of competing golf cart makes and models, we have committed to a “lease to own” fleet of twenty-eight 2021 Yamaha Golf Carts. The carts will feature retracting club awnings and cell phone charging ports.

WiFi

We have expanded our WiFi signal to support the use of the ball machine and security systems at the Evan McCombs Practice Facility. The WiFi extension will also support personal use of cell phones, ipads, etc. at the pavilion.

Evan McCombs Practice Facility

We have purchased 500 dozen new Titleist Golf Balls for your practice at the range. Also, as in past years your WLGC Membership includes full use of the practice facility with practice balls included. Furthermore, we are expanding the teeing area to accommodate the increasing number of members who continually work to improve their game at the practice facility!

Pavilion Improvements

This past fall we added snow guards to the roof of the pavilion to protect the newly installed gutters from winter weather. We have also

installed motion detection floodlights along the perimeter of the pavilion in support of events that continue into the nighttime. Furthermore, we are making plans to purchase and install an infra red heating system which will allow us to extend the use of the pavilion in cool weather.

Maintenance Equipment Purchases

Each year the Board makes key equipment purchases that serve in keeping our golf course in the finest condition possible. New equipment purchases planned for the 2021 season include a new gang mower, a John Deere Tractor, a fairway mower, a sod cutter, a turf brush and a low noise blower. Future needs include a bank mower, greens mower, a material handler, a sand pro and a utility cart.

We also have an aging pump that services our irrigation system that needs critical attention in 2021. It is the “heart” of our system and, therefore, has the first priority within our maintenance budget.

With this in mind we find it necessary to modestly increase the dues and fees for 2021. While the club is financially sound and memberships and play are up, we must maintain a healthy balance sheet in the case of unexpected needs. We continue to offer the reduced membership rate incentive (\$100 reduction for Associate and Equity Memberships) when dues are paid in full or by bank draw by March 1, 2021.

Course Improvements and Renovation Initiatives

The Board has felt for some time that we need a “White Lake Golf Club Vision of the Future.” We feel that we should be taking a full spectrum look at where we want our golf course to be in the next decade and beyond. Our ultimate goals are to increase strategy, shot value, playability and enjoyment for all levels of golfing ability. In addition we feel that we should recapture the Tom Bendelow architectural features and designs that were established some one hundred years ago.

Toward these goals of renovation and restoration, the Board has retained Golf Course Architect, Raymond Hearn from Holland, MI to work with a Master Plan Steering Committee led by WLGC Director, Don Nellis. The Master Plan Steering Committee, made up of a cross section of our Membership, will be providing ideas and feedback relevant to the proposals developed by Mr. Hearn. It is our intention to have a Master Plan proposal in place for the Board of Directors to consider at the 2021 May Board Meeting. The implementation of the Master Plan, as approved, will be accomplished incrementally as funds become available. Some preliminary course improvements will begin this winter

with the harvesting of some lumber which will benefit our course agriculturally as well as financially.

The Master Plan Steering Committee:

Karel Bailey, Bill Benedict, Andy Buckner, Eric Dobry, Brendan Gielow, Dan Harrington, Randy Linquist, Steve Mairs, Valerie Muyskens Vihtelic, Bob Penny, David Rice, Jim Schmidt, John Szegda, Dan Tabor, Lisa Wurst, Jeff Winwood, Willie Josephson, Mike Esh and Jim Zimba.

Membership

Membership is up at WLGC with 314 Members! We also had 32 Associate Members become Equity Members this past year. Thank you for your continued support in reaching out to prospective members throughout the year!

All Membership information (dues and fees) for 2021 are listed on the WLGC Website: whitelakegolfclub.com

Memorial Pavers

Along the garden behind the first tee is a wonderful tapestry of Memorial Pavers inscribed with the names of WLGC loved ones who have passed away. This ribbon of inscribed bricks is an engaging and precious history. Information about acquiring a memorial paver is included on the WLGC Website: whitelakegolfclub.com. The application form is located in the drop down menu under "golf."

Appreciation

In reflecting on the White Lake Golf Club 2020 season we salute and express great gratitude and appreciation to all of our Pro Shop Staff, the Grounds Crew and to all of our Volunteers along with those members who made special donations to our club. Furthermore, we salute our Membership for their ongoing attentiveness, patience, cooperation and vigilance as we maneuvered into and through the golfing season with the continued challenges of the pandemic. WLGC met the Covid state of affairs with innovation and determination which paved the way for an exceptional season at White Lake Golf Club. Our golf club remains "The Burial Place of Old Man Gloom!" Thank you so much!!

And speaking of appreciation, we would like to recognize two long time employees who are leaving WLGC. Grounds Crewman, Frank Jacniecki worked for over 40 years serving our course with his special skills of

applying chemicals and fertilizers, and irrigation maintenance, along with his many every day talents in keeping our golf course in fine condition. Frank did say that he would be "on call" if needed at times over the summer.

Pro shop Assistant Manager, Savannah Silk is also leaving WLGC after serving as a key employee for thirteen years. Savannah has taken a full time position with a local optometrist but may spend a day or two working for us on special events.

Both Savannah and Frank will be greatly missed! We wish them well in their new endeavors!

In closing, thank you for your continued support of our cherished White Lake Golf Club. It is the families of the Whitehall, Montague and the Greater Muskegon Communities, along with the Sylvan Beach and Michillinda Beach Associations that are the pillars to our continued success.

See you on the course!

Best regards,

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White Lake Golf Club Events Results

2020 Player of the Year:

Chuck Majeski

Spring Match Play:

Willie Josephson

The Lou Iverson:

Steve Lorenz and Chuck Majeski

Three Queens and a King:

Dee Dee Burg, Lisa Wurst, Sharon Dort and Steve Nowak

Ladies Club Championship:

Championship Flight-Savannah Silk Spira

First Flight: Mary Barry

Men's Club Championship:

Championship Flight-Tom Dreger

First Flight-Nick Bultema

Second Flight-Chuck Majeski

Third Flight-David Grooters

Men's Member Guest:

Championship Flight- Rick Blauw and Chris Dawson

First Flight-Frank Lundell and Bud Timmer

Second Flight-Thomas Marine and Trevor Tidswell

Third Flight-Scott Marine and Steve Roby

Ladies Member Guest:

Championship Flight-Dee Dee Burg and Liz Pallante

First Flight-Linda Gosselin and Allison Gosselin

Hole In One tournament:

Rick Scott Ace on #12; Frank Lundell Ace on #12

Modified Alternate Shot:

Josh Vokal and Tom Dreger

Parent Child Event:

Under 18-Ian and Josh Vokal

Over 18-Evan and Brett Mikkelsen

Member/Member:

Jim Zwiers and John Rowerdink

Senior Club Championship:

Overall Champion-Andy Hanichen

White Lake Open:

Nigel Hawryliw and Ryan Oosting

White Lake Challenge:

Joseph Kimbrel, David Bonter, Brad Thompson and Evan McKinley

Labor Day Skins Game:

Quinn Barry, Chuck Majeski and Willie Josephson

The Closer:

Charlie Deupree and Jim Schmidt