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PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER Jeff@sandypines.com

The season opening is just around the corner. Your staff at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course are hard at work serving you in getting ready for your return. There remains much to do in order to kick off the season next month.

Winterfest

We want to thank those who attended our Winterfest gathering last month. It was a huge success with an estimated 500 or more members attending. Everyone had great things to say about the activities from the lunch, rock painting, cornhole, bomb fire and polar plunge. Thank you to our new Recreation Manager Cathie Strelvel for leading the activities. Many positive comments were received from the members about her and the activities. We are looking forward to more great things from the Recreation Department this season.

Recreation Department Meet and Greet

We will be holding a Recreation Department meet and greet this month for those recreation staff members that are interested in returning this season. It will take place Saturday, March 5, 2022. We will have pizzas and drinks for those interested in working in the recreation department who want to come and ask questions about the upcoming season. For more details and information, please see Cathie Strelvel's Recreation Department

update. A second event will be planned in April. Stay tuned for further announcements!

New Software

The staff continues to receive training on the new systems we are implementing for the upcoming season. The new member management system, Dynamics 365, continues to be reviewed by each department. Feedback has been positive by the team. We also are pleased to hear the positive responses from members on the new portal that was launched in February during our renewal process. Yes, there were some hiccups along the way. Thank you to Abbey Kooiman in Member Service and the rest of the team that helped step up to answer questions and help those members who called needing help. Once members were in the system, feedback was extremely positive on how easy it is to use over the prior system.

The team will also be training on a new point of sale system used to transact business throughout the park. This will be implemented at Lake Monterey Golf Course, Park and Garden, Happy Shack, Public Safety, Member Service and our Sales Department. Training continues to take place once a week to ensure a smooth transition.

We also have upgraded our camping reservation system to now include the ability to reserve golf

carts online for campers, members and guests. This makes it easier for those reserving golf carts and helps streamline the process for our staff. Future developments are being reviewed to potentially add other items members typically reserve.

All training will be complete by the end of this month. With any new system, we will definitely have a learning curve at getting better. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Cart Bridge

The cart bridge project is progressing nicely. During February we saw the staking of the project with poles and electrical lines being repositioned. This month we will see heavy activity with the excavation of ramps. The bridge is targeted to be delivered by the end of this month with installation early April.

Committees

The Pool Committee will be meeting once again to review multiple options to communicate to the membership. Currently the locations being discussed are Phase 1 Core Area and Phase 2 by the beach area near the disk golf course and playground. Costs and updated renderings continue to be reviewed. We plan to start the

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Winter Gathering
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communication to the membership at our April Board of Directors meeting.

The Lake Committee will also be meeting this month. We will be pulling the team together to review information and studies regarding the effects of ballast and other boats on the lake. These studies will be utilized to make decisions on the ballast bans implemented last year.

Season Prep

As you can see from the above information, we continue to have much to do prior to the opening of the season. Ben and his team continue to get our park and buildings ready for your return. The Administration staff is working hard to successfully implement the new systems for this year. Much is being done with training for the team. The Recreation Department is getting a head start on the season and doing an excellent job prepping the Happy Shack and hiring key staff members

to support our young returning staff. Sales are starting to ramp up which is keeping Liz and Kent busy. Phones have been ringing off the hook in our camping area. Under Janele's leadership, sales are ahead of last year already. Ian in communications continues to do an excellent job updating our communications to inform our members. Public Safety is always serving us 24-7 to make certain the park is safe and secure. Lastly, Kimberly Williams and her team continue to make certain we are being fiscally responsible and financially stable while we prepare for a new season while completing improvement projects throughout our beautiful park and golf course. We are blessed to have an excellent team working hard to serve our members.

