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Letter from the Chairman by Tom Aldrich

The 2013 season is history. This year was a major transition year that has been completed successfully. Max Gibbs led the park successfully for 17 years, adding substantial value to our membership both quantitative and qualitatively. We now have a complete recreation facility operating on a solid financial foundation. Our challenge, however, is to build upon this progress and to continue to increase membership value.

We have now reached a level of sophistication and size that requires broad participation and contribution from our membership. We have many current and future challenges that require a variety of specialized expertise. Our Park President supports this direction and has been instrumental in working with the board to meet these challenges. We now have nine committees, staffed by 86 members, working in concert with your nine board members supporting our Park President and our valuable staff. We can't rest on our laurels;

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Park President Update

by Gene Van Koevering

Greetings, with Good News and Tidings of Cheer!! Already the year-end is fast approaching, and many of us are preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ. The season of Advent has begun and will continue each Sunday until Christmas Eve. If you are not aware of what Advent is; Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas. During Advent we're reminded of how much we each need a Savior, and we look forward to celebrating His first coming at Christmas. It is my wish for you that this will be a meaningful Advent season of your personal preparation, followed by a joyous Christmas celebration with your family and friends.

By the time you read this article, I will have been in the position of (Park Director) Park President for a full year. It has been a great experience filled with meeting new people, getting reacquainted with many others, learning and experiencing the administrative operations of Sandy Pines.

Much has been accomplished in year one, with the help of many volunteers and staff committed to making the Park a better place. As this off season is proving, there is still much to be done and I look forward to making preparations for the year ahead, as well as looking forward to working with many of you again in 2014.

Volunteerism was alive and well, right up to the end of the season. Thanks to a number of volunteers that contributed cumulatively, 97 hours of hard work, the Sandy Pines bushes got a good trimming and it can now be clearly seen what the letters say. By the time you read this, the tall grass and scrub brush between the road and the bushes will be down, to allow a view of the bushes as you go by that area of the dam.

Also this year, with the help of some talented Members possessing gifts of Graphic Design work, Phil Payne and Michael Vander Wall, have designed a new display for our use at RV Shows for the Sales Department, and for use at Golf Shows for Lake Monterey Golf Course. If you have not seen posted photos of the new display, please be sure you watch the Weekend Flyer this spring for information pertaining to when and where, we will have a reveal for you to stop by and see when you are in the Park. It's awesome, and I'm sure you will be proud of it, as well.

The new septic system and drain field has been installed and is ready for service beginning when we open next season! (Please read the Comments, Suggestion and Questions article pertaining to new odor abatement chemical requirements).

We want to express our thanks to Don Weiss, for his years of service to Sandy Pines as the Inspector. We wish him the best as he starts up his new pest control business near his home in Gobles. Also, we want to welcome Ralph Smith, as our new Inspector. Ralph, and his wife, Cheri, are members of Sandy Pines, and reside in the condo units. Please stop by the Inspectors office and welcome Ralph to this position. We wish him the best at his new job!!

I was made aware of the fact that I failed to mention a couple details of the Civil War Remembered Artifacts display coming the weekend of June 21, 2014. This display will be at the Pavilion, from Noon until 4 pm, and will feature authentic Civil War items. You'll want to bring the kids and let them get a close up look at some truly unique items. This will be a precursor to the Civil War Remembered, weekend - the following weekend, which is June 27-29, 2014. Stay tuned for more details to follow.

Finally, on behalf of the Staff here at Sandy Pines, thank you all for your awesome support in actions, words, and prayers. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!! Personally, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity!!

Letter from the Chairman

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we must continue to recruit new, qualified, committee members and members willing to serve on the B.O.D.

