

October 15, 2018

PADDLE RIVER GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



"Where Strangers Become Friends"

Dear Member of the Paddle River Golf & Country Club:

Hello,

I am Brett Schultz the president of Paddle River Golf and Country Club, the nonprofit organization of which you were a member this year. I would like to take this time to fill you in on the achievements, desires, and happenings of what is going on in your organization.

This year we had some exciting things happen including working together with the Town of Barrhead and its new mayor Dave McKenzie to renew our option on the lease of our land. Some great ideas we discussed were to help rejuvenate the membership of our club. We felt the strongest ideas were to work hard at our junior membership and create a strong family organization with the seniors leading the way. This year we acquired more memberships and a way stronger junior organization. We were fortunate enough to have Sean Crappo teach our juniors every Wednesday night with an exceptional outcome (the feedback from juniors and parents was always positive). We were also fortunate enough to be able to work hand in hand with the Barrhead Golf Course in allowing dual junior memberships (they could golf either course) for a very minimal cost.

Tracy Pess our Greenskeeper was asked to make our course more challenging so the juniors, adults and the seniors alike could benefit (hard to do on a fairly flat 9 hole course). Tracy kept the grass at three levels which allowed for tougher play if you didn't stay in the fairway. On a shoe string budget, Tracy and his team kept the golf course in fantastic shape as it has been for many previous years.

This year our restaurant got noticed as a new and beautiful place to stop and have lunch. Crystal Dodgson led our Pro Shop/Restaurant team to achieve this for most of this year.



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In bullet form, on a very tight fiscal budget, our board and staff accomplished the following

- New policies for
 - Workplace safety including harassment and bullying
 - Course rentals
 - Clubhouse rentals
 - Cart rentals
- Cut costs anywhere we could
- Increased membership
- Increased sponsorship

Some of our desires

- Need new or upgraded grounds equipment
 - Our equipment is getting very old and we do not have anyone with strong mechanical skills to help repair what is breaking. That said the Town of Barrhead is trying to help by supplying some labor for this but they have a lot of their own equipment that must come first.
- Web site and media help
 - Someone with time and some computer skills to manage our media, web site, Facebook, Twitter etc., accounts active
- Need new or updated kitchen and Proshop equipment
 - New or good used grill and other kitchen equipment
 - Restructure of kitchen and storage room to make more efficient
- New recovering of our deck floor
- New siding on buildings
- New golf carts for rental
- New clubs for the juniors

The happenings

- Our year started off poorly with only 6 board members of what should be a 14-member board. We called an emergency meeting to find a secretary to fill the four director's positions. We acquired three more board members including a secretary allowing us to continue forward.
- We increased membership especially with juniors



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- We repaired our roadside sign
- We got our metal that was donated to us for a bridge put together for hole 5
- We gave the course for a successful Jeanie Rolof fund raising tournament.
- We had a poorly advertised and attended year end tournament, our apologies.
- We applied for an energy audit and are finding ways to save money.
- Our season was cut short by bad weather but we are keeping it active as long as Tracy says we can.

With some board members likely leaving this year, we are hoping to achieve at least 12 board members to help take on the burden of keeping this golf course fiscally plausible. This is a volunteer position with time needed for extracurricular activities that would help benefit our organization.

Our Annual General Meeting is on November the 15th 2018

What can you do?

- Be present at the Annual General Meeting (Nov 15th) to have your say.
- Join the board if you can volunteer some time, help make a difference.
- Buy your early bird membership now to help with club functioning over the winter.
- Consider volunteering even if you can't join the board. We can always use your help.

Please remember that without volunteers our course cannot run and without a board there would be no course at all. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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