Gary Peters

It is with mixed emotions that we communicate to the membership that Gary Peters, our Lake Monterey Golf Course Manager for the last 7

years, will be moving on to another adventure. We are extremely happy for Gary and his wife Diana as they embark on moving to Wisconsin. Gary has accepted a position to become the Superintendent of a state-run golf course. We are saddened to see him and Diana leave Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. The current positive physical and financial state of our golf course is a testament of Gary's hard work and dedication. God has a plan for all of us and his plan for Gary and Diana is now in Wisconsin. We wish them both the best. Gary's last day will be March 11, 2022. Our Sandy Pines Team wishes him the best. He will be missed!

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you our members as we get ready for another exciting season.

God Bless!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPEL BoardOfDirectors@sandypines.com

Having so many choices of things to do at Sandy Pines is a luxury that can't be understated. It gives us a multitude of chances to mingle and play with friends and family. But what about things to do (or not do) when you'd just rather not. We've all had those days when we just say, "Enough!" right? Perhaps one of these might help.

Phase 3 is a gold mine for solitude and serenity. Take a walk with a camera (and maybe a little bug spray sometimes), you'll benefit with both great exercise and mind relaxation. Double bonus! Upon your return to phase 6, just across the new cart bridge (completion time is approaching quickly!), before reaching the chapel, the marina area just south of the chapel features a beautiful sandy area with full-length views of the lake, unmatched anywhere else in the park. While the worst-kept secret in the park, this area also affords unbelievable sunset views. Extremely soothing for the soul.

Along the southern perimeter of Phase 5, off Mohawk Trail near Sauk Court/Circle, there's a public walkway out to the beach across the water from the North Shore Center (please make sure

and stick to the marked trail). A great view with many options for a folding chair and a book. Speaking of books, the North Shore Center features an expanded library, well organized by our newly-formed library committee. Stop by and say hi to one of these hard-working volunteers, then borrow and enjoy. Also in the Center, there are several rooms on the ground floor that can be reserved if you want/need complete privacy.

In phase 4, where Winnebago Trail tees into Iroquois Trail, there's a small parking lot with public access to another sandy gem (please keep plenty of distance from the trailers as you walk). Since there are just a few spaces, this is a good spot to get away from things and refresh. Not that one would ever do this, but it also can be prime viewing of boating towables' wipeouts. Hey, a little humor can be a good refresher.

Along Winding Way, across from the pancake shelter, er, I mean, picnic shelter, that large sandy area is a spot you've probably seen when traveling between phases 1 and 2. But have you ever stopped and enjoyed? Make sure and do, you'll be glad you did, lots of parking across the

street. And, by the Phase 2 pickleball courts and disc golf course, there is a huge, public-friendly beach area with plenty of parking and multi-directional lake views. A big part of the vista is the no-wake area behind the chapel, an ideal place to unwind and cleanse the mind.

In all the previous examples, please remember to extend courtesy to other members, steering well clear of their properties as you move about. And, without fail, don't forget to pick up after yourself. Leave the area cleaner than you found it, you'll definitely feel better about yourself.

In short, if you're looking to keep busy, you've found Nirvana. Like it a little more on the quiet side? We've got you covered there, too. Literally, something for everyone. Don't fret my friends, it's only about a month away from Opening Day. And I don't mean baseball or deer season. As always, don't hesitate to reach out to us at BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com. See you soon!

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MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

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As we transition into the new system, we want to remind you that this first step is for renewals only. The old member portal for member web access is no longer active. Your device may still have the page saved or bookmarked, but please note this

portal is no longer actively monitored. Because this portal is no longer active, you are not able to make online payments at this time. Please contact Public Safety if you need to purchase a guest pass. If you have any other questions contact Member Service. You may make a payment over the phone with either Public Safety or Member Service.

More information on the new web access coming soon!

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With Sincere Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Sheila (Brown) Lenhart, on the passing of her father, **Herbert Bowen**, Site 497, on February 22, 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian Bowen and his daughters Benita and Susan.

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

Welcome to the start of the 2022 season! We are excited to welcome in the new season, especially after this extensive winter weather this year.