The transition from the summer to the winter season is quite dramatic. The hustle and bustle of golf cart traffic and family fun has given way to quiet streets, lots of leaves, and soon, a winter blanket of snow. This period of respite gives our staff an opportunity to do the necessary maintenance and repairs, and be ready for the new season. On behalf of the Sandy Pines Board of Directors we want to wish all of our members and staff and their families a Joyous holiday season, and a Blessed, Productive and Healthy New Year.

It won't be long and we will be back together enjoying another fun filled season at Sandy Pines.

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Member Services

by Mary Cooper

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Holiday Hours:

The Administration Office will be closed December 23rd-29th, December 31st and January 1st.

Convenience Centers open this winter:

Core-Pavilion – Phase 1
CC#2 – Phase 1
CC#3 – Phase 2
CC#6 – Phase 3
CC#8 – Phase 4
CC#11 – Phase 5
Recreation Station

The Laundromat in Phase 1, by the Retail stores, will be closed until further notice. Please use the Laundromat in Phase 5, at CC #11.

Automatic Renewal Notice:

You should be receiving your renewal notice after the first of the year. Please take the time to look the form over and make sure all the information is correct. The back of the form gives you the option to make changes. Send the form back only if you make changes and we will send you a new form with your changes. This is not a bill. The total amount on the renewal will be billed to your account and sent out April 1st.

Reminder:

In January, April & July, you will have a quarterly electric charge on your account. **This is an estimate**, based on your total electric usage for 2013.

Flea Market Dates for 2014:

May 3, *May 24 (Memorial Day), June 7, *July 5, Aug. 9 (Christmas), *Aug. 30 (Labor Day) and Oct. 4. Reserving spaces can only be done online through the Member Web Access. The price is \$30 per space. *Pancake breakfast at the Tee Pee picnic shelter.

Email Addresses:

Make sure we have your current email address. This is a great way for us to inform you right away regarding power outages, new programs, and it also saves on paper and postage costs by sending out your bill and newsletter, via email.

Member Outreach – Looking Ahead with Excitement

by Kel Kronemeyer

All members should be sure to mark your calendars for an upcoming special event 'A Night with our Charter Members' on Saturday, May 31, at 7:30 pm. Charter members will be invited to share memories, and former board members from among them, will be recognized. We hope to have a video slide show of Sandy Pines through the Years, and each Charter Member will be presented with their Charter Member Sign. Every person, and every organization, needs to be aware, thankful and appreciative, of their roots.

If you became a New Member between Oct. 2012, and the summer of 2014, (and you did not attend a social in 2013)...please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of our two Ice Cream Socials and Orientation for our new Members. These events will be held on Saturday evenings, June 21 and again on August 23, from 6:30-8:30 pm, in the Core Area Outdoor Pavilion. We really hope you will plan to attend...we want to see you there!

Don't forget to order your "MEMBER SINCE SIGN" by calling the office, so your sign will be ready for the beginning of your 2014 Sandy Pines Season. We hope to place another order in March. If you have ordered, and not picked up your sign, it is waiting for you in the office.

What's Happening

Mike & Nancy Young, Site 492, are the proud Grandparents of Alex John Cauffman, who arrived on September 26! Alex is their 10th grandchild. Congratulations!!

Happy Anniversary wishes to **Lloyd & Mary McClain**, Site 1058, who celebrated 65 wonderful years of marriage on October 29th. We wish you many more years of happiness together!



Safety Director by Steve Deyarmond

Snow Load:

In the past, we have had some porch enclosure roofs damaged from snow load. Some trailer roofs have also been damaged by snow load. Please remember to check, or have a friend check, the amount of snow on your porch enclosure roofs. Sandy Pines commonly has lake effect snow. As a result, the Park normally has more snow than inland areas.

The Ranger Station will have phone numbers of person(s) that clean the snow off roofs, so please contact them for that information.

The Ranger staff has also noticed golf cart roofs that are stored outside bowing from the accumulation of snow. Don't forget to check your golf cart roofs if stored outside.

