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Happy Holidays



General News

Please note that submissions are welcome forward you comments to chuck.dandy@aol.com

Your Board of Directors met on Dec 15 and discussed items of interest to the membership unfortunately we did not have a quorum so no motions could be passed.

We determined that an AGM would be held in March 2022.

We received and accepted the financial statement the financial picture is good with golf operations have showing a substantial profit.

We continue to wait for the contractor to get to our roof however weather events are holding up their progress. With the materials received it is only a matter of time.

Early in the new year the board will meet with the two perspective contractors for catering and evaluate the presentations.

2022 Dues were discussed and a recommendation was made, for consideration of the entire board and there will be an email vote before a notice is provided. The golf course will be closed from Dec 25th till Jan 2nd with the last nine hole tee time on Dec 24th at noon.

President's Message

On behalf of your Board, I would like to extend our very best wishes to you and yours for the holiday season. Thank you for your continued support of our Club! In keeping with last year, the golf course will be closed from Dec 25th till Jan 2nd with the last tee time on Dec 24th at 12 noon for 9 holes only. This will provide a much needed holiday break for our proshop staff and grounds crew. The last 19 months have given us all many challenges during these Covid times and it appears we have a ways to go yet. We are very fortunate to have golf as an outlet. Please remember to be to kind and patient to all. The club has seen a rise in membership and with prudent spending, the club is in the best financial position in many years. We are also in early discussions with local parties to provide food and drink to the Club. One of our more fun and creative fund raisers was the Tombstone tournament which raised approx. \$12k and made the early upgrading of the roof skylights possible. We also had two large private donations to help the cause. Our thanks to them. Looking

forward to 2022, our largest project and biggest expense will be our roof replacement. Some of the materials required have already been purchased and we are waiting in the queue for the work to begin. The majority of the funds raised were from our tree cutting initiative. The result is a new and improved look on the 12th hole. What a view! Some cleanup still needs to be done and then seeding in the spring. An additional bonus from the tree program was the stump carving project to help kick off initiatives for our 75th anniversary in 2022. We have received outstanding feedback especially for the tribute to Storm (Norm Jackson) in appreciation of his 32, and counting, years of commitment to our Club making Cowichan Golf Club the best place to play. We are planning more initiatives for our 75th year and welcome any suggestions you may have!

Club Captain's Message

Most of us spend the majority of our working life exchanging our time and effort for money. As we near retirement we realize that money is a renewable resource and time is definitely finite. As a club we are extremely fortunate to have many members and friends who are prepared give their time for our benefit. In the past year there are some who deserve acknowledgement. First we need to recognize that Norm has worked longer hours that could reasonably be expected. We are the beneficiaries of his love of our game and his dedication to keeping Cowichan functional. Most of us see that Rob Winter works so much at the club that he probably needs to get a full time job. John Ballard distinguished himself working on the forestry harvest. Doc Leckie and his happy band of divot repairers and doughnut eaters make every round more enjoyable. Al Mikalishen who organizes the volunteers for our tournaments and all of the spotters, check-in ladies, timers and every helper who makes our competitions more enjoyable. Ian McMahon, Val Granger, Tom Slater and Adele Yates who have done all of the day to day Captain's work and combined made Club Captain a senior management position. The In-N-Out group who have questionable taste in burgers, but take on projects around the course and make real improvements. There is almost always somebody gardening or cleaning underbrush, snipping blackberries and picking up trash. In this season of giving it is wonderful to realize that our community at Cowichan has people dedicated to making it Christmas every day of the year by giving their gift of time and effort to our common good. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and look forward to a New Year where we can start a return to normal. -Chuck Dandy

Greens Keeping News

What a year it has been! With a wet spring, a heat dome in June to the atmospheric river this fall. All this on top of following Covid protocols. I would like to thank all of the members who have helped out this year. The divot and doughnut crew on Tuesday morning, the In and Out group that has been trimming up trees on number seventeen, Ian McMahon who came out and helped with the fall aeration. I would also like to thank my staff for all of the hard work all Season.

On behalf of myself and my staff I would like to wish everyone happy holidays and a healthy new year and early start to the golfing season!
Yours Truly
Dave Purslow
Course Superintendent

This is the time of year we have time to reflect on what we are grateful for!

- The wonderful members we are blessed with and how they embrace what the meaning of CLUB is.
 - To our directors who diligently work at being stewards of the game and monitor the well being of our club. Jon Rose, Gord McEwan, Chuck Dandy, David Gibson, Rob Winter, Tom Slater, John Ballard and Shane Mousseau
 - To our volunteers who go above and beyond with all the projects they undertake.
 - To our grounds staff led by Dave Purslow who continue to work their magic under some stressful weather conditions to keep our course in great shape. Thank you Dave, Matt, Jim, Murray, Carla, Max, Ben, Ryan, Paul and new addition Angus.
 - To Mary-Lynn Boxem for looking after our website.
 - To Dan Mayer our bookkeeper for all his hard work.
 - To Victor Gamble who so graciously lends his time to make sure our accounting practices are in good order.
 - For Cory and Kim and their long term service to the club!
 - For Scott Catton and his 22 years as a great teammate!
 - For Chelsey and our Social Media!
 - For Andy Johnson, Kris Mousseau, Ben Reil, GP Denomme, Damien McCabe, Corson Hopwo, Jim Patterson, Pat Larabie and Kellan Henneberry for all their support this past season.
- Merry Christmas and a prosperous healthy New Year all and thank you for allowing us to close down over the holidays. Sending positive thoughts to all whom have lost loved ones this past year.

Congratulations

Gus Marler our new foreman Hole-in-One on #13



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