Financial Review

A combined Board of Director and Finance Committee meeting date is still TBD in the month of March, for review of the current financials November 2021 through February 2022. Notice of the determined March meeting date will be posted with the membership through our communication vehicles of our Rave Alert system and E-News.

dues and assessments for the 2022 season, the final payment must be paid in full as of March 25, 2022. The April 2022 statement will include the billing of annual renewals specific to each site. Please refer to the Member Services news article for further details and information to ensure you have completed the process for your renewal approval, which is due by March 15, 2022.

Blessings to each of you as we continue to prepare for your arrival in the 2022 season.

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Member Accounts

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RECREATION NEWS

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WinterFest 2022 & Other Upcoming Activities

The first weekend activity of 2022 is in the books. Winter Fest was a huge success and I want to thank everyone that came out and enjoyed the day. A huge thank you to all the volunteers and associates who made this a successful and fun day. Coming up Saturday May 7th Cinco De Mayo Celebration 1:00pm-5:00pm at the Phase 2 Pavilion. We will have Pinatas based on age groups, Bounce House, Face Painter, and Selling Grande Walking Taco's & Drink. Saturday May 21st Flannel Fest Chili Cook-Off Competition. Starting at 4:00pm. There will be a Golf Cart Parade ending at Phase 2 where we will be tasting and judging the best red and white chilis. Prizes for the top 3 in both categories. We will also have prizes for the Best Dress Flannel. Ending the month of May with Memorial Day

Weekend with tournaments, food trucks and our annual Memorial Day ceremony at our updated Veterans Memorial.

Work at Sandy Pines

If your child would like to work at Sandy Pines this Summer, there will be some age requirements and some position that will require training. Rope course is age 18, Lifeguard and Happy Shack is age 16 and Recreation Department is age 15. If they would like to be a lifeguard, classes are filling up fast so please get them signed up as soon as possible. Places that offer training include: YMCA, MVP Sports, GRCC, and several local High Schools.

Rec Staff Meet & Greet

We will be having a Meet and Greet Lunch Saturday March 5th from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the North Shore Building in the lower level. This is an opportunity for past recreation department

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Mark your Calendar for Upcoming May Activities!

- Cinco De Mayo
Saturday, May 7th
- Flannel Fest Chili Cook Off
Saturday, May 21st
- Memorial Day Weekend
May 27th - May 30th

HAPPY CAMPER TEXT ALERTS

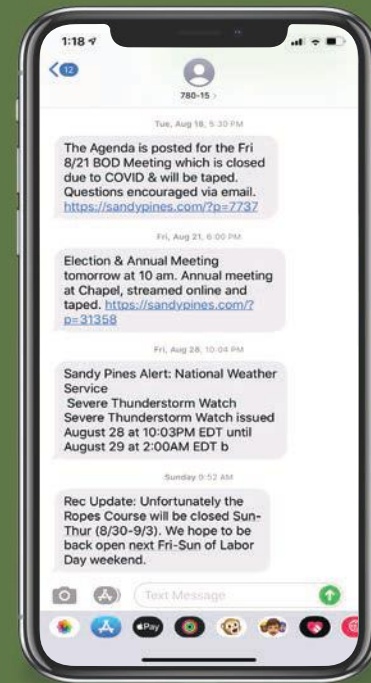
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employees who would like to return this season. So come out and meet me and we can discuss the 2022 season. We will also have applications available to fill out. If this is your first time applying for a position at Sandy Pines interviews will be held in April.

2022 Rec Lessons

This is the time of season we need to think about what lessons we would like to offer in the 2022 season. In the Rec Department we would like to offer the following lessons: youth and adult golf, tennis, and pickleball lessons, Zumba, line

dancing, and youth archery. We are looking for members who would like to volunteer their time and expertise to teach these weekly lessons. Please let me know if you are interested in helping. Also, we are looking for two instructors for the following adult activities: cardio drumming class and a stretch & flex class.