Lake Ice:

As the days begin to get colder, ice will form on the lake. Please use great caution when going out on the ice. A general guideline of four inches of new, clear ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot. A general guideline of five inches of ice is required for snowmobiles. Remember, these are general guidelines and many factors besides thickness determine the safety of ice. The lake does have a constant current and under water springs. These can make the ice weaker in various areas. Don't risk your life to get out on the lake to fish or snowmobile. The water is very cold and hypothermia can place your life at risk, should you fall through the ice.

Snowmobiles Usage of the Park:

Please operate snowmobiles on Park roadways and abide by the 10 mph speed limit. In the past, persons have been severely injured in the Park and local area, due to speed. Operators must have a State driver's license or State issued Snowmobile Safety Certificate.

Please do not cut across another member's site or drive in green areas. If driving along the lake, be careful not to run into a dock or boat stake along the shore.

Snowmobiles trails are nearby Sandy Pines and connect with the nature trails. Local trail maps are available at the Ranger Station and local retailers.

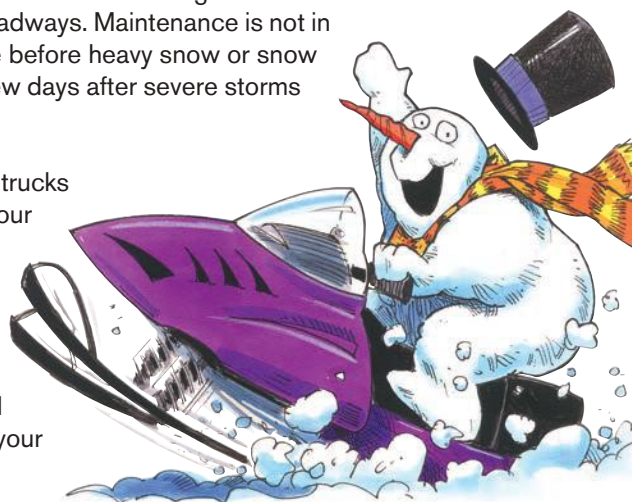
Park Roads and Winter Conditions:

Maintenance does a very good job of plowing the roadways in the winter, however; winter storms and lake effect can cause park roadways to be filled with snow. The banks along the road may also be high and impassible by autos.

If you decide to come out to the Park, be aware of the weather forecast and contact the Ranger Station to check current conditions. Lake effect snow can accumulate quickly and blowing snow can fill roadways. Maintenance is not in the Park 24 hrs per day. If the weather changes, you may want to decide to leave before heavy snow or snow storms, or plan ahead to stay in the Park until roadways are cleared. It can be a few days after severe storms that county roadways or Park roadways are cleared.

Please do not park in the roadways within the Park. This prevents our plow trucks from plowing streets. If you plan to come out to Sandy Pines, plan to clear your driveway, park at the nearest convenience center, at the core parking lot or Adult Recreation Center parking lot.

Plan ahead if you have health conditions that will prevent you from walking distances, or prevent you from shoveling snow. Don't over exert yourself. If you do enter the Park and become stuck, please be aware that Park vehicles will not pull you out of the snow. You will have to contact a local tow service to free your vehicle.



Sandy Pines Sales Team

Our sales staff have been busy all season, but with the colder weather comes a time of slowing down, and preparing for the next year. This being said, I have been working with a great team for several months to get ready for the RV Shows that we attend.

With the help of Phillip Payne and Michael VanderWall, two of our members, and Mari Schultz, from Skyline Exhibits, we have developed a very exciting new display that will show our Park to be the **Best in Michigan!** With so much to offer, we set out to find the **wow** factor that would catch your eye with regard to our Park, and with these experts on the job, I feel it was achieved. I want to thank Phillip and Michael, along with Gene, for helping me through such a big process. Without their assistance, this would have been difficult to achieve. The results have produced a dynamic display for all to be proud of. I hope that you will have a chance to stop by our Booth at one of the RV shows that we attend.

