

# The Benson Golf Club

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## From the Desk of the President

The holiday storms have covered the Benson Golf Course with a thick layer of snow. I know that I'm tired of shoveling and blowing out the driveway & sidewalks, but the snows are actually good for the golf course. They insulate our fairways and greens for the long winter months ahead, which should help next spring when the snow melts away and the course slowly turns to the vibrant green landscape that signal that the golf season is on the horizon.

Looking back at the 2009 golf season.....BGC had a successful season! We were able to sustain our revenues which I would consider a great accomplishment given the recent economic conditions. While at the same time, we continued to manage our expenses efficiently and control our overhead. All of these factors led to many positives at BGC. We have been able to pay down our operating loan to levels that we haven't seen in the last 2-3 years. We also were able to accomplish a few key improvements at the BGC! We updated the air conditioning system in the club house which provided a refreshing atmosphere in the heat of our August season. We were able to give the Club House a much needed facelift. A fresh coat of paint and a little elbow grease went a long way in improving our "curb appeal!" We will be entering the 2010 season with a new parking lot and rental cart storage area. We were able to accomplish these improvements because of the hard work of our staff & the generous support of our loyal members.

Will & Sally, along with all the employees, continued to improve and grow in their respective duties. They did a great job of managing our expenses, without cutting into the services that BGC provides its membership. Our loyal members pitched in with donations of paint and labor to achieve the much needed clubhouse facelift. BGC will need to have both the employees and the members continued support in order to continue to grow and improve in the coming years.

As my terms on the BGC board come to an end, I would like to issue a special "Thank You" to all that support the golf club. The staff, both on the course and in the club house, have done an excellent job. It isn't easy to "tighten the belt" without losing the quality of service & condition of the course, but through the hard work of our staff I think that we were able to achieve this! I would also like to thank the many people that have served with me on the BGC board. While at times challenging, their ideas, energy, and dedication has made it possible to accomplish many things. Finally, I would like to thank all of our members. Through their support the BGC will continue to be a great asset to Benson and our entire community!

Thank You-

Corey Peterson

## 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 18th  
Happy Hour  
Drinks and Chill i  
5:30  
Meeting 6:30

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



# 2010 Membership Rates

This season all payments must be made by June 1st or Play will be restricted. (if payment in full is not possible talk to Will to start a Payment Plan In January).

Payment options are enclosed on sheet.

Membership Type	Fee	Tax	Total	
Single Membership	\$500.58	\$34.42	\$535	
Family Membership	\$729.82	\$50.18	\$780	
College Membership	\$234.74	\$15.26	\$250	
Jr. (18 and under)	\$100	\$6.50	\$106.50	
Gas Cart Storage			\$180	
Electric Cart Storage			\$210	
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

Mens Night Changed a little this year. We had less leagues but the sizes of the league on average were bigger. The tournament went back to being everyone gets involved and it went well until the end. We will continue tweaking to find our happy medium. We had 6 leagues this year with about 100 players, plus subs so it was another busy day all year long.

The following are the results from each of the leagues:

### *Bearpath*

- Season Champ: Dave Martin/ Kevin Bausmann

### *Giants Ridge*

- Season Champ: Joe Johnson/ Garrit Jepma

### *Interlachen*

- Season Champ: Ron Ness/ Jim Holleman

### *Troy Burne*

- Season Champ: Corey Claussen/ Dan Steil

### *Sandhill*

- Season Champ: Bob Orr/ Tom Orr  
Ron Vadnais/ Glen Pederson

### *Masters*

- Season Champ: Don Wilcox/ Pat Hawley

### *Tourney Champs*

1st - Jerry Dahl/ Roger Lesterberg

2nd - Jon Hawley/ Steve Collins

## Ladies Golf League

Our Wednesday Ladies Morning league had another great year adding members and usually averaging 15 or more players. Our afternoon league was down this year with only 24 players. Hopefully we can get that back up to around 30. Here are the results from the Ladies Afternoon Leagues.