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CAMPING NEWS

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Hello Sandy Piners! Winter is coming to an end and spring is quickly approaching. We still have campsites, trailers, and cabins available for your friends and family. Sandy Pines has 59 campsites throughout the park that we rent out, and we also have five park model trailers and ten rustic cabins. The trailers and cabins are not pet friendly, but we welcome furry friends on a leash at any of our rental campsites. We do offer an associate discount for our associate members, and we also offer a military discount for anyone

who has served or is serving in the military. Thank you for your service! You will need to contact the camping department to have the discount applied, which you can do after you make your reservation online. Your refunded amount will go back onto your card you used at time of purchase. Reservations can be made directly from our website at www.SandyPines.com. If you have any questions or would like me to book a reservation for you, please give me a call at 616-896-8315 ext. 103. I would love to help and look forward to hearing from you!

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SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK

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Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

January 2022 calls for service and statistics

Security Services responded to 49 calls for service in January of 2022. Below are the call types and numbers.

Unlocked Door: 17
Illegal Card Use: 1
General Assistance: 9
Suspicious Incident: 5
Damage to Property: 7
Illegal Dumping: 1
Abuse of Staff: 1
Building Alarm: 2
Health and Safety: 1
Malicious Destruction of Property: 1
Traffic Complaint: 2
Trespass: 1
Lost/Found Property: 1

Hypertension Facts

For those of us in Emergency Services, blood pressure is one of the vital signs which are carefully monitored with each patient. It is also important for people to monitor their own blood pressures, particularly for those over 40 years of age, or have a health professional check it.

There are two numbers in a blood pressure reading. The higher number is referred to as systolic pressure and represents the pressure during contraction of the ventricles, or during systole. The second and lower number is the diastolic pressure and represents the constant pressure on the vessel or during diastole. Think of the systolic as temporary pressure which occurs only during contraction and diastolic as the pressure which is constant or at relaxation of the ventricles.

Normal blood pressure is defined as less than 130/80. Stage 1 or mild hypertension is defined as a systolic blood pressure of 130-139 and a diastolic pressure of 80-89. Stage 2 or moderate hypertension is defined as a pressure of 140/90 or greater. A hypertensive crisis is occurring with blood pressures of 180/120.

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Two types of hypertension are defined. Primary or essential hypertension occurs with aging, unhealthy habits, and lack of exercise. Secondary hypertension is usually related to medical issues such as kidney disease.

The risks of undiagnosed and untreated hypertension or high blood pressure are numerous and include:

- Stroke
- Heart Attack
- Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Kidney Disease
- Eye Damage
- Vascular Dementia

Many persons with hypertension do not present with any symptoms. It is for this reason that hypertension is known as the "Silent Killer." The following are risk factors associated with hypertension.

- Family History
- Cardio-vascular disease
- Diabetes
- African Descent
- Age greater than 55

- Obesity
- Sedentary Lifestyle
- High Sodium Diet
- Tobacco Use
- Heavy Alcohol Use

Some steps to mitigate high blood pressure are:

- Consume foods low in sodium and fat
- Read labels on your foods
- Set weight goals
- Limit alcohol consumption
- Exercise regularly
- Control and manage stress

Monitoring your sodium intake is very important. The Recommended Daily Allowance of sodium is under 1500 mg. per day.

A hypertensive crisis is a true medical emergency and should be treated as such. Risks occurring during a hypertensive crisis include stroke, loss of consciousness, memory loss, heart attack, damage to eyes and kidney, aortic dissection, angina and pulmonary edema or fluid in the lungs.

Some symptoms which may occur with a hypertensive crisis are:

- Severe headache
- Shortness of breath
- Nose bleeds
- Severe anxiety
- Blurred vision
- Confusion
- Chest pain

Some persons may be asymptomatic or symptom free during a hypertensive crisis.

There are many automated blood pressure monitors available but be aware that some are very inaccurate. The most accurate method is with a stethoscope and traditional blood pressure cuff. If you do not have the means to check your blood pressure one of our medical professionals at the PSO Office is happy to check it for you.

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT Jack@SandyPines.com

I can look forward to about 2 months from now when we begin to open the store and look forward to the summer of 2022.

During April and May the store is not open for retail customers (in store) but we are available to make deliveries of stone, mulch, sand or landscaping supplies. If you need something from the store (rv supplies, etc.) we are usually around during the day and will try and accommodate you when we are there.

