



# White Lake Golf Club

Fall 2011

## Greetings Members of White Lake Golf Club

By now, barring any Indian Summer weather, the golf season is at an end except for those very hardy few who play when the snow is less than six inches deep. Looking back on the season, except for some bad weather in September, it again was a "good one"—great course conditions, fun events and the usual failure of most of us to score as we had dreamed of during the annual hibernation period in the winter. The season ended on a high note with our Community Day /Food Drive when members of the White Lake community can play our course with the donation of food. We had 210 non-members participate as well as 60 members. Two Whitehall food banks are the beneficiaries and it took several trucks to carry the donations to them.

The only low point of the summer was the passing of our director, Norm Johnson, a beloved member of the club for many years. During his term on the board, his many contributions to the improvement of the club were significant. We all shall miss him and our condolences are extended to his wife, Julie, and his family. Appointed to fill his place on the board is Bob Eklund, long-time Whitehall resident and local attorney. Speaking of new board members, I remind you that this summer Andy Buckner replaced Bob Ainsworth who retired after 27 years on the board. For those not at the Annual Dinner, what you probably don't know is in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the betterment of the club and grounds, the board elected Bob an Honorary Member, an honor which has been bestowed on a mere handful in the history of the club.

Speaking of the board of the club, I have been asked by my Alma Mater, along with two other former presidents of its Alumni Council, to work on a special project. In all likelihood this will keep me away from the area for part on next summer, Firmly believing that the President should be "on premises" during the high season, at the recent board meeting I stepped aside as President after 13 happy years in that office. As I reflect on those years, we have accomplished a lot and made many changes—hopefully for the better and it couldn't have been done without your strong support as well as the support from our great board members. It has really been an honor!!

Replacing me is long time member, Frank Lundell, a former school administrator. There is no question in my mind that you will consider his election as the highlight of the year. Most of you know Frank well and are aware of his love for the club as well as the game. He is known by his fellow board members as "The Idea Man" as he is continually coming up with new ideas to make our club even more enjoyable. What is particularly noteworthy is that this is a true "rags to riches" story. As a youth, Frank was a caddy at the club and now this former caddy is our president. Only in America! There are several other noteworthy improvements to the club which are coming but I'll leave that for Frank to communicate.

In closing, thanks to all of you for your great support over the years. You are a great group of members

Sincerely,