

22 FEBRUARY 2009 LETTER

As I hope everyone is aware, we have our annual meeting coming up on Friday, February 26th at 7:00 P.M. upstairs at Club 90 and the Men's Association will be furnishing complimentary hor d'oeuvres for the meeting.

As I have mentioned before, this is a very important meeting as the upcoming years Tournament Schedule has to be approved by the membership, and also there will be other issues that will require the membership to vote. As each year goes by, we always learn and are constantly trying to improve your club. With the continued great donations we are receiving, we have a lot of options as to what to do with our budget.

Along with the tournament schedule and financial budget, we are also going to discuss the following items.

- 1. There is always conversation about the size of the prize money for the tournament, so we are going to discuss the idea of raising the tournament entry fee on one day tournaments to \$ 15.00.**
- 2. We will also be discussing the 8 man team's situation, how someone may qualify to play, how the Captains will be chosen, and how many teams we will want to field.**
- 3. Over the last few years, the Boards Job and responsibilities have taken on many new dimensions that we now utilize in our meetings. Because of the complexity of the meetings, we discussed the issue in length and the majority felt that it would be very beneficial to have the membership elect next year's Board, but then have the Board elects the President for the upcoming year. This enables the Board to have observed participation and contribution of the past Board members and would be beneficial as to who would make the best President. As was conveyed a couple of years ago, the Board amended the by-laws so that there is no term limit on the number of years someone can be President, but the term is for only one year at a time, accordingly for someone to become President, that member has to have been an ACTIVE Board Member for the year prior to becoming President, which would be elected by the Board. We realize that the membership has always elected the President, and we certainly appreciate the long history and traditions of the club, but with the changes that have been incorporated over the last few years, we feel this change would enable the Board to function with greater continuity and effectiveness for the benefit and growth of our membership. Our club has a long history of success, and we certainly do not want to change anything that**

would affect that, but we also need to look for way's to improve our club and it's efficiency, and we feel this would be a very worthwhile change.

4. Granted, last year was extremely unique, but we had 4 hole in one' IN A ROW, so we will discuss if we would want to implement some sort of hole in one insurance, such as a small increase in dues to cover the cost. We spent over \$ 800.00 last year on hole in ones.

We had over 60 new members last year, and averaged almost 100 players per tournament. It appears we are going to have another excellent year with continued growth, and it is our goal to average at least 125 players per tournament this year. In the past, we have had 20 – 30 members participate in the annual meeting, and frankly, with the importance of this meeting, the size of our club, and the decisions that will be made on behalf of the entire club, we sincerely hope that a large number of you choose to attend. If you have any friends that might be interested in joining our club, please also invite them to attend.

In closing, Landon will be available to take registrations and dues at that time.

Thanks, and we hope to see everyone Friday evening,

Len Wilbur

President