The store will be open regular hours starting on May 23. Sunday's hours will start in June. Regular hours on Monday through Saturday 9:30 to 4.

We are looking forward to another great summer.

Water Softener Information

Hard water problem? Rust stains in the sink?

We have an answer for you again this year.

If you ordered a softener before you left the park last year or had been a softener customer in the past year you will be receiving an email from the Park and Garden Store for you to reconfirm the order of the softener and the date you would be looking for the install. Please be as accurate as possible with the date for install and make sure your site is ready for the installation. We need your hoses available and your hook up at the riser well marked. Installation usually takes place within 3 days of your request.

If we get to your site to hook up the softener and the hoses are not available or the riser is not marked; we will leave the softener with a note to call the store. If you get there before we have hooked up the tank please call the store (616-896-9334) and leave a voicemail and we will come out and hook the tank up.

For those who want to self-install we will be at the store from noon to 1 on Friday and 4 to 5 for pick up. Hours for Saturday and Sunday will be by appointment.

If you do not get the email and you still want a softener, please send an email to ParkGarden@SandyPines.com with your name, site, and the date you would like the softener either installed or to pickup. If you haven't had a softener in the past would like to order one you can order by email or go to the Sandy Pines Member site and there should be an order form for 2022 Water Softeners.

Rental Information

Again this year there will be a Park and Garden **RENTAL** office located in the retail center. We have leased carts to bring our fleet up to 70 – 4 passenger carts and 25 – 6 passenger carts. There are 2 ways you can order a cart rental at this time until the store is open. You can email ParkGarden@SandyPines.com and give your phone number, site number what site you will keep the cart, type of cart (4 or 6). Pick up date and time to pick up, and number of days the cart is needed. We will then put your info into the reservation system and you should get a confirmation email. Once the store is open you will also be able to stop by and make your reservation or call the office phone – 616-896-9888.

REMEMBER carts are rented out quickly on the holiday weekends and Christmas in August so now is the time to begin making your plans for the golf cart rental. The price on the 4 passenger carts this year \$55 per day. The 6 passenger carts will rent for \$75 per day. All carts will be returned each day by 10 am. Example - rent Saturday at 9 am - return on Sunday at 10 am = 1 day or return on Monday at 10 am = 2 days.

For those members who would like to pick the cart up on Friday after 4 pm we have a special for you. Friday will not be considered a full day rate. The rate for Friday with pickup after 4 will be \$35 for the 4 passenger and \$55 for the 6 passengers.

The Park and Garden RENTAL office will also take care of the bike, paddleboard, kayak, and rowboat rentals. The Rental office hours will be 9:30 to 4 Monday Thru Thursday and on Saturday. Friday hours will be 9:30 am to 7 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. We will also have small tools, power

washer, wheelbarrows, ladders and other items for rent this year.

Marina Information

The Marina will open Memorial Day weekend for boat fuel and watercraft rental at the Marina site. Marina hours are Noon to 5 on Saturday and Sunday and 5 pm to 8 pm on Wednesday and Saturday.

The Park and Garden Staff will be providing boat service for putting your boat in the lake. We can handle regular pontoons. If you have a boat on a trailer we can provide the vehicle to take it to the boat launch. Please call the store to schedule the time to put your pontoon into the lake.

Additional Information

Again, we will be installing Softeners Monday thru Saturday and will be available for preordered landscaping supplies (mulch, stone, blocks) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday during April and May. You will need to call the Park and Garden (616-896-9334) and leave a voice mail and we will call you back to make arrangements.

As in the past the Park and Garden Store will be open 9:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday Through Saturday and noon to 4 pm on Sunday. There are no deliveries or Propane filling on Sunday.

We are also looking for additional staff for both the Park and Garden Store and Rental office this summer. You can find more information on the Sandy Pines Web Site.

