

An Apple a Day!

March 2019

GOLF NEWS

Ty Hauglie, General Manager

Over the past few months we have been experimenting with being open to the public in the Dining Room & Boston's Bar & Grill in an effort to attract new members to our Club. There have been a number of people that have come out and enjoyed the atmosphere and food over those months and some of them plan on joining this coming year. With Boston's Bar & Grill & our Dining Room being open to the public, I have received a few emails and phone calls from our Social Members about our future plans for the Social Membership and if we are going to continue being open to the public. After much discussion about being fair to our Social Members we have decided to develop a new Membership Category that will hopefully satisfy all members involved. The new Category will be called the Pool Membership with dues of \$200 and minimum spending of \$300. This membership will come with an Apple Creek account number for charging and tracking your food & beverage throughout the year along with preferred reservation times on all Apple Creek Events throughout the year and full access to the pool during the season. If you are not a Pool Member or a Golf Member with a verified account number you will not be able to use the pool. For those of you that choose not to be golf or pool members but would still like to keep your charging abilities and receive preferred reservation times at Apple Creek you will simply fall into the Pool Member category. All others will be able to enjoy Boston's Bar & Grill and the Dining Room but will only be able to use cash or credit card.

Although I sent this out in an email in February I would like to include it in the newsletter just in case some members did not receive it:

I am sending this email to all of our members to inform them on what took place last year in regards to our greens, the cultural practices we used last year and our plans to finish repairing them for the upcoming year.

Next month will be the start of my 16th season at Apple Creek Country Club. In those 16 years our greens have been healthy (as far as the plant itself is concerned) for all but 2 of those years. One year was from an extremely cold & windy winter with almost no snow cover (I believe it was in 2007) and unfortunately the other one was last season. Due to the weather last year, we were unable to get the hydro-mulch off of the greens until late April and while we were in the process of removing it we received unwelcomed moisture which made the process a little more difficult.

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After the mulch was removed, about half of the greens remained overly saturated for a period of time due to the frost pushing out of the ground and more moisture from Mother Nature. This led to weak areas on our greens. Once these weak areas were exposed to constant sunlight the Blue-Green algae started to take over in those weak areas but left the healthy areas to grow as usual. At this point the Blue-Green algae had the same color as the dye we use to spray our greens so it went undetected for a period of time. Once the algae started to "scab" we knew these areas were no longer just weak but had some type of disease. As this disease has never been an issue or seen at Apple Creek we had to get it analyzed to get a diagnosis as to what exactly it was and from there how to go about correcting the issue. The following recommendations were made and implemented to correct the problem: 1. Core Aerify the greens, top dress heavily and over seed. 2. Back off the amount of nitrogen applied to the greens. 3. Once greens recover from aerification, aggressively verti-cut, top dress and over seed. 4. Hand stamp areas, over seed and top dress affected areas. 5. Purchase a new chemical specifically designed to treat the algae and spray a curative rate on two occasions two weeks apart. 6. Purchase a special tool to remove/break up crusted areas, over seed and top dress affected areas. 7. Raise the height of cut on the greens. We implemented all of the recommendations at different times throughout the summer and fall months and made progress on all of the areas affected with a lot of new grass blades appearing towards the end of the year.

Now that I have gone through the "not so good stuff" I would like to get into what we have planned for the upcoming season. The most important plan for the upcoming season is to finish taking care of the areas on the greens that are still "weak". Our plan for the Spring (once the soil temperatures are conducive to growing grass) is to Hex-Plug the remaining areas that are showing signs of weakness. Hex-Plugging is similar to sodding but leaves less of a "footprint" on the green itself which leaves a smoother putting surface with less healing time. We will be using the nursery green for our project and if we do not have enough turf from the nursery green we will be using an area from the chipping green. The reason we didn't Hex-Plug in the summer/fall last year was because we were waiting for our nursery green to fully recover from a project that was done in the past and it is now ready. The next plan of action involves our chemical program. Even though the algae had the perfect conditions last year to grow and may never come back we have implemented the new chemical into our normal spray cycles at a

preventative rate and will continue with this program throughout the years to come. We are also looking into hiring a consultant from the USGA to visit our course in late spring/early summer to give us recommendations on what we can do as a whole to improve the condition and playability of the golf course. When I get all of the information from the USGA consultant and a time frame of when they can come I will let everyone know when they will be here and of course after they are done we will inform everyone on their recommendations.

