President’s Message

Although we are still in the grip of what seems to me to be a very long and cold winter, it is time to plan and prepare for the upcoming golf season. With that thought in mind, I would like to invite everyone to a “Kick-Off” meeting and social event scheduled for March 22nd. See the announcement and information in the column to the left, and if it at all possible please plan to attend.

Thank You—Before I mention some thoughts on the 2008 season, I would like to take a moment to thank a couple of people for their efforts on behalf of all of us. First, I would like to thank Joe Larson for his work on the Executive Board as our immediate past President, and prior to that as the Tournament Chairman. I would also like to thank John Gerstner for his outstanding efforts during the past two years as Member-At-Large. Both Joe and John understand that it is only through the volunteer efforts of our members that we can continue to operate and run our club. I am sure that we will see both of them at the course continuing to help at the scoreboard and other club activities, and please thank them personally if you have the chance.

Tournament Committee—The 2008 season looks to be very exciting, with a full number of tournaments planned and scheduled. As I believe most everyone knows, we continue to need help on our tournament committee. Please consider volunteering for a tournament or two. If we all pitch in it makes the job so much easier for Jim Grothaus and the tournament committee. Please see any board member for more information on how you can help, or attend the Kick-off meeting where we will be discussing how members can help.

Pro Shop—It has recently been announced that Greg Jamison and his staff will be returning to operate the clubhouse and its programs. This is very good news to our organization, since Greg and most of the staff have been members of the men’s club and are therefore very familiar with who we are and what we do. We will also be continuing to redeem our gift certificates through the pro shop. I would also like to mention that we will be instituting a new program for the speedy issuance of the certificates and checks. Our goal is to have checks and certificates in the Pro Shop by noon on the Saturday following
University Men’s Club 2008 Tournament Schedule

Saturday, April 26………………Spring Three Man Scramble (am/pm shotgun)
Saturday, May 3…………………Ice Breaker Individual Tournament
Saturday, May 17………………Stableford Tournament
Saturday, May 24………………Memorial Tournament
Tuesday, May 27………………Deadline for Match Play/Four Ball Challenge entries
May 31—August 8………………Match Play and 4-Ball Matches
Saturday, June 7…………………Net Team Championship
Saturday, June 21………………Four-Ball Championship (2 man best ball)
Saturday, July 5…………………Welcome Summer Individual Tournament
Saturday, July 12………………6-6-6 Team Tournament
Saturday, July 26………………Warm Up Individual Tournament
Friday August, 8………………Club Championship Skills Competition
Saturday, August 9………………Club Championship First Round
Sunday, August 10………………Club Championship Final Round
Saturday, August 23………………Ryder Cup Team Tournament (2 man team)
Saturday, September 6………Fall Individual Tournament
Saturday, September 20………Chicago Individual
Sunday, September 21………..Shootout (8:00am 10th Tee)
Saturday, October 4……………Fall Four Man Scramble (Shotgun)
Saturday, October 18………………One Club Almost Winter Tournament

24 Man Team & Senior Team
Please note that there will be sign-up sheets in the Men’s Club Lounge this spring for the 24 Man Team, 8 Man Senior Team and the Senior League Team.
The 24 Man Team will be captained by John Piatkowski. Bob McIntosh, captain of the senior teams is looking for someone to take-over the position, but will be filling-in on a temporary basis.
If you have any questions, please contact John or Bob.

Charlie’s Update –
Charlie Pooch, Course Superintendent gave us the following update:
The diseased elms on the course have been removed this winter.
You will also notice that some of the trees near the #8 and #12 greens have been removed. It was decided that these trees were contributing to the decline in the quality of the greens, and the removal should help get more sun on them and improve their character. We are looking for a replacement fountain for the #9 pond. The pond is too large for the aerator that we had tried. We are searching for a fountain that you could see from the tee box, but would not get you wet on the fairway. Players probably wouldn’t appreciate a mist blowing on them when there is a cold northwest wind blowing!
We are planning to extend and level the back of the #6 tee box, and to redo the netting on the back of the range.
As always, we are hoping for good news this spring when we pull the covers off the greens, and we get a chance to do our spring maintenance.
We look forward to seeing you on the course!

New Membership Directory
A new membership directory is being compiled this year and should be available in late May. We plan to have updated member information (telephone numbers, addresses and email information) in this booklet. We would like to have as complete information as possible so that your fellow members can contact you.
We had planned on publishing a directory last year, but ran into some complications that held up the printing until we thought it was too late in the season to be useful. The last directory was published in 2005. Please remember that this information is for Club use only, and not to be used for any commercial purpose.
We are planning to mail this with the late Spring issue of the newsletter.