The first presentation will be at the Grand Rapids RV Show. This is held January 23-26. If you are as excited about Sandy Pines as I am, and enjoy talking to people, then I could use your help. I am looking for people who are willing to work the booth and relieve me for a few hours. It's easy to talk to people when they have the desire to hear all about our Park. If you would be willing to help, please give me a call at 616-862-5971.

Our second show will be in the Novi area. This is the Detroit RV Show and runs February 5-9. Once again, if you are from that area and would like to have a little fun telling people about our Park, give me a call. I can always use your help, and it will be greatly appreciated.

Once again, if you are willing to serve a few hours, and you enjoy talking to people, then give me a call at 616-862-5971. I look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks,
Kathy Molner
Sales Manager



Bringing Back WinterFest

HELP! We are interested in bringing WinterFest back to Sandy Pines! We would like to schedule an organizational meeting to see how many of you may be interested in volunteering to be on the committee to organize this event.

Right now, we are just in the planning stages and have several people who are heading it up. The plan is to have the event in late January or early February. At this point in time, we simply need to know who might be able to help us organize it.

If you are able to assist, in any way, please contact Jeremy Zeock-Vilas at **Jeremyzeockvilas@yahoo.com** with your name and contact information. He will get in touch with you with the date and time of the planning meeting, as well as any other information he may have for you.

Thank you for your interest and willingness to help pull this event together! We're looking forward to a great time! If you 'like' this post, that will give us an idea of how many people may be able to attend. Thanks!

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Sympathy is extended to the following members and their families:

Phil & Jennie Raskosky, Site 60, on the passing of their son, Eddie, on September 18th.

Doris Parker, Site K-418, on her passing of her husband, **William 'Bill'**, on October 2nd. Sympathy is also extended to **Sherry & Bill Harrison**, Site K-412, niece and nephew, and also to **Bob & Vicky Doll**, Site K-371, who were very dear friends.

Kevin & Lauri Wiessner, Site 1050, on the passing of their father, **James Wiessner**, Site 1050, on October 4th.

Bill & Marie Reynolds, Site 123, on the passing of their father, Henry 'Pete' Reynolds, on October 7th. Pete was 95 years old.

The family of **Ella Jewett**, Site D-102. Ella passed away unexpectedly on October 15th.

Holiday Office Hours

The Office at Sandy Pines will be Closed for the Holidays December 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 and January 1, so that we may celebrate this beautiful season with our family and friends.

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Comments, Suggestions and Questions from Members

by Gene Van Koevering

This is the second time we have included this new article, with the first being in the September issue. I will attempt to use actual comments, suggestions and questions that were submitted on paper where I can or I will quote those that have come to be verbally as best as I can recall them. Thank you goes to all of those who have submitted the following:

Comment:

The drain fields where all the Member holding tanks are dumped cannot use odor control chemicals that contain formaldehyde. Campgrounds with drainfields do not allow these chemicals to be used, and Sandy Pines should do the same. At the last look, Sandy Pines was still selling these chemicals in Park and Garden.

Response:

The Member is exactly correct. Formaldehyde kills bacteria (also called bugs). In doing so, these products inhibit, or prevent, the waste from breaking down as it does in our sewer systems at home. Consequently our waste becomes extremely toxic to the septic system and potentially, to the ground water. Our septic system behind the ball field failed in June of 2012, in part, due to the high toxicity of our waste. Since that time (while we were researching septic options) we have been having our waste hauled to Allegan Wastewater Treatment Plant, and as such, the requirement for non-formaldehyde chemicals was not a factor. As of September, 2013, Sandy Pines was given DEQ approval for a newly engineered septic system and drain field in the same location. Our new system will be operational by April 15, 2014. So, as stated in the comment above, Sandy Pines will not allow formaldehyde based odor abatement products to be used in holding tanks, beginning April 15, 2014, and for the foreseeable future. Park and Garden will no longer carry unapproved odor abatement chemicals, so if you want to be certain of what you can use, please stop by Park and Garden to ask about them or purchase them. We ask that you do your part to comply with this new policy to avoid another expensive septic failure, or create a situation where the DEQ will require us to do ground water testing in the future. Such requirements may/could lead to much greater costs.