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SAFETY NEWS

BY **STEVE DEYARMOND**
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Seasonal Safety in Your Camping Unit

As you return to your camping unit this spring, please replace your batteries in your smoke detectors. Test your smoke detectors for proper operation. If you have a carbon monoxide detector test your CO detector. If you do not have a carbon monoxide detector, consider purchasing one and install in your camping unit. Please ensure that all your exits in your camping unit are not blocked by furniture. If you have a loft in your camping unit, make sure that an air conditioner is not installed and blocking the only window exit.

If you have problems with electrical breakers tripping consistently have an electrician check your wiring and or load on the circuit.

Flush your waterlines for several minutes after you turn on your water to clean any RV antifreeze out of your water lines.

Clean up leaves around your fire pit prior to having a campfire.

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SALES & EVENTS NEWS

BY **LIZ ROBINS** Liz@SandyPines.com

Welcome to the North Shore Building

Rent this space! Sandy Pines is happy to offer this dual-purpose building for a number of events. The North Shore building has a beautiful open, beachfront space with the ability to host classes, workshops, weddings, graduation/retirement parties, corporate events, etc. We have a vendor list of amazing local caterer's, bartending, and entertainment. Sandy pines can help with most of

your party needs. Cleaning, security and parking is included in the pricing. Please contact Liz Robins via email at Liz@SandyPines.com for a tour and pricing.

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Site #677

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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY **JEFF HOPKINS** inspector@sandypines.com

April 15th is approaching fast and I hope that the winter found you all happy and healthy. As spring approaches us, there are many things to do to keep our park looking its best. There are many new members in the park that have bought in so let's all welcome them with open arms and try to help them with any questions about tidiness of our lots. Remember the first of June is the deadline for lot clean up. We have had a very wet winter so there will be lots of moss and mildew on our units. There are several contractors on our list that can remove it if you are unable to.

This winter we are going to adopt a new contractor review page on our web site for members to review our contractors so members can be informed before making their choice on one. I believe this will help not only the members but also keep the contractors eager to do their best work. There will be consequences to them by the park if I see a trend in bad reviews. I also will be having a contractor luncheon this month to go over this with them and to go over our rules and regulations in the park.

Thank you to all for your hard work and taking pride in our park, your love of Sandy Pines does

not go unseen. I am working on several ways to make myself more available during the season. Thank you all for the patience you have given me during my first full season as your park inspector and I pledge to be more available to our members this season!

Again, thank you for everything you do to make Sandy Pines a great place to make memories.

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS

This winter has been interesting with the temperature changes and the snow. There has been a lot of rain on the course recently. There is a lake around eighteen and fourteen green. I have been working with some of the neighbors about tree removal for sun light on six tee and seven tee boxes, which will be great news for the golf course.

Also, there will be green tees which will be about 25 to 30 yards behind the red tees. These new tees will be for 80 to 90 years old player and the red tees will still be for ladies and men over 90. I went over these tees with a few members and my staff.

We also added a three self warming rack for more grab and go food. The pizza was a great hit

last season, so we look to keep trying new foods. We will be doing a ribbon cutting for the covered bright and a fund raiser for the golf course improvement. Look for more details and the date is May 14 and rain day is May 21.

I would like to thank all the volunteer's that worked on the bridge. Here are the guys and gals that worked on the bridge: Ken Secord, Rodney Dodson Craig Wyman, Dean Deidering, Jerry Ford, Larry Finkbeiner Steve Wyman, John Modreske ,Butch Lievense, Steve -Ace- Akers, Dave Spray, Tony Vainavicz, Ron Deboer and construction supervisor was Peggy Finkbeiner. Looking to get this season going!

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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL ian@SandyPines.com



Website Update

Over the last few years, there have been numerous complaints regarding the Sandy Pines website. It is hard to find information, out of date, and overall just downright clunky.

We have been working hard behind the scenes all off season to update the Sandy Pines website

to be your hub for all things Sandy Pines! After months of teasing the time is nearly here!

Our goal is to launch before the gates open for the season! Keep an eye out for more updates. Check out a very small sneak peek of the new and improved Sandy Pines website!

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