

The Benson Golf Club

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From the Desk of the President

It has been another successful season on the golf course with the weather cooperating and the entire staff working hard to keep everything running smoothly.

We hope that everyone played a lot of rounds of golf and enjoyed them all.

Greetings!

The 2007 Season has come to an end, but within the year came many good things for the Benson Golf Club. With a relatively early spring and dry weather, we were able to get a lot of golf in on our very nice golf course. Green fees were up from past years, which is great for the course, however memberships were down. This is an area in which the course hopes to see improvement on in years to come.

Within the last year there have been a few changes in management and personnel. I would like to thank Will, Lindy, Angie and Chet, and the rest of their staff for their hard work in the pro shop, bar, and clubhouse. I would also like to thank Sally and her crew for their hard work on the course for keeping it in great condition. Hard work and dedication from these employees as well as others help Benson Golf Club continue to be one of the premier courses in central Minnesota.

We look forward to the beginning of 2008 with hopes of having another successful golf season. We hope to see you at the annual meeting on Monday January 21st. We will also be holding elections for 3 positions on the board at this time. If you are interested please speak to Will or any of the board members before the meeting.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make 2007 a great year for golf, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2008.

BGC President,

Jerry Dahl

2007 Tournament Results

2007 has been a busy tournament year for us at the Benson Golf Club. We hosted several tournaments for different groups including The Swift County-Benson Hospital, The Jim Mills, Joel Hoium, Hanny, Harrison, Dahl, Firemans, and The Degraff tournament,

We also hosted many of our own tournaments including the Big Dogg, Shortstop, Seniors Tournament, Member/Guest and the Club Tournament, The following are results for some of our own tournaments held over the past year.

Bigg Dogg / Champions

- Paul Ness
- Jim Holleman
- Sweede Berens
- Mike Matthiesen

Member/Guest

- Corey Peterson/Member
- Derek Stendahl/Guest

Club Tournament Champions

- Womens Gross: Jan Baukol
- Womens Senior: Kathi Berens
- Womens Super Senior Gross: Norma Edman
- Womens Super Senior Net: Arlene Kellner

- Mens Gross: Jim Holleman
- Mens Net: Bob Orr
- Mens Senior Gross: Larry Ziegler
- Mens Senior Net: Les Potas

We want to thank everyone that participated in all of our tournament events this year. We hope that next year all of our members will participate in at least one tournament during the year.

Tournaments are a very important part of the golf clubs events during the year. We encourage all groups and corporate organizations to join us for a great outing that can be enjoyed with friends, family, customers and employees.

Come to the
Annual Meeting
It's on January
21st
Happy Hour 5:30
Meeting 6:30



2008 Membership Rates

This season all payments must be made by June 1st or Play will be restricted. (if payment in full is not possible you must be set up on a payment plan with Will).

Payment options are enclosed on sheet.

Membership Type	Fee	Tax	Total	
Single Membership	\$474.17	\$30.83	\$505	
Family Membership	\$694.83	\$45.17	\$740	
College Membership	\$234.74	\$15.26	\$250	
Jr. (18 and under)	\$100	\$6.50	\$106.50	
Gas Cart Storage			\$175	
Electric Cart Storage			\$190	
Cart Access Fee			\$135	
Locker Rental			\$45	
Single Cart Lease	\$441.31	\$28.69	\$470	
Husband/Wife Cart Lease	\$591.54	\$38.46	\$630	
Gold Premium Member	Single	\$200 or more	Family	\$250 or more
Silver Premium Member	Single	\$150-\$199	Family	\$200-249
Bronze Premium Member	Single	\$100-\$149	Family	\$150-\$199

Date For Member Early Discount Pay is February 16th
 First Time Members Receive 25% Discount on Membership

Early Payment options are

4 guest 9 hole passes or

\$20 off Membership

20% Discount will be given to golfers 80 and over

If this is you indicate on your form when you send it in.

A sheet has been sent with the membership options you had last year and the new price. If you would like to leave the same you can send it in and take care of it. If changes need to be made, indicate the changes on the sheet.



MensGolf League

Tuesday was a busy day at the Benson Golf Club again this year. There were ??? different leagues that played during the season with a total of 120 men participating in league play not to mention the many subs that regularly help out.

The following are the results from each of the leagues:

Bearpath

- Season Champ: Dave Martin/ Kevin Bausman
- Tourney Champ: Mike Hill/ Josh Fragodt

Giants Ridge

- Season Champ: Jerry Dahl/ Sweede Berens
- Tourney Champ: Dan Enderson/ Rod Benjamin

Interlachen

- Season Champ: Reed Anfinson/ Rod Ellingson
- Tourney Champ: Larry Ziegler/ Lindy Maanum

Madden

- Season Champ: Les Potas/ Dave Schuerman
- Tourney Champ: Roger Lindahl/ Rick Moesenthin

Troy Burne

- Season Champ: Sam Loen/ Chad Razink
- Tourney Champ: Paul Tatge/ Craig Jenner

Sandhill

- Season Champ: Scott Maanum/ Brady Erdmann
- Tourney Champ: Bob Orr/ Tom Orr

Whistling Straights

- Season Champ: Jamie Schwiderski/ Jason Schwiderski
- Tourney Champ: Brent Haugen/ Dave Larson

Ladies Golf League

Our Wednesday Ladies leagues had another great year. Our Sugar and Spice league were well attended with a total of 34 golfers playing in the leagues.