Question:

Can we have a \$10 Kayak fee?

Answer:

Yes. As of 2014, a member that is not holding a boat stake with a paddleboat, kayak or canoe, will not be required to have a Michigan Watercraft Registration on it. If you are not holding a boat stake, you will purchase a sticker that will be used for golf carts, canoes, kayaks and paddle boats for \$12.

Question:

Can we get a BIG hot tub for the adult pool?

Answer:

If you have heard me speak in the past, or have seen things that I have written about our State of Finances here at Sandy Pines, you are familiar with the point that I have made repeatedly. That being; Sandy Pines is financially healthy, however, it is imperative for us to know and to be prepared, (#1) to maintain the Park and its amenities we have. This has been at the top of my list from day one of my tenure here, beginning in December of 2012. (#2) How will we fund the care and keeping of this great Park to maintain an acceptable level of its condition?

Last year, we did a 10 year Repair and Replacement report that was presented at the annual meeting and is now posted online on our website. In it you will notice that we estimate that over the next 10 years, we will need to repair or replace items at an estimated cost of \$8.3 million dollars. This is to maintain our assets. It does not include adding any new amenities, such as hot tubs, hockey rinks, a new family indoor pool, etc, etc. (this list is long)

Approximately 50% of the needed funds to maintain the condition of the Park will come from dues. As you look at the breakdown of your dues, you will see that Cable TV, Golf Course Assessment and Capital replacement are three areas that have amounts designated to them, other than Operations. The Capital Replacement funds for 2014 amount to \$200 of our dues or \$425,400. With a 10 year estimate of \$8.3 million needed, this is equal to \$830,000 per year, meaning there will be a shortfall of approximately \$405,000 a year. It is my job to find revenue to make up that difference, and until we do, it's unlikely that we'll be adding many amenities. That is, unless there is a request for a ballot proposal brought to the Board that would ask the Membership to vote for a special assessment to fund any new amenities.

With that said, please do not fear the future! We are making plans, seeking our options, and we are committed to research them as best we can. Budgeting for Sandy Pines is not really different than your household budget, just bigger numbers. However, we must use our resources responsibly as we look ahead to differentiate our needs from our wants.

Question:

Can we require skirting on all RV units in the Park?

Answer:

This question has been debated this past summer by the Rules Committee. I was present for some of the debate, and it's apparent

that there are good arguments on both sides of the issue. I would suggest that you check out the new Rule Handbook that is now available online on our website or request a printed version from our office (\$2) to determine if the rule pertaining to your question has been revised. If not, I would suggest that you have conversation with the Rules Committee Chairman, Stan Robbins.

Comment:

A few days ago (this was brought to me in September) as I was walking on the main beach, I saw five dogs with their Masters on the beach. Suggestion: enforce the ruling that says no dogs can be on any beach, and also no dogs can be in the Flea Market area. Put permanent signs up!

Answer:

It is true that our rules state that no pets are allowed in the swimming areas, buildings or at the Flea Market. The exception being that service dogs are always permitted. Late this fall we posted 'No Pet' signs on the entry doors of all of our buildings, however we did not post any new signs in the swimming areas, and I thank you for the mention. I will respond accordingly.

Comment:

Some Rangers drive too fast! 20mph.

Response:

So noted. Certainly, if they have been called to get to a site immediately, they will speed, as do safety officers on our roadways. However, a reminder to all of us to have a greater awareness of our speed in the Park is a good thing. Thank you.

Question:

Why isn't there a scale in the fitness room?

