

CHIPS FROM THE BOARD

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TWIN BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

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Golf at the Beach

Greetings Beach members, here is your monthly golf update.

Men's Invitational

The Men's Invitational for 2010 is now history. We had 31 teams participate in this year's event. The full Invitational recap is available on the website under Pro Shop, Men's Golf. Curt has already sent this information via his regular updates.

I would like to ask each member who played in the Invitational to send me your comments on the event at dpentzien@renkim.com. We do understand the pace of play was unreasonably slow and we are addressing ways to solve that issue. Thanks in advance for anyone who offers their comments.

I want to personally thank all members who sponsored the Invitational. Your support is greatly appreciated and makes our event successful. All of the members who sponsored are listed on the website. Please remember

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Committee Corner - Greens

On June 25, 2010, Robert Vavrek Jr., Senior Agronomist from the USGA North-Central Greens Section visited Twin Beach to conduct a turf grass assessment. Just what is a turf grass assessment? Think of this as a "physical" for the golf course; we want to know how healthy it is, how it is doing nutritionally, (fertilizers, pesticides, water, etc), how to cure some current ailments (poor turf areas, drainage issues), how we might prevent future problems, (winterkill) and how is our overall maintenance (aeration, topdressing, mower height). Such information is vital to insure that Brian Gentner and his staff know what needs to be done to maintain and improve the golf course for everyone's enjoyment for years to come.

Accompanying Bob on the assessment was Superintendent Brian Gentner, Past Greens Chairman Jim Beltz, and I. Knowing that Bob was responsible for conducting assessments in Minnesota and Wisconsin and is familiar with the turf challenges in cold weather states gave all of us a sense that this would be a very informative day, and were we ever right. He took his time to explain a problem, what our options were to correct it and finally, what course of action he would recommend. Most topics made it into this report but it would have been impossible to include everything. Please know that we "got our monies worth" as we grilled Bob on about everything we could think of including using Greens Covers in winter (not recommended) to "rolling" the greens (recommended) to reducing course maintenance costs.

I encourage every member to read the full report posted on the Twin Beach web-site in the Members Only section under "USGA Report". The report covers many issues ranging from tees to trees, shade to sand, topdressing to drainage, all reviewed by an expert in turf grass management. Overall, Bob found Twin Beach to be in "excellent health", but like many of us, she is "showing her age" in a few places, nothing serious but some things will get worse if we don't address them soon. (Sound familiar?)

In the coming months and years, the report will be a "blueprint" for

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and support these members whenever you can.

Father/Son

This annual event is scheduled for August 7 at 1:30. Be sure and check with Curt to see if there is still room to play.

Don Pentzien,
Golf Committee Chair

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improving both the health and playability of our golf course. Some of the recommendations will be acted upon this year while others will need additional planning and potential funding as well. Using this report, future Greens Committees can continue to make improvements with confidence knowing that the membership is informed, aware and in support of their efforts.

See you on the first tee.

Steve Lash,
Greens Committee Chair

A Night of Dinner and Jazz

On Saturday evening, July 10, Twin Beach had its first Dinner Buffet & Jazz Night. The nearly 60 people in attendance enjoyed Chef Frank and his culinary staff's delicious buffet with prime rib and much more.

The Don Swindell jazz quartet was well received with members and guest moving to the rhythm in their seats and on their feet. Those who were here truly had a wonderful time.

Ladies' Invitational

The 2010 Ladies' Invitational provided two days of great golf and fun. Wednesday's better ball format was so close that all the 4 ball scores were within just a couple points. Everyone was inside enjoying lunch when the torrential rainstorm that had threatened during the morning finally came through. Thursday's weather was sunny and pleasant for the scramble.

The Oriental theme of the event was reflected in the decoration of the clubhouse and the wonderful lunches. One memorable event was Curt's announcement that due to the impending rain storm and an emergency, Wednesday's putting contest had to be put off. Everyone thought he was kidding about the emergency but not so. While taking the carts (with bags) to the barn, apparently the hitch on the last two carts malfunctioned. For no apparent reason, the carts took a sharp left turn and wound up in the pond. Curt got a few friendly digs about his diving prowess while retrieving the golf bags.

