

# The Benson Golf Club

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## From the Desk of the President

Happy Holidays to All,

With 2008 coming to a close, and 2009 already here, the golf season is all but a memory with icy fairways, drifted bunkers, and snow covered greens. Overall, 2008 was a fairly good year for the clubhouse. With a number of events and activities the clubhouse was very busy with people coming and going. However, with higher fuel costs and numerous equipment failures there were a lot of unforeseen expenses, making it an average year in terms of revenue.

I have reached the end of my term as president and I would like to thank everyone I have served with over the past 6 years. I would also like to thank everyone involved with the Benson Golf Club for their hard work and support. It is because of these many people that we have the quality course we have today.

I hope to see everyone at the annual meeting on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, the board will review the 2008 golf season and discuss plans for the new year. We will also be holding elections for 3 positions on the board.

Thanks again and we will see you in 2009.

BGC President  
Jerry Dahl

## 2008 Tournament Results

As another year passed us by, so did many tournaments at the Benson Golf Club. The Golf Course was active with tournaments such as the Bigg Dogg, Shortstop, Senior Tournament, the Member Guest and Club Championship,

We also hosted many tournaments for members including The Chamber Event, Hanny's 2 tournaments, The Joel Hoiium Memorial, Peterson-Jepma Open, The Harrison Tournament and the Hospital Auxilliary.

### *Club Tournament Champions*

- Womens Gross: Jan Baukol
- Womens Net: Suzanne Maanum
- Womens Senior Gross: Jane Kjos
- Womens Senior Net: Kathi Berens
- Womens Super Senior Gross:
- Womens Super Senior Net:
  
- Mens Gross: Corey Peterson
- Mens Net: Jim Holleman
- Mens Senior Gross: Craig Jenner
- Mens Senior Net: Rod Benjamin

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.

## Important Note to All

All Memberships must be Paid in full by June 1st.

If you would like to be on a payment plan, you may start one in February and have it paid off by June.

You will not be allowed to play until you are fully paid. Thank you for your cooperation

Join us at the  
Annual Meeting  
on January 19th  
Happy Hour 5:30  
Meeting 6:30

Pay you membership that  
night and be entered into  
drawing for a prize that night



# 2009 Membership Rates

This season all payments must be made by June 1st or Play will be restricted. (if payment in full is not possible at one time start a payment plan right away).

Payment options are enclosed on sheet.

Membership Type	Fee	Tax	Total	
Single Membership	\$488.26	\$31.75	\$520	
Family Membership	\$713.61	\$46.39	\$760	
College Membership	\$234.74	\$15.26	\$250	
Jr. (18 and under)	\$100	\$6.50	\$106.50	
Gas Cart Storage			\$180	
Electric Cart Storage			\$195	
Cart Access Fee			\$140	
Locker Rental			\$45	
Single Cart Lease	\$455.39	\$29.61	\$485	
Husband/Wife Cart Lease	\$610.32	\$39.68	\$650	
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

Paid Membership Early Discount Dates are February 1st and March 15th

First Time Members Receive 25% Discount on Membership

Early Payment options are

6 guest 9 hole passes for Feb 1st

3 guest 9 hole passes for March 15th

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 7 different leagues that played during the season with a total of 110 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: Jon Hawley/ Steve Collins
- Tourney Champ: Jon Hawley/ Steve Collins

### *Giants Ridge*

- Season Champ: Jeremiah Dahl-Mike Brenner
- Tourney Champ: Mark Chevalier/ Tom Traen

### *Interlachen*

- Season Champ: Corey Peterson/Chris Buckingham
- Tourney Champ: Ron Ness/ Jim Holleman

### *Madden*

- Season Champ: Bob Young/ Jerry Hagen
- Tourney Champ: Corey Claussen/ Dan Stiel

### *Troy Burne*

- Season Champ: Craig Jenner/ Lyle Tatge
- Tourney Champ: Jake Cook/ Kelly Aeikens

### *Sandhill*

- Season Champ: Mike Moe/ Todd Widseth
- Tourney Champ: Bob Orr/ Tom Orr

### *Whistling Straights*

- Season Champ: Adrian Smith/ Dustin Johnson
- Tourney Champ: Adrian Smith/ Dustin Johnson

## Ladies Golf League

Our Wednesday Ladies leagues had another great year. This year I ran the league and it was a lot of fun. This year we had 32 members in our afternoon ladies league, and usually about 12-15 in the morning ladies league each week. Thanks again to all of you who participated. It was a fun year and hopefully you will all be back to join us again next year. Here are the results from this years ladies afternoon league.