Sally did a great job running the league and making sure things were run smoothly. She will be stepping down from that role next year and we want to thank her for all the hard work she put in to the league over the past couple of years.

Thank you to the Ladies Night League for decorating the ladies bathroom in the club house. They used their money raised from the Tee-off Banquet to purchase these items. A special thank you goes out to Carol Peterson for donating the wall sconces and to Kay Harrison for donating the chair.

Board of Directors

We want to give a special thank you to our Golf Club Board of Directors. This volunteer group meet on a regular basis and are responsible for making the decision that impact the activities at the course.

The 2007 Board of directors are:

- Jerry Dahl - President
- Corey Peterson - Vice President
- Ann Hawley - Secretary
- Dan Enderson - Treasure
- Rod Ellingson - Director
- Kathy Holliman - Director
- Marie Commerford - Director
- Bob Orr - Director
- Kay Harrison - Director

If you are interested in joining the board of directors in 2008 please contact any of the current board members for information.

Monday is Poker Night

Beginning January 7th, each Monday we continue hosing a Texas Hold-em poker night at the golf club. Come on out and bring a friend for a fun night of poker.

It is free to play and we will have prizes at the end each night. We will have food available and the bar is always open. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned pro, its the only game in town.



From the Bar

Our Bar has worked hard this year to bring a wide selection of beer and specialty drinks both in the club house and on the course.

We try to accomodate all of our customers to make your time with us as enjoyable as possible.

Book the Clubhouse

We already have some weddings, meetings, and class reunions scheduled for next year, so come on out and take advantage of our great facility. We have a great menu and excellent cook to cook for any occasion.

We have four different rooms to choose from or can combine all our rooms to accomodate parties up to 275 people.

Contact Will with any questions and to schedule your party today.



On the Course

It seems almost unbelievable to me each year when I write this letter, that one more year has passed. This was my fifth year here as superintendent and 10 years total counting my high school summers. I do think often, how grateful I am to be able to be here in my hometown. The Benson Golf Club still ranks number one on my list, just before the Classic at Madden's Resort in Brainerd, where I interned back in 1999. In all of this time, I have learned many, many things, but one thing that keeps standing out in my head is how much I do appreciate everything everyone does out here to contribute to making this place a success. Thank You, to all of you. The club really needs your contribution of any kind.

Once again, our pump house stations have had some trouble. A regular inspection to our number one pump house revealed that we needed a new pump and motor early this spring. Once that was up and running, number six's pump house motor burned up. It seems it was unable to keep up as the only running pump. We seemed to have a good streak until number six was hit by lightning in September. We will have the pump and well inspected this winter and will have it all fixed by spring. This seems to be just bad luck on our part and if we invest the time and money now, we should have success in the future.

One place where we did succeed is in the battle of the turfgrass diseases. We saw very little disease on our greens, thanks to a very strong chemical/fertilizer program that we have used for the past two years. The tees and fairways saw a different disease in one week this summer due to the high heat/humidity span falling right in between our fertilizer schedule. Pythium is a disease that attacks plants of high nitrogen fertility. We saw this on our tees, right after we fertilized. Anthracnose attacks plants with low nitrogen fertility and this was seen on our fairways. Both diseases were seen within one day of each other, thus showing how important the timing of fertilizer application are.

Late this fall, we started building a red tee box on number 18. The new tee box will be almost double in size and more towards the center of the fairway. This is the first of hopefully many new tee box

constructions you may see in the future. The old tee box will continue to be in play until the new one is ready.

Other plans before start up in the spring will be trimming of some larger trees. Also, I am pleased to announce that we once again will groom cross country skiing trails on the course. Please do be aware that there are a large number of coyote tracks along the river and over the bridge. The trail follows the same track as previous years, so get out there and enjoy yourselves!

Thanks again for another successful year and we hope to see you in 2008!

Premium Memberships

A special thanks to all of our Bronze, Silver, and Gold members here at the course. This very important program has been a great success over the past few years and we plan to continue with it in the future.

When joining the Benson Golf Club as a premium member you are entitled to additional benefits including unlimited free access to the driving range and a special guest rate of \$20. Your name is also listed on the white board in the pro shop.

The following is a list of our Premium member levels:

Bronze Member:

Single-Additional \$100-\$149

Family-Additional \$150-\$199

Silver Member:

Single-Additional \$150-\$199

Family-Additional \$200-\$249

Gold Member:

Single-Additional \$200 or more

Family-Additional \$250 or more

Ask in the club house for more information about each of the premium levels if you are interested.

From the Kitchen

Our kitchen was a very busy place this year. We have a new chef, Chet Gocha who has done a great job cooking for all of our events as well as the meals for our daily events.



We offered meals for all of our regular events including Mens night, Ladies day, and our Friday Night Specials. We also host the Kiwanis club for lunch each Tuesday throughout the year.

To go along with our regular schedule we had many special groups throughout the year including several class reunions, weddings, poker parties, and many golf group outings.

We had a new bar menu this year which we hope to be able to expand as we grow our customer base. We also have an event menu for you to choose from which includes both sit down and buffet choices.

If you are interested in hosting an event such as a wedding, business meeting, annual meeting, or golf outing, give Will a call and he will help you get everything setup.