### *Sugar League*

- Season Champ- Kay Harrison/ Ruth Ashburn

### *Spice League*

- Season Champ: Maureen Ricard/ Ann Hawley

## 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 2009 Board of directors are:

- Corey Peterson - President
- Kathy Holliman - Vice President
- Ann Hawley - Secretary
- Ron Vadnais - Treasure
- Mike Matthiesen - Director
- Shelly Anfinson - Director
- Marie Commerford - Director
- Eric Peterson - Director
- Kay Harrison - Director

If you are interested in joining the board of directors in 2010 please contact any of the current board members for information.

## Monday is Poker Night

Beginning February 1st, each Monday we continue hosting 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 hopefully can fulfill your needs

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

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



## On the Course

Well, the course is safely covered with a blanket of snow and we are patiently waiting our first tee-off next spring. It always comes sooner than you think!

The course was put to bed with plenty of time to spare this past fall. It's not very often we are able to continue to golf into December. Hopefully we have a short winter and are able to get out with a great conditions this spring. With nothing much more to report, have a safe winter and we looking forward to seeing you in the spring.

Sally

## 2009 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 Tournament, The Joel Hoium Memorial, Peterson-Jepma Open, The Harrison Tournament, Jim Mills, and the Hospital Auxilliary.

### *Club Tournament Champions*

- Womens Gross: Nancy Maanum
- Womens Net: Lorrie Alsaker
- Womens Senior Gross: Jan Baukol
- Womens Senior Net: Cindy Steffen
- Womens Super Senior Gross: Irene Scheffler
- Womens Super Senior Net: Joyce Rhode
  
- Mens Gross: Kirk Moesenthin
- Mens Net: Shane Ostwald
- Mens Senior Gross: Craig Jenner
- Mens Senior Net: Bill Dethloff

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.

## 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. If you would like to donate, but would not like your name on the board we can make that work too.

## Social Membership Committee

Happy New Year everyone! We hope everyone got safely where they were supposed to be during the snowy holiday season. Or that you stayed safely at home. We also hope many of you gave the volunteer New Years Eve cooks a try and that you're still raving about the great food.

Thanks to Rick Minor, Kurt Hanson and Bill Harrison who along with their better halves and professional help from Diane and the golf club staff, prepared NYE dinner. Our goal was to shop locally - purchasing as much of the components of the meal as we could from Domat's and Darold's, and of course, to have a financially successful event. We're earmarking (in a good way) proceeds from the evening to purchasing a new freezer to replace ours, which works but doesn't meet code, and to renovate/replace the frail sound system.

The Social Membership Committee has organized a winter fix up project in the club house over the last several years. Past projects have included painting and general fix up in the bar room, same in the fireplace room and the dance floor room and painting and reconfiguring the area behind the bar. This year, we're planning to work on the sound system. If you have skills in that area and would like to help, call the golf club and leave a message. We'll email when we've set the date.

The Social Membership Committee had a great year thanks to everyone who worked, volunteered, donated or participated in the events we plan to increase revenues at the golf club.

## Important Note to All

If you still haven't given Will your E-mail addresses Make sure he gets those so you can be included in weekly emails in the summer and receive the other 3 newsletters during the year.

The second annual Rib Fest was a big success despite the gale force winds and showers. Ironically, we gambled on the weather for the first Rib Fest, which was in mid October (!) and had a beautiful fall day. We played it smart this year for the second annual, which was in September, and the weather was — challenging. But a little weather challenge doesn't stop people who love ribs and Blues! We're looking forward to the third annual this summer!

The Tom and Jerry Party the Sunday of the Holiday Stroll was a very fun night. A small, but enthusiastic crowd celebrated the kick-off of the holiday season.

Throughout the golf season, the committee organized many fun theme nights that featured funny costumes, terribly serious golf, and great golf/dinner packages for non-members. If you're thinking about hosting an event, let us know. The monthly events are fun to plan and not much work thanks to Will and the crew in the clubhouse.

On that note, if you have interest in serving on the golf club board, the Social Membership Committee or any committee for that matter, call Will or a board member. Money is tight so it's not always easy serving. But it's interesting and rewarding and a great opportunity to meet and work with a lot of fun people who work very hard to help our golf course survive and thrive.

Happy 2010 from the Social Membership Committee: Bob Orr, Jeena Hughes, Julie Holte, Ann Hawley, Shelly Anfinson and Kay Harrison.