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### **March 2016**

The main golf season is about to begin. And it is time for the club to be primed. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Hannah Clements as our new Clubhouse Manager. Hannah's prior experience will definitely be an asset. She has already started working, so please introduce yourself if you see her. A new cook will likely be joining our staff as well!

### **Course:**

There are new score cards that were completed as a collaboration between Matt Saylor and Brian Lundergard. We are pleased with the result. The Board approved some tree work on number nine at the most recent meeting. Of course, as spring approaches, there will be dates and times the course is unavailable for play due to maintenance or weather conditions.

### **Cart Sheds:**

There are currently some vacancies. Please notify Kyle Allen if you have a vacancy as it is his responsibility to track these changes. Also, we have had some concerns or complaints about members accessing sheds and/or using/borrowing carts or golf equipment without approval from the owner. Please be advised that if your lock is in disrepair, to notify Kyle. Stolen items should be reported to the police; as a courtesy the Board requests notification as well. It is not recommended to leave keys in carts or clubs in sheds for extended periods of time when you will not be present to monitor the.

### **Social:**

Jody Reel has agreed to work with Hannah and other board members, and eventually other club members, to plan some social events this year. We welcome her efforts. One event under discussion is an early spring party that involves indoor-outdoor conditions, so that our patio and terrace can be enjoyed even before pool season. We would like to bring back popular annual events, such as the wine-tasting, as well.

### **Stag:**

Stag will sponsor a Pitch event March 23, at 6:00 p.m.

**Pool:**

The Board would like to thank Dave Remmers for all of his work as Club Manager and especially his work on the improvement projects outdoors. Dave expressed plans to continue work with the pool. Painting will be done this year, so he may be seeking some volunteers to help get things ready this spring.

**Clubhouse:**

I would like to thank Cindy Alderfer for assisting in the kitchen by taking the lead cook role for events and several Thursdays, in addition to her board role. Transition for menus and for our facility continues. Some changes including use of hand-patty burgers have proven popular, as well as freshly prepared special items. Baked potatoes will usually be offered for Thursdays, and we will be adding American Fries and Holly Fries back to the menu, accordingly.

**Membership:**

Please refer new or potential members to any member of the board, although Kim Chadwell, Club Secretary, is always an appropriate starting point, as she will be processing paperwork. We will have the ability for members to do a monthly ACH (electronic) draft for dues, as well; please look for an announcement, but feel free to contact Kim Chadwell if this arrangement is attractive.

**From the President:**

The club has seen many changes over the last several years. It is the wish of the current board to structure the organization as any professional business, and adapt to meet the needs and interests of our community of members, which are bound to change as time passes. As such, we will continue to maintain and improve our course and facilities as much as is fiscally responsible in order to maintain a vital organization which is an important part of our community. I feel this keenly as a direct descendant of one of the founding members.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22. The kitchen will be available. At present, we have two positions open for re-election from the current board. Our by-laws allow for either a seven or nine member group. We have a nomination for one of the two seats not filled last year. If one more individual is interested in serving, please notify any member of the Board of Directors.

We have a by-law revision out for review which would allow our employed secretary to have a voting seat on the Board of Directors, while maintaining Membership and handling accounting functions, by restating that compensation is permitted in accordance with IRS regulations of a 501c7 organization. Hopefully, this is the last change necessary for some time.

I want to express appreciation for all our Board members, our employees, and club members for their efforts to support Sabetha Golf Club over the last year. I believe we have a great organization that can remain vital and strong for some time to come, but only with the support of our membership. Thank you again for supporting Sabetha Golf Club, the best nine-hole golf course in Kansas!

*Lynn E. Hartter*