2008 Board Takes Office
The 2008 Club Executive Board took office in early December. The new president is Dave Schuh, replacing the outgoing past president, Joe Larson. Jim Hauschild takes the position of Member-At-Large from John Gerstner. The rest of the Board remains the same from 2007. They are:
Scott Stanley—Membership
Mike Rode—Secretary
Dave Engstrom—Treasurer
Jeff Kalvik—Handicap
Jim Grothaus—Tournament

Reminder: Greg in the Pro Shop has asked us to remind you that they no longer accept checks. Credit Card, Check Card or Cash only this year in the Pro Shop, please.
**2007 Golf Club Cash Flow Statement**

**Receipts**
- Interest: $16.90
- Member Dues: 20,335.00
- Entry Fees: 24,650.00
- Other: 0.00
- **Total**: $45,001.90

**Expenditures**

**Dues**
- MPGA, MGA: 75.00
- Senior League: 500.00
- MGA GHIN (Handicap): 6,426.00
- Trans-Mississippi: 0.00
- **Total Dues**: 7,001.00

**Junior Golf**: 225.00

**Food/Beverage**: 3,852.65

**General & Administrative**
- Office/Comp. Supplies: 1,434.02
- Printing: 933.53
- Postage: 933.18
- Telephone: 0.00
- President's Stipend: 100.00
- Secretary's Stipend: 250.00
- Treasurer's Stipend: 250.00
- Handicap Chair Stipend: 200.00
- Tourney Chair Stipend: 500.00
- Membership Stipend: 250.00
- Food Chair Stipend: 400.00
- Newsletter Stipend: 750.00
- Webmaster Stipend: 500.00
- Tourney Cmte. Stipend: 3,070.00
- **Total General & Admin.**: 9,570.73

**Trophies**: 1,140.40

**Gift Certificates**: 15,559.75

**Skins/Nearies**: 8,530.12

**Insurance - Events with Beer**: 69.00

**Total Expenditures**: 45,948.65

**Excess of Receipts over Expenditures**

Balance January 1, 2007: $7,023.98

2007 Receipts: 45,948.65

2007 Expenditures: 45,948.65

Balance December 31, 2007: $6,077.23

Senior League Balance 1/1/07: $1,346.55

2007 Receipts: 0.00

2007 Expenditures: 0.00

Senior League Balance 12/31/07: $1,346.55

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**President’s Message Continued**

the tournament. Unfortunately this was not the case last year and it caused frustration with our members, and with the Pro Shop Staff. I personally apologize to the Staff and members for having to deal with this situation, and barring some catastrophe, it will not happen again. More information on this program is on page 4 of this issue.

**New Members**—I would like to encourage everyone to recommend membership in our club to your friends and fellow golfers. As our membership continues to age (yes we are all getting older!) we need new members to join our club. The past year we saw a slight decrease in our membership number, and for the first time in a while, continued to have immediate openings for membership during the year. Our financials, while very stable, also saw a decreased income due to less dues and entry fees. So please consider recommending membership to the people that you know. Also, if you have any “creative” ideas on how we might recruit more members, please send them along to Scott Stanley, our Membership Chairman, or speak with any board member.

**Applications**—Remember that application deadline is April 1st, so don’t wait to renew your membership. Our first tournament is scheduled for mid-April and we would like your membership application in as soon as possible to enable us to prepare for the season (See the box below for more information)

Again, if you can, please join us at the Kick-off meeting on March 22nd.

**Dave Schuh**

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**Application Enclosed!!**

Please remember to fill-out and return your Club Application as soon as possible. **Entry Deadline is: April 1.** If you’re associated through the Alumni Association, don’t wait too long to renew your membership. Sometimes it takes several weeks to process it.

Why take a chance? Send in your Club Application today!

Have a friend who is a potential new member? As our membership ages, we are actively seeking new members. Get additional applications and information on our website at: [www.umn.edu/golfclub](http://www.umn.edu/golfclub)
Welcome from the staff at the Clubhouse
On behalf of the entire staff at the Pro Shop and Driving Range, we would like to welcome everyone in the Men’s Club back for the 2008 season. We are anxious for the weather to warm, the snow to melt and to see everyone back at the course. We are currently very busy preparing for the upcoming season.

Certificates:
We will again be redeeming the tournament certificates in our Pro Shop. As you may have read in the President’s Message, a new quicker method of getting the certificates (and checks) into the Pro Shop is being instituted by the Executive Board. We hope to avoid the end of the year problems that occurred last year when certificates were delayed and we had our lowest inventory level in the Pro Shop. The certificates will again have a October 31st expiration date, so we would suggest that for better selection and quicker delivery, you might not want to wait until late in the season to redeem your winnings, or order equipment. As always, we attempt to have competitive prices. However, like all Pro Shops, we can’t always compete with some of the discounters, internet prices and close-outs that are advertised. If you have a particular problem with this, we would ask that you talk to either Head Professional, Greg Jamieson or Men’s Club President, Dave Schuh.

Driving Range:
We are currently planning on having some DEMO Day dates, where you can come to the range and hit golf balls with the various “latest and greatest” new clubs. We will be posting information on this as soon as it is available. Look for signs at the Driving Range and information in the Club House.

Yardage Books:
This year we are planning on having a complimentary yardage book available with every paid round. We hope to have them available early in the Spring.

Demo Clubs Available:
As we have done in past years, we will be having some clubs available to “demo’ this year. Ask in the clubhouse about this program. Again, we look forward to seeing you at the course this spring!

Rangers
If any Men’s Club members are interested in working as a Ranger for the 2008 golf season, please contact either Roy Tutt at 651-633-5216 or Tom Schuh at 651-731-0068 for details

Senior Team Captain Looking For a Replacement
Bob McIntosh, our Senior Team Captain would like to relinquish the duties as captain this year. Bob has served as Captain for the last 5 years and feels it is time for someone to take over the position. Bob tells us that he would be happy to help the new Captain with the duties this year. The Senior Teams last year were very successful. To commemorate their success the League players received Golf Umbrellas and the 8 man team players received 3/4 sleeve windshirts.

Keep up to date on our website at: www.umn.edu/golfclub

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