For those of you that watch golf on TV there has been a strong push lately from the USGA to TEE IT FORWARD. The Tee It Forward campaign is designed to encourage golfers of all levels to play a yardage that is comfortable to them and suits their golf game the best. We also encourage our golfers to do the same at Apple Creek Country Club. For many years the only tees available at Apple Creek were called the Pro Tees, Men's Tees and Ladies Tees. We are no longer going to use those terms when describing your teeing preference. We have gone to a color system for the yardage that you would like to play. Blue Tees will play the longest yardage at 6807 with a Par of 71. Orange Tees will play at a yardage of 6468 and a Par of 72. This set of tees will utilize certain Blue Tee areas and White Tee areas. White tees will play at a yardage of 6145 and a Par of 72. Green Tees will play at a yardage of 5527 and a Par of 72. This set of tees will utilize certain White Tee areas and Red Tee areas. Red Tees will play at a yardage of 5254 and a Par of 72. We have made new Tee Markers for each teeing area (they look really good) that will indicate where you should be playing from based on the color of tees you choose to play (ex. If you are playing the Green Tees look for the Green stripe on the Tee marker). Most holes will have multiple stripes on the marker as we are not adding tee boxes just utilizing our present teeing areas to come up with the appropriate yardage. We are excited about this change and look forward to all of our golfers taking advantage of this new system.

In closing, we understand that the game golf can be very frustrating and playing on anything less than perfect conditions can add to that frustration no matter where you play. We want you to know that we will continue to work hard on improving our golf course as a whole to help eliminate some of this frustration. ACCC truly values each and every member we have along with any future members we may have as you are what truly makes a Club, A CLUB! We appreciate your understanding, patience and dedication to this Club while we continue to work to eliminate part of that frustration.



On **Sunday, April 21st** we are hosting our **"Annual Easter Brunch."** This Brunch is one of our staples and we are generally at capacity so reservations are required. The Brunch starts at 10:00 am and goes until 1:30 pm with a cost of \$18/adult & \$9/child 5 to 10 years of age. Please call 223-5955 to make your reservations.

BRUNCH MENU

- Assorted Salads
- Fresh Fruit
- Relish Assortment
- Cheesy Scrambled Eggs
- Assorted Sausages and Bacon
- Caramel Rolls
- Seasoned Potato Wedges
- Lemon Pepper Tilapia
- Cornish Game Hen
- Teriyaki Pork Tenderloin
- Carved:**
- Honey-Glazed Ham
- Seasoned Leg of Lamb
- Assorted Desserts



Here are the results from the February 13th Bunco:

- Travelling Bunco – Linda Thom
- Most Baby Buncos – Rose Grant
- Most Buncos – Dawn Wilkie
- Most Losses – Julie Desjarlais
- Most Wins – Sherry Kleingartner

HOURS OF OPERATION

GOLF SIMULATOR

(by reservation only)

Monday - Sunday

\$40 per hour

(must be done by 9:00 pm)

DINING ROOM

Lunch: Closed

Dinner

Tuesday thru Saturday

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday Brunch

Weekly (menu seasonal)

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

BAR & GRILL

Sunday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Monday: Closed

Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 am - 12:30 am

TAKE-OUT MENU

Tuesday – Saturday 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

(not available Sunday or Monday)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Demon Hockey Banquet	4	5	6	7 Men's Night	8	9
10 Brunch	11	12	13 BUNCO	14 Men's Night	15	16
17 Brunch	18	19	20	21 Men's Night	22	23
24/31 Brunch	25	26	27	28 Men's Night	29	30



April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Men's Night	5 Rehearsal Dinner Dining Room Closed Lounge Open	6 Private Wedding Reception
7 Brunch	8	9	10 BUNCO	11 Men's Night	12	13 Private Party
14 Brunch Baby Shower	15	16 Men's Night	17	18	19	20
21 Easter Brunch	22	23 Men's Night	24	25	26	27 Private Luncheon
28 Brunch	29	30 Men's Night				