

Golfers News

Benson Golf Club

Fall 2004



New Food / Bar Supervisor Ready to Go

Hello everyone and thank you for the warm welcome I have been receiving. I am excited to be working with the food and bar here at the Benson Golf Club. The future holds many possibilities for us to create business at the clubhouse and I am nothing but optimistic.

After a few weeks of cleaning and organizing we had our first Friday Night Dining Experience. There was a lot happening that night, and though the Braves were defeated, I believe we were not. With over 40 customers visiting us between 5 pm—11pm. With your support our Friday Nights will only become more profitable for the club during the slow winter months.

We have started booking holiday parties and dates are going fast!! If you have a party to

plan I recommend calling soon to reserve your date. I will work with you to create a menu for your function that suits your needs. If you are part of a smaller organization, consider attending our Small Business Holiday Party on Sunday December 12th. This event caters to businesses with fewer than 12 employees. This is a way to celebrate the holidays while cutting expense. Call for details and reservations.

Finally, as I continue to clean and organize, I will be going through the closets behind the dance floor. If you know of any items stored there that are necessary to keep please let me know by Nov. 1st. After that it is all fair game to be moved or thrown away. On



this note I would like to say thank you again for the warm reception. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you. Stop by the kitchen sometime and say hello.

Darin Pfeifer

FORE!!!!

Another golf season is winding down but what a great fall to finish on. The course was in great shape and the weather was fantastic.

We had many great things happen again this year at BGC. The Benson Girls HS Golf Team advanced to the state tournament and Ryan Kettlekamp advanced to the boys state tournament for the second straight year. Way to

go!! The junior program grew to over 90 players in the instructional league & playing league. We hosted an MGA Amateur Qualifying Tournament. Home grown golfer, Greg Peterson advanced to the second round of the US Amateur & we crowned 8 new club champions. The list goes on and on with all the success stories of this year's golf season—and I hope you all have a great story created by this great game.

Our staff did an outstanding job this year. Sally and her crew kept the course in great shape, and our full service clubhouse staff was always on top of their game—Thanks to you all!!! And good luck in school.

Stop by and visit this winter if you're around town. Have a great winter and I look forward to seeing everyone next spring!!

Barrett Boe

GM/ Golf Professional

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2004 Club Champions

Men

Gross—Paul Ness

Net- Joe Johnson

Women

Gross-Kathi Berens

Net-Donna Collins

Senior Men

Gross- Rick Moesenthin

Net- Mike Kellner

Senior Women

Gross-Jane Kjos

Net- Arlene Kellner

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Winterize Your Lawn like the Pros

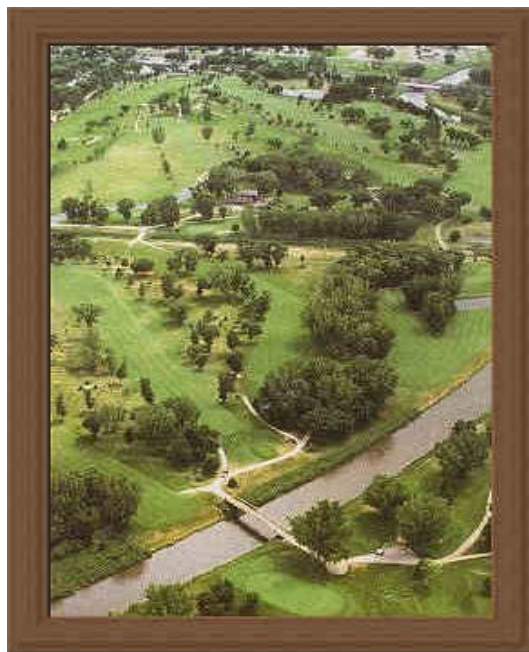
Superintendent's Report by Sally Berens

I still can't believe another year has already passed us. Looking back upon the summer I think, "Where did it go?" We had a wonderful summer for working and growing grass. The rain happened to come at needed times, which gave a nice break for our irrigation system. However, our mowers saw one of the hardest summers for a while.

We started this summer out with a quick warm-up and another early opening for the BGC. I was pleased to find our course came through the winter well, with few exceptions. Gray Snow Mold was found throughout the rough and fairways. You may remember seeing this slimy, matted down grass in your back yard this past spring. It's caused by snow cover for more than 90 days consecutively. GSM is often found in low-lying areas or in areas where snow can heavily accumulate like around shrubs or a snow fence. Ways to prevent GSM from occurring is to keep mowing your yard regularly until dormancy so the snow will not mat down the long grass; fertilize with a slow release fertilizer with a balanced ratio (the three numbers found on a fertilizer bag N-P-K); prevent compaction of snow (such by snowmobiles). Should you find you have GSM in the spring, simply rake the matted areas so the new grass below is given adequate air and sunlight. Overseeding may be necessary. We spray preventatively for Gray Snow Mold on the tees and greens just days before the first predicted snow. This application is the most expensive we spray all year and has

somewhat detrimental effects if not done correctly, thus why it is not recommended for the average home owner.

Again this year I would like to thank all of those individuals and groups who generously donated time and effort for the flowers throughout the course. A special thank you goes out to Jan Baukol for serving as chairperson of the flower committee. Her time goes unnoticed by many and we would not have all of the flowers without her help. We have many spots throughout the course, which are enhanced by the color of the flowers. However, we are aware of the cost behind all of your efforts. This is why we are encouraging



the use of perennials and will always give a home to your divided plants. Please let me know if you will be dividing your plants and have a few to donate. I will arrange a pick-up

I would like to take this time to give a big THANK YOU to all of my crew this season. As you can see, they all do a wonderful job and all contribute to the course in their own way. Most of them have been here for quite a few years and even took the time to show me the ropes when I first started out here. Thanks again guys and gals, I wouldn't be able to do it without you.

