

The Benson Golf Club

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Hard to believe that another summer has come and gone, but don't forget that the Benson Golf Course is a great place to spend a fall afternoon. The course was very busy this summer with many group outings, weddings, reunions, and various events. Will & Sally, along with the entire crew, did an excellent job coordinating these events.

Overall the 2009 season was a success at BGC. Our revenue remained consistent with previous years...while our expenses have been much lower.

We made several improvements around the course & the club house this year. On the course side we upgraded a pump in our irrigation system...which should allow us greater flexibility in our watering schedule in the coming years! In the clubhouse...we were able to give the outside a much needed fresh coat of paint. Thank you to all that pitched in...either via labor or paint supplies. We also were able to update the A/C in the clubhouse. Currently, we are dealing with an inconvenience with our parking lot, due to the City of Benson working on a new well on BGC property. But upon completion, we will have a new parking lot!

Once again...thank you for all your support of the Benson Golf Club! We hope to see you out enjoying our great course not only this fall, but next season as well!

Thank You!
Corey Peterson

The summer has come and gone but here at the Benson Golf Club the fun never ends. We are open during the winter for your Holiday parties and any other meetings you may have scheduled. We know it's been a tough year on everyone, that's why this year we are offering half price room rent (only \$25) to have your party here at the Golf Club. If you combine with another company and host a dual Holiday party we will give you free room rent as long as you have at least 25 people attend.

Monday night is Poker night. We are also starting our poker league back up starting the first week of October, the first session will run through November. It is completely free to play, local business's sponsor play and we give away gift certificates to the golf club, gift certificates to those company's, or Benson Bucks, depending on what the sponsors choose to do. We play Texas hold em' and we are looking for new players to come out enjoy play, maybe have dinner and a few drinks and enjoy themselves. The game is very relaxed and friendly, if you've never played we suggest coming out and trying it, most who have come, do come back.

For the incoming golf season we will be implementing a payment plan that starts in January and finishes in May. This way everyone must be paid before June 1st. If you have any questions about this contact me and I will help get you set up.

Thank you again everyone and hopefully I will see everyone out here at least once for our winter activities, whether it be a holiday party, a new years party, valentines party, or any other event we may have. I will keep everyone informed on what is going on through email. If you still know someone who is not receiving emails send me their email or have them send it to me, so I can get them on the list.

Will

It's time to break out the warm weather gear and the old golf balls. Fall is here! We should be happy. Mother nature has been good to us for the past two seasons giving us great golfing weather and exceptional grass growing weather. I hope it never ends!

We once again had an outstanding crew to thank this year. They take great pride in what they do and it definitely shows. Please take the time to thank them if you see them around. Jim McNellis, Rick Schaaf, Tim Pillatzki, Don Mittness, Butch Berens, Mitchell Kent, Emily Ness, and our rookie Brennan Kent. This is a great group of individuals and working with them is a joy.

We have had lots of events and play out here this season and I would like to thank everyone that has helped out in any way. We had many, many donations this year, too many to list. You know who you are. We really do appreciate your efforts to keep this place up and beautiful. Thank you.

We'll start pulling things off the course but please still do come out and enjoy the last great days of the season! Please keep in mind that as the grass goes dormant, traffic of any kind does take a toll on the grass. Be conscious of where you walk and drive your cart and we will be ensured a great comeback in the spring!

Thanks for the GREAT season!
Sally

Social Membership Committee

CONGRATULATIONS CHET! In case you haven't heard (it was on the Food Channel, wasn't it?) Chet won the Peoples' Choice Award for the second year in a row at this year's Rib Fest! We had eight cooks, up from six last year. One of the new guys – Scott Vik and crew from Scottie's – won the judges' award. Kurt Hanson from DoMat's won the Battle of the Butchers for the second year in a row. Rodney from Darold's Super Valu is resting comfortably. Other rib cooks included Butch Berens, Rick Minor, Dan Enderson, and Jeff Bryduck from Buddies. The homemade fries, which were new this year, were a big hit. Thank you to Clete Grossman, Steve Mortenson (the Spud Studs) and Laurie Mortenson and their crew for all their work and skill. We over estimated our potato needs by a few hundred pounds, but they were donated to us and we donated what we couldn't use to the Food Shelf. Thank you to Sally and her crew for getting the grounds in top shape, hauling in the tables, working with Andy and Mick Abner to secure the trailer for the band, etc, etc, etc. Thanks to Lori and Diane who worked the outdoor bar and who were very flexible when we had to move the band to their corner to get the equipment and the band members out of the elements. Thanks to Will and Lindy who worked what turned out to be a huge crowd inside. Thank you to the band sponsors 1st American Financial Center, Abner Sales, Ann Hawley, Backstreet Printing, Darold's Super Valu, Hawley's, Inc., Loen Electric, The Harrison Company, and Zielsdorf auction and Real Estate. And THANK YOU to board members, committee members and everyone else who helped make the 2nd Annual Rib Fest a huge success and very fun day despite the lack of cooperation from Mother Nature.

The committee is trying to come up with an idea for a fall event. If you have any, contact one of us, or come to our meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 1PM at the golf club. We're kicking around the idea of having another New Year's Eve fund raising party. Last year we raised money for the air conditioning system, which is well on its way. We just learned that our freezers do not meet code and need to be replaced. We had a small but enthusiastic crowd last New Year's and we're confident we could raise the money needed for the freezers this year. Watch for details.