Answer:

Probably for the same reason there is no remote for the TV.... They get stolen! We'll check out some options in the off season to see if we can get a more secure situation for both of these items.

Question:

Why can't we get more chase lounges on the adult pool area?

Answer:

Mary Applehof, (our new Recreation Administrator), will be ordering 24 new lounge chairs in a different color than the green ones we now have. The color difference will help in minimizing, and identifying, which chairs belong on the upper level and which belong in the adult area. Hopefully this will be benefit to everyone.

Question:

Can there be rules for the Memorial Garden on the main road (from Phase 4 to 5)? The placement of plastic flowers and plaques make our Park look tacky and creepy. Markings should be authorized by the Park that would not allow plastic flowers and memorials at ground level only. What will it look like in 10 years?

Answer:

I am confident that this area will look awesome in 10 years, (likely in less time that that!). Our new Building and Grounds Committee, chaired by Mike Young, is focusing on this area for improvements and beautification. Many of the ideas they are contemplating relate directly to your concerns. I would think that prior to the end of the 2014 season, we will see recommendations go to the Board for approval of policies that will improve this area immediately and in the future.

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FYI...
Here is a partial list of the requests I have received for signage. Although they are all requested out of concern of safety, and in many cases there are effectively rules here at Sandy Pines, however, it's hard to imagine what our Park would look like if these were all posted wherever they would be applicable;

NO PETS ALLOWED

NO PARKING ON THE GRASS

NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING A CAR OR CART

DO NOT PLAY ON THE BEARS

NO PETS ON THE BEACH OR IN THE WATER

NO PETS IN THE FLEA MARKET AREA

NO GOLF CARTS ALLOWED (SPECIFICALLY IN AREAS THAT HAVE HAD A FENCE REMOVED BY KIDS TO GAIN ACCESS TO AN AREA THY ARE NOT ALLOWED)

NO JOY RIDING IN THIS AREA

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING

BIKES MUST OBEY ALL TRAFFIC RULES

NO WAKE ZONE

STAY 100 FEET FROM THE SHORE AND DOCKS

NO JUMPING OFF THE CC ROOFS

NO CLIMBING TO THE TOP OF THE SWING SETS

NO CARTS ON THE BEACH

Follow up on the answers given in the September Footprint article pertaining to the new photo ID card.

Here is a list of some of the top reasons we are implementing the Photo ID card:

- 1) Some Members have given their cards to others so they can receive free golf.
- 2) Some Members have given their cards to others to gain access to the Park.
- 3) At times, Members lose their cards. Photo ID prevents lost cards from being used by others.
- 4) Often, Members arrive at the Main gate without their card. A quick look at their account will now allow the Rangers to see a file photo of that person to confirm they are who they say they are.
- 5) A data base with names and a photo is a true means to determine the identity of persons attempting entry or use of amenities.
- 6) The loaning of membership cards costs us all revenue, increases security risks and may limit the use of park amenities to Members if/when non-members are using them.
- 7) The new card will provide positive ID when/if someone wants to charge their account, in our office or at a flea market.
- 8) A driver's license will not be required to vote if a Member has their photo ID to show.
- 9) Photo ID is less costly to implement than BioMetric identity methods.

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Golf Course Survey Results

Do you think Sandy Pines should own a golf course?

Strongly Agree - 102
Agree - 30
Somewhat Agree - 14
Disagree - 14

How do you view the golf course in comparison with other assets such as the water park, tennis courts, lake, or other amenities in the Park?

Extremely Important - 87
Fairly Important - 23
Equal - 22
Somewhat Important - 14
Not Very Important - 13

Do you play golf?

Yes - 126
No - 32

If you play golf, how often do you play?

More than 100 (9 hole rounds) a year - 10
Between 75 and 90 (9 hole rounds) a year - 10
Between 35 and 70 (9 hole rounds a year) - 40
Less than 25 (9 hole rounds a year) - 35
Less than 10 (9 hole rounds a year) - 38

Given that green fees only will not support the golf course, are you in favor of supporting the course through a permanent annual assessment?