### *Sugar League*

- Season Champ- Barb Erickson/ Lisa Peterson

### *Spice League*

- Season Champ: Sharon Jepma/ Sue Johnson

## 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 2008 Board of directors are:

- Jerry Dahl - President
- Corey Peterson - Vice President
- Ann Hawley - Secretary
- Ron Vadnais - Treasure
- Mike Matthiesen - Director
- Kathy Holliman - Director
- Marie Commerford - Director
- Bob Orr - Director
- Kay Harrison - Director

If you are interested in joining the board of directors in 2009 please contact any of the current board members for information.

## Monday is Poker Night

Beginning January 5th, 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.



## Book the Clubhouse

We already have a busy summer coming up so don't wait to book weddings, meetings, and class reunions for this coming year. We have a great facility and great cook to accomodate your any need.

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 has always been an honor to be back on my home course. The Board of Directors, membership, and public have always been very kind and helpful, which makes it much more enjoyable to be back here. The Benson Golf Club is a fine establishment and I am very proud to call it home. I hope you all do too!

The course was in terrific shape this year. Probably the best we have seen it and will see it for a long time. It will definitely be a tough act to follow, but I hope to keep up the course conditions. Currently, there are no new projects planned due to a tight budget so we plan to concentrate on making the best out of what we got.

As always, there are many people to thank that help keep this place going. The Board of Directors has had a very challenging past few years. The appointed crew has done their best deciding what's best for the club and goes without much deserved recognition. Also to the membership, thank you for your support and we'll see you in the spring!

## From the Kitchen

This summer was quite the summer for our kitchen and the staff in it. If Chet wasn't inside cooking dinner for a wedding or reunion you might have seen him outside grilling. We had many events this year which contributed to a good year for our food. We continued serving dinners on Friday nights, which has become a hit. We have also maintained cooking for Kiwanis which keeps us going year-round.

We have a standard bar menu for when you are looking for something quick, as well as an event menu, which you can ask Will about, and he will get you one. There are many great options to choose from. If you would like to have an event at the golf club call and ask for Will and he will get you details on the what, where's, and whens. Thanks again for all your support throughout the year.

## 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.

## Important Note to All

The next newsletter and all following will be sent electronically by email. If you have not given your email to Will yet, do so immediately, so you will continue to receive the newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.

-Management-

## Social Committee

Members

Jeena Hughes

Julie Holte

Bob Orr

Ann Hawley

Kay Harrison

Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have rung in the new year with a fun night at the golf club and raised enough money to at least repair our old and ailing air conditioning system. We hope you didn't, but in case you missed it – we had plans for dinner and a casino night for New Year's Eve including snacks, games, music and a silent auction.

2008 was the year of the first annual Rib Fest in the fall and it was a great success. We actually sold out of ribs. We already have more rib chefs who are interested in participating in the second annual event. Look for it earlier in the fall this year.

The once monthly Friday night theme nights were a big hit, too. Each evening included a casual scramble tournament followed by dinner and valuable prizes. Themes included Hawaiian Night, Western Night and 70's Night. We're looking forward to more theme nights this summer. If you have an idea for a theme night and would like to organize an event, let Will or someone on the committee know.

As we kick off a new year, the committee continues to work toward our goal of having interesting events to encourage the community to enjoy the golf course and clubhouse facility throughout the year. Our first event of the New Year is a Valentine's Ball on February 14. Other plans include a Mardi Gras party, and the second annual Taste of the Benson Golf Club to kick off the golf season.

Will and Chet are also planning delicious meals for Easter and Mothers' Day. And don't forget the annual meeting on January 19. Chet will have the chili on and it will be a good time to learn about the golf club's finances and to participate in the election for three spots on the board of directors.

It could be an interesting year giving the financial situation around the golf course, the nation and the world. We hope you'll decide to spend more in Benson and that you start by participating in events at the golf club this year. And invite your friends! It would go a long way toward helping our golf club remain viable.

As always, the Social Membership Committee is interested in any ideas you have for events and we welcome anyone who would like to join our committee - either as a member or to help with an event.