- Jim McNellis Richard Schaaf
- Lindy Maanum Bill Knutson
- Don Mittness Chelsea Stiel
- Jim Huston Richard Johnson
- John Fremling Rachel Scheffler

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- ★ Raffle Prize Winners ★
- ★ Drawn on October 2. ★
- ★ 300 Tickets Sold ★
- ★ Thanks Kurt Hanson, Rod El- ★
- ★ lingson and all sellers ★
- ★ 1. Brad Rieck ★
- ★ 2. Al Rice ★
- ★ 3. Rick Horecka ★
- ★ 4. Doug Young ★
- ★ 5. Mark Frank ★
- ★ And many more ... ★



Tournament / League Play

Congratulations to Corey Peterson & Chris Buckingham—Champions of the post-league Match Play Tournament. League Play has been consistent the past 4 years and the post league play-off we intend to continue as is next year.

Benson Golf Club regular tournament participation has not been consistent and actually has declined each year. We have tried to be creative and offer

many different tournament formats but for the most part to no avail. The committee would welcome any suggestions from the members as tournament play should be an integral part of being a member of the Benson Golf Club. Members suggestions can be left at the pro shop or any member is welcome to attend any of our meetings—maybe even raise your hand and become part of the tournament /league committee.

Tournament Chair - Paul Estenson

League Winners Declared

The 2004 League Season has come to a completion and each league has new champions. 132 Men participated in the 13 week men's league. 38 women participated in the 10 week women's league. Points are awarded in each league from head to head play. The teams with the most cumulative points are declared, League Champions. Each week there is also a "Game of the Week". The GOW is declared before play and a few examples are; net skins, gross skins, Mystery holes etc....

If you wish to play league next year or would like more information, please call Barrett in the Pro Shop.

Women's Spice League Champions

Marilyn Lee & Jill Hollingsworth

Women's Sugar League Champions

Kathi Berens & Sharon Cronen

"Competitive golf is played mainly on a five -and-a-half inch course: the space between your ears."

Bobby Jones

Men's League Champions

Maddens League

Jerry Hagen & Rod Benjiman

Bearpath League

Jon Hawley & Mike Berrueu

Giants Ridge League

Jerry Dahl & Jerimiah Dahl

Whistling Straight League

Reid Foslien & John Kent

Troy Burne League

Jim Collins & Mike Mattieson

Sandhill League

Rob Lee & Jim Molden

Interlachen League

Reed Anfinson & Rod Ellingson

Grounds Committee Notes

As the 2004 season draws to a close, the greens committee would like to thank Sally Berens and the entire maintenance crew for their hard work this season. The 2004 season presented many challenges for our crew, as we all know from our lawns, the grass grew at a breakneck pace. It was a challenge to, stay on top of the mowing but they were able to once again produce one of the finest conditioned courses in the area.

The equipment continues to be a concern, as the mowers are beginning to show

their age. The only addition to our fleet this year was a used Toro rough mower, which was purchased in the spring. With the active growth this past season, the addition was greatly needed.

We didn't undertake any major projects this season as we continue to work within our budget. There are efforts underway this fall to catch up with some tree trimming and we are also working with the City of Benson to stay on top of the "dutch elm" situation.

I've had the opportunity to play

numerous courses throughout the state & I think it is worth mentioning that we should all consider ourselves very fortunate. For a small community we are blessed to have such a fine facility, it may not be perfect, but there are plenty of larger communities that would love to trade places with Benson.

The 2004 Greens Committee

Cindy Steffens, Bill Dehtloff, Mike Kellner, Eric Peterson, Paul Tatge, Dan Enderson,

Chair—Corey Peterson

For All Benson Golf Club Members

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS:

If you wish to continue to get BGC publications during the winter months, please stop by the pro shop before you leave and fill out a winter address form.

ALL HOLE IN ONE'S

Please let the golf shop know of your achievement. We would like to get a list of all mem-

bers "holes in one". Please include the following information:

Date: Hole: Club used: any witnesses

A Big THANK YOU to all members that come through to ensure BGC to remain the finest golf facility in Central Minnesota. You know who you are—Volunteers for Weddings, Raffle Purchasers, Tournament Players, Premium Members, and the ones who repair ball

"Par is whatever I say it is. I've got a par 23 and yesterday I damn-near birdied the sucker."

Willie Nelson

marks & replace divots. With your generosity Benson Golf Club is the best golf value in the state. -THANK YOU-

Upcoming Events at Benson Golf Club

This fall and winter season at the Benson Golf Club has something to offer everyone.

- Friday Night Dinners are being served each Friday from 5—11pm. Our new menu offers fish, steak, pork and a nightly special. We have a enough variety that the entire family will enjoy. Make your plans to dine at the Benson Golf Club on Friday's.
- Monday Night Football excitement is kicking off each week in the lounge. Come



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enjoy the game with friends. Relax with a bowl of chili and a cold beer while you play “football bingo” during the game.

- The 3rd Annual Harvest Ball is planned for November 6th. Make your plans to eat, drink and dance the night away with this popular fall event.
- A informational membership meeting is being planned for November 22nd at 6:30 in the Clubhouse. All members interested in the state of the golf course are welcome.

Harvest Ball November 6th

5:00 Social 6:00 Dinner

Pork Loin with Roasted Red Peppers and goat cheese or

Turkey Breast Sliced with Roasted harvest vegetables.

Both served with garlic herb potatoes & warm pumpkin soup

Alternating Deserts of Chocolate pumpkin truffles, pumpkin pie, champagne mouse

Entertainment by the

Blues Brothers

\$20 / Person