



BENSON GOLF CLUB

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The Tee Box Newsletter

Greetings Everyone,

First off Congratulations to Sally and Cory Jones. They were married on Saturday and from what it sounds the reception was a blast.

Good to see everyone at the course enjoying themselves. The Project board is up and running. If you are not familiar with the board, what it is, is a way to let you, as members, help out your course. Projects are posted on the board from either Sally or myself. These are tasks, such as cleaning up a flower garden or helping register golfers for a tournament - nothing is too small or too big to be done and it all helps. The poster is on the door as you walk into the clubhouse - keep looking ahead.

Our ice machine had a problem over the past 4 years, and it was laid to rest last Wednesday. The price of a new ice machine is very expensive and the club is seeking donations to help offset the cost of a new one. Thank You to all that have donated - Golf Jeff INC donated \$100 towards the cost- thank you.

I have a great story to tell you all and it will help your golf scores if everyone can help. In Florida I meet a golf professional that had worked with Dave Peltz (the short game guru). He told me about a research product the Mr. Peltz and he did a few years back. The reason for the experiment was to find out how imperfections on the greens can effect your line of putt and ultimately make you miss your putt. The imperfections he was referring to were BALL-MARKES left unrepaired or improperly repaired.

They invented a machine that would generate no back or side spin on a ball that was putted. (each time you putt a ball the clubface creates back and side spin) so this was the perfect putting machine. They went to 3 courses with 3 different operating budgets. At each course they "putted" 80 balls from 12 feet away on a flat lie.

At the first course, a moderate budget, they made 24% of the putts. At the second course, a higher maintenance budget, the success rate of putts made went up to 54%. At the third club, highest budget, maintenance crews repairing ball marks every morning, the success rate of putts went up to 84%. These were all private "elite" CC, just different maintenance budgets to spend. The moral of the story is that imperfections cause golfers to miss putts. The actions we should all take to improve our scores is to ALWAYS repair ball marks on the greens - we will all make more putts.

This Memorial Weekend, the course is having our 2nd Annual Food Drive. We are offering a discount to guests for bringing food donations, and I am asking our members to help out also. Last year we donated over 100 pieces of food to the Benson Area Food Shelve.

Next Tuesday from noon - 5, we will be having a Cleveland and Srixon Demo day on the range. Stop by to try the latest HiBore driver from Cleveland that everyone is talking about. Or get a clubfitting from me or the Cleveland Club Rep, Rudy.

The first event of the year was held yesterday, the Annual 5 Person Scramble. The Team of Nancy Maanum, Lindy Maanum, Larry Ziegler, Jeff Ruess and Corey Peterson shot a 57 for a one stroke victory over Jerry Dahl, Jeremiah Dahl, Darrin Zielsdorf, Bob Zielsdorf, and Swede Berens. Thanks to all that played.

The Buick Scramble is gone, but the Minnesota Section of the PGA has taken the opportunity to have our own "Scramble Championship". All I know now is that it is a 3 person team (that goes to a 4 person with the addition of me) for the sectional play. The Championship is a two day event at Deacons Lodge. I will have more details soon. See You at the course!!