Strongly in favor - 40
Mostly in favor - 27
Somewhat in favor - 39
Somewhat opposed - 15
Very opposed - 9
Strongly opposed - 28

Would you support the idea of Lake Monterey Golf Course becoming a totally private course, rather than its current status of being supported partially by public revenue and partially by Member assessment?

Strongly Support - 11
Mostly Support - 9
Support - 16
Mostly do not support total private use - 55
Strongly do not support total private use - 63

Do you support free golf for Associate Members?

Strongly Support - 59
Mostly Support - 27
Somewhat Support - 22
Do Not Support - 19
Strongly Do Not Support - 27

Do you support the continuation of free golf for Members Only?

Strongly Support - 85
Mostly Support - 29
Somewhat Support - 13
Do Not Support - 10
Strongly Do Not Support - 17

Would you support a higher green fee to play the long 9 (the back), than to play the front (the Executive course)?

Strongly Support - 16
Mostly Support - 20
Somewhat Support - 40
Do Not Support - 44
Strongly Do Not Support - 28

Which of the following answers most closely represents your opinion of the value of our green fees and cart fees?

A Great Value - 47
A Good Value - 37
A Fair Value - 46
A Somewhat Poor Value - 7
A Poor Value - 4
A Very Poor Value - 3

Comments or suggestions:

I play golf but I don't think it is right for the annual dues of \$125 be charged so we can golf.

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Golf Course Survey Results

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originally presented to pay for paving cart paths for both the front and back... The front was never done and the back should have been paid for years ago... This was the original proposal and should never have been permanent.

I think every member/associate member should either have picture ID or have to show or swipe card with picture ID to keep members from sharing their cards with non-member/associates.

I love our golf course. At first I wasn't happy about the assessment that I had to pay. But now that it's part of my dues, I have golfed a lot more than I had in the past. It's such a sensitive subject, and one that I am sure is

going to be a heavy burden for everyone to figure out.

I think it is important to realize that the "backbone" of a golf course's success lies with its most loyal users: Enthusiastic golfers who use the course often. I am not in favor of the assessment. I don't think Associates should get free golf since they don't pay anything themselves. Just members should get free golf.

Enjoyed the time playing with my children on this course. If I had to pay, I would not play.

I think the course is a huge asset to the Park. I also think it should be priced reasonable for the members and a better price for them than the public, in general, if it remains a public course. Other golf courses seem to be able to support themselves. Maybe instead of charging all the members, you could sell memberships to the people who use it a lot and want to buy one. Then they could get discounts on their fees.

I don't think the golf course should be supported by our dues. I do not like the idea of the golf course assessment was not voted on by the membership.

This is just a random sampling of comments and suggestions taken from the survey. If you would like to read all of the comments, please go to our website, where the entire survey available for you.



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Outdoor Storage Update

by Mary Cooper

As you have probably heard, the Outdoor Storage area is no longer going to be available going forward for the foreseeable future. The current outdoor storage is located on a drain field which created damage, resulting in the need to replace it this fall.

As of September 10, 2013, you are required to move your items in the Outdoor Storage area to the Chapel (south side of parking lot near the tree line that runs along the Marina side), or you may store them at your own site. If you are not sure where to park your item at the Chapel, please contact the Inspector at 616-896-7286, Maintenance, 616-896-8317 or the Admin Office 616-896-8315.

In the spring of 2014, you must make arrangements to have your items removed from the Chapel location no later than May 19. You will have to make other arrangements for storage, either inside Sandy Pines as space in the bullpen permits, outside the Park, or on your site. Check with Member Services for bullpen availability and pricing after April 1, 2014.

There will be a fee assessed, should our Maintenance Department be required to relocate your item for you. We apologize for any inconvenience, but the drain field replacement has become necessary.

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