

The Benson Golf Club

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In todays day & age....GOOD news is sometimes hard to find, but I have some exciting news for all of us.....the Benson Golf Club will soon be open for all of our enjoyment! The mere thought of playing golf seemed far-fetched only a week ago, but a couple of warm sunny days have brought the reality of playing BGC much closer. The grass will start to turn green & the trees will start to bud...nothing can compare to watching a "Minnesota Spring" unfold in front of your eyes!

Currently, Will & his staff are preparing the Clubhouse for the upcoming season. They have many scheduled events, such as Weddings, Reunions, Tournaments that should keep the BGC busy all summer long!

As we prepare the upcoming season...we are aware of the difficult & challenging economic conditions in our country & throughout the world today. We believe that through the continued support of our LOYAL membership & a more concentrated effort to promote the Benson Golf Club we can survive & thrive in our community! The BGC is a great asset to the city of Benson & to the entire surrounding community. With the hard work from our staff & the continued support from our membership we look to continue to provide a great source of enjoyment & entertainment to members & visitors alike!

The entire staff & Board at the Benson Golf Club looks forward to seeing you this year & would like to thank you for your continued support!

BGC President-
Corey Peterson

2009 Events

We have so many events this year for you members to take part in that there will be no excuse for you not to attend at least one. These nights range from the taste of the Benson Golf Club (a major hit last year) to theme nights, and all the way to our 2nd Annual Rib Fest where Butch will defend his Winning Judged ribs, along with Chet coming back to defend his peoples choice award. Also our calendar is filling up fast so if you would like to have an event out here come talk to Will and he can get you set up. Now back to the summer: here is a list of things to come.

4/12 - Easter Brunch

4/14 - Mulligan

4-24 - Taste of the Golf Club

5/6 - Ladies Day Kick Off

5/10- Mothers Day Brunch

5/15 - First Theme Night

6/12- Theme Night #2

6/21- Fathers Day Brunch

7/27- Theme Night #3

8/7- Theme Night #4

9/11- Glow Ball Night

9/20 or 9/27 - Rib Fest

Keep an eye out for what the themes will be for theme nights as well as for the date of Rib Fest!!

Addition from last newsletter that was left out.

Winner of Mens League

Masters League Champions

Don Wilcox -Pat Hawley

If someone from the ladies afternoon league could set up the Ladies day kick off that would great. Thanks

2009 Tournament Schedule

Course Run Tournaments

Benson Shortstop- July 12th

Senior Tournament - Aug 3rd

Club Championship - Aug 16th

Member Fun Day - Aug 16th

Member-Guest Tournament - Aug 22nd - 23rd

Member Run Tournaments

Hanny's Tournaments - June 13th and September 12th

Bigg Dogg Tournaments - June 27th and August 29th

Jim Mills Tournament - August 1st

Hospital Auxiliary Tournament - August 9th

Tournament Committee

Social / Membership Committee

Golf season is right around the corner! The Social/Membership committee had a busy winter with the New Year's party featuring casino night and the ugly sweater contest and Valentine's Ball featuring the Ancient Age Band. We hope that if you participated, you enjoyed the special evenings and that you'll invite your friends to upcoming spring and summer events at the golf course. We thank everyone who has always been so willing to help, whether it's wearing a funny sweater, donating prizes, offering ideas or buying a ticket. Income from the events has kept income coming in throughout the winter.

The Spring Fix Up Project this year focused on the back of the bar. You'll notice a new paint job, more room for our friendly bartenders to operate as a result of remodeling the old bar, and a new sound system.

The second annual "Taste of the Golf Club" is scheduled for Friday, April 24. Like last year, it's a fun after work event to kick off the golf season and to sample a variety of Chet's specialties. Invite your friends from work. We had great attendance last year, raves about the food and we believe that several events were booked at the golf club because of the food sampled at the event.

We have set dates for the Friday Night Golf Theme Nights, look at the first page of the newsletter for the dates.

Rib Fest will be earlier this year. We know we rolled the dice and were lucky to have a perfect day late in the fall last year. This year it's scheduled for late September. We're waiting until the Vikings schedule comes out so we can coordinate the actual Rib Fest date with a game. We expect more rib cooks this year and many more rib eaters! The Rib Fest committee is fired up to organize the details. We've also formed a "Potato Committee" so you can look forward to delicious homemade fries to go with your ribs this fall!

As always, contact Will or one of the committee members if you have an idea for an event. And don't forget the golf club when your business, club or organization is looking for a place for a meeting or if they'd like to arrange a golf event!

The Social/Membership Committee

Jeena Hughes, Julie Holte, Bob Orr, Ann Hawley, Shelly Anfinson, Kay Harrison

On the Course

Spring is here! The course was looking good, and I thought we could open maybe by the time this letter was out, but then the rain and snow came. If the rain passed us by, we even would have been ok. Right now some areas of the course are underwater. Number five seems to have been hit the hardest. Hopefully the threat of more flooding is past us.

The date for aerification has been set for Wednesday, May, 20th. Due to a booked tournament schedule already, we had no option but this date. Hopefully we can get some hot, windy weather scheduled for that day!

As you start to work in your gardens, please remember we are always accepting plants that you no longer want or need. We have many beds to fill and any little bit helps.

Here's to a successful season and I hope to see you all